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**Andrew Judd**

**A**cting Principal

### **Prep Literacy Morning**

Yesterday, the Prep team conducted a literacy morning. The morning was well attended by forty parents who observed a literacy session in action. After the session, everyone joined the Prep teachers at Johnny and Lyles for a free cup of coffee provided by our Parents and Friends' Association.

### **Professional Practice Days**

This term, all teachers have received their first Professional Practice Day (PPD).

#### ***What are the professional practice days?***

As part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017, each teacher is entitled to one day per term (four days per year) release from their scheduled duties, including teaching, to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning. The work undertaken on PPDs is to be consistent with Department and school priorities-School Strategic Plan (SSP) and Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)-selected from the following areas:

- Planning.
- Preparation.
- Assessment of student learning.
- Collaboration.
- Curriculum development.
- Relevant professional development.
- Peer observation including feedback and reflection.

It has been rewarding to observe our teachers making the most of these days to improve their practice.

### **Community Group Clean-Up Days**

In an attempt to keep our yard clean and tidy, we will be having community clean-up days. Each Community will be designated a day of the week to keep the yard as tidy as possible. Mrs Bedford and myself will be doing yard inspections at the end of each break in order to judge the cleanest day of the week. The winning community will be acknowledged at assembly and rewarded accordingly. The clean-up day for each community is as follows:

**Monday: Pevensey – Green**

**Tuesday: Adelaide – Yellow**

**Wednesday: Canberra – Red**

**Thursday: Emmylou – Blue**

Tongs and buckets have been purchased to help make cleaning up easier and to support this initiative. I look forward to announcing this week's winner at assembly tomorrow.

### **Lockdown Drill**

Today we conducted a lockdown drill. A lockdown is an emergency response to an external and immediate danger and it is determined that the students should be secured inside the building for their own safety. Emergency drills are conducted each term and at the end of each drill we do a self-evaluation to determine future improvements.

### **Movie Night**

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the night. It was great to see families mingling while their students ran around and played. A mild night provided perfect conditions for an open air cinema experience and the small crowd enjoyed the atmosphere. Thank you to the PFA for organising this event.





Scott Trehella

## C Community Engagement and Wellbeing

Hello Everyone!

Firstly I would like to thank the Parents and Friends for their organisation of the Family Movie Night last Friday. I trust the families who attended had a 'Magical Night'.

Now that we have settled into the new school year I wanted to share a little about our whole school approach to starting the week. Every Monday, all students across the school participate in **Circle Solutions** with their classroom teacher.

**Circle Solutions** focuses on developing:

1. Self awareness, knowledge and skills.
2. Knowledge and understanding of others.
3. A sense of belonging and connectedness.
4. A focus on the positive.
5. Increased resilience and well-being.
6. Collaborative decision making, conflict resolution and problem-solving.

There is a clear format in which students and teachers take part in a wide range of individual, paired, small group and whole class activities.

There are three rules based on the principles of respect, safety and inclusion:

1. **Everyone gets a turn** – when it is someone's turn to speak, everyone else listens.
2. **Individuals may pass if they wish** – there is no pressure to say anything.
3. **There are no put downs at any time** – this means no naming, blaming or shaming.

The focus of Circle Solutions is on feeling good in a safe and supportive way.

Echuca Primary School see this as a wonderful opportunity to build relationships and belonging within the class and a great way for children and staff to re-connect after the weekend.

Next week our 3-6 students will be participating in Toon-school conducted by Jeff Taylor. These sessions will use cartooning to highlight our school values and build a growth mindset within our students.

I am very excited to see what the students get up to in these interactive sessions.

Enjoy the long weekend!

**W**elcome back 'Smoking Ceremony' conducted for our students and parents last Friday by Uncle Rick. A wonderful opportunity to gain understanding and spread the meaning of true Reconciliation.



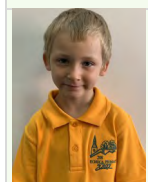
Echuca Primary School is a community that inspires learning and nurtures wellbeing.

# Student of the Week

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**00A Raven Burke** - Raven showed her amazing maths skills this week. She blew me away with her awesome number knowledge. What a clever cookie!



