Echuca Primary School
“A School with Tradition and a Future”

Keeping Up to Date @ 208

Assistant Principal’s Report

Cross Country
On your marks! Get set. Go! And they’re off on our cross country challenge. It was great to see so many proud parents and family members at school supporting their young charges. The effort shown by all students to finish the track at their own pace certainly lived up to our new school value of ‘resilience’. Congratulations to all, especially those who go on to represent 208 at the district level on Friday May 19.

Thank you to Mr. Cuttriss and Mr. Campbell who organized the events. Special thank to Mrs O’Connell who volunteered her time to start the races. The students really enjoyed seeing her back at 208.

Congratulations to Emmy-Lou – Blue House.

2018 Prep Family Information Evening
Yes, believe or not we are planning for next year by seeking prep enrolments and informing new families of the great learning opportunities our school offers. Many thanks to staff who attended the evening and a special appreciation to Grade 6 students, Charlotte Gould, Max Hagan and Ruby Oman who spoke about their experiences and what they valued at 208. A job well done.

Photo Day
Another busy day on our calendar passed efficiently on Monday, with the very professional approach from Mark and Adam from Leading Image, Cheryl in the office and our SAT members Ruby, Sara, Cadence & Grady who kept the grades rolling up to their shoot on time. Once again, the family photos proved very popular, with the Teasdale family having a ‘cousins’ snap taken. That’s a first!

SAT Activities
I’d like to acknowledge the mountain of work our new SAT Teacher Leaders, Mrs Gregg and Miss Hogan are doing with the team to offer a variety of lunch time activities for all students. These include; calm colouring/craft, giant Jenga, elastics, football & netball clinics, performing acts, car club, sand pit play and dancing in the courtyard. There’s plenty to do alongside library time and passive play, which other teachers supervise. The time given to organize all these activities is greatly appreciated.

One of my favourite events is the disco, which is next Friday, May 12th. Any chance to dress up and I am in. Hope you’ve got your ‘jungle’ costumes organized.

Green Team
Mrs Wright is making a positive charge leading the Green Team with members from Grade 5. They are currently making posters to promote Foods scrap bins and Paper recycling bins. As rubbish in the yard is an ongoing concern they will conduct a rubbish audit every day at the end of recess and lunch to locate the problem areas and the days. Let’s hope they come up with a solution but it would be fantastic if everyone just simply put their own rubbish in the bin!

Assistant Principal’s Report

Coming up next week:

Cross Country

Photo Day

SAT Activities

Green Team

Congratulations to the Age Champions.

9 Year Old
Girl Ruby Morley
Boy Angus Watson

10 Year Old
Girls Elle Costello
Boy Jye Berryman

11 Year Old
Girls Amy Parker

Lexi Gregor
Boy Levi Hone

12/13 Year Old
Girl Charlotte Gould
Boy Darchi Clarke

(more pictures & reports next week)
Assistant Principal’s Report Continued..

Facebook

Many thanks to Mrs. Trewhella for posting the great things we do at 208. I know this takes time and is done with pride and commitment to promote our school. Great work, Mrs T.

Lost Property

Tania Field, a parent volunteer has sifted through our big blue lost property cupboard. She has washed and sorted all items which will be displayed outside the gym tomorrow. If you’re at assembly please check things out. Thanks, Tania.

Mother’s Day

In my book, every day is Mother’s Day. However, it is nice to have that one day which is dedicated to the very special ‘mother figure’ in our lives. The same rings true for Father’s Day. Thankfully, parents and significant adults still sit at the top of the list of the important and powerful role models in a child’s life.

Building trust and the sense of safety and security begins from birth. Children look for encouragement to behave appropriately and learn by copying what they see. As a mother and soon to be grandmother (so excited about that) I am conscious of being a positive role model to guide the young people in my circle of influence - my own and yours, to build the skills and habits to help them to achieve success for the rest of their lives.

There has been some serious secret Mothers’ Day business going on around the school lately. So to say thank you, we invite all mums, grandmothers and special women in our students’ lives to our school assembly next Friday May 12th, followed by class visits and a morning tea.

NAPLAN

Next week is the yearly NAPLAN testing for Grade 3 and 5 students. As Mr Hogan says all we ask is that you try your best and be proud of what you achieve. Good luck to all. An ‘Information for Parents’ leaflet will come home today.

Enjoy your weekend

Gayle Bedford
Assistant Principal

Administration

Change to tiqbiz

You may have seen the name “FlexiBuzz” and noticed a change in logo when you visit your Tiqbiz app or desktop site. This is the result of the recent purchase of Tiqbiz by InLoop Pty Ltd, an Australian tech company with leading brands including Flexischools.

We will be continuing to use the app to communicate with you and FlexiBuzz will retain all of the features that were available with Tiqbiz.

To ensure you have the most up-to-date version of the app we would recommend running the app update as soon as possible.

If you are using the desktop site, you will now go to web.flexibuzz.com.

