

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

**Grades 3-6 students
participated in Forensic
Science classes on
Monday.**



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Andrew Judd

Acting Principal

Dear Parents

I am pleased to announce that my acting principal role has been extended to the end of Term 2. I look forward to continuing my work with staff, students, parents and the wider school community to achieve the best outcomes for everyone at Echuca Primary School.

School Closure

I have been fielding a lot of questions about a possible school closure due to coronavirus. At present, Victorian schools will remain open. This decision has been based on the latest advice from Australia's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Health Officer. That being said, in the event of a closure, all schools are being encouraged to think about how they will provide continuity of learning for all students. At Echuca Primary, we will be using Compass to communicate with parents and provide learning tasks for students. **It is therefore important for all parents to make sure that they are on Compass.** If you need support to do this, please contact the office staff as soon as possible. Grade 3-6 students will also use the see-saw application to provide learning tasks and feedback to students. Offline options are also being considered where access to technology might be limited or inappropriate given the needs and ages of children.

School Council AGM

On Monday, we held our School Council Annual General Meeting. The Annual Report was presented, the election results were announced and members were nominated and elected into executive roles. I would like to congratulate the following people who have been duly elected to school council:

New parent members: Peter Irwin, Johnno Bell, Tiffany Haw and Mel Floyd

Re-elected parent member: Sheree Barden

New DET member: Alenka Hubacek

Re-elected DET members: Gayle Bedford, Scott Trehwella, Brendan Leersen

I would also like to congratulate Lauren Arthurson who has been elected as the new President and Sheree Barden who has been elected as Vice President.

The composition of our school council for 2020 is as follows:

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|-------------------|--|
| Lauren Arthurson: | President, Finance Committee |
| Sheree Barden: | Vice President, Grounds and Buildings Committee |
| Gayle Bedford: | Minute Secretary, Finance Committee, Grants and Policies Committee |
| Mel Floyd: | Parent Representative, Parents and Friends Representative |
| Peter Irwin: | Parent Representative, Grants and Policies Committee |
| Misty Howard: | Parent Representative, Grants and Policies Committee |
| Tiff Haw: | Parent Representative, Grants and Policies Committee |
| Jonno Bell: | Parent Representative, Buildings and Grounds Committee |
| Chloe Ford: | Parent Representative, Buildings and Grounds Committee |
| Scott Trehwella: | DET Representative, Buildings and Grounds Committee |
| Brendan Leersen: | DET Representative, Buildings and Grounds Committee |
| Alenka Hubacek: | DET Representative, Finance Committee |
| Andrew Judd: | Principal |

Finally, I would like to formally thank the following outgoing members for their hard work and dedication towards improving outcomes for all students at Echuca Primary School:

Shane Howe who served as President for 3 Years.

Matt McPherson who served as Treasurer for 4 years.

Meg Stower who served as a Parent Representative for 2 years.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 27th April**.

Mobile Phone Policy

On Monday night, School Council approved a new Mobile Phone Policy. The full policy can be found on the school website. The following information captures the essence of this policy.

Mobile phones owned by students at Echuca Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. Please note that Echuca Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft. Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items. Please refer to the Department's [Personal Goods Policy](#).

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, Echuca Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At Echuca Primary School students are required to hand their phones into the school administration office to be placed in a lockable drawer. They are also required to sign their phones in and out via the iPad located in the foyer.

Forensic Science

On Monday, students in Grades 3-6 participated in forensic science workshops. The information they were given was that a young student was missing after the circus came to town. Did they run away from home to join the circus, were they kidnapped, or did something else happen to them? To solve this mystery, the students had to examine the crime scene, learn about animal tracks, take their own fingerprints, use a digital microscope and uncover hidden clues. I don't know how many students figured out what happened but it looked like a lot of fun.





Scott Trehella

Community Engagement and Wellbeing

Tomorrow students across Australia will stand together for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The day is an opportunity for our community to stand united against bullying and violence in schools and beyond. Below are some definitions and tips on how we as a community can take a stand and say 'Bullying No Way'!

What is bullying?

The national definition of bullying for schools, developed by educators across Australia, is:

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening.

Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Roles students play in bullying!

Bullying occurs within interpersonal relationships, usually within a peer group. Like all relationships, these can be complex and variable.

Within a group, individual students may take on different roles in bullying on different days, in different circumstances or with different peers.

The roles within bullying are:

- As the person being bullied.
- As the person bullying someone else.
- As a person who witnesses bullying happening or knows about someone being bullied.

Most of the time bullying takes place with students (and others) present. People who witness bullying are called **bystanders**. Bystanders can play a number of roles:

- Assisting the students who are bullying and actively join in.
- Encouraging or showing approval to the students who are bullying.
- Doing nothing or being passive.
- Defending or supporting the student who is being bullied by intervening, getting teacher support or comforting them.

Bystanders who are passive (take no action) or behave in ways that give silent approval (watching, nodding, walking away) encourage the behaviour to continue.

