

Echuca Primary School

"A School with Tradition and a Future"

Newsletter

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Echuca Primary School is a community that inspires learning and nurtures wellbeing.

Echuca Primary School adheres to Child Safe Standards and are compliant with DET Policies and Guidelines

Last Thursday Grade 3 and 4 classes had the opportunity to participate in a hockey clinic run by Emily from Hockey Victoria and Ian from Echuca Moama Hockey Club. Students were put through their paces, learning skills such as how to hold the stick correctly, dribbling and passing. Finally they used their new found skills in mini games such as Fruit Salad, What's the Time Mrs Hockey and the good old favourite Hocktopus.



Echuca Moama Hockey Club run a Hooked in2 Hockey program at Echuca College on Thursday afternoons for those students who are interested in developing their skills further.



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Andrew Judd
Acting Principal

Prep Literacy Morning

Next Wednesday 4th March, the Prep team are conducting a literacy morning. The morning is designed for parents to attend and observe a literacy session in action. Information about reading, spelling and oral language will also be provided. After the session, we are encouraging everyone to join the Prep teachers at Johnny and Lyles for a free cup of coffee provided by our Parents and Friends' Association.

Amphitheatre

Last Monday, we held our first school council meeting for the year. One of the topics discussed was the proposed amphitheatre. After a lot of hard work last year, approval for the amphitheatre has now been granted by the VSBA (Victorian Schools Building Authority) and it is the council's intention to complete this project in 2020, hopefully by July.

District Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, I attended the District Swimming Carnival in Echuca. It was a very successful day for our swimmers and I enjoyed watching some outstanding individual and team achievements. Well done to Mr Campbell for all of his organisation and Mrs Watson for managing our team on the day.

Principal Forum

On Thursday 13th February, Mrs Bedford and I attended the Loddon Mallee Principal Forum in Bendigo. The theme of the forum was 'Extending Professional Learning Communities' which is a strong focus in our school this year. Throughout the day we covered the following topics:

- The characteristics of a highly effective Professional Learning Communities.
- The evidence of impact of professional learning communities on student learning growth and how we measure and monitor our progress.
- The actions, challenges and effective strategies through case studies.
- The next steps in your school and what is required to deliver on these priorities.

A case study on Student Learning Walks presented by Kangaroo Flat Primary School really resonated with us and we are now going to investigate introducing a similar program into our school.

What is a Student Learning Walk?

A Student Learning Walk is a small group of students walking into a classroom accompanied by a teacher. They visit the classroom for a short period of time and observe teaching and learning practices. They also interact discreetly with students in the class and ask questions about the lesson they are observing.

A learning Walk has strict protocols and includes a pre-walk meeting, a short debrief and a feedback session.

The aim of a Learning Walk is to improve the quality of teaching and learning across the school through openness and sharing of practice.

See you all on the magic carpet tomorrow night!



Scott Trehwella

Community Engagement and Wellbeing

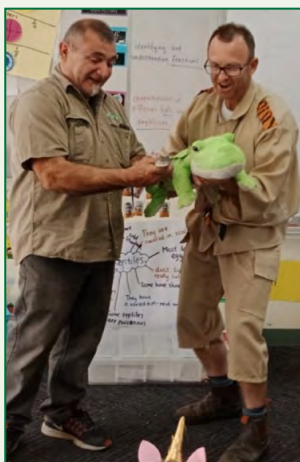
Hello Everyone,

I have always been amazed by the contingent of volunteers who continue to galvanize our community and have the interests of our children at heart. It is always a pleasure to see the army of parent, grandparent and community members who volunteer in a variety of capacities.

I'd like to personally thank 208's volunteers, as without YOUR contributions to a breadth of activities – we simply would not have the capacity to facilitate these programs for our students. As a school we would like to encourage more volunteers and it is as easy as obtaining an online 'Working with children check' and then dropping into school to see how you can help.

