

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.



Assistant Principal Reports



On Site Learning

It has been fantastic to see the staff and students return to on site learning, the students have transitioned smoothly and have enjoyed their programs. Inter school activities such as ICAN, Junior Park Rangers and Billabong Ranch can go ahead. We would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout this challenging time. We are hoping to continue with minimal disruption to the learning for the students.

Hands on Learning

I would like to welcome Mark Dolan and Carmen Dye to our Hands-on Learning team. Each Monday a group of students participate in the Hands-on Learning program. Some of the projects include building tables and chairs and planning a pizza oven. Last week the students researched information about pizza ovens and they were able to lay a paver base. It is great to see the students participating in such a responsible manner.

EchUCA Twin Rivers School Athletics

It was great to see students from EchUCA Twin Rivers Specialist School participating in the EchUCA Twin Rivers School Athletics carnival. Some of the events included high jump, triple jump and hurdles. It was a great opportunity for the students to join in and also help out with the running of the day. Some of the older student helped by raking the sandpits, putting up the hurdles and cheering on the participants.

Important Dates



August

12th—School Council 5pm

12th—3-6 Pod Athletic Day

20th—F-2 Pod Athletic Day

September

8th—All Abilities football/
Netball

9th—7-12—Swan Hill Sports

16th—School Council 5pm

17th—End of Term 3

October

4th—Start of Term 4



Our Vision

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



Cont. Assistant Principals report

Healthy Eating

Please remember that food items such as icy poles, lollies and soft drink are not to be brought to school by students. At Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School, we are guided by the Healthy Eating policy. Please when you or your child are packing lunch and snacks for the day can you please refrain from sending any of these items.

Healthy Eating Policy

Rationale:

This school's staff, students and the school-community will work together to actively promote healthy eating through appropriate curriculum and during school activities.

Healthy eating is fundamental to good health throughout life for all people. It underpins healthy growth and development, contributes to health and wellbeing, positive mental health and quality of life, and plays a role in preventing disease.

Overall, for good health, school aged children need to drink plenty of water and eat plenty of fruit, vegetables, legumes and cereals; adequate amounts of lean meat and low fat milk products; and importantly, choose foods containing less fat, less saturated fat, less sugar and less salt.

Aims:

- To develop an informed appreciation of healthy eating habits within students.
- To ensure that any foods provided by the Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School are consistent with a healthy eating philosophy.
- To promote the importance of staff as positive role models for healthy eating.

Implementation:

- Ensure the school curriculum is rich with learning opportunities that encourage and aid students in making wise choices when selecting food and drink.
- Learning programs will provide opportunities for developing practical food skills related to growing, selection, storage, preparation, cooking and serving food.
- Lessons relating to healthy foods and healthy eating are covered in each student's studies.
- Make healthy food a very easy option for students and staff to purchase, via the school food services and local approved supplier.
- Ensure that all foods served at the canteen/food service comply with the approved healthy foods list ('Go for your Life' Healthy Canteen Kit).
- Put health considerations above profit concerns.
- Promote the drinking water as the first and best choice.
- Drinkable water will be available at the school at all times.
- Encourage all students to drink water throughout the day and permit water bottles during class time.
- Promote healthy eating in all school activities and ensure healthy foods and drink is available to all students at activities such as sporting events and school camps.
- Foods that do not comply with the healthy eating policy may be supplied as part of a special event but will not occur more than once per term.
- Staff members are encouraged to model healthy eating habits whilst at school.
- Fundraising activities will not focus on the promotion of unhealthy foods that do not complement the healthy eating policy e.g. chocolate or lamington drives.
- Special provision will be made for any students who are frequently hungry and do not have access to adequate nutritious food including breakfast.

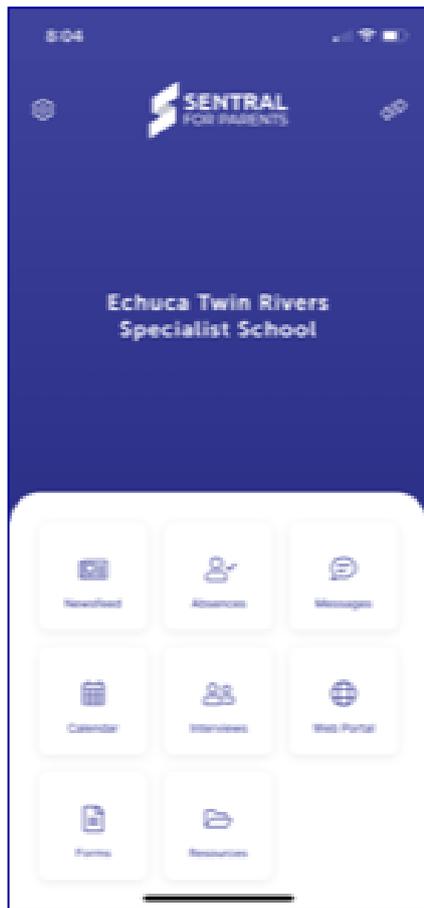
Food will not be used within behaviour management programs; for example as a reward for positive behaviour or withheld as a disciplinary measure.

The school will ensure that any partnerships with the food industry and related organisations, including sponsorship arrangements, support the healthy eating principals of this document.

The school will foster positive communication and relationships with families to support healthy eating outcome for young people.

The school will promote its involvement in healthy activities and healthy food to the wider community.

Office News—If you have not received an email or you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jenni in the office on 5410 7700.



Parent Portal

Our Parent Portal is now live. All parents/carers should have received an email with your access code. This portal will allow parents to submit current and future absences, contact your child's teacher, view the calendar of events and has the ability to booking SSG meeting.

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

30 Randomly selected families/carers have been sent an email to participate in the 2021 Opinion Survey. The survey will run from Monday 19th July to the 3rd September, 2021. We ask that you take the time to complete the survey as your opinion is important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. The on-line survey should take 20 minutes to complete. Thank you for taking the time to participate, your assistance is greatly appreciated.



Your School, Your Say – School Portal

PBS Targeted Behaviour

Knowledge in the Classroom
I do my best



I ask for help when I need it



Green & Gold Day



3-6 pod sports with Twin Rivrs Primary School



Community News



positive partnerships
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

**POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS
GET TOGETHER -
SUPPORTING DIVERSE LEARNERS**

Free
to attend



Parents, carers, grandparents and extended families are invited to join us for two days of yarning and sharing stories.

During the workshop we will be:

- sharing real experiences and information
- talking about ways to support a child with diverse learning needs or autism at home, school and in their community.

Echuca, VIC
25th & 26th August 2021
9.30am - 2pm

Morning tea on arrival & lunch provided

Location: Echuca
Venue: The Echuca Workers
Address: 165-171 Annesley Street, Echuca VIC 3564

We respectfully acknowledge the Wollithiga and Yorta Yorta Peoples as the traditional custodians of the land

RSVP is essential for catering purposes. To book, contact:

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