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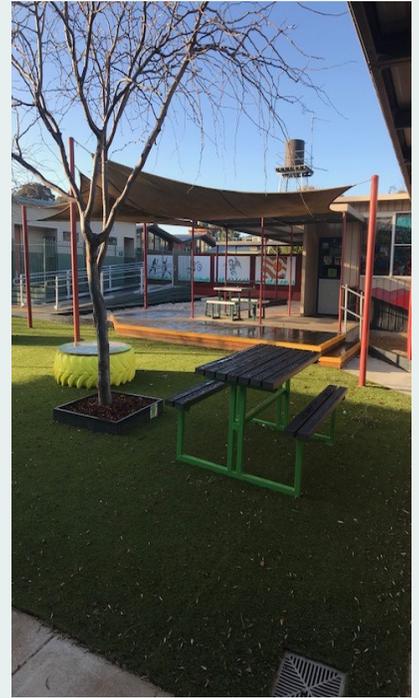
# Newsletter

Echuca 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.



## Our Vision:

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



## Principals message:

### Merry Christmas

I would like to wish the entire Echuca Specialist School community a Merry Christmas. I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas with families and friends. Make sure you all have a restful time and are ready for a fantastic 2020. Thank you for your support over the year. We believe it is a team effort and appreciate the work we do together to maximise learning outcomes for every student at ESS.



### Last day

**A reminder that the last day finishes at 12:30pm. Please make arrangements in regards to parent pick up or bus collection. We have a large amount of moving and cleaning to do on the last day. The early finish allows us to move furniture ready for 2020.**

### First day back

**The first day back next year will be Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January. The teachers return two days before to prepare for the year. We will be working with Twin Rivers Primary School on one day to get ready for when we are co-located.**

### Graduation

Tonight we are celebrating the graduation of five amazing ESS students. We are looking forward to acknowledging the achievements of the students and thank the families for their tremendous support over the years. This year we are holding the event at the Border Inn Hotel. Presentations will be held from 6pm before we all have dinner together. We will also be handing out the Caltex all-rounder award and the One and All award.

## Dates to remember:

### December:

12th—Year 12 Graduation night

**20<sup>th</sup>—Last day  
of Term 4  
Dismissal @  
12:30pm**

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## January 2020

30<sup>th</sup>—First day of Term 1

## CON'T PRINCIPAL REPORT

### New staff

Next year we have several new staff starting at school, as well as others returning. Maddie Fairley will be a new teacher in the years 7 to 9 groups. Nicole Lofthouse will be teaching 2 days a week in the Primary area. Liana Coyle was a trainee but now she is a full time ES in the Primary department. Lucas Denton and Bec Welsh return to us after some time away. They will both be working in the years 7 to 9 groups. We have just lost our music teacher and will be advertising over the holidays.

### Farewell to other staff

We have several staff leaving us at the end of this year. Vicki Mitchell, Trinity Keath, Ebony Baron, Lesley-Ann Mouritz, Candy Fanning, Gretl Schiller, Sophie Harding-Davies, Nicole Mitchell and Paul Cathcart won't be with us in 2020. We thank you all for your work at Echuca Specialist School.

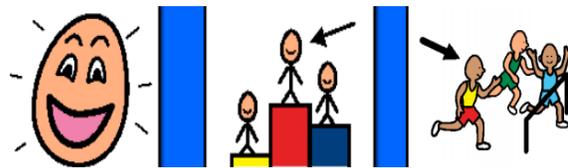


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## PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR—WEEK 9

### Knowledge in the Classroom

I am happy for others when they win and I support others when they lose



I do my best



The Bush program spent the afternoon learning how to erect tents. They did an amazing job.



## Information from the Business Manager

### **2019 Outstanding Invoices are now due for payment:**

Statements have gone home this week for any outstanding invoices and are now due for payment.

Payments can be paid via cash, Direct Debit into School Bank Account or EFTPOS (can be done via phone).