I have listed some examples of the activities and events in which our volunteers play a major role:

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| Book Club administration | Re-shelving and covering books |
| Breakfast Club | Morning Reading program |
| Gardening/Working Bees | Mothers' Day/Father's Day BBQs |
| Coaching sporting teams | Photocopying |
| Membership of School Council | Parents and Friends Committee |
| Acting as guest speakers | Attendance at camps and excursions |
| Tidying-up, organising Lost Property | Leading Morning Fitness |
| Fete Class Representatives | |



And I'm sure, the list goes on! So, THANK YOU to those of you who are volunteering already and I welcome anyone who has some time to spare. Schools are busy places, but the generous work of volunteers does not go unnoticed.

At the conclusion of Assembly tomorrow, Uncle Rick will be conducting a Welcome back 'Smoking Ceremony' for our students and families. We thank Uncle Rick for sharing his story and culture with our community. It is through opportunities such as these we can continue to gain understanding and spread the meaning of true Reconciliation.

Enjoy the movie tomorrow night!

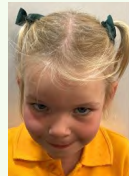
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Student of the Week

Proudly supported by Ray White Echuca



00A Reggie Holmfield Reggie is our handwriting champ in 00A. He takes his time to make sure he forms all letters neatly. What a star Reggie!



00B Reggie Nuttall 00B is so lucky to have Reggie in our room! Reggie is always respectful and gives everything 100%. Keep being a star Reggie!



00C Hudson Birch Hudson it has been wonderful to see you participating in class discussions and trying really hard in our SMART Spelling program.



00D Noah Marks Noah has brought the spunk into 00D. We can always rely on him to bring his infectious smile and have a go attitude! Keep it up Noah.



1A Jonty Carfoot Jonty has worked really hard this week to be more resilient and brave. Well done on having a ripper of a week. You can do it!



1B Marli Bloomfield Marli has made a wonderful start to Grade 1. It's fantastic to see her working hard and staying on task all the time.



1C Marley Retallick Marley is a working superstar. Her writing is fantastic and she always shows the school values! Well done Marley!



1D Esme Voss Esme is one dependable and delightful student in 1D. She always presents her work beautifully, with drawing talents we are in awe of!



2A Boa Spiers Boa lucky we have such a responsible student like you to help in 2A. Great job this week, thanks Boa.



2B Luca Micalizzi What a fantastic learner you are. Thankyou for being a wonderful role model, who is consistently responsible and respectful to all.



2C Tanner Coatsworth Tanner is our quiet achiever who works hard and shows kindness to everyone. Thanks Tanner!



2D Bailey Andrews Bailey is an outstanding role model. He leads with his terrific work ethic, can-do attitude and well-mannered nature.



Junior Sports Star - Mr Campbell
Jeff Welch Jeff has been a brilliant addition to 208 this year. He loves a challenge and really enjoys developing his skills. Keep up the great work Jeff!



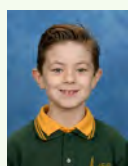
Junior Arts Star - Mr Thompson
Zach Brown 2A Zach was drumming up a storm this week. He used the drum sticks with care, contributed to the discussion, and showed respect when others were having their turn.



Junior Indonesian Star - Ibu Jenny
Esme Voss 1D For always remembering and using the Indonesian she learnt the week before.



Junior Science Whizz - Miss Kellock
Josh Goodwin 02D Josh thanks for sharing your creative ideas with us. Well done on explaining your forces experiment with a detailed drawing.



3A Jacob Ainslie Jacob, you are consistently respectful, responsible and resilient! You have settled into Grade 3 like a true champion.



3B Kasual White What a great week Kas! You are gaining so much confidence in yourself and have been a fantastic classroom helper!



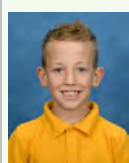
3C Hunter Cannon Hunter has stepped it up in many ways this week. Show casing his independent research skills and ICT knowledge!



4A Lexie Howard Lexie's leadership during our Maths Group session has been a real highlight of an already impressive start to the year.



