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Issue 15

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.



Assistant Principals message:



At Echuca Specialist School we are enforcing the current health guidelines. At school all staff wear masks during the day with the exception of teaching times, although staff can choose to wear one during this time also. Quite a number of students are wearing masks at school which is great. We continue to social distance and practice hand hygiene.

Temperature Checks

As of Friday 13th of August all students that attend Echuca Specialist School will have their temperature checked. Students arriving via parent pick up will have their temperature checked by staff upon arrival to school. Students who travel to school on a bus will have their temperature checked by the bus staff. Students who have a temperature of 37.5 and above will be asked to isolate and will be retested after approximately 15 minutes. If a student then has a confirmed temperature of 37.5 and above the families will be called to collect the child from school.

Programs

At Echuca Specialist School we will continue to work within our classrooms and programs. Although we will minimise movement of both staff and students by working in department hubs. These will be the F-2, 3-6, 7-9 and VCAL hubs. The staff and students within these hubs will limit mixing with staff and students from other hubs where possible.

Transition visits

Classrooms at Echuca Specialist School have continued to have planned visits to the Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School site. During these visits they have investigated the learning spaces. They have talked about the rules and discussed what will happen when we move to the new site. We are still planning to be on site at Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School in Term 4.

Our Vision:

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



Dates to Remember:

AUGUST

13th—School Council

SEPTEMBER

18th—Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

5th—First day of Term 4

**NEW
SCHOOL
COUNTDOWN**

54

Days

CON'T PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Staff Curriculum Day

On Monday 3rd of August the staff visited the new school site. We completed a bus induction, OHS training and staff worked in teams to discuss the use of the spaces within the school. It was a fantastic day as staff were able to investigate the opportunities that are presented within the site.



RUOK day

At Echuca Specialist School we will be holding an RUOK? week. This will begin on Monday 10th of September and will finish on Thursday 13th of September. During this week all classrooms will complete activities relating to the RUOK? theme. On Thursday 13th of September there will be a sausage sizzle for all staff and students, the sausages will be delivered to the classrooms. In addition to this the students will be working on a collaborative piece of work in their Art programs, this will celebrate our commitment to the RUOK day theme.











PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR—WEEK 5

Knowledge in the Classroom

I do my best



**I ask for help when
I need it**

| Room | Name | PBS |
|------|--|--|
| 1 | Frank  | Using his manners and keeping his hands and feet to himself |
| 2 | Ashton & Zane  | Keeping their hands & feet to themselves |
| | Shamika & Archie | Always using their manners  |
| 5 | Ashtyn  | Using his manners in the classroom and when visiting the new school |
| 7 | Mondy  | Using his manners during classroom discussions |
| 13 | Kyron  | Gaining staff attention to indicate that he needs to change yards. |
| 14 | Blake  | Using his manners and keeping his hands and feet to himself |
| Room | Name | SOW |
| 15 | Conner, Tamlye & Steph  | Being COVID safe and wearing their face mask |

ROOM 15, 16, 17 & 18 VISIT TO THE NEW SCHOOL



BILLABONG RANCH PROGRAM



R U OK? 2020 style!

This year we celebrate R U OK day on Thursday September 10th. R U OK? Is a national charity that aims to inspire and empower people to connect with the people around them in a meaningful way and support anyone who is struggling. As a school community, we will celebrate the day with a BBQ (sausage in bread) and various other activities.

We invited students to wear something **yellow** for the day if they can. We will have to modify how we do the day because of the requirements of Covid19 but it's a reminder that now, possibly more than ever, we need to be asking R U OK? We will be also doing in class learning and activities in the lead up to the day.

The message for R U OK? Day 2020 is:

There's more to say after R U OK?

This recognises that 2020 has been more challenging for everyone that anyone could have anticipated, and so it is more important than ever for us to stay connected and support each other. Over the coming weeks we will be talking about what to say when someone says they're not OK and how the conversation can continue.

The R U OK? Website has lots of information and resources and is definitely worth a look. <https://www.ruok.org.au/>

**There's more to
say after
R U OK?**

LIGHTENING THE LOCKDOWN LOAD

A FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS IN VICTORIA

WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST, 8pm

<https://www.happyfamilies.com.au/freebies/lightening-the-lockdown-load/>

Lockdown is hard. It hurts our kids and it's a drain on parents.

While we can't click our fingers and make it magically disappear, there are real strategies that parents and children can rely on to not just survive, but thrive – even in a far-too-long lockdown. They're simple ideas that you can start on right away.

Join Dr Justin Coulson, one of Australia's most trusted parenting specialists, as he shares 4 secrets to make it through the pain of the winter COVID-19 Victorian lockdown. By the end of this FREE webinar, you'll:

- Feel reassured, with less stress and pressure around your kids, their schooling, and life
- Have concrete strategies you can start on immediately to make your family happier
- Know how to be on the same page as your partner
- Be able to develop habits and practices that will ensure your children – and YOU – can get your daily work done, even while everyone is stuck at home.

Community News



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 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

Kyabram Community Learning Centre
21-25 Lake Rd
Kyabram

TERM 3 DATES

July 16th, 23rd, 30th
Aug 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Sept 3rd, 10th, 17th

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TERM 3 PLAN

| DATES | GROUP ACTIVITY | CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY |
|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 16/7/20 | Coffee & Chat | Play Dough |
| 23/7/20 | Tai Chi with Faye \$8 pp | Play with toys |
| 30/7/20 | Coffee & Chat | Colouring In |
| 06/08/20 | Wellbalance TBC | Painting |
| 13/08/20 | Annie's Café 10-11.30am | Games |
| 20/08/20 | Tai Chi \$8 pp | Drawing & Play with toys |
| 27/08/20 | Essential Oils Workshop TBC | Painting |
| 03/09/20 | Coffee & Chat | Painting |
| 10/09/20 | Special Activity TBC | Blackboard & Bubbles |
| 17/09/20 | Tai Chi OR Annie's Café TBC | Lego Blocks |

Rotary District 9800 **RICH RIVER GOLF CLUB** *Alive with fun!*

ROTARY CLUB OF ECHUCA MOAMA IN CONJUNCTION WITH RICH RIVER GOLF CLUB

FAMILY FUN DAY

GOLF BALL DROP

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2020

at 2.30pm on the Driving Range

TICKETS \$20 1500 Tickets Sold

1st PRIZE \$5000 CASH
2nd PRIZE \$1500 CASH
3rd PRIZE \$500 CASH

Rich River Golf Club - Twenty Four Lane Moama NSW
Winners will be notified - 28/9/20
TICKET No:

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

Kennings Garden Centre **MOAMA** **LEARN SPECIALIST SCHOOL** **redhs**

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

PLEASE SUPPORT ROTARY WITH THIS FUNDRAISER THAT WILL ALSO BENEFIT THE STUDENTS AT ECHUCA SPECIALIST SCHOOL



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