### **2020 Essential Education Item Fees**

**Primary:** \$220

**Secondary:** \$260

### **Payment arrangements**

To further assist parents with payments, four payment options have been developed:

**Option A** Full amount at the beginning of Term 1

**Option B** Payment at the beginning of each Term

**Option C** Half yearly payment (beginning of Terms 1 & 3)

**Option D** Other payment arrangements including; Centrelink Centrepay; fortnightly payments can be deducted from any Centrelink payment – please contact the office if you would like to arrange this.

# Graduates of 2019

Congratulations to our graduating students of 2019

Graduation will be held on

Thursday 12th December @6:00pm

at the Border Inn—Function Room

Zara



Abbagail



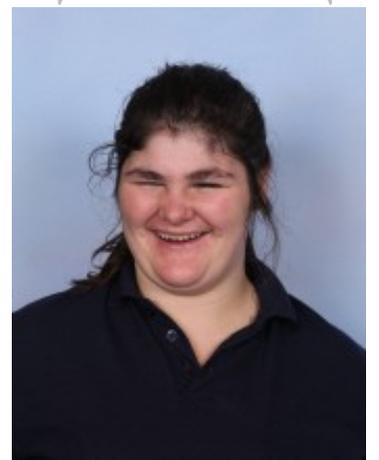
Tom



Jacob



Molli



From Term 1 2020, students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours. Below is the locker the school will provide for students to securely store their mobile devices. This storage locker will be located in the office.



Several art classes contributed to making the table centre pieces for the Christmas lunch for the homeless community of Echuca. They look terrific. They will also be on display at the tree exhibition at the Uniting church in Hare St over the next week.



Respect

Inclusion

Knowledge

WEEK 9

PBS OF THE WEEK PRIMARY



Room 1— Zane—PBS  
Being a leader and keeping others safe



Room 1—Shaun—PBS  
Sharing the Helicopter and other equipment



Room 2— Nicholas—PBS  
Taking care of equipment and others in the yard.



Room 5— Ella—PBS  
Sharing equipment with others



Room 7— Blake—PBS  
Sharing equipment and helping other feel safe



Room 11— Whole Class—PBS  
For having a great year! For challenging yourself in your learning, persisting with new challenges, being a positive class member and having lots of fun!



Room 13—Connor—PBS  
I help others feel safe



Room 13—Andrew & Ricky—PBS  
I share equipment



Room 14— Trent—PBS  
Always sharing equipment

SOW & PBS OF THE WEEK SECONDARY



Room 16—Tarkyn—SOW  
Trying to make the correct choice



Room 16—Cheyanne—PBS  
Sharing equipment and helping others feel safe.



Room 17—Jade—SOW  
Completing worded problems in Maths



Room 17—Bennett—PBS  
Sharing equipment in the yard



Room 18— Bailey—SOW  
Doing great work making a graph



Room 18—Aiden—PBS  
Always sharing equipment in the yard.



