Principal's Reports

Wow! Where have the weeks gone? It only seems like yesterday that we started the term. I must say that it has been an incredibly busy term with a multitude of fantastic opportunities for our students. 208 continues to provide excellent learning opportunities and experiences for all of our students and an inclusive and happy environment. The staff here work incredibly hard to ensure that students have the best possible learning experiences both within and outside the classroom. Some of the activities and community events that we have taken part in include: Swimming, Anzac Day, Mother’s Day, All in One Inclusion Day, Reconciliation Week, Sorry Day, Pirate Day, Cross Country, Football, Netball, Soccer, twistEd Excursions, School Disco, Autumn Gala Ball, Pie Drive, just to name a few.

The teachers have been working hard throughout the year to ensure that they have a good understanding of the Victorian Curriculum and have been planning their lessons around this framework. Thank you to the work of Rob Hogan and Lainie Chandler who have guided the teachers in their planning. I hope you share my view that we are incredibly privileged to be a part of 208.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Teachers have been very busy writing reports during the last few weeks. Reports are expected to be sent home with students next Monday 26th June. Please take the time to read through the reports with your child and praise them for their achievements. As you were informed in last weeks’ newsletter the reports are slightly different this year and we welcome any feedback once you have received your reports.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will be held next Thursday 29th June between 12pm and 8 pm.

This is a great opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and discuss areas where you may be able to assist and become involved in your child’s learning at home. If you have not booked an appointment as yet, please login to www.schoolinterviews.com.au.

Please note that there will be no normal classes held on this day, but all students are expected to attend interviews with their parents.

Friday the 30th of June is a normal school day but will finish at 2.20pm.

School will re-commence on Tuesday 18th July.

School Council

Following the feedback from parents regarding the girl’s summer uniform, School Council has agreed to introduce skorts from the beginning of next summer. Please note that girl’s shorts are available from size 4. Unisex microfibre shorts (green) are available at the uniform shop for sporting events. We are also looking at introducing a Sports Jacket for the use at Interschool sporting events. These jackets would retail for approximately $45-50 with the Echuca Primary School Logo (parachute material- lined) and would match the unisex green track pants.
Principal’s Report Continued…..

We would invite parental feedback to see if this is a viable option. Please indicate if this is something that you and your children would like to purchase by filling in the form on the last page of the newsletter, (under the calendar) and drop it into the box at the office.

At School Council we also discussed a number of grants that we are chasing up at the moment. The Grants Committee have been very busy writing applications and sourcing funds. We are currently submitting an application for a ‘Sensory Garden’. Thank you to Rebecca Trevisan, Michael Batchelor, Lauren Arthurson and Tennille Berryman for their hard work so far.

School Council along with Parents & Friends (Pie Drive) have also committed to funding the repainting of lines on the basketball court, the rebound wall, basketball keys and a couple of hop scotch. Thank you to Sherri Barden who has followed up in gaining a quote for these areas. They will be painted over the school holidays. Most of this money comes directly from the Pie Drive with School Council putting in the additional funds.

We have also agreed to repair the old seats on the oval which may take a few weeks to complete, but we look forward to the final result. Thank you also to Sherri for following this up.

Principals Conference

Next Monday and Tuesday I will be in Melbourne for a Principals Conference. There will be a lot of information about FISO - ‘Frameworks For Improving Student Outcomes’, and the new Literacy and Numeracy strategy. I know that it will be a very informative conference and will certainly be engaging and tiring. I am looking forward to learning many new things.

Digital Technologies workshop

Yesterday Travis Cartwright and I were in Bendigo planning the Digital technologies for our school. This is to ensure that all of the infrastructure that is needed to run our programs such as iPads, computers, wireless etc. is well thought out. This is something that is done at a Regional level each year to ensure that we are following guidelines with the implementation of this area of the curriculum.

Lynne Flynn

Lions Club Public Speaking

Introducing the local Lions Club Public Speaking Competition Grade 3/4 Champion….Miss Miller Davies and finalist, Master Nash Ramage.

Competing as the overall 208 Public Speaking Champions, Miller and Nash did an exceptional job last Sunday afternoon representing their school and families.

Miller was a clear stand-out in her section of the competition; she goes on to compete in the District Competition later in Term 3.Wow!

Whilst Nash received a commendation from the Chief Judge on his impromptu skills. Way to go, Nash.

Good luck to Miller as she prepares for the next stage of competition.

Parents & Friends Report

With the success and support of this year's Moama Bakery Parent and Friends Pie Drive fundraiser, we would like to announce that all funds raised are going towards the repainting of lines throughout the school.