If you have any problems or queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.

CSEF Reminder

If you are the holder of a Health Care Card you may be eligible to access funding of $125 per student per year to help pay for camps, sports events and excursions. If you do have a Health Care Card, and haven’t yet applied for this funding please see the office ladies ASAP.

Student Charges

Just a reminder to the families who have opted to pay student charges per term instalments the 3rd instalment is due on the 19th of May.

If you have any queries regarding student charges please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Year 7 Transition Form Reminder

All Grade 6 students would have received an Application for Year 7 Placement which is to be completed and returned to the office by Friday 12th of May.
Hello Everyone,

Next week all Grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia will be sitting the NAPLAN assessments. These assessments take place over 3 days and involve the students completing 4 assessments. These assessments are:

- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Reading
- Writing
- Numeracy

Whilst the NAPLAN assessment gets a lot of interest within the media, due to its nation-wide approach, we view NAPLAN as another form of assessment that teachers are able to gather about their students.

NAPLAN assessments are completed under strict protocols and guidelines, which is designed to ensure the data collected is as consistent as possible. These protocols and guidelines are quite foreign to our students, as there are time allocations, specific booklets for gathering answers and strict instructions involving confidentiality. Due to this, teachers of Grade 3 and 5 students do a wonderful job ensuring their students are ready and comfortable to deal with the requirements of NAPLAN.

By the end of August, we should receive our results and this will tell our school how we are performing against state and national benchmarks, highlight strength areas and allow us to focus on areas for improvement. Therefore, as a school the NAPLAN assessments provide us with valuable data. From last year’s data, our school have had an increased focus on writing skills and providing Numeracy support to both our extension and support students.

At an individual level, the NAPLAN results will show how your child performed against other students across Australia. This should be viewed as a snapshot of your child’s progress. As teachers use a large and varied range of assessments to gain an overall view of your child’s NAPLAN growth.

Good luck to all Grade 3 and 5 students completing NAPLAN next week. Try your best and be proud of what you achieve.


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Hello Everyone,

In a time when students are using Social Media in a variety of ways, it’s important that you as a parent are aware of the necessary steps to take when your child may encounter inappropriate content with their various Social Media channels.

If your child encounters inappropriate content online, there are a number of steps you can take:

- Refrain from responding.
- Take a screen capture or print a copy of the concerning online content.
- If you think the content is explicit, pornographic or exploitative of minors, contact the eSafety Commission [https://esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting](https://esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting)
- Block the offending user.
- If the inappropriate or negative comments are in regards to your child’s school or members of the school community you should also contact the school Principal.
- Report the content to the social media provider (e.g. Facebook). Providers can remove content that contravenes their Terms of Use.

Respectful—Responsible—Resilient

Student of the Week
Junior School

00A Charlie Groves  Charlie is doing a great job in Prep. His reading and writing is improving out of sight and he is also pretty slick with his numbers. Nice one, Charlie.

00B Hunter Burraga  Hunter, you are making fabulous attempts in stretching out words and recording the sounds you are hearing. Keep up the amazing work!

00C Beau Griffiths  Beau has an amazing work ethic! Head down, focussed, and always completes tasks to the best of his ability!

00D Jordi Cain  Jordi’s learning is zooming like a rocket! She loves having her best try and achieving her best.

01A Jesse Newlyn  Jesse has been so enthusiastic in sharing thoughtful contributions to our classroom discussions. Especially in our ANZAC day inquiry. Great work Jess!

01B Brandon Somerville  What wonderful an assistant in our classroom! He ensures that the classroom is organised and ready each day. Such a responsible student. Thank you.

01C Jet Hooker  Jet, you are so super focused during work time. You listen to instructions, and complete all your work to the best of your ability. Well done!

01D Lily Andrews  Fantastic writing this week Lily! You have continued to listen carefully and try your best at all set tasks. A student who can be relied upon to be responsible!

02A Kinsey Graham  Kinsey shows compassion and kindness to her peers and is always willing to lend a hand. Thank you for brightening our classroom Kinsey!

02B Leni Teasdale  Leni you are such an all rounder; a wonderful help in the classroom, diligent worker, friendly and helpful to others and always with a happy face.

02C Esha Cronin  How lucky we are to have Esha in our class! Esha is a kind, friendly, considerate classmate who is always ready to lend a helping hand. Thanks Esha!!

02D Cooper Vredenburg  Wow what a term you are having! You have improved so much in your reading and writing and you have been so respectful to your class. Well done buddy!

Student of the Week
Senior School

34A Amanda Cruise  Such a capable and consistent student. Well done on the way you always put in 100% to everything you do.

34B Gracie Retallick  How far you’ve come already this term Gracie. Your respect for your school and class members is admirable! Top effort Gracie.

34C Annalise Somerville  Annalise is a dedicated student who always tries her best. She is kind and considerate to her peers and is always willing to help others.

