

15th May 2024



Issue 8

Assistant Principals Report

Ben Ridge



Royal Children's Hospital Training

This week nursing staff from the Royal Children's Hospital have been training our staff. This training is required to support the students in our care. The staff that are trained are able to support the students in their care in a range of ways.

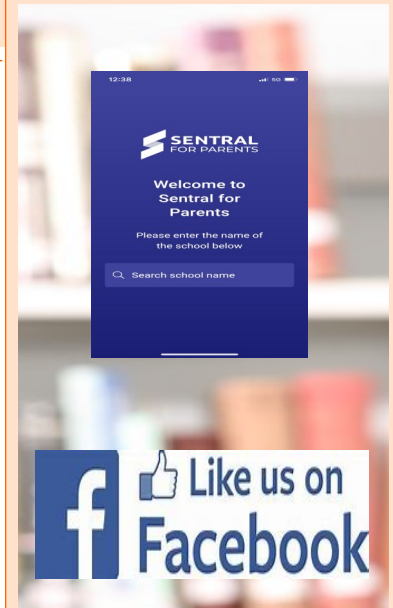


Bus travel

Please continue to communicate with both the school and the bus if there are any changes to the current arrangements, this could be a sick child, a medical appointment or a change of circumstance. Each term we meet as a team to review the bus process, provide support and review student plans. On occasions the bus staff may ask for strategies to support your child on the bus. We continue to complete referrals and implement strategies to support all students while on the bus.

Cross Country

Over the past few weeks the students have participated in both school and inter school cross country events. Thank you to Amy for organising the events. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students. Some students have qualified to compete at a regional level. We wish them all good luck.



JUNE

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| 10th | Kings Birthday
Public Holiday |
| 11th | MS4L workshop—
Whole staff training
Pupil Free |
| 28th | End of Term 2
Dismissal at 2pm |

JULY

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| 15th | Term 3 starts |
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Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School acknowledges the history, culture, diversity, and value of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and pays respect to their elders past and present, as well as acknowledging future generations.



Reporting

Teachers are in the midst of writing Semester 1 reports; these reports are a summary of achievement. The reports cover a range of curriculum areas including English, Maths and Science. The reports will be published through SENTRAL on Wednesday 26th of June.



Education Support Staff

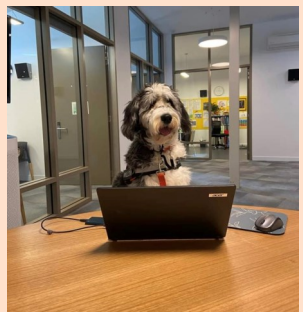
Thursday 18th of May was World Education Support day, we celebrated World Education Support Day by holding a shared morning tea. We recognise that amazing work the Education Support staff do within our school, the role is diverse, we are proud of the staff and the work they continue to do.

POSITIVE TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

We appreciate the diversity of others



Willow the Wellbeing Dog



Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or Nurse-on-call as required
- staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the National Immunisation Program.

COVID-19 booster

The 2024 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above.

Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2024 booster dose.

You can get your next dose at your local pharmacy or GP. To find one near you, refer to the vaccine clinic finder.

Find out more

For more information about preventing flu, and immunisation, refer to:

- Better Health Channel influenza flu immunisation fact sheet
- Getting vaccinated against influenza.



Our Vision

To provide inclusive and engaging learning that empowers all students for life



Our Values

Be Respectful
Be Inclusive
Be Responsible



Last Thursday we had 13 senior students run in the interschool cross country today over at Echuca College.

Every single one of them completed the 3km course, which is a huge effort.

Eden

Elijah B

Kaitlyn

Chloe W

Ollie A

Manny

Michael S

Mondy

Connor DS

JJ

Sayge

Saxon

James A



For some of these students it was their first time representing the school and they were all excellent ambassadors for you school and themselves.

Some of these students will now go on to compete at the next level in St. Arnaud later this month.

Amy Coshan



2024 BUS STAFF

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Alan & Jess

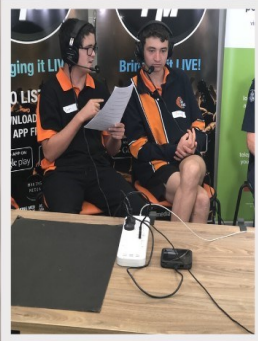
Elmore:
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**Bill, Kevin, Jan,
Sandra & Mirinda**

Kyabram:
0448 981 278
Peter & Megan



Last week VL students went to Headspace EchUCA to created a podcast on cybersafety.