This school holidays, Mark Haydon Painting are going to repaint the:

- 2 basketball & netball courts
- 2 half basketball keys
- 2 hop scotches
- Figure 8 bike track

They are also going to repaint the ‘Mal Whyte Wall’.

Thank you again to everyone who supported our ‘Pie Drive’. We look forward to seeing fresh lines in Term 3 which will compliment the Rainbow Serpent.

Sherri Barden

Echuca Primary School will ensure high levels of learning for all students.
Hello everyone!

Welcome to the end of another wonderful week at Echuca Primary School. Although we have been blessed with beautiful sunny days the night time temperatures have definitely been falling. With this in mind I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many families who have supported our Winter Coat Drive. Many of the items have now been distributed throughout our community and I know they have been gratefully accepted.

Whilst on the theme of giving back, I would like to highlight two other examples of generosity that have taken place over the last few weeks. Last Thursday we hosted the Echuca Moama Rockets and Air Biz, an Australian company that builds airports around the world. Air Biz were holding their annual conference in Echuca last week and as a part of their conference, they take the opportunity to help out in the community they are visiting. The 80 members of the conference chose to support the local Taskforce/One and All Inclusion group by completely repainting the inside of their Francis Street building. They even picked up all of the expenses associated with the task. What a wonderful gesture of kindness. It was our pleasure to host Air Biz and the Rockets after school on Thursday for a game of football on our oval and a BBQ. It was fantastic to see people from many different countries interacting with members of the Rockets team in such a fabulous initiative.

Finally I would like to acknowledge Aiden Calleja in 1A for his generosity and compassion. Aiden recently gathered all of his pocket money plus some money from family members and used it to purchase gifts for patients at the Royal Children’s Hospital. I am sure the gifts will have brightened the days of a number of sick children. Well done Aiden!

It is acts of kindness like these that make me proud to be a member of the 208 Community.

Have a great weekend everyone!

State Netball Trial

Recently I was nominated by 208 Primary School to participate in the SSV State Netball team selection process. There were over 3000 girls nominated around Victoria. Of the 3000 girls nominated only 800 got to attend the Regional trials. I attended the Regional Bendigo trial with 30 other girls. From that group, 6 girls got picked. I was fortunate to be one of the girls who was chosen. On Monday the 19th of June I competed against 40 other girls from all around Country Victoria, at the State Hockey and Netball Centre in Melbourne. All the girls who I competed against were from a country school. Earlier in the morning all the metro girls had already competed to hopefully get picked for the last trial.

The next day (Tuesday the 20th of June) all of the 80 girls who competed from metro and country found out if they had made it to the last trial or not. Out of the 80 girls I was one of the 40 names listed to go and trial in Melbourne on Monday the 26th of June for the final State team selection! I would like to thank all of the teachers for my nomination and all my friends for their support. I will now go on and represent our school at the final trial in hope of making the final State Team to compete in Adelaide in December.

Maia Roberts 56D
**Teaching and Learning Report**

with Rob Hogan  
*Excellence in Teaching & Learning*

**Hello everyone!**

It is amazing how quickly this term has gone, with our students and teachers definitely deserving a well earned break at the end of next week.

**Reports**

Mid-year reports are going home with students next Monday, June 26th. As explained in last week’s newsletter, there are a number of changes to the way this year’s reports are being presented, due to the implementation of the new Victorian Curriculum. Within your child’s reporting envelope, there will be an accompanying letter which explains the changes in more detail. Please take the time to read your child’s report, as it gives a very clear picture of how your child is performing.

If you require an additional report, as is often the case with separated families, please contact the office. These will be either emailed out to you or you can request a hard copy that can be collected from the office.

**Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews**

Bookings for Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews are still open, with details about how to make bookings within the newsletter. If you do not have access to a computer or are having difficulties making an appointment, please see the office ladies, they will be more than happy to help.

It is very important that all families organise a time to meet with their child’s classroom teacher. In this interview, you will be able to discuss your child’s report in greater detail, as well as set goals for the remainder of the year.

Interview day is next Thursday, June 29th from 12 midday – 8.00pm. No students are required at school on this day, but are expected to attend their interview.

**Intervention**

We are very fortunate at Echuca Primary School to be able to offer students extra support through a range of Intervention Programs. All classrooms run differentiated lessons, which aim to cater for the complete learning needs.

In addition to this, Mrs McCurdy conducts a rigorous and ongoing Reading Recovery Program, which supports Grade 1 students to develop the basic skills required to be independent readers.

Miss Chandler runs additional reading intervention sessions for small groups of students who need a bit of extra support to improve their reading skills.