VCAL— Jai—SOW  
Independently getting on with his tasks at the Goat Farm



VCAL—Noah T—SOW  
Always trying his best at the Café



VCAL—Troy—PBS  
Helping others to feel safe



VCAL—Will P—PBS  
I share equipment

# COMMUNITY NEWS

	Etchua	Kyabram	Keechewee	Lockington	Tongala
Wed 13 Jan	1:00pm Family Movie "The Last Day of Noah"				
Thu 14 Jan	2:30pm NDV - Animal Shapes prepared by Alexander Coker	10:30am NDV - Animal Shapes prepared by Alexander Coker			4pm Wednesday Lego at every library.
Fri 15 Jan	10:30am Personalised Mugs				
Sat 16 Jan	2:00pm Omeo Studio and Masterpiece Art	2:30 - 4:30pm Craftroom - Novel Art			
Sun 17 Jan	2:30 - 4:30pm Craftroom - Novel Art	2:30pm Omeo Studio and Masterpiece Art	4:00 - 6:00pm Craftroom - Personalised Mugs	2:30 - 4:30pm Craftroom - Novel Art	2:45 - 4:30pm Craftroom - Novel Art
Mon 18 Jan	10:30am NDV - Shoe Biz prepared by Pru Edwards				10:30am NDV - Make a Friend prepared by Anne KERR
Tue 19 Jan	2:30pm Tech Zone		2:00pm NDV - Animal Shapes prepared by Alexander Coker		
Wed 20 Jan	2:30pm Family Movie "Toy Story 4"		2:30pm Omeo Studio and Masterpiece Art		
Thu 21 Jan	2:30pm NDV - Mystery Making	10:30am NDV - Mystical Creatures			
Fri 22 Jan	10:30am Candles		10:30am Movie Morning "This is the Last Day of Noah"		
Sat 23 Jan	2:30pm Burnings Craft				
Sun 24 Jan	2:00pm Family Movie "The Last Day of Noah"				
Mon 25 Jan	5:30pm - 7:00pm Place & Read Games (Registration from 5:00pm)	2:30 - 4:30pm Craftroom - Novel Art		2:30 - 4:30pm Craftroom - Novel Art	2:30pm Omeo Studio and Masterpiece Art
Tue 26 Jan	10:30am Plates	11am Animals of Oz Limited to 10 children			10am - 12 noon Craft Morning - Novel Art
Wed 27 Jan	3pm Animals of Oz Limited to 10 children		1pm Animals of Oz Limited to 10 children		
Thu 28 Jan	2:30pm Family Movie "Noah's Ark"		2:30 - 4:30pm Craftroom - Novel Art		
Fri 29 Jan	2:30pm Velvet Art	10:30am Candles			
Sat 30 Jan	10:30am Pendants & Keyrings		10:30am Family Movie "Toy Story 4"		
Sun 31 Jan	2:30pm - 4:30pm Craftroom - Novel Art	2:30 - 4:30pm Craftroom - Novel Art		2:30 - 4:30pm Craftroom - Novel Art	
Mon 1 Feb	2:30pm Let's Party Party	10:30am Let's Party Party	2:00pm Let's Party Party		10:30am Let's Party Party



## January School Holiday Learn to Swim Intensive

### Lockington Outdoor Pool

Monday, 13 January to Friday, 17 January  
1.00pm-5.00pm

Venue:	Lockington Outdoor Pool
Program cost:	\$75.50
Age:	3 years and above
Program:	30 minute session daily for 5 days
Closing Date:	Thursday, 9 January 2020

*All teachers are Austswim qualified*  
For further enrolment information contact EWMAC  
Telephone: 5483 9698

EWMAC | 03 5483 9698 | www.camspaspeaquatics.com.au



noah's ark

**MY TIME**  
**KYABRAM**



Down Syndrome Victoria  
Learning from our experiences

MyTime groups are for parents and carers of a child with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition. A **FREE** service where you can socialise and share ideas with others who understand caring for a child with additional needs. It's your time to catch up with other parents/carers in a relaxed setting. Play helpers are there to keep your children busy and active. Siblings under 6 are welcome.

### What will you get out of my time?

Assistance

Community

Shared Experiences

Friendship

Connections

Come along and see for yourself the benefit of being part of a group like this!  
Every Thursday from 9.30am - 11.00am

LOCATION	TERM DATES	CONTACT
Kyabram Community Learning Centre 21-25 Lake Rd Kyabram	30 <sup>th</sup> January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , February 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Wendy Community Living & Respite Services wkellett@cdrs.org.au Or 5480 2388

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE PORT OF ECHUCA DISCOVERY CENTRE

**MURRAY ROSS - KIDS ART CLASSES**  
MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
10.30AM

Develop your artistic skills with guidance from a successful artist & author, Murray Ross. INCLUDED IN DISCOVERY CENTRE ENTRY OR JUST \$5 FOR LOCAL KIDS. Bookings Essential.

**KIDS TORCHLIGHT TOUR**  
FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
7.30PM

Experience the Port of Echuca by torchlight on this fun & engaging evening tour. Catered to the whole family, our guides tell the story of Echuca's historical figures. COST \$10 PP. (INCLUDING ADULTS) Bookings Essential.

**KIDS TRAIL AVAILABLE ALL DAY EVERY DAY**  
Dress up in old-fashioned costumes, play games on the Echuca Wharf to complete our Kids Trail to earn a prize. INCLUDED IN DISCOVERY CENTRE ENTRY. No bookings required.

