

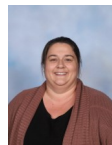
10th August 2023



Issue 12

## Acting Assistant Principals Report

I will be filling in for Ben until he returns on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact me for any bus questions or concerns.



### Parent opinion survey

Our parent opinion survey is now open. You would've received a note and email about this. Your insights are incredibly important to us, and we greatly value your feedback. Please take a moment to participate and share your thoughts as we believe in continuous improvement.

### Staffing difficulties

Replacing absent staff continues to present significant challenges, often resulting in shortages on most days. To manage this, classrooms are joining together or splitting between classrooms. While this is not the ideal scenario, we are proud of our staff's dedication to keep the school running smoothly.

### Soccer tournament

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August we hosted an interschool soccer day. We had students travel from Kalianna, Bendigo SDS and Swan Hill Specialist School to participate in the tournament. The day was a great way to promote sportsmanship, teamwork, and friendly competition among the 4 schools.

### Book Week and Dress Up Day

National book week will run from 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August. The theme this year is "read, grow, inspire". Throughout the week, students will have the opportunity to participate in different activities. Book week will conclude on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> August with our annual dress up day and parade.

### Special Persons Day September 1<sup>st</sup>

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of September, we are inviting all special people to come into school for the morning. Our special people are invited to come into classrooms and have a coffee from the café on us.

### Student Support Group Meetings – Pupil Free Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Term 3 SSG date is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. This is a pupil free day. Students are welcome to attend these meetings. These meetings are a vital way to improve the relationship between school and home. The meeting focuses on celebrating success, setting learning goals for the students, and discussing individual programs.



## AUGUST

21-25TH—BOOKWEEK

25TH—BOOKWEEK

PARADE

31ST—YEAR 10

IMMUNISATION

## SEPTEMBER

1ST—SPECIAL PERSONS  
DAY & STALL

5TH—SSG MEETING  
STUDENT FREE

7TH—SCHOOL COUNCIL

7TH—SWAH HILL SPORTS

15TH—FOOTY COLOURS  
DAY

15TH—LAST DAY OF TERM  
3 DISMISSAL @ 2PM

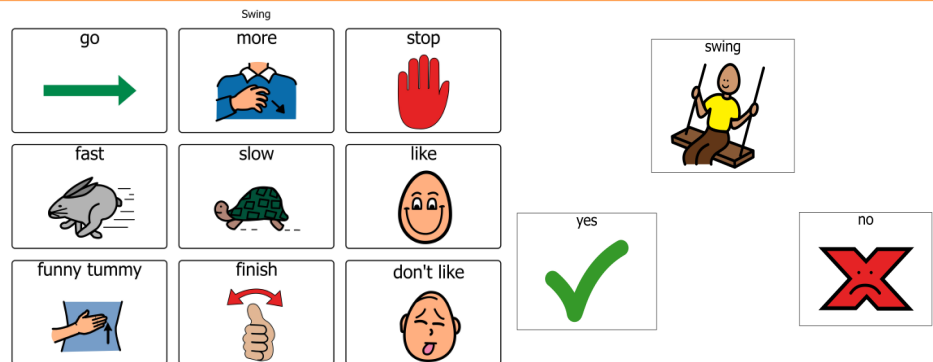


Echuca Twin Rivers  
Specialist School  
acknowledges the  
history, culture,  
diversity, and value of  
all Aboriginal and  
Torres Strait  
Islanders, and pays  
respect to their elders  
past and present, as  
well as acknowledging  
future generations.



Every Wednesday the Allied Health Team have been offering rides on the wheelchair swing. So far Sonny, Frank, Willarrah, Kambella, Daniel and Paislee have all had a turn.

Initially Frank said no but then he changed his mind. With the support of an aided language display, the children have enjoyed communicating if they liked it, to go fast or slow and much more. Sonny loved laughing about the “funny tummy” feeling you can get when you go on a swing.