**00C Elijah Forbes** - Wow, wow, wow! Elijah has hit 25 nights of home reading already. A fantastic start to your reading journey. Keep it up!



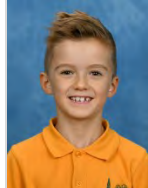
**1A Harvey Jones** - Harvey, you have had a very impressive week with so many things to celebrate! You're kind, helpful and have been doing your best work every day. Well done!



**1C Holly Beach-Stower** - Congratulations Holly! What a week you've had. All work has been completed to a high standard and all with a smile on your face. Love it!



**2A Olivia Whinfield:** A great resilient week Olivia! You have continued to be so helpful and you are listening to instructions carefully. Keep up the good work!



**2C Tom Arthurson:** Tom is always switched on for learning and keen to lend a helping hand. Thanks Tom. We are very glad that you are in 2C.



**Junior Sports Star - Mr Campbell - Hunter Richardson 2A** Hunter is a sporting star in the making. He loves a challenge and really enjoys developing his skills. Great work Hunter!



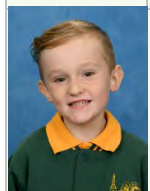
**Junior Art Star - Mr Thompson: Judd Morgan 2D** Judd was amazing during drumming lessons this week. He listened very well, practiced drumming skills with care, and shared afterwards. Well done, Judd!



**00B Mason Johnson** - Mason always has the biggest smile on his face when he arrives at school. He listens, follows instructions and always tries his best. Superstar!



**00D Matilda Leersen** - Matilda has had a terrific start to her schooling. She continually makes respectful choices when completing set tasks, working with other students and sharing with teachers.



**1B Archer Schwenke** - Archer, you have made a super start to grade one with great listening and trying your hardest at each task. Wonderful to see.



**1D Jack Bisset** - Jack, you take everything in your stride and you are such a valuable class member. Your enthusiasm and knowledge in maths is awesome!



**2B Ivy Cladingboal:** Ivy you are 2B's quiet achiever. Wonderful listening, a kind friend and a helpful member of our class. Thank you Ivy.



**2D Sunny Sands:** Little Miss Sunshine, Sunny! Your enthusiasm, bright ideas and positivity make you a great leader in our classroom. Keep it up champion.



**Junior Science - Wizz Miss Kellock - Archer Ford 1A** For your engagement and participation in science. It was great to see you listening carefully and sharing your knowledge about the water cycle.



**Junior Indonesian Star - Ibu Jenny - Harvey Jones 1A** - Well done Harvey, for being such a helpful and enthusiastic member of our class.



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**3A Charlie Haw** - Charlie, your kind and caring nature shines brightly in 3A and your enthusiasm for learning is sensational! You are a true leader and role model to all.



**3C Peta Bell** - Writing Whiz! I love how enthusiastic you are Peta, taking home all your ideas to write and illustrate about. Keep it up superstar!



**4B Georgina Farrell** - What a week you have had Georgina! You are such a positive role model for others in our classroom. Great job superstar!



**5A Evie Bennett** - What a superstar student Evie is - she's always organised, independent and shows our values every day. Thanks for being such a great role model Evie!



**5C Xan Spiers** - Well done Xan! Effort equals success. You have been trying really hard with all of your learning and it is really showing in your results. Keep it up.



**6A Lincoln Bohn** - in 6A we love Linc's sensitivity, sense of calm and his funny ways! Don't ever change Linc, you are just right!



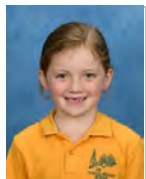
**6C Zoe Carter** - Zoe, I love how you are always wearing a smile. You have a quiet personality but you are such an achiever! Keep up your fantastic efforts.



**Senior Science Wizz - Miss Kellock Coby Morgan 6A** - Congratulations Coby for always being enthusiastic, responsible and respectful in the science room. You clearly set out your predictions and get each task done to a high standard.