Part of my role this year has been to run both support and extension intervention sessions in Numeracy. It has been pleasing to see the improved confidence in the students who attend these sessions, but also to watch the students in the extension group battle their way through a number of challenging solving tasks.

**Thank you**

Today will be my last newsletter article, before I take up my position as Principal at Tongala Primary School in Term 3. I am very lucky to have been a part of the Echuca Primary School community for the past 6 years, and have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. The staff here are extremely hardworking and supportive, who always go above and beyond for their students. The students are a pleasure to work with and have provided me with many highlights over the years.

*So a big thank you to the whole Echuca Primary School community and no doubt I will see you all around at some stage.*
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held from **12.00pm – 8.00pm** on **Thursday 29th June**.

You will be able to book your interview times as of **Tuesday 13th June** until **Wednesday 28th June**.

As places will fill quickly, we urge you to be prompt in accessing the school interviews website so that you can secure a time that best suits your family.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

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Enter **TEFT2**

Then follow the 3 simple steps.

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When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

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For parents that don’t have access to the internet, contact the office to make a booking.

Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.

Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: **5483 0700**
Student of the Week
Junior School

00A Bobby Jones Bobby’s super attitude has had everyone smiling this week. We love having Bobby in 00A!

00B Olive Ross You have been so determined in your learning this week. In Maths you worked independently and focussed on the activity. Well done Olive!

00C Bella Verhey Bella you have been trying super hard with your reading, writing and counting this week! Fantastic effort!

00D Logan Reddin Logan is a little champion. He makes us smile, laugh and we are so proud of his ‘have a go’ attitude. Logan also teaches 00D to be kind and happy.

01A Lindsay-Maree Corry Lindsay has been such a happy little dancer and in the classroom she takes on all new challenges and tries her best.

01B Taj Thompson Taj has continued to improve his focus each day and is even impressing himself with his output of work. Keep it up, Taj.

01C Jordin Young Even with a broken arm, Jordin still managed to participate in all classroom activities. She has been so resilient and trying her hardest.

01D Georgina Farrell Georgina tries her best and is always respectful. A wonderful 1D student who has improved her concentration levels to do more in the given time.

02A Lucy Dickinson Lucy continues to shine in our room. She reads as smooth as honey and writes detailed recounts about her weekend. Keep up the super work Lucy!

02B Baelyn Treacy Baelyn is a model student. He gets on with each task straight away, works independently as well as co-operatively with others. Well done, Baelyn.

02C Emily Pendlebury Emily has worked hard all semester to raise the bar and she should be very proud of her achievements. What a fantastic classmate. Well done!

02D Isabella Lister Isabella, thank you for being such a wonderful student in 2D. I love seeing how far you have come this year with your writing and reading! You are awesome!

Student of the Week
Senior School

34A Billie O’Brien What a quiet achiever you are Billie! Always going above and beyond with everything you do. Keep up the great work.

34B Zahli Nicholas Another great week completed by this awesome student. Keep up the great work with your reading responses.

34C Charlie Proussalis Charlie has been working hard all week. He has been reading like a superstar and solving some tricky fractions problems. Keep it up Charlie!

34D Logan Gretgrix Logan has showed great enthusiasm when comparing and contrasting during our guided reading groups and has made positive learning choices.

34E Lachlan Pumpa Lachie continues to strive for personal excellence in our room. He never settles for near enough is good enough. Keep challenging yourself Lachie!

34F Jagger Senior Congratulations on your wonderful information report and for borrowing some fantastic ‘just right’ books at the library! Well done and keep it up!

56A Makai Cronin Makai never gives up, is super resilient and tackles everything with a massive smile. We love your enthusiasm and positive approach Makai!

56B Grace Mills Congratulations on the improvements you’ve made to your times tables. You also consistently show the three R’s. Keep it up!

56C Holly Bird You are making some great decisions about your learning at the moment Holly. Keep up the amazing work!

56D Ryder McMullan Your enthusiasm for learning and getting involved in our school community is something to be proud of Ryder. Another great week from you.

56E Tylor Thompson Tylor you have been actively engaged in the classroom this week. Well done on the positive choices you are making in the yard. Keep it going!

56F Abbey Ferrari What a week of work, completing your projects on Kylie Minogue and an endangered animal. You have worked like your surname - Ferrari! Fast and furious!

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Student of the Week Specialist

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**Grade 2 News**

When it comes to Science, ask our scientists in Grade 2 what they’ve learnt this term and they’ll amaze you with their knowledge of chemical and physical change. They have predicted, investigated and discovered how materials change when they are mixed, heated, cooled or observed over time through a series of experiments.

