School Council News

Last Friday morning the votes were counted for our two candidates Lauren Arthurson and Sarah Phillips. I would like to thank both candidates for putting themselves forward to be voted in for a term on School Council. Lauren Arthurson was declared the winner and attended her first meeting on Monday evening which included the AGM and the general meeting. As a result of the AGM I am pleased to announce the Office Bearers for 2017.

President: Shane Howe
Vice President: Stephen Elliott
Treasurer: Matt McPherson
Minutes: Gayle Bedford
PFA Rep: Sherri Barden

School Councillor Governance Training will be available again on Tuesday 28th March. This allows new Councillors the opportunity to gain a good understanding of the commitment required when serving on School Council. Once again I am looking forward to working with and having continued support from our School Council.

School Canteen

The school canteen is currently adapting their menu. This should be out by the beginning of next term. I have been in contact with the owners of the company and they are more than happy to work with us on our menu. All foods that will be on the updated menu will come from the green and yellow sections of the healthy food canteen guide. School Council have discussed the canteen menu and will be working with Carolyn and Faith to ensure that we are catering for our needs. It is also important to note that using the canteen is sometimes used as a treat by parents for their children and a choice that parents make.

Information Night

This year our Prep Information Night will be held on Wednesday 3rd May. If you currently have children at this school and you will have a child commencing school at the beginning of 2018, it would be appreciated if you could contact the office prior to the meeting so that we can ensure that enrolments do not exceed our capacity.

Scooters

We have a number of scooters that are in the office unclaimed. If you have lost a scooter and can describe it in detail we are more than happy to return it to its rightful owner. Any unclaimed scooters remaining in the office at the end of term will be donated to a worthy cause.

Epilepsy Day

Don’t forget to put on a splash of purple for Epilepsy day tomorrow. Wristbands badges, bears and more are also available in the office.

Lynne Flynn
Principal
**Community News**

*with Scott Trewhella*

*Community Engagement and Wellbeing*

**Hello Everyone,**

Last week ended with a flurry of activity and excitement at Echuca Primary School. Loud socks and decorated bikes were the order of the day, celebrating “National Ride to School Day” and “Say No To Bullying Day”. The morning kicked off with a healthy breakfast of fruit, yoghurt and delicious pancakes fresh off the hotplate. Thanks to the staff who were on deck early, along with Caroline from the canteen for whipping up the delicious pancake batter, and to the many families who supported the decorating of socks and bikes. It surely was a colourful Friday.

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**Purple Day**

Tomorrow we will be supporting the Epilepsy Foundation by hosting our Purple Day. Students are encouraged to wear a splash of purple and bring a gold coin donation to support the cause. The Student Action Team will also be at the flagpole prior to school for a splash of purple face paint!

**Working Bee**

Please lock in **Sunday 23rd of April** for our first Working Bee this year. This is the end of the first week of Term 2 and the day before our 208 ANZAC Service.

Have a great weekend everyone!
Helping with Mathematics at Home

with Rob Hogan
Excellence in Teaching & Learning

Hello Everyone,

I often get asked by parents what they can do to help their child who may be struggling with Mathematics concepts at home. It is a difficult thing for parents to do, especially if you were somebody like me, who struggled a bit at school with maths. This leads me to my first strategy:

1. Be positive about maths
   By saying “It’s OK, I was never good at maths” immediately paints maths as a negative. Be positive about it. Seek support from the child’s teacher if unsure or even better, learn and support together. Maths is not meant to be hard!

2. Have everyday maths equipment available
   It is amazing how many maths games or activities you can create with a dice, deck of cards or a stopwatch. The students learn games all the time in class, which can be played easily at home. At school, I have a toolkit, which has decks of cards, stopwatches, dice, 1-100 charts, counters, rulers and calculators. If you have all of these pieces of equipment at home put them together to make a small kit for maths games. Your child’s teacher and your child will be able to teach you lots and lots of games to play with this equipment.

