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Issue 35

# 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

**20th—Last day  
of Term 4  
Dismissal @  
12:30pm**

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### January 2020

30th—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.

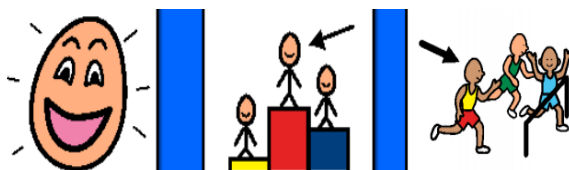


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## PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR—WEEK 9

### 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.

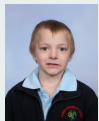


Several art classes contributed to making the table centre pieces for the Christmas lunch for the homeless community of Echuca. They look terrific. They will also be on display at the tree exhibition at the Uniting church in Hare St over the next week.



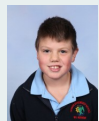
## WEEK 9

## 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



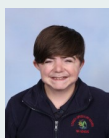
Room 16—Cheyanne—PBS

Sharing equipment and helping others feel safe.



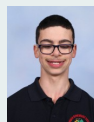
Room 17—Jade—SOW

Completing worded problems in Maths



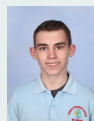
Room 17—Bennett—PBS

Sharing equipment in the yard



Room 18— Bailey—SOW

Doing great work making a graph



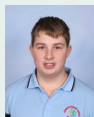
Room 18—Aiden—PBS

Always sharing equipment in the yard.



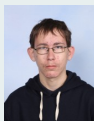
VCAL— Jai—SOW

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

	Enrich	Enrich	Enrich	Enrich	Tongue
10:00am - 11:00am	Family Movie "The Day of the Wolf 2"	10:30am NOV - Animal Shapes *expanding on Animal Color	10:30am NOV - Animal Shapes *expanding on Animal Color		 4pm Wednesday Laps at every Blue
11:00am - 12:00pm	Personalized Hugs	2:30pm - 4:30pm Craftsmen *all ages	2:30pm - 4:30pm Craftsmen *all ages	2:30 - 4:30pm Craftsmen *all ages	
12:00pm - 1:00pm	2:30pm Omeo Studio and Masterpiece Art	2:30pm Omeo Studio and Masterpiece Art	4:00 - 6:00pm Personalized Hugs	2:30 - 4:30pm Craftsmen *all ages	
1:00pm - 2:00pm	10:30am NOV - Blue Hugs *expanding on Animal Color			10:30am NOV - Make a Friend *all ages	
2:00pm - 3:00pm	2:30pm Tech Zone		2:00pm NOV - Animal Shapes *expanding on Animal Color		
3:00pm - 4:00pm	2:30pm Family Movie "The Day of the Wolf 2"		2:30pm Omeo Studio and Masterpiece Art		
4:00pm - 5:00pm	2:30pm NOV Mystery Making	10:30am NOV - Mystical Craftsmen			
5:00pm - 6:00pm	10:30am Candles		10:30am Movie Making "You & the Last Day of 2017"		
6:00pm - 7:00pm	2:30pm Bewitching Craft				
7:00pm - 8:00pm	2:00pm Family Movie "You & the Last Day of 2017"	2:30 - 4:30pm Paint & Read Stories *all ages, no book & story	2:30 - 4:30pm Craftsmen *all ages	2:30pm Omeo Studio and Masterpiece Art	
8:00pm - 9:00pm	10:30pm Pirates	11am Animals of Oz Limited to 20 children		10:30 - 12 noon Crafts Meeting *all ages	
9:00pm - 10:00pm	10:30am Animals of Oz Limited to 40 children	1pm Animals of Oz Limited to 20 children			
10:00pm - 11:00pm	2:30pm Family Movie "Halloween"	1:30 - 2:00pm Craftsmen *all ages			
11:00pm - 12:00pm	2:30pm Valent Art	10:30am Candles			
12:00pm - 1:00pm	10:30am Penguins & Seagulls		10:30am Family Movie "The Story of"		
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3:00pm - 4:00pm	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**

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

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

EWMAC | 03 5483 9698 | [www.camppespaquatics.com.au](http://www.camppespaquatics.com.au)






# MY TIME KYABRAM



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 socialize 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
<b>Kyabram Community Learning Centre</b> 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 <a href="mailto:wellett@cdrs.org.au">wellett@cdrs.org.au</a> Or 5480 2388

# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE PORT OF ECUHA DISCOVERY CENTRE

**MURRAY ROSS**  
— KIDS ART CLASSES —

**MONDAY 6TH, 13TH & 20TH JANUARY**  
10.30AM

Develop your artistic skills with guidance from a successful artist in author, Murray Ross.

**INCLUDED IN DISCOVERY CENTRE ENTRY OR JUST \$5 FOR LOCAL KIDS**  
Bookings: Essential.

**KIDS TORCHLIGHT TOUR**  
**FRIDAY 3RD, 10TH, 17TH & 24TH 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.

**\$20 \$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 it complets our Kids Trail & earn a prize.

**INCLUDED IN DISCOVERY CENTRE ENTRY.**  
No bookings required.

**THE ECUHA WHARF & 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'.

**FOLLOW US ON:**     

**74 Murray Esplanade, Echuca.**  
**W [www.portofechuca.org.au](http://www.portofechuca.org.au)**

**PORT OF ECUHA DISCOVERY CENTRE** 



# Kinder Sports

## At Echuca Stadium

**Starts 23 Jan. Will run during the school term**  
**Mondays & Fridays**  
**9 - 10:30 am**

**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 5461 2247  
or email [s.briscoe@campaspeaquatics.com.au](mailto:s.briscoe@campaspeaquatics.com.au)



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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

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.