When talking to students about ways to be supportive bystanders, parents and teachers need to be aware of (and respect) the reasons that students may not step in. They may:

- Fear for their own safety (now and later) or position in the group.
- Think that someone else will help.
- Be worried about making things worse.
- Not know what to do.
- Think their actions won't make a difference.
- Think it's none of their business.
- Think the student being bullied deserved it.
- Think it's fun to watch.

As a school and a community we must continue to educate and support our students to be the best they can be in all situations they face. If you would like more information please visit the 'Bullying No Way'! website.



Tennis Report - On Friday 13th March, 5 grade 6 students, Tom, Jake, Max, Ruby and Mia got the opportunity to represent our school at a Tennis Tournament. It was a good day for it and there were some close matches. Jake made the semi finals but unfortunately didn't progress.

We would like to thank all the competitors and teachers for organising it.

Tom & Jake

“Pevensey”

We're rough, we're tough,
we're hard to beat,

Come on Pevensey,
move your feet!

Slogan (green):

The best you've seen!

Mascot: Shrek



“Canberra”



Red, Red,
knock 'em
dead

Slogan:

Canberra
you're in our
territory!

Mascot: Canberra Kanga

“Emmylou”

One colour, one
team, one dream!

Slogan: Emmylou!
Let's go blue!

Mascot: Smurf



Community Chants

“Adelaide”

Yellow, Yellow

The best team we know,

We'll beat you all day,

And that's what we'll show.

Slogan: Get ready for the raid it's
Adelaide!

Mascot:
Duncan



20 Gotchas of the Week

RayWhite

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LorrainePontejos
MaceyArmstrong
LexieHoward
WillAndrews
AidenCalleja
TobyTeasdale
FraserThompson
SamuelCartwright
JaydenVentura
ZarahThompson
JacksonGrove
OliviaLees
EmmeLove
AvaZandt
LilyMorgan
TiahHaydon
TallaraSpacek
ZoeyGibson
MasonJohnston
CharlieGroves
IvyCladingboel
JackBowers
JettWelch
ChloeDavies
XavierEdwards
NiniaCorry
DominickKraulis
CharlieHaw
ElkaLowe
AmeliaO'Grady
TigheTeasdale
KiaraOwens
OllieMarr
LandynMaher
SageHamilton
AudreyPearce
RubyNaujok
BrodyMoore
LucyDickinson
ChaseHamilton
NedHornsby
KayeshaBellwood
GracieRetallick
IndianaNathan
OliveRoss
QuinnBurdett
JaggerWalter
NateGibson
LoganMann
LennyBrewis
AlbieBrewis
HarryClarke
TylerHorneman
BladeWatson
ReggieNuttal
KianaBurt
SophiaPadilla
AmyKelly
GraceMorgan
MaliyahBarnett
TaylaEgglestone
MelanieFrancis
LindsayCorry
CharlieProssalis
NedCoutts
RiverPriest
DomCalleja
RiverBawden
JackWoodland
LeniTeasdale
TayteRamage

50 Gotchas of the Week

RayWhite

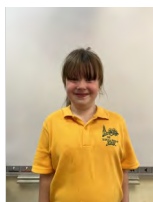
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AlyssaMitchell
BeauGriffiths

CharlotteWilson
MaddisonScurrah

Student of the Week

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00A Reagan Mann Reagan has been on fire this week! She has been working hard to learn all our Words of the Week and has blown us all away. You are a star Reagan!



00C Savannah Treacy Savannah is calm, caring and creative. She is an asset to our classroom and has had a wonderful week! We love seeing your confidence grow every day.



1A Imogen Butler Imogen is such a fantastic role model for 1A. She always does her best and is very respectful towards her classmates and teachers. What a happy person to be around!



1C Luca Griffiths Luca is a little 1C legend. He uses all of his working time productively and strives to do his best work at all times! A great role model.



2A Charlotte Wilson A student who could get student of the week every week! She is a role model student of the school values and faces each day with a positive attitude.



2C Archie Watson What a wonderful class member Archie is. He is always kind to others and very happy to lend a helping hand. Thanks Archie. 2C are lucky to have you in our class.



Junior Sports Star - Mr Campbell Hallie Lowe 2A Hallie showed outstanding resilience in PE this week! She took a hard fall during a tag game, but she recovered quickly and got straight back into the game. Well done Hallie!



Junior Art Star - Mr Thompson Billy Bell 2C Billy really enjoyed using the musical instruments this week. He understood simple musical notation and demonstrated different rhythms. Well done, Billy!



00B Chloe Davies Chloe is 00B's quiet achiever. Always listening, always trying her best and completing her work to a very high standard. Keep being amazing Chloe.



00D Dusty Watson Dusty has brought the spunk into 00D. No morning is ever the same when Dusty bursts into the room. Dusty has come along in leaps and bounds since starting Prep, having lots of fun on the way!



1B Summer Clarke Summer is a champion mathematician. She tried her absolute hardest to achieve impressive results during our quick maths. Super job.



1D Abbey Crisp Amazing Abbey! You have the most caring nature and love to learn! What a star you are Abbey!



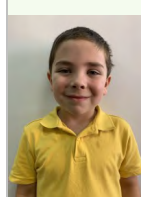
2B Angela Shrestha Angela you are 2B's quiet achiever. Super organised, listening to instructions and kind and polite to all. Thankyou Angela.