This week we observed what happens to an egg when put into boiling water. The students recorded the changes they found when eggs were boiled for different lengths of time.

Eggs for breakfast anyone?

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**Echuca Primary School will ensure high levels of learning for all students.**

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**Interschool Sports Reports**

**Interschool Sport Round 4 - Tomorrow**

This week in Interschool Sport, we are taking on St. Mary’s Primary School for the second time. This is a HOME game for us with the softball teams, handball team and A football team playing against the St Mary’s teams here on our school oval.

Our B football team (coached by Mr Trewhella) will be playing against Echuca EAST Primary at their school ground.

Our netball teams will be taking on the St. Mary’s representative teams down at the EDNA courts. We wish all of our teams the best of luck this week!

_Zach Campbell_

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**Development Squad Interschool Football**

In what could only be described as perfect football conditions the 208 Development Squad took to the field against St. Mary’s last Friday. Although outsized by their opponents the boys were up to the challenge. Levi (Dusty) Hone and Luke (Hodgey) Stone worked tirelessly through the mid-field whilst Jack (Reiwoldt) Morley proved to be elusive up forward bagging 2 goals. Toby (Benny Brown) Coutts bombed a 60 metre barrel and Levi also snapped a super sausage roll. The boys should be very proud of their efforts displaying a ferocious desire to lay tackles and chase down the opposition.

_Coach Trewhella_
Interschool Sport Reports

Softball Report

Last Friday the girls softball team for Interschool Sports played against Echuca East and won by 15 points. 21-6 points. We had an amazing time, although it was very tough. We didn’t know when to sneak or even hit the ball. Lucky we had an amazing coach Jane. We can’t wait for this weekends round, were going to practise really hard and hopefully win in our next softball game. Brandi-Jane Graham 56B

On Friday the 16th of June, the boys softball team played against the East softball team. In the first inning we got 8 out of the 9 people home, with East only getting 2 home. We were playing really well our team was getting better and better each week.

It got closer in the second innings as they improved with each round! They stared catching us and running us out as well! We were still in front for most of the game. We played six innings in total and we came out on top with a 30 to 10 win. Jay Burrell and Cody Mann 56E

European Handball

Last Friday Kaidyn and I played European handball against Echuca East Primary School it was a home game. Unfortunately we lost 39 goals to 10 goals but still had a lot of fun. We had 12 on 12 plus a goalie which equals 13 I think that's why we lost by so much. Our team wasn't successful in the first quarter and were playing horribly. The second quarter had started, we felt energetic. We felt we could fight back. We fought back but Echuca East were fighting too. In the third quarter we were making the right choices leading to goals, but East were making better choices outrunning and outsmarting us. The fourth quarter was amazing we were in the right places. Making the right leads. It felt like we were popping into place, everyone was playing their parts and playing them well. We played really well as a team and each week we are getting better. We got some outstanding goals and they got some amazing goals as well. Thank you to Mr Campbell for arranging the day and even though we lost we were in the right mood and thank you East for playing with us. Kaiden Ottery

Netball Report

On Friday the 16th of June, five netball teams went to compete against Echuca East. We had three brilliant wins and two unfortunate losses. (Better luck next time B and C Grade) Our A Grade girls had a win with the score of 36 to 2. Our B Grade girls lost by 6 goals with the final score 17 to 23. Our C Grade girls lost by only 1 goal with the total of 8 to 7. Our D Grade girls also had an awesome win with the score 27 to 1 and our E Grade girls won by 4 goals. Thank you to all the teachers and parents for being our coaches and helping us out. Tayah Accurso 56D

Footy Reports

On the Friday the 16th of June we played school football against East at East football ground. We played very well in the first half with every one tackling hard against the big boys. Second half East played pretty well they got back in the game but we wouldn't let them win. We finished off the game strong, kicking goals at the end of the game. Thanks to Mr Leersen our coach. Tom Evans 56D

Last Friday the 208 B Football team played against St Mary's. It was a tough, challenging and tiring match but played in good spirit. 208 got on the scoreboard with 2 goals and 6 points. In the second quarter we got on the scoreboard with a set shot from the forward pocket by Jack Morley. Luke Stone and Levi Hone put on some great tackles and shepards followed by Bailey Miller putting on a fantastic tackle in the back pocket. In the fourth quarter 208 played great footy with Max Trewella putting on various tackles and shepards in the back pocket. Our top four players for the day were Luke Stone, Levi Hone, Max Trewella and Sol Fleming.

Thank you to Mr T and all of the parents and friends who came and supported.

Max Trewella and Jack Morley 56F
## What’s Happening at 208

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