3. Have analogue clocks around the house
   I used to say to kids in my class, ask your parents for an analogue clock for your birthday or Christmas! It sounds ridiculous, but our children live in a digital world and almost all the modern equipment we use is based around digital time. But, we still need to be able to read and understand analogue clocks, therefore we need to immerse our children with this. Ask them to tell you the time on the analogue clock, or use the analogue clock to tell your child when it is time to do something (eg. go outside, have tea, etc.)

4. Play games with your children
   When I say this, I am not meaning on the Xbox or iPads. There are lots of mathematical based board games that are great to play with the children. Ongoing games of Monopoly, Jenga, Uno, Yahtzee and more all revolve around using mathematical skills to play the game effectively. These games are great gifts and even more fun to play as a family.

5. Use maths everyday
   If you sat there and thought about all the mathematical decisions you have made today, it would be a very long and varied list. We use maths everywhere, every day and often are not aware of it. Some things you could do is:
   - Ask the student to write their own lunch order and work out the money required.
   - Estimated time of arrival when going to places.
   - Include your child in cooking/building tasks, etc. where maths is prevalent.
   - Discuss sporting scores and look for differences between, etc.

Good luck!
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Student of the Week
Junior School

00A Jack Holmfield
Jack is a maths game specialist and has been near on unbeatable of late. Keep up the great work Jack!!

00B Aliah Rudd
Aliah is a blossoming reader, she always follows the big books and uses her pointing finger when reading. Super job Aliah!

00C Emma Robinson
Emma is like a sweet flower, always bright and happy and is growing in confidence every day!

00D Olivia Thomson
Olivia is 00D’s budding mathematician; she understands a number can be split into parts and uses counters to demonstrate. What a number super star!

01A Jagger Walter
Jagger has been working so hard on his handwriting this week. It looks amazing. He is also a very kind friend who is always willing to help out his classmates.

01B Roy Bell
Roy, I love how you have an absolute crack at everything you do. Whether it be reading or writing, maths or swimming, you always give 100%. Well done!

01C Ella York
Ella is 1C’s quiet achiever. She has read over 30 nights, writes wonderful recounts, and just goes about her work setting a great example for the class. Well done Ella!

01D Caleb Schroeder
Caleb continues to try his very best at all set tasks. He listens carefully and has a positive approach to all new activities. Keep up the great effort Caleb!

02A Geordie Teasdale
Geordie shows great respect when listening on the floor. He is working hard to limit distractions and he has raised the bar with his work.

02B Campbell McCarty
A great start to the year. You are settling into classroom routines and developing an awareness of respect and responsibility. Keep up the positive approach.

02C Gemma Brown
You can always count on Gemma to be switched on and ready to learn. She sets a great example for others with her positive, hard working attitude.

02D Hunter Osborne
Hunter you have come such a long way since grade one. You are more respectful, responsible and resilient! We love having you in 2D. Well done!

Student of the Week
Senior School

34A Beau Goulding
Super effort this term Beau, you are an iPad superstar! I love the way you have attacked every part of your school work with a positive attitude and enthusiasm.

34B Isaac Blackstone
What a super term you’re having Isaac. Your enthusiasm and dedication to your learning doesn’t go unnoticed. Keep up the fantastic effort in reading.

34C Blade Bawden
What a fantastic week Blade! You have been focussed on your learning and achieving some fantastic results. Keep up the great work!

34D Leilani Cartledge
Leilei is always positive, keen to learn and willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in our class! Thanks for being such a respectful class member of 3/4D.

34E Addison Sproull
Addison is a superstar reader at school and at home. She regularly posts her home reading on SeeSaw and makes great connections to what she has read.

34F Somer Schwan
Congratulations on such a fantastic week! Well done on contributing on the floor and giving everything your best! Superstar in our room!

56A Riley Brown
Congratulations Riley! The thought and effort you put into your work is impressive. Your reading responses have been terrific. Keep up the great work!

56B Ben Russell
Well done Ben! You have been a positive contributor to our class all year. You’ve also worked hard to complete all tasks this week.

56C April Hanna
You really deserve a mention this week! You always take a lot of care with the presentation of your work, you try your best, and never shy away from a challenge.