4B Axle Louffit You are such a kind and caring student who always comes to school with a positive attitude. Keep up the great work!



4C Nicky O'Meara Nicky the mathematician! You have been so enthusiastic during our maths session and a leader in small group work!



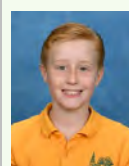
5A Holly Formosa Holly always has her hand up to contribute to our discussions and comes to school with such a positive attitude every day!



5B Oliver Goulding Oliver can be relied upon to share great ideas and to be organised for every task. Thank you for working as 5B's Line Monitor!



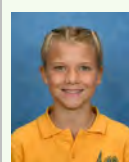
5C Esha Cronin You consistently show respect, resilience and responsibility in all areas of the school. We are very lucky to have you in 5C.



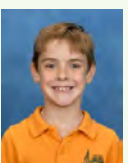
5D Van Lowry During group discussions you share your thoughts on the topic and ask great questions that helps everyone learn.



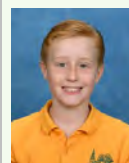
6A Max McCarty It is such a pleasure to have Max in the classroom; always polite, always respectful - a true leader at 208!



6B Ruby Morley TWO BOOKS IN TWO WEEKS!!!! Well done Rubes, from someone who didn't like reading to not being able to put a book down.



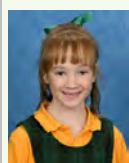
6C Ethan Mann Ethan, you are such a help in the classroom, always willing to offer a helping hand. Thank you!



Senior Sports Star - Mr Campbell Van Lowry 5D Van starred in this week's PE lesson with a brilliant time set in the Agility Test. He shows great dedication to improving his fitness and strength.



Senior Science Whizz - Miss Kellock Shaniya Higgins 6C Shaniya great to see you contributing to class discussions. Thanks for being a responsible learner and great role model in the science room.



Senior Arts Star - Mr Thompson Amelie Turner 3A Amelie was so very helpful during Arts this week. She did more than her fair share when came to tidying up at the end of the lesson!



Senior Indonesian Star - Ibu Jenny Xavier Walsh 6C For demonstrating an ability to speak several languages including Indonesian. This is fantastic, Xavier!



Responsibility
Respect
Resilience

ChasePotter
 HarliTrevena
 ShaiCostello
 BlakePeace
 HannahBurgess
 AlexGodwin
 LucieMastaing
 MarleyRetallick
 GeorgeGriffiths
 AtticusPrust
 EvieBennett
 TomBridge
 JaxonMcCoy
 SunnySands
 BaileyAndrews
 CharlizeMatthew
 ShaylaTinetti
 NateHolmes
 JackBisset
 WillowHughes
 CharlotteWilson
 CharlotteBrunt
 CharlieReardon
 EmilyGreen
 TommyTeasdale-Dohnt
 AmosBennett
 Emily-JaneMuir
 CobyMorgan
 CianaHinck
 LexiWright
 JuddSparey
 DeeganLeo
 AprilBeachStower
 JaxSkerke
 TannerCoatsworth
 HamishLeerson
 AngelBourke
 TomArthurson
 KobeAtkinson
 JoshBarden
 TobyPhyland
 IsabellaLister
 WillowClark
 BillyBell
 JackThompson
 CharlieVoss

DRUMBEAT

The name DRUMBEAT is an acronym for **D**iscovering **R**elationships **U**sing **M**usic, **B**eliefs, **E**motions, **A**ttitudes, and **T**houghts. Thanks, Melissa the students are loving it!



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Zach Campbell

Sports Coordinator

Campaspe District Swimming Carnival

Last Friday the Annual Campaspe District Swimming Carnival was held down at the Echuca Pool. This is a competitive swimming carnival which hosts the best swimmers from 12 of the local primary schools in our District. This includes swimmers from St Mary's, Twin Rivers, Echuca East, Rochester, Tongala, Lockington, Kyabram P-12 and St Augustine's Kyabram.