**THE ECHUCA WHARF'S CARGO SHED IS IN PROGRESS TO TRANSFORM INTO A NEW 'KIDS SPACE'!**

When completed, the space will be all about fun, creativity, colour and learning through playing. In the meantime, come and engage in our history through historic games, musical instruments, building blocks and old-fashioned costumes. On your way out, feel free to leave some feedback about what you think would be fun for a 'Kids Space'.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: enquiries@portofechuca.org.au or call (03) 5481 0500

FOLLOW US ON:  





74 Murray Esplanade, Echuca. W www.portofechuca.org.au



# Kinder Sports

## At Echuca Stadium

Starts 29 Jan. Will run during all school holidays.

**Mondays & Fridays**  
9 - 10:30am



**Fun sports, play & games for 2 to 5 year olds**

\$4.50 per child | No bookings needed  
Mum & Dad can join in the fun too  
Parental supervision required

For more information call Sharon on 5481 2247 or email s\_briscoe@camspaspeaquatics.com.au



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**Collecting November until December 20, 2019**  
 Supporting Struggling Families. Please consider donating a TOY for our 6th Annual Toy Drive. Drop off at the following: Echuca Pool; EM Family Medical Practice both Echuca and Moama; Echuca Library; Target Echuca

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DISTRIBUTING TO FAMILIES IN NEED ON MON DEC 9, FRI DEC 13, MON DEC 16, FRI DEC 20. UNITING CHURCH HALL 10 TO 12 noon.

**Moama Lions Club** presents



**Carols by Candlelight**

Great Local Entertainment  
 Father Christmas on the Fire Truck  
 Candles & Programs available  
 Lions BBQ 5.30pm

**Sunday 15 December 6.30pm**  
**Kerrabee Soundshell Moama**

**AGRICULTURE VICTORIA**



**HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL RELIEF – CWA OF VICTORIA DROUGHT RELIEF PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**  
 The Victorian Government has established the \$5 million Household Financial Relief program (the Program) to provide immediate assistance to farming families affected by drought and dry conditions.  
 The Program is a key component of the increased drought assistance being provided to Victorian farmers.  
 The Country Women's Association (CWA) of Victoria will deliver the Program as part of their Drought Relief program.  
 The CWA of Victoria will provide payments of up to \$2000 (GST) to each successful eligible farming family to assist with meeting urgent household expenses such as heater fuel, food, school expenses, rent, household and medical bills.  
 The Program is available to eligible recipients in the following regions:  
**East Gippsland and Wellington**  
 Eligible farm businesses, where the farm is located in Wellington and East Gippsland shires.  
**Far North West Victoria – 8 shires**  
 Eligible (dryland) farm businesses, where the farm is located in the far north west corner of Victoria, generally known as the Mallee and surrounding areas.  
 This incorporates the following towns and locality areas: Carwatha, Colloghan, Culbarline, Hazeln, Inver, Koolong, Lindsay Park, Meningar, Merrin, Nangiloc, Neds Corner, Wargan, and Merrin.  
**Goulburn Murray Irrigation District**  
 Eligible irrigation farm businesses where the farm is located in the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District (GIMD), including those that have transitioned from irrigation production systems since 1 July 2018.  
 The GIMD encompasses six local government areas of Campaspe Shire, Ovensware Shire, Ovens Shepparton City, Ludlow Shire, Mero Shire and Swan Hill Rural City.

Farmers' Drought Fund - Household Financial Relief | Program Guidelines November 2019

What would make school better for you? **VOICE OF OUR YOUTH** What helps you stay in school? What doesn't?

We want to hear from young people aged 12-25 about their experience at school, so we can better support them in school and in their future transition to work.

**A SHORT 10 QUESTION ONLINE YOUTH SURVEY**



**www.bit.ly/2mMeCZ1**

**TAKE THE SURVEY BEFORE END OF TERM 4 AND YOU COULD WIN \$500 FOR YOURSELF OR \$500 FOR YOUR SRC OR VCAL PROJECT**

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