**Wet weather**
Well Echuca has certainly had its share of wet weather lately and by the look of this week it appears that we are heading for an early winter. Last Friday we had a huge deluge of water and as a consequence we saw many leaks appear in the ceiling. I can even go as far as saying we had our own indoor water feature happening in the passage outside the grade one rooms. I was in contact with the Region and we were fortunate to get a company in to dry the carpets over the weekend. The roof in the northern area of the main building remains a concern. I have been working with the Region to come up with a solution to our problem. We have had an architect in to look for a solution and also quite a few roof plumbers in for some advice. This will go back to Region for discussion and hopefully a solution.

**Climbing frame**
This week a new climbing wall went up on the junior playground. I am sure the students will get a lot of fun out of this. Thank you to Stephen Elliot who sourced the net and Scott Trewhella, Zach Campbell and Brendan Leersen who installed it.

**Grade 6 Transition Information**
Last week all Grade 6 students received an information pack for families with current students. Please take the time to read through all the information provided so that you and your Grade 6 student are aware of the process involved in transitioning from Grade 6 to Secondary School. Included is an ‘Application for Year 7 Placement’. It is important that this form is completed and returned to us by Thursday May 11th. If you have concerns or questions about transition for your child, please don’t hesitate to make a time to speak to your child’s teacher or myself.

**Canteen**
The Canteen Committee met last Friday and as mentioned previously are working on finalising a revamped menu. If anyone would like to give some feedback regarding the canteen menu please place your ideas in the suggestion box (located in the main office) by Monday.

**ANZAC Day**
All students throughout the school have been intently learning about ANZAC Day and the meaning behind this piece of history. Last Monday as a culmination of our studies, we conducted our own ANZAC Service. It appears that each year it gets a little bigger and well supported by the school community. This is coming somewhat of a tradition here at 208 and I would like to congratulate all who spoke or took part in the service. Thank you to Mr Scott Trewhella who organised the day.

It was great to be part of this year’s ANZAC Service and was very pleasing to see a large number of students from 208 supporting the service. Thanks to the many staff and parents who did a terrific job representing our school community.
Hats
On Monday we can put our school hats away until September. This may be a good opportunity to give them a bit of a wash and put them away in a place that we know where to find them later in the year.

A good way of remembering when hats are in or out is the little rhyme. 1st May - Hats away 1st September- Hats remember.

School Photos
Don’t forget to spruce yourselves up ready for school photos on Monday. All students are required to wear their correct school uniform and of course bring along their best smile.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Lynne Flynn
Principal

School Photo Proposed Sequence

We cannot give exact times but please find the proposed sequence of photo sessions for school photos on Monday.

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Another week has come and gone at Echuca Primary School and once again there have been a number of events that have engaged our community.

Firstly, I would like to thank the following parents, staff and students who were able to volunteer some time at our working bee on Sunday. Although our numbers were small it was still pleasing to see what we could achieve, ensuring the grounds were ready for our ANZAC Service on Monday. A big thank you to Michael Batchelor, Stephen and Stella Elliot, Ben Hawthorn, Karen and Lenny Griffiths, Matt and Sara McPherson, Kerry and Nyah Monsant, Anthea Locke, Jo and Max Trehwella, Melissa, Brent, Amelia and Kayla O’Grady, Kate, Bruce, Tom, Lachie, Isaac and Angus Watson, Gemma Walkington, Regina Hogan, Brendan Leersen and Matt and Harry Barden.

On Monday we held our annual ANZAC Service in the amphitheatre and were joined by many members of our school community. I would like to congratulate the students on the way in which they participated in this very important ceremony. Special thanks to our guest speaker, Terry Archibald, who shared a wonderful message of spirit and friendship and to our resident florist, Emily Bloom (Tomkins) for the beautifully displayed native wreath. Furthermore, congratulations to the students who represented our school at the Echuca Service on Tuesday. I have no doubt that the ANZAC Spirit is continuing to burn brightly at Echuca Primary School.