We had 36 students represent our school in all 86 of the day's events. Each swimmer who finishes a race also earns points for the Overall School Trophy.

After finishing the individual events, the scores were almost dead even, so we needed strong performances in the relays to have a shot. Unbelievably, 208 won both medley relays, and 3 of the 6 total freestyle relays, which meant we won the overall trophy in a close one. Congratulations to all of the 208 swimmers, and a special thank you must go to all of our friendly parent helpers on the day.

We now look forward to the Regional Swimming Finals, which will be in Swan Hill on Thursday the 19th of March.

Parents & Friends Committee

Family Movie Night

We hope all families are excited about tomorrow's Movie Night, **Aladdin!**

Don't forget to bring along your picnic blanket, chairs, food and drinks.

It looks like conditions will be perfect to enjoy a wonderful family friendly night.

The movie will be screening at 6pm sharp, so please make sure you arrive prior to that.



SOCIAL NIGHT - Friday 20th March

We encourage you all to join us for an enjoyable night.

This year's social night will be held at **Three Black Sheep Moama** with **Three's a Crowd** kindly donating their time providing your entertainment.

If you're keen to come along please purchase your ticket through our school office at \$50.00 pp.

No tickets will be issued however, your name will be taken for entry on the night. Smart casual is the dress code, free drink on entry and nibbles throughout the night all included in your ticket.

We hope to see you there.

Parents & Friends - Family Mentor Program

Dear Parents

Echuca Primary School has a Mentor program for new families to our school.

The Program is a way of linking present Echuca Primary School families with families who are new to the School. The idea is that each new family to the School is allocated a Mentor family who is able to provide advice and guidance while they settle in.

The Mentor family will contact the new family to welcome them to the school and invite them to make contact with them whenever they have any queries or require simple advice.

Participation in the Mentor Program is completely voluntary. If you are interested in being part of our family Mentor Program, please fill in your details and sign below.

Please return to the office.

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Mentor Program

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Parent Helper

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Both

I/We _____

Students Name(s) & Grade _____

Postal address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

I/We give permission for Echuca Primary School to use the above information in relation to the Mentor Program.

Signature _____

We  Parent Helpers...

At 208 we **LOVE** it when parents get involved. however, we understand that some families don't have the time to help consistently or don't know how they can help. To make things easier we have completed the following form. Please review the volunteer opportunities suggested below, check any boxes that you are interested in and return to the office.

I would like to help:

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Making copies, laminating, cutting etc

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Reading with students

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Parents and Friend

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Assisting small groups in the class room

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Working Bee

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Breakfast Club (Mon and Fri morning)

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Book Club

Keep Up To Date @ 208

Term 1

| | Monday | TUESDAY | WED | THURS | FRI |
|-------------|--|---|--|---|--|
| Wk5 Feb | 24 th Parent & Friends Meeting 9am Staffroom | 25 th Scooter Club Lunchtime Gr 1-6 | 26 th Prep Rest Day | 27 th | 28 th Smoking Ceremony After Assembly Parents & Friends Movie Night 6pm start |
| Wk 6 Mar | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th | 6 th Lawn Bowls Comp |
| Wk 7 Mar | 9 th LABOUR DAY | 10 th | 11 th | 12 th | 13 th District Tennis |
| Wk 8 Mar | 16 th Forensic Science Gr 3-6 | 17 th | 18 th | 19 th Regional Swimming Swan Hill | 20 th Three Black Sheep P & F Parent Gathering National Day Against Bullying |
| Wk 9 Mar | 23 rd | 24 th | 25 th Campaspe Team Tennis | 26 th | 27 th Last day Term 1 Dismissal 2.20pm Epilepsy Day Casual Dress Touch of Purple Gold Coin Donation |

Term 2

| | Monday | TUESDAY | WED | THURS | FRI |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| Wk5 Apr | | 14 th First Day Term 2 | 15 th | 16 th | 17 th |
| Wk 6 Apr | 20 th | 21 st | 22 nd State Swimming MSAC | 23 rd | 24 th |



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