What a fantastic opportunity for these students.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Hi our names are Stuart and Hayley Trevena, we are Baileys parents. As many of the parents that have a child or children at twin rivers we are trying to give bailey the best life possible with all resources available at his disposal.

Hayley and myself thought, what more could we do to support bailey and all the other kids on the spectrum? we decided to raise money and awareness.

For the past year we have been selling beanies, wrist bands, pins, key chains, jumpers, shirts ect.

Bailey has now started school this year at twin rivers Echuca and has exceeded all our expectations, as term one has come to a close he has come such a long way We believe that all kids on the spectrum deserve to have the same opportunities as everyone else.

Please help us to raise more awareness.

Thank you

Here's Baileys story.

Bailey is a 5 year old kid with autism who is always running around with a smile on his face, laughing and being in his own world. Bailey has always been like this even before he was diagnosed. Bailey would always walk on his tippy toes or even flap his hands, we never thought anything of it, we just thought he was just any other kid just doing kid things. We thought the hand flapping was just his way of showing us that he was excited and happy, because he wasn't verbal with us and it was the only way he could express himself. It wasn't until the women at Aussie Kindies Kyabram were worried because he wasn't to verbal and interacting at his age, then we decided to get him looked at.

On July of 2021 we went and seen a specialist who watched and observed bailey, after that he diagnosed him, the specialist referred us to NDIS for funding, it was a long process before we could get funding. To this we had to go around another way, we had a video call with someone involved with NDIS and she watched bailey for an hour. After the video call she confirmed that he definitely has autism, she pushed for bailey to get funding and we eventually got it for him.

Since finding out bailey has come a long way, at the start bailey was not speaking many words and didn't like to be around other kids. Now he is the exact opposite, he's saying more words and interacting with other kids at school and enjoying life.



We have a supply of the Beanies and wrist bands at school. If you would like to make any purchases please see Jenni at the front desk.



BEANIES \$20



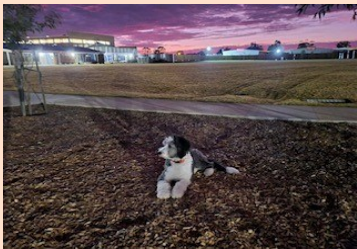
WRISTBANDS \$2

COMMUNITY NEWS

OUR SCHOOL

Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School provides education for children ages 5-18 years with intellectual and associated disabilities. It services the Campaspe and Murray Shire area.

The school prides itself on having an open and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community participation.



Coolheads
Young Driver Program - it's all about attitude

A thought provoking, confronting and informative road safety program with advice on a wide range of topics for young drivers. Presented by Victoria Police and local agencies

Safe driving for life - It's all about ATTITUDE!

WEDNESDAY 19 June, 2024

The Centre – Twin Rivers Schools Echuca
66 Wilkinson Drive, Echuca

Arrive by 6.40pm for a 7pm Start (concludes approx 9pm)

Free Entry – but a ticketed event scan the QR code

Registrations open now.
Visit: www.trybooking.com/CRKHT

Enquiries contact:
Leading Senior Constable Shane Roberts
shane.m.roberts@police.vic.gov.au
Echuca Police Station: (03) 5483 1500

If an Attendance Certificate is required, please register at the Coolheads Desk prior to taking your seat.

VICTORIA POLICE

Logos: TWIN RIVERS, CCLLEN, Riverine Herald, EDGE FM, STM SYNERGY

PLAY

FOR THE KICKS

come find your awesome

Echuca Moama Rockets Auskick

Registrations are now OPEN!
Wednesday 17th of April
10 weeks Program
Time: 4.30pm-5.30pm

play.afl/auskick

Logos: nab AFL Auskick, QR code

RUN ECHUCA MOAMA

Building homes for people with disability

After 10 years of successful Johnno's Run events, we have decided to try and grow the event to reach the wider running community and bring more participants to Echuca Moama.

We aim to increase the number of entries which then increases the amount of money that is raised for our Opening Doors Project - building homes for people with disability.

It will be the same distances - 21.1km, 10km and 5km - run, walk or wheel (mobility aids only) and a junior event.

These events are all wheelchair accessible. Making this event inclusive for people with varying abilities to run, walk or wheel, is important to us and sets us apart from other running events.

Early bird registrations open soon.

Save the date - Sunday 4th August 2024

Please share with your friends and family.



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