34D Finn McPherson  What a fantastic leader in our class you are Finn! You lead by example, always producing a high standard of work and doing the right thing. Superstar!

34E Sahara Accurso  Sahara continues to strive for her personal best in all classroom activities. She always has a positive outlook and is an inclusive and kind class member.

34F Aaliyah Burgess  Aaliyah is such a wonderful member of 3/4F. Always displaying the school values and presenting her work so neatly. Well done on being awesome always!

56A Rory O’Kelly  Rory is a responsible and co-operative member of our class. He always strives to do his best, is willing to take on challenges and shows respect towards others.

56B Imogen Rowley  Super job this week Imogen. You have concentrated extremely well and worked co-operatively with others.

56C Ellie Smith  Ellie, week after week, you just keep chipping away! You give everything a go, even when you find it challenging. You are my quiet achiever. Keep up the good work.

56D Summah Gretgrix  Well done Summah. You have been working hard on your reading both at home and at school. Keep up the great effort.

56E Logan Mackrell  Logan is our quiet achiever who has been giving everything a red hot go. Your ability to respond to feedback to improve your learning has been most impressive.

56F Anthony Cooper  You created a wonderful poem for Anzac Day and finished it off with a fantastic illustration. Keep sharing all these special talents you have.
Junior Arts Star: Miss Hodgens
Sam McCleary 00C Sam is a respectful classmate who listens carefully to instructions and works happily on every art project. He is developing a real creative flair! Well done Sam!

Junior Rising Sports Star: Mrs Cameron
Isabella Nathan 00A For demonstrating fantastic skipping skills and helping out her classmates. Well done Isabella!

Arts Star: Mr Thompson
Laila Trevena 34F Laila has shown great enthusiasm towards her Arts lessons and also towards choir. Well done!

Senior Rising Sports Star Mr Campbell
Zahli Nicholas 34B Zahli showed great resilience at PE this week! She was absolutely exhausted during an activity, but she had a quick rest and got straight back into the action. Well done Zahli!

Student of the Week Specialist
It’s My School Wristband

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For their contributions to the School Working Bee last Sunday. Super job and thank you.

Nominated By Mr Trewhella
Leah Bower
Hi I’m Leah, I joined the SAT because I would love to make the school a better place and to get everyone joined in, in the lunchtime activities. I am looking forward to working with students across all year levels and being a leader.

Jay Burrell
I was interested in joining SAT so that I could help the younger children to learn to play fun activities.

Isabelle Molluso
I joined the student action team because I like to help out people when they don’t have anything to do. Plus I’m really looking forward to helping with the new and exciting ideas for our school.

We have our school disco on the 12th of May. The theme is “In the Jungle”. Tickets can be purchased from the office this week and will be sold at the flagpole from 8.30am every day next week.

Tickets are $5 or they can be purchased on the night for $6.

Junior Disco 5:30 - 6:30pm
Senior Disco 7:00 - 8:30pm

We are looking forward to the Disco and the best costume from each year level will win themselves a prize! Get creative 😊

Our first fundraising event for Term 2 is Inclusion Day. This will now be held on the 19th of May, due to the organiser of such a wonderful event being quite unwell. Please wear a touch of orange to wear on the 19th 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.

Prep “Letter E” Craft
How exceptional do these elephants look?
Prep 00C with the extra help of their Grade 5/6C buddies created these as a part of their letter/sound focus for the week!!

Amanda Bourke

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Lawn Bowls Recap

On Thursday the 27th of April, 12 students traveled to Regional Bowls in Swan Hill. The wind gave us a real challenge but we pushed through. The first game we lost to Swan Hill team 1, and then the second game we won against Swan Hill team 2. The third game we lost to Kyneton. Overall we came 3rd.

We would just like to thank our super coach Mr. Thorn, and thanks to all the adults who helped.

Logan Ross
Callum O’Shea

Interschool Soccer Tournament

Last Friday 61 students from Grade 5/6 went to Interschool Soccer at Jack Eddy and Brick Alley Oval. Echuca 208 had three boys teams and one girls team. Teams played five to six games each against other schools from our district. The competition was tough but it was played in great spirit. Three of the teams were lucky enough to make it through to the Semi Finals and after some nail biting moments they all qualified to play off in their respective Grand Finals.

The Grand Finals were extremely tight tussles with two of the teams having narrow losses and the A Grade Boys coming home with a hard fought 1-0 win, qualifying them for the Regional Soccer Championships later in the year. I would like to thank Mrs Griffiths, Mr Leersen and Mr T for coaching alongside Mr Bright and his students from Echuca.

Max Trewhella 56F

Cross Country Prep - Grade 2

What a fantastic morning was had as the P-2 students eagerly participated in Cross Country. Thanks to all the parents who came to cheer us all on as we ran a kilometre representing our House teams. We are all so very proud of every student who participated. Special thanks to the teachers who made the event run smoothly.

Kirsten Wright
# What’s Happening at 208

## Term 2

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