2D Judd Morgan Judd is an absolute superstar. He has been kicking goals since day 1. His mature attitude, dedication to his learning and beautifully mannered nature is such a pleasure to have in our class.



Junior Science Whizz - Miss Kellock Pearl North 2C For your great enthusiasm and participation in science this week. It is great to see you challenging your thinking and questioning why things happen just like scientists do!



Junior Indonesian Star - Ibu Jenny Harry Clarke 00C Harry is a fantastic class member in Indonesian. He always listens quietly to instructions, cooperates with his classmates and confidently speaks Indonesian.



3A Flynn Goulding Wow Flynn! 3A are so lucky to have you! So kind, well mannered and always showing our school values! Well done!

3C Arlie Welch 3C hit the jackpot with our new recruit! Arlie works hard both in class and at home posting all her home reading on Seesaw. Very impressive.



4B Aimee O'Mara Aimee is an outstanding student who strives to do her best. She always makes a huge effort with her work and shows great interest in all topics. Great job champion!



5A Tillie Weetra-Oliver Tillie has been consistently responding to her reading at home in creative ways, demonstrating her Grade 5 thinking. Well done superstar!



5C Ned Coufts Well done Ned! You have been working really hard in class and giving everything a go. We are lucky to have you in 5C.



6A Lexie Meagher The kingdom of 6A is always an even better place when Lexie is around. Kind, enthusiastic and forever positive, she puts a sparkle in our days.



6C Preston Taylor Your persistence in Maths has not gone unnoticed. You are making progress and have a positive mindset to achieve your goals. Keep up the great work Preston!



Senior Science Whizz - Miss Kellock
Solomon Welch 5D Week in week out Sol is responsible and respectful in the science room. Well done on explaining your thinking and getting involved in all investigations. Keep it up!



Senior Indonesian Star - Ibu Jenny Jagga Burke 4B Wow, Jagga, you completed a fabulous Indonesian poster on animals. I liked the way you doubled the length of your writing and worked quickly and independently. Fantastic!



3B Haylee Watts Oram Haylee what a superstar! You always give everything you do your best effort. We are so lucky to have you in 3B, keep up the great work!



4A Milly Morley If you need someone to help you convince your parents to buy you something - Milly is your girl! She has taken the writing trait of Voice and used it to great effect this week. Fingers crossed you get a kitten Milly!



4C Kally Bray-Jones Congratulations Kally on your enthusiasm during writing. You have been busy drafting and editing, and very eager to publish! I can't wait to see your final copy. Great work, Kally!



5B Lily Morgan Lily shows determination during independent tasks, always striving to produce work of a high standard. What a great role model for her classmates!



5D Jacob Brighton You always go above and beyond during your reading and writing tasks and the work you produce acts as a great exemplar for your peers. Well done!



6B Charlie Proussalis What a kind, caring and inclusive member of our class who is forever looking out for others. Thank you Charlie for just being you!



Senior Sports Star - Mr Campbell
Oliver Goulding 5B Oliver worked extremely hard this week when developing his tennis skills. Keep up the great work Oliver!



Senior Art Star - Mr Thompson
Lincoln Bohn 6A Lincoln used some impressive line art techniques to help make his music genre poster stand out. I can't wait to see the final product, Lincoln.


threeblacksheep

Echuca Primary School
welcomes you to 2020's
Social Evening

LIVE MUSIC - THREE'S A CROWD
FREE DRINK UPON ENTRY
DRESS - SMART CASUAL
FINGER FOOD

includes gourmet
finger food and
entertainment.
The perfect evening to
catch up with old
and new friends.

\$50 PER PERSON
PLEASE PAY AT SCHOOL OFFICE
PRIOR TO THE NIGHT

POSTPONED

Three Black Sheep
290 Perricoota Road
Moama

June 20
6.30pm -



"Duncan" creates happiness
wherever he goes!

Keep Up To Date @ 208

Term 1

| | Monday | TUESDAY | WED | THURS | FRI |
|-------------|--|--|------------------|--|--|
| Wk 6 Mar | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am | 6 th Lawn Bowls Comp |
| Wk 7 Mar | 9 th LABOUR DAY | 10 th Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am | 11 th | 12 th Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am | 13 th District Tennis Gr 3 iPad Open Class |
| Wk 8 Mar | 16 th Forensic Science Gr 3-6 | 17 th Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am | 18 th | 19 th Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am | 20 th National Day Against Bullying |
| Wk 9 Mar | 23 rd | 24 th Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am | 25 th | 26 th Breaky Club 8:30-8:45am | 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 |
|-------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wk1 Apr | | 14 th First Day Term 2 | 15 th | 16 th | 17 th |
| Wk 2 Apr | 20 th | 21 st | 22 nd | 23 rd | 24 th |
| Wk 3 Apr | 27 th | 28 th | 29 th | 30 th | MAY 1ST |
| Wk 4 May | 4 th |  | | | 8 th |

Breaky Club with an Irish theme on Tuesday this week, St. Patrick's Day



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