56D Brodi-Lee Maple
Brodi completes everything to the best of her best ability and always with a smile. Thanks Brodi for being one of the shining stars in 5/6D.

56E Darchi Clarke
Wow Darchi! What awesome reading posts and dedication to improving your writing. We are super proud of your efforts! Keep it up.

56F Max Trewhella
Insightful, thoughtful and compassionate - the triple threat! You are showing deep thinking and understanding around your reading logs. Your passion of history is driving this.
Student of the Week Specialist

Junior Arts Star: Miss Hodgens Isabella Blackstone 00B Isabella is a creative spirit who always takes her time to produce beautiful artwork. She is a terrific role model and a delight to have in the room! Well done Isabella!

Junior Rising Sports Star: Mrs Cameron Willow Delamare 00B For always coming to class with a big smile on her face ready to master her new skills.

Senior Science Wizz: Mr Trewhella Logan Gretgrix 34D A wonderful attitude displayed during Science this week Logan. Positive and inquisitive - keep it up!

Arts Star: Mr Thompson Nathan Accurso 56D Nathan has a great sense of humor, asks lots of questions, shares his ideas and puts a lot of effort into his work.

Senior Rising Sports Star Mr Campbell Bodhi Griffiths 34A For showing fantastic sportsmanship throughout a very competitive game in PE this week. Well done Bodhi!

Jasmine Conway 00B Jasmine you are a caring class member who always shows great respect towards others.
Nominated by Mrs Locke

Kiara Owen 01D A caring student who is always willing to help others and her teacher. Kiara is respectful and responsible in all classroom activities.
Nominated by Ms Wright

Maia Allan 34C What a superstar! You displayed outstanding resilience this week after breaking your toe - always smiling and not one complaint even before you got your moonboot!
Nominated by Miss Hubacek

Saminda Bullard 56B You’re an outstanding model for Respectful behaviour. You are always listening and working co-operatively with others.
Nominated by Mr Briggs

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**Grade 2 News**

Grade 2 inquiry unit on Indigenous studies has been fantastic! We have discovered so much about Indigenous culture, from dance to music to history and this week we will start our Indigenous Art.

Last week we were lucky enough to have a visit from Rick Ronnan. The students loved listening to stories of how the indigenous people used to hunt animals, build things and even how to make fires without a match. It was so interesting! We would like to thank Uncle Rick for coming in to speak to our grade 2 students, they loved it!

What a great term 1 we have had!

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**1C & 1D News**

Did you know that there are 3 forms of water?

How do you turn a solid in to liquid?

These are the questions that scientists, 1C & 1D thought about and experimented with this afternoon.

We found that the easiest way to turn a solid (our ice blocks) into liquid was to leave it out in the sun.
Let’s Get TwistEd

As a part of the Grade 1 Inquiry topic WATER, students visited local attraction, TwistEd. And who should be there to welcome them? MRS CLEE!

The students’ quickly became scientists and conducted an experiment to show the effects of waste entering our river systems.

After creating a dirty river environment, students then looked deeper into how water becomes purified through the use of a filter.

Students’ also had the opportunity to explore and problem solve all things Science that TwistEd has to offer.

If you get a chance in the holidays, you can always attempt to break Mr Cuttriss’ reaction time record!!!

Miss Kellock
Cadence Sproul

Hello, my name is Cadence. I joined the SAT because I really wanted to be an official leader of the school. I’ve wanted to be in the SAT since grade 3. This year I’m looking forward to organising all the fun activities in the school such as Discos and fundraisers.

Darchi Clarke

I joined SAT because I wanted to help the younger kids and to be a good role model for students in the school. I really enjoy writing, sport and helping others.

Maia Roberts

Hello I’m Maia and I joined the SAT because I’ve always wanted to become a good role model for the rest of our school and the community. I’m really looking forward to being there for people if they need help.

News

Wow! What a fantastic job the SAT leaders are doing throughout our school. From planning awesome lunchtime activities for all students to get involved in to helping plan and run our fundraiser days. ‘Crazy Sock Day’ to ‘Say No to Bullying’ in our school and our community as well as ‘National Ride to School Day’ on Friday the 17th were a hit! Our school went crazy with many different/loud and CRAZY socks and we also had bikes and scooters galore that had gone crazy also!!