**Senior Indonesian Star - Ibu Jenny - Ruby Naujok 4A** Congratulations Ruby on demonstrating great participation in all Indonesian classes. Your ability to use complex sentences in Indonesian is fantastic.



**3B Emma Robinson** - This week you have been a maths superstar! Emma is always taking on a new challenge with a smile on her face. Keep up the great work!



**4A Aden Shebani** - Aden is having a real crack this week, giving all his reading tasks 100%. We were super impressed with your reading video on SeeSaw.



**4C Ruby Morgan** - Ruby the all rounder! Focussed in the classroom, extending her learning at home AND a super fish in the pool swimming. Well done, Ruby - you are a star!



**5B Imogen Leersen** - Imogen has responded to her reading at home in a different way each day this week, demonstrating her comprehension skills and a passion for learning. Well done, Imogen!



**5D Cooper Mann** - You have been trying very hard since the beginning of this year and it is lovely seeing the heart you are putting into your reading and writing tasks. Well done Cooper!



**6B Will Simmonds** - Will's seesaw posts and effort in maths is to be commended. We love that you're giving everything a red hot go Will! Keep it up!



**Senior Sports Star - Mr Campbell - Charlie Bird 6B** - What a ripper start to the year Charlie has had! Working hard as Community Group leader and his effort in PE has gone to a new level. Well done Charlie!



**Senior Art Star - Mr Thompson - Xan Spiers 5C** - Xan was very involved in our music genre lesson. He contributed a lot and shared his thoughts. Good luck with learning the bush bash, Xan!



**Responsibility**  
**Respect**  
**Resilience**



## 50 Gotchas of the Week

TobyPhyland







**Grade 3 iPad  
Open Classroom  
Morning  
Friday,  
March 13th**



**After assembly on Friday, March 13th** we invite you to join us in the Grade 3 classrooms to explore what we have been doing in our DigiTech lessons.



We wish to thank everyone who attended last week's Free Family Movie Night featuring '**Aladdin**'.

Overall, we thought that the night was well received. It was great to see our 208 families spending a relaxed evening together.

Our next event on the calendar is the Echuca Primary School **Social Night - Friday March 20th** being held at **Three Black Sheep** in Moama. **Three's a Crowd** will be entertaining us on the night and we thank you (Annette and Will) once again for your fabulous support donating your time.

We welcome and encourage all to attend only \$50.00 per person with a complementary drink on arrival and plenty of finger food provided, included in your ticket price.

It's always a great opportunity to mingle and meet our school community. So, grab some friends and purchase your tickets from our school office. No tickets will be issued however, your name will be taken for entry on the night. Smart casual is the dress code.

The night kicks off at **6.30pm** & the door closes at **12 midnight**. We have been lucky enough to obtain some great auction items which is always a fun event. We hope to see you there!



**Our first P & F meeting this year was held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

At our first committee meeting for the year we discussed some great ideas for this year which will be announced in the coming weeks.

We welcome and encourage all families to become actively involved in the Parents and Friends Committee. Meetings are held monthly, dates and times appear in our school newsletter.

All assistance whether great or small is welcomed.

For further information, please contact the committee via the school email: [echucaps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:echucaps@edumail.vic.gov.au)



Orders due in by Wednesday, March 11th.

Drop order forms to the office, or order online at [scholastic.com.au/loop](http://scholastic.com.au/loop)





## Keep Up To Date @ 208

### Term 1

	Monday	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRI
Wk 6 Mar	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am	6 <sup>th</sup> Lawn Bowls Comp
Wk 7 Mar	9 <sup>th</sup> LABOUR DAY	10 <sup>th</sup> Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am	13 <sup>th</sup> District Tennis
Wk 8 Mar	16 <sup>th</sup> Forensic Science Gr 3-6	17 <sup>th</sup> Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> Regional Swimming Swan Hill Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am	20 <sup>th</sup> Three Black Sheep P & F Parent Gathering 6pm-12am National Day Against Bullying
Wk 9 Mar	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am	25 <sup>th</sup> Campaspe Team Tennis	26 <sup>th</sup> Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am	27 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> First Day Term 2	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
Wk 6 Apr	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> State Swimming MSAC	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>

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