Calling all 208 mums, grandmas, nannies, carers and treasured ladies . . .
On Friday 12th May we are hosting an open morning especially for you! Morning tea will be available in the Science Room after assembly until 11am. You are welcome to visit your children for special time together in the classroom also. We look forward to seeing you!
Student of the Week
Junior School

00A Mia Siede Mia is working so hard to improve her reading and writing. She is learning so many new sounds and using great reading strategies. Way to go, Mia!

00B Evelyn McCartney Evelyn you are doing a fabulous job stretching out the sounds in words that you are not sure of. Keep up the fabulous work Evelyn.

00C Cruiz Armstrong Cruiz has cruised into Prep in such a cool way! So clever with his sounds and you always bring a smile to my face with your positive personality!

00D Hamish Leersen Hamish’s knowledge of letters and sounds, as well as his recognition of words is out of this world! His love for learning is infectious; as is his happy nature.

01A Kyran Gillie What a fantastic holiday recount Kyran. You are always committed to doing your best and getting started right away. What a great role model. Keep it up!

01B Grace Morgan Grace is always a fantastic help in the classroom. She has taken an extra step this week to help a new student learn the 208 way. Well done Grace!

01C Ciana Hinck The planning of your holiday recount was amazing. You are a great listener during our class discussions. Well done Ciana!

01D Blake Parsonage-Crawford Blake continually tries his best. Is attentive and has perfect manners. Blake focuses on his learning and is always helpful. An all round Super Star!

02A Hamish Haswell Hamish has demonstrated his outstanding knowledge about ANZAC day this week and has shown great respect during lessons.

02B Van Lowry Van has made valuable contributions to our ANZAC discussions. He listens attentively and shows understanding and respect towards this topic.

02C Mason Whinfield Wow Mason! What a brilliant start to Term 2. You are a respectful, hard working class member. Keep up the great work.

02D Hunter Reid Hunter is positive, happy and helpful. You have such great manners and you always try your hardest in every lesson! Keep it up Champ!

Student of the Week
Senior School

34A Cooper Groves Well done on a great start to the term. You are a super reliable student who always strives for greatness.

34B Jacob Stevens What a wonderful start to the term you’ve had Jacob. Your resilience when dealing with issues in the yard has been fantastic. Keep it up.

34C Jake Scragg A great start to the term Jake! You are a fantastic role model in our classroom. Keep it up!

34D Amelia O’Grady What a great example you set for everyone with your home reading. Your comments on Seesaw have been fantastic! Keep up the awesome work!

34E Campbell Thomson Campbell has started the term like a house on fire. He is always ready to learn and gives everything a red hot rip. Keep up the great work Campbell.

34F Jake Barden What a great start to the term Jake! Well done on such a positive attitude to learning and trying your best always! Keep it up superstar!

56A Lachlan Jones We are so lucky to have Lachlan in our class. He always works co-operatively, he is patient, has great manners and is kind to others.

56B Brandi-Jane Graham You bounce into the room each day with a smile and your attitude in class is always brilliant. Thank you for your wonderful energy.

56C Aisha Shebani A great effort this week Aisha! You were really focussed, ready to accept a challenge, and got your work done on time. Awesome. Keep it up!

56D Tom Evans Tom has been working really hard at improving his reading and his hard work is certainly paying off. Excellent commitment equals excellent results Tom.

56E Jay Burrell Jay we love the way you think. Your thoughts and contributions to classroom discussions are amazing. What a great role model you are to your peers.

56F Eliza Thomson What a pleasure it is to have you in our class. You have a huge smile, actively contribute to class and try your best all the time. You are a Champion!
Student of the Week Specialist

Junior Arts Star: Miss Hodgens
Kayla O’Grady 00B Kayla lights up the art room with her happy nature! She always listens carefully, shows great respect for others and brings her own flair to every art project we do. Well done Kayla!