Tomorrow we turn the school purple to support Epilepsy day! From 8:15am- 8:45am the SAT team will be doing face painting as well as purple ribbons to show our support for such a great cause! So remember to wear your school uniform but to wear a splash of purple and remember your gold coin donation.

It has been so great to see so many students of all ages getting involved in our lunchtime activities. From performance groups, cricket/netball clinics, Giant Jenga, dance, colouring, skipping, car club and more there is something for everyone to enjoy!

This week our Easter raffle started. Students were sent home with 10 raffle tickets. Please remember to write your name on each ticket that you have purchased and return the tickets and the money to the office.

If you would like to make an Easter egg donation to our raffle prizes they can be left at the office. We would really appreciate anything that could be given and thank those families who have already donated.

Our jar full of Easter eggs is at the office for $1 a guess. All winners to be announced next Friday 😊

Thank you
Mrs Gregg & Ms Hogan
Harmony Day 2017

Prep C acknowledged Harmony Day this week by creating this colourful display, which represents “Everyone Belongs”. Harmony Day is celebrated on the 21st March every year.

For Australia, it is a day to celebrate our culturally diverse society. It also makes everyone aware that in order to live peacefully and happily in our country, we have to make sure that everyone feels ‘equal’. Of course it does not matter how different we are in looks, languages or clothing – we should always treat others with fairness and respect.

Prep C, along with all the Prep grades have been focussing on the similarities and differences within themselves and their families during Inquiry studies this term. The students understand that being different is not a bad thing, in fact it makes them feel unique and special.

“Everyone Belongs” in our classroom!
And “Everyone Belongs” at 208!

Amanda Bourke

The 208 DigiTech Team’s Small Bytes: Brief Technology Sessions for Parents

During 2017, The 208 DigiTech team are hosting a range of short, sharp Technology Sessions for parents

Session 1: iPad Usage Restrictions

Are you wanting some advice on how to restrict access to certain Apps and features on your child’s iPad? The very first 208 Small Bytes session will show you how you can:

- Turn off purchasing of Apps and in App Purchases
- Restrict the content that can be viewed on your child’s iPad
- Allow and disallow certain Apps and iPad features
- Online game settings

This session is open to all parents of the school. If you would like to know how to use this great feature of the iPad then please come along. Bring your child’s iPad to make it a hands on session.

When: Wednesday 29th March, 3.30pm
Where: Year 5/6 Neighbourhood

Mr. Cartwright
DigiTech Team Leader

School Photos—Monday 1st May

Envelopes will be sent home with each child in the first week of term two.

To allow families to budget for school photos we have attached the packages and prices that will be available to order in term two.
## What’s Happening at 208

### Term 1

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### Term 2

#### Wk 1 April
- 17th EASTER MONDAY
- 18th
- 19th
- 20th
- 21st Sunday 23rd May Working Bee

#### Wk 2 April
- 24th SC ANZAC School Service
- 25th ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
- 26th State Swimming
- 27th
- 28th Echuca District Soccer Tournament Regional Lawn Bowls

#### Wk 3 May
- 1st SCHOOL PHOTOS
- 2nd
- 3rd P-2 Cross Country Prep 2018 Information Night
- 4th Gr 3-6 Cross Country
- 5th Mother’s Day Morning Tea

#### Wk 4 May
- 8th
- 9th NAPLAN
- 10th NAPLAN
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- 12th NAPLAN

#### Wk 5 May
- 15th Gr. 3/4 Swimming
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- 19th Gr. 3/4 Swimming Echuca District Cross Country

#### Wk 6 May
- 22nd
- 23rd
- 24th
- 25th
- 26th Interschool Sports Wk 1

#### Wk 7 May/June
- 29th
- 30th
- 31st
- 1st 2nd EDNA Netball Tournament

#### Wk 8 June
- 5th
- 6th Regional Cross Country
- 7th
- 8th
- 9th Interschool Sports Wk 2

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