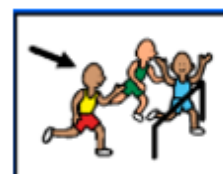
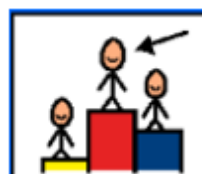


## PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

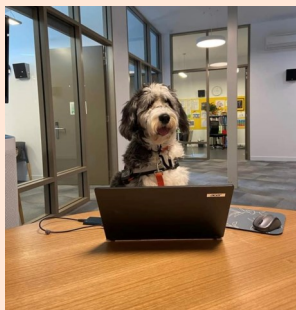
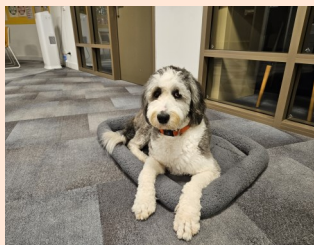
**Be Responsible in the Classroom**  
**We complete our work**



**We are happy for others when they win and we support others when they lose**



## Willow the Wellbeing Dog



## Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY vaccine

On Thursday 31st August the Campaspe Shire Immunisation Nurses will be administering the Meningococcal vaccine to our Year 10 students. This year there is a new online booking system details are below:

Department of Health have recently launched a new **Online Booking program for Immunisations**, including school vaccination programs.

This site allows the families to register and complete the Consent form online for the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination.

*How to make a booking ?*

To access the Online Consent form, we have provided your school with a URL link :

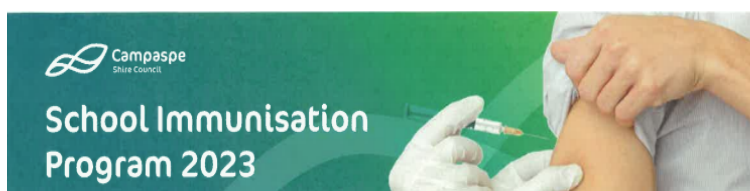
<https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au//PrivacyCollection/?id=b5e65b35-1425-ee11-9965-000d3ae1a4f6&Year10>

The digital consent card is to be completed by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

We understand some clients may have difficulty making an Online appointment, so we will also provide Hardcopy consent cards to the school office to hand out if needed.

Please contact our team if you have any questions or for families requiring further assistance with the digital application, on 1300 666 535 or via email [immunise@campaspe.vic.gov.au](mailto:immunise@campaspe.vic.gov.au)

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school regarding this information. A email was sent to all Year 10 students with the link.



## Music in Room 2 Djembe Drums

A *djembe* or *jembe* is a rope-tuned skin-covered goblet *drum* played with bare hands, originally from West Africa.



## 2023 BUS STAFF

Rushworth:

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Peter – Ann/Sharon

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Alan – Jess

Elmore:

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Kerry – Jan/  
Sandra

Kyabram:

0448 981 278

Cameron – Megan



Department  
of Education

## 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian

### Opinion Survey:

**WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

We will be emailing and sending home the log in details.

You can also drop in to the office and access a school laptop to complete the survey.

Everyone that completes the survey can have a free coffee from our café.



## Our Vision

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



## Our Values

Be Respectful  
Be Inclusive  
Be Responsible



Last Wednesday Café students participated in “Nailed It” from a Netflix series. Maggie had made cupcakes and a full cake and students the copied the decorations.

Students had an absolute ball.



## THINGS KIDS NEED TO HEAR MORE OFTEN

I **forgive** you.

I love you **no matter what**.\*\*

I made a mistake, I'm **sorry**.

I like **spending time** with you.

I'm so **grateful** that you're in my life.

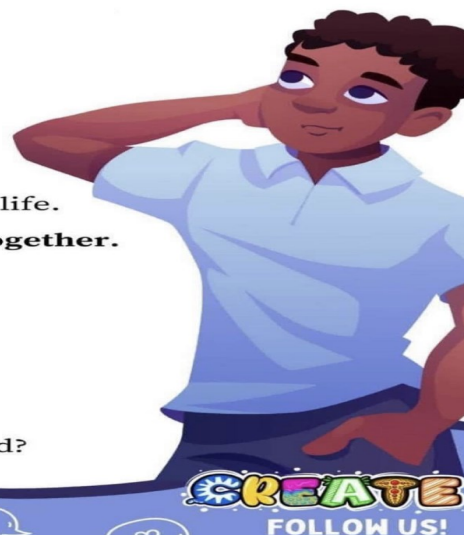
I don't know. Let's figure it out **together**.

I can see that you're trying and I'm **really proud** of you.

**It's okay** if we don't agree.  
I appreciate the honesty.

**Let's pause** this talk and come back to it. I need a break.

Can we talk about what happened?  
I **want to understand** your side.





We are back after 5 years. This is our major fundraiser and this year we will be celebrating this event with the Primary School. Tickets are available for purchase at the school. We are also looking for donations for Auction items on the night and Raffle prizes. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. So grab a group of friends get dressed up and join us for a fantastic night.



