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Issue 2

# 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:

### Circle Time

We have implemented Circle time into each classroom as part of the daily routine. Circle time can be used in a wide range of ways including a whole class welcome, an engaging game and reflection about learning. It has been fantastic to see circle time becoming a positive part of the classroom programs.

### Student Support Group meetings (SSG)

Just a reminder that Student Support Group meetings will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. If you require additional support during these meetings or require other professionals to attend can you please make contact with the classroom teacher to let them know? These meeting are a scheduled time to discuss the students programs and to set goals relating to their communication, independence and social skills. Please make a time with the classroom teacher.

### Bus

A reminder that it is important to make contact with the bus if your child is absent from school or isn't travelling by bus for a period of time. It is important that the bus staff are aware as this will help the staff and students when travelling to and from school. If you have any information that the bus staff need to know please don't hesitate to let them know.

### Parent Pick up

Please remember that parent pick up and drop off is a busy time, with kinder and school using the same space it is important that we are using the carpark in a safe manner. As spaces are limited can we please be mindful of others at this time.

## Our Vision:

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



## Dates to remember:

### February:

- 21st—School Council Meeting
- 22nd—SSG Meeting—Student Free

### March:

- 11th—Labor Day Public Holiday
- 22nd —Student Free Day—Smart Spelling staff PD
- 26th—Year 7 Immunisation
- 28th—School council Meeting

### April:

- 5th—End of Term 1
- 23rd—Start of Term 2

## CON'T ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

### **Tongala Primary School (Environmental project)**

Over the past two weeks a group of students have been travelling to Tongala Primary School to complete a project with students from their school. They are building garden beds and maintaining parts of the school. It has been great to hear the staff and students speaking in a positive way about the program. As a school we love having the opportunity for the students to visit other school.

### **Goat Farm**

We are very lucky to have the opportunity to complete a VCAL project at a functional milking goat farm. The students will travel to the farm each Tuesday and will complete a wide range of farming jobs including measuring and weighing goats, measuring paddocks, collecting wire, completing risk assessments and working together to complete jobs as set by the farm. The students will also complete work relating to VCAL outcomes. We are once again thankful of the opportunity to attend the farm.

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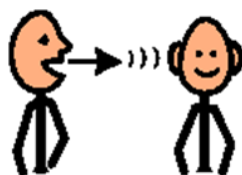
## PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

### **Always – Knowledge**

- **I follow directions from staff.**



- **I communicate with others about how I am feeling.**







ROOM 17 HAVING A GREAT LITERACY PROGRAM

ROOM 5 STARTED THE YEAR WITH A VISIT FROM SOME VERY FLUFFY FRIENDS.



## Bus

A reminder to families and Carers to contact bus staff if there are changes in the transport for your child to or from school.

Rushworth—0418 322 861

Cohuna—0418 847 627

Kyabram—0448 981 2 78

Rochester—0427 685 124



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



## SCHOOL FEES

Statements will be sent home within the next week. Families/Carers can pay fees in full or on a term by term basis. Fees can be paid in cash, Eftpos or via internet banking. Details will be on the statement.

Primary fees are \$220

Secondary fees are \$260



## CENTREPAY

Centrepay is a service available to families that receive welfare payments. This service allows families to instruct Centrelink to take a nominated amount from their Centrelink payment to go toward school fees. If you would like to access this service or have any queries please see Tracey in the office.



## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCUSION FUND (CSEF)

**If you are a new family and hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent you may be eligible for CSEF. An application form was sent home with your child on Tuesday. If you haven't received this please contact the office.**

**Current families who already receive this funding do not need to reapply.**

**If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office on 5482 2769.**



Happy Birthday  
to the following  
students for this  
week.



ANDREW  
ANGELA  
MITCH  
TALISHA

Reminder to families/  
carers that it is preferred  
that student drink bottles  
are only filled with water.  
Juice boxes are not to be  
sent in your child lunch  
box everyday  
as they are a  
sometimes  
drink.



**LUNCH ORDERS:** Lunch orders will be available every  
Monday & Friday. This year High Street South Corner Store will be  
providing the lunch orders—5482 5410.

## ECHUCA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

### LUNCH ORDER MENU 2019

Hot Food	Price	Fresh Sandwich Bar	S'Wich Price	Wrap/ Roll
Hot Dog w/sauce	3.00	Ham	2.50	2.90
Sausage Rolls	3.00	Ham & Salad	4.20	4.60
Party Pies	1.20	Chicken & Salad	4.50	4.90
Steamed Dim Sims	1.00	Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	3.90	4.30
Cheeseburger w/sauce	3.70	Egg & Lettuce	3.50	3.90
BBQ Sausage w/- cheese & sauce	3.70	Cheese	2.90	2.90
Roast Roll	4.50	Vegemite	2.00	2.50
Pasta Bolognaise	4.50	Salad (Lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese)	3.50	4.00
Carbonara Fettuccine	4.50	Buttered Bread	1.00	1.50
Chicken Schnitzel, lettuce mayo wrap	4.50			
Extra sauce sachet	.20			
Cakes and Snacks		Healthy Salad Tubs		
Iced Doughnuts	1.90	Chicken & garden Salad	4.50	
Jam Doughnuts	1.90	Chicken Caesar Salad	4.50	
Banana Bread	3.00	Fruit Salad—Seasonal	4.00	
Potato Chips—Plain, Salt & Vinegar, BBQ & Chicken	1.50	Single piece of seasonal Fruit	1.20	
Drinks				
Nippy's Milk—Chocolate or S/Berry	2.20			
Pop Tops or Prima—Apple, Orange, Apple & Blackcurrant	2.20			
Water	2.50			

ALL ORDERS MUST BE WRITTEN ON A BROWN PAPER BAG WHICH INCLUDES  
NAME AND GRADE. CORRECT MONEY MUST BE IN THE BAG. THANK YOU

## COMMUNITY NEWS



# COLOUR KYABRAM

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
9am – 1pm  
Where: The Kyabram Showgrounds

**5km colour run**  
Suitable for the serious runner through to those just wanting to have fun, laughs and colourful giggles.

**Fun for the whole family — jumping castle and kids' activities**

Prices: Team (of 6) \$150 | Family (2A + 2C) \$80 | Individual \$30 | Child (Under-12) \$15

Tickets available at [Trybooking.com.au](http://Trybooking.com.au) — [www.trybooking.com/376658](http://www.trybooking.com/376658)  
For more information please contact KCLC Reception on 58520000 or email [kclc@kclc.com.au](mailto:kclc@kclc.com.au)

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