Junior Rising Sports Star: Mrs Cameron
Beau Griffiths 00C A fantastic start to the Term Beau. You showed great determination while learning how to skip with a rope. Well done.

Senior Science Wizz: Mr Trewhella
Will Robinson 34B Organised, focused and responsible. What a great start to the term in science. Well done Will!

Arts Star: Mr Thompson
Holly McGinley Smith 01A Holly showed great listening skills and paid close attention when learning how to use drumsticks during our percussion activity. Excellent work, Holly!

Senior Rising Sports Star Mr Campbell
Nikolaus Lucic Nik loved demonstrating his soccer skills this week in PE. A fantastic start to term 2. Well done Nik!

Frazah Nuttall 00D
When it comes to manners, kindness and respect Frazah is your man! He is very sensitive to the feelings and needs of others.
Nominated by Mrs Trewhella

Ebony Peace 00C
Ebony has displayed great responsibility towards her learning in Prep! What a wonderful role model you are Ebony!
Nominated by Mrs Bourke

Charlie Voss 01B
Charlie displayed great care and kindness towards a fellow class member. He was very helpful even with his broken arm!
Nominated Miss Kellock

Hayley Savage 34D
For making sure that everyone got a fair turn during 3/4 Sport.
Nominated by Mr Cartwright

Isaac Watson 56E
Isaac is a reliable and responsible leader. He consistently volunteers to take on extra tasks and carries them out enthusiastically!
Nominated by Miss Hogan

Respectful—Responsible—Resilient
Grade 2—ANZAC Day Reflection

In Grade 2, our students have been reflecting on the significance of ANZAC Day and what it means to them. On Monday afternoon Mike Bennett, (Vice President of the Echuca RSL sub-branch and a member of the Australian Airforce for 30 years) and John Lindhe (Treasurer of the sub-branch), visited 208 to speak to our students. They presented interesting artefacts for the students to look at and shared some of their knowledge of the World Wars. They also gave students the opportunity to ask lots of questions. We appreciate their time and efforts to enlighten our students about the Australian Defence Forces.

During writing sessions our students have also been expressing their thoughts, feelings and experiences of ANZAC Day. Here are some examples of their work.

**ANZAC Day makes me feel protected because all of those extremely brave soldiers sacrificed their lives and fought for our country. Jackson**

**On ANZAC Day I feel sad: because lots of family members did not come home. Sol**

**On ANZAC Day I feel: horrified because all those soldiers risked their lives just for us. Imogen**

**On ANZAC Day I feel angry because Simpson died and sad because Duffy the donkey got left behind. I feel safe and grateful because people saved us. Esha**

**On ANZAC Day I feel sad that all those soldiers passed away and it leaves me feeling grey. Now I know that I am safe and Australia is a better place. I will always remember those who fought, I will never forget them and you shouldn’t too. Gemma**

**On ANZAC Day I feel safe because the soldiers fought in World War 1 and Two for us to live in a safe country. Jaxon**

**On ANZAC Day I feel horrified when I think how sad they would have been to leave their families. Eden**

**On ANZAC Day I feel proud because the soldiers risked their lives to save ours. On ANZAC Day I feel upset because many people died. Evie**

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Lexy Ritchie
Hey, I’m Lexy. I wanted to be a SAT member because my brother Taj was a SAT leader for 2 years and he said how much fun it is. I really want to help with all the cool and good activities you can do in SAT.

Gracie O’Toole
Hi I’m Gracie and I joined the SAT because I love helping people. I’m looking forward to crazy hair day, helping kids have a great lunchtime at the friendship tree and being a leader in the school.

Sarah McPherson
I wanted to be on the SAT because I like sharing ideas that the school might try. I also like helping students to work to the best of their abilities by making them happy during recess and lunch.

Our first fundraising event for Term 2 is Inclusion Day and it’s just around the corner. Please wear a touch of orange on the Friday 12th of May and bring a gold coin donation to support the One and All Inclusion Project.

