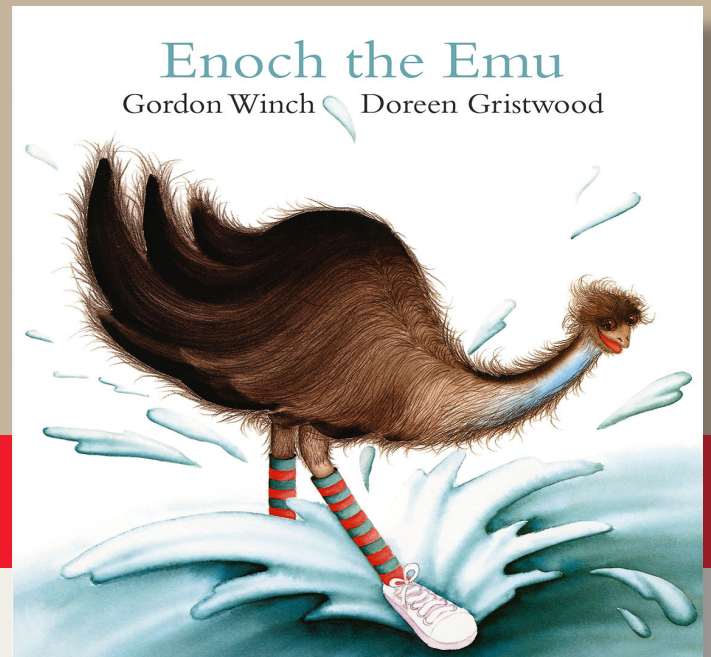


Enoch the Emu

Written by Gordon Winch

Illustrated by Doreen Gristwood

- Family • Australian landscape
- Fatherhood • Animal behaviour



Synopsis

Enoch's wife has laid nine eggs and it's Enoch's responsibility to sit on the nest for weeks until they hatch. This is the charming story of Enoch becoming a proud father.

Learn about the fascinating paternal instincts of the emu in this beautifully illustrated book.

About the Author

Dr Gordon Winch is well known for best-selling titles such as *Koala Sees the World* and *Samantha Seagull's Sandals*. He is one of Australia's best-loved children's authors.

Gordon was a teacher for an incredible 54 years! He is on the Advisory Committee of the Dymocks Literacy Foundation and is a member of the selection panel of the New South Wales Premier's Reading Challenge.

Discussion Points

1. What are you proud of?

In *Enoch the Emu*, Enoch is extremely proud to be a father and wants to show his babies off to the world. Explain what being proud of something means.

Ask your students:

What sort of things are people proud of?

Brainstorm as a class:

- Sports
- School/academic achievements
- Being a good friend
- Building or making something
- Doing the right thing
- Helping someone else out.

Children should talk to a partner about a time when they have felt proud. Choose some children to tell the rest of the class about what their partner said.

2. Family time

In the end of the story, Enoch goes from spending all his time at the Emu Club with his friends to being a dedicated father. He takes his babies to the Emu Club and they all play and drink at the billabong together.

It is important to spend time with our families.

Ask your students:

- What do you enjoy doing most with your family?
- Who is in your family?
- Children should take turns to talk about their favourite family activity.

Activities and Copymasters

ACTIVITY 1:

SENTENCE JUMBLE

Use the book to consolidate the sentence work, recap on capital letters and full stops. Download CM Sentence Jumbles—you can cut out each word for sentence one to demonstrate how to move the words around to check if they make sense. Start with capital letters and end with full stops.

A. Download CM Sentence Jumbles

ACTIVITY 2:

DESIGN A FAMILY FRIENDLY BILLABONG

Now that all of the male emus are bringing their children to the billabong, it would be nice to make the drinking hole family friendly.

Explain what this means to your students. Ask:

What sort of things might the young emus like to play with?

Is there anything fun you could add? Consider:

- A waterslide
- Nests in which the little emus can rest
- A smaller drinking hole for the chicks
- More trees to provide shade
- Places to sit and chat.

B. Download and complete CM Re-design the Billabong



teacher toolkit

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