Friday 27th October  
7pm @  
Moama Bowling  
Club

FEATURING



ECHUCA TWIN RIVERS  
SPECIAL SCHOOL &  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



**CENTURY 21.**  
Rich River Real Estate

Tickets \$120 includes  
two course meal &  
drinks

CALL IN OR CONTACT  
THE SCHOOL ON 5410 7700 TO  
PURCHASE TICKETS

# Sponsors

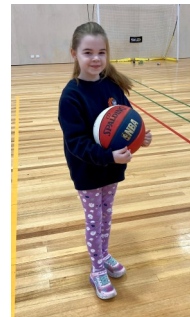
*We'd like to thank the following  
sponsors*



**Friday 27th October 7.00 pm @ Moama Bowling Club  
Tickets \$120 includes two course meal & drinks**



Over the next week we will be participating in Basketball clinics through Sporting Sports. Derek Murphy from the Shepparton Gators will be running these clinics.



Room 8 playing charades in the Library.



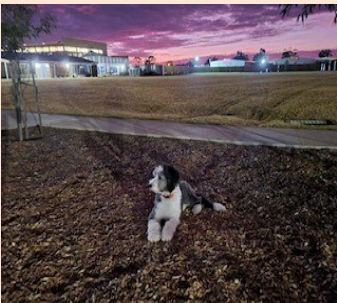


# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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




**RAREWEAR**

**Sizes 2-14**

**Accessible Fashion For Kids With Disability**

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO FIND PANTS TO FIT OVER ANKLE FOOT ORTHOTICS OR PROSTHETICS?

We have you Covered!

RareWear offer a range of accessible clothing for children with innovative designs, featuring zips for easy access to AFOs, SMOs & Prosthetics!

[www.rarewear.com.au](https://www.rarewear.com.au)

Community Living & Respite Services

Presents the

**GRAVITY SHACK JUNIOR BOLT**

**SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 2023**  
**10.30AM**

(Junior bolt event will commence at the completion of the 5km event)

**Kerrabee Soundshell Moama**

Cost - \$5 prior to event or \$10 on the day

**Age Groups**  
5 - 7 yrs old - 400m  
8 - 10 yrs old - 800m

**PRIZES for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in both events**

To Register - [clrs.org.au/johnnosrun](https://clrs.org.au/johnnosrun)

**ICAN NETWORK ONLINE**

**SEP 4 - OCT 16**  
**AGES 8-22**

Explore your interests with like-minded Autistic peers in a positive, safe environment. Also...

**DID YOU SAY NEW GROUPS?**

**YES! ... INC. TAYLOR SWIFT, INTRODUCTION TO DUNGEONS & DRAGONS & JUNIOR DRAWING & ART**

**AS WELL AS:**  
MINECRAFT, POKEMON, ROBLOX, AFL, MUSIC, MOVIES, CARS, I CAN GROUPS, FANTASY BOOKS AND MORE...

**APPLY NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**

\*PLACED WITH SIMILAR-AGED PEERS  
Groups are facilitated by two trained I CAN Mentors. All staff have completed our child protection training and hold current Working With Children Checks.

**APPLY NOW!**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
[icannetwork.online/online](https://icannetwork.online/online)

**19th November, 2023**

**SHOWDOWN AT THE SOUNDSHELL**

**YOUTH TALENT COMPETITION**  
**\$1,000 Winners Prize**  
**\$250 Peoples choice**

- Entrants must be 12-18 YEARS OF AGE
- Applications must be completed online and be accompanied with a link to a video performance
- All applications for people under 16 must be approved by a parent/guardian
- Applications will be assessed by our expert panel to determine final applicants
- Start and finish times will be advised on October 20, 2023

**Applications close 10th October**

Enquiries to: [showdownatthesoundshell@gmail.com](mailto:showdownatthesoundshell@gmail.com)

**Applications at [www.girgarre.com.au](http://www.girgarre.com.au)**



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<https://www.echucass.vic.edu.au>

**Young BORDER Drivers FORUM**

**3rd October 2023**  
**6.30pm**

Speakers from Victoria & NSW Police will answer all questions

**Who? Where? What?**

'L' and 'P' plate drivers

Echuca Workers & Services Club, Annesley St, Echuca

The challenges facing young drivers in border communities

For more information please contact Senior Sergeant Damian Keegan, Echuca Police Station (03) 5483 1300