Wrist bands will be available at the office for $2 and the SAT will be face painting at the flagpole before school.

We also have our school disco on the 12th of May. The theme is ‘In the Jungle’. Tickets will be sold at the flagpole at recess every day next week. Tickets are $5 or they can be purchased on the night for $6.

The junior disco will start at 5:30pm and go till 6:30pm and the senior disco will start at 7:00pm and go till 8:30pm 😊

We are looking forward to running some great events and activities this term at 208. Thanks everyone for their support so far this year!

Our SAT members are doing an amazing job running the lunchtime activities and showing great leadership throughout the school. Thank you to all those students who attended the ANZAC march on Tuesday.

Mrs Gregg and Miss Hogan

Parent & Friends Meeting

Tomorrow—28th April
In the staff room straight after school assembly

All Welcome

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What’s happening in PE/Sport in Term 2!

After a busy and successful first term, we are in for an enormous term of Physical Education and sporting events.

The **Prep-2 Grades** are continuing to develop their knowledge and ability with the Fundamental Motor Skills, more specifically focussing on run, dodge and throw. This leads very nicely into some Athletics practise at the end of the term to prepare them for the Mini Olympics early in Term 3.

The **3-6 grades** have begun a unit on Soccer, and are working through the skills involved while developing the ability to apply these skills in a gameplay scenario. Following this, we will also be covering Netball and AFL Football later on in the term.

There are so many special events happening this term! We almost have one per week, especially for the busy 5/6 students! Check out the list below!

26th April State Swimming, Melbourne
27th April Regional Lawn Bowls, Swan Hill
28th April Campaspe District Soccer Tournament
3rd May Junior Cross Country
4th May Senior Cross Country
9th – 11th May – NAPLAN
15th – 19th May – Grade 3/4 Learn to Swim Lessons
19th May Campaspe District Cross Country
26th May Interschool Sport Round 1
2nd June Campaspe District Netball Tournament
6th June Regional Cross Country, St Arnaud
9th June Interschool Sport Round 2
16th June Interschool Sport Round 3
23rd June Interschool Sport Round 4
28th June Campaspe District Boys Football Carnival

**Zach Campbell & Yana Cameron**

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**House Cross Country**

Next Thursday the 4th of May, we will be hosting our House Cross Country event, starting and finishing on our school oval. This is a long distance running event, with the 9/10 year olds completing a 2km course, and our 11/12 year olds completing a 3km course. All students are expected to participate and all who finish earn points for their respective House Team.

This is a qualification event for the Campaspe District Cross Country coming up on the 19th of May. 10/11/12 year olds need to place in the top 20 to qualify to run at the District event. 9 year olds need to place in the top 10 for an invitation to District.

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Once again, we are looking for some parent volunteers to help us supervise the track. Standing on a checkpoint along the way is a great photo opportunity! **If any parents/friends are free to assist on the day, please let Mr Campbell or your child’s teacher know.**

_Mr Zach Campbell_

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Forever Fresh Visit

In the words of the iconic Australian children’s entertainers, The Wiggles, “fruit salad, yummy, yummy!”. The Prep Team are confident this will be the new mantra of our students following the highly informative, interesting and hands-on visit to Forever Fresh today as part of our Inquiry topic, Healthy You Healthy Me.

The students were given the opportunity to observe and even taste-test some of the fresh fruit and vegetables available in store; whilst also learning about the nutritional benefits of individual produce and the recommendation to eat a ‘rainbow’ of fruit and vegetables.

The Prep Team would like to extend a big thank you to Sam, Stella and the team at Forever Fresh for being so generous with their time and ‘jumping’ at the opportunity to have our students in store. The Forever Fresh team are very passionate about educating the younger generation and exposing our children to healthy food.

Finally, a thank you to our parent helpers who also attended today. We hope you enjoyed the excursion as much as we did!

Ben, Anthea, Amanda, Tiff and Jo.

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## What’s Happening at 208

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