

16th November 2023



Issue 18

Assistant Principals Report



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Matrix

At Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School, we pride ourselves on the amazing work that we do in the SWPBS space. We have well documented expected behaviours, a positive reinforcement system and scheduled lessons that focus on the expected behaviours from our Matrix. The staff and students at ETRSS are reviewing our current matrix and making some changes. Once the matrix is confirmed it will be shared within our school community.

SWPBS Signage

ETRSS are in the midst of designing SWPBS signage to be displayed across our school. We are looking to have the SWPBS values of Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Inclusive to be visible within our school. We are hoping to have these displayed early in 2024.

Principal Association of Specialist Schools Awards Night (PASS)

I am pleased to announce that Meagan Marshall has been shortlisted for an award in the category of Most Outstanding Middle Leader for the 2023 PASS awards. Meagan will attend the PASS awards dinner on Friday night as part of the 2023 awards ceremony, Good luck Meagan.



NOVEMBER

30TH—SCHOOL COUNCIL
5PM

DECEMBER

13TH—YEAR 12
GRADUATION

13TH—LAST DAY

YRS 10-12

14TH—STUDENT FREE
DAY

20TH—LAST DAY OF
TERM 4 DISMISSAL AT
12:30



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.



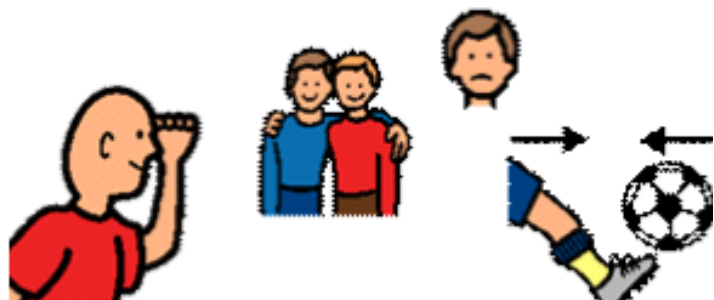
Buses 2024

As the end of 2023 is fast approaching we have started to plan for 2024. A part of the planning is the bus runs. If you are planning to use the school bus in the same way as you do currently there is no need to do anything. If you are moving house, changing address or you would like to change anything with your bus run please contact me at school. Leonard and I will be working on the bus run and will make contact if there are any changes. Leonard and the bus staff will contact all families that are accessing the bus in due course.

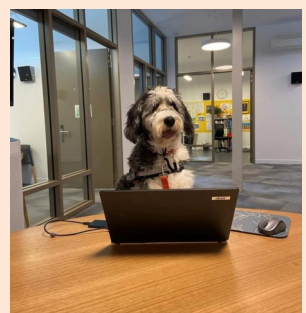


PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

Be Inclusive when Moving
We help others when they need it



Willow the Wellbeing Dog



GET TO KNOW YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Name: Nicole Lade

Family members: Ashley in the 3-6 pod, her older brother Sam, Fergus the dog and partner Mark



Occupation: Media and Communications Manager at GV Health in Shepparton

Interest and hobbies: Walking with Fergus the dog down the bush, reading, exploring our country and the world (aka going on holidays)

Favorite Family Holiday: A favourite from earlier this year was visiting Mungo National Park in south-west NSW. Ashley had learnt about the Mungo Man at school so we decided to go and check out the National Park. Very special part of Australia – well worth a visit.

Thoughts on Education: Education should be inclusive and open to all, no matter their ability level or age.

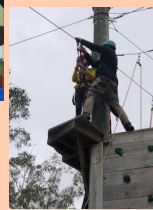
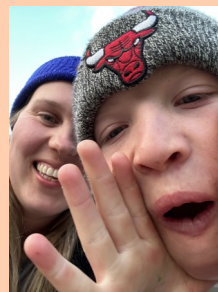
What do you see as a strength of our school: There are many strengths – including passionate teachers and staff, great facilities, and of course Willow the dog.

Vision and hope for the future of the school: I hope the two Echuca Twin Rivers schools – the primary school and the specialist school – can do more joint activities so that both schools are inclusive for all students.

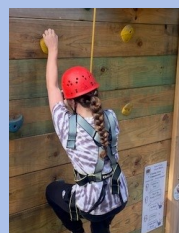
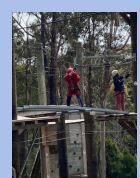
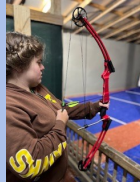
Favourite memory of the school so far: Many memorable moments, but a very recent favourite is Ashley winning first prize in the raffle at the Little Black Dress fundraising ball!

What do you love about being on school council: I enjoy being part of a passionate group who share the same goals – to ensure the best for our children and the school

Blackwood Camp 7-9



Blackwood Camp VL



2023 BUS STAFF

Rushworth:

0418 322 861

Peter – Ann/Sharon

Cohuna:

0418 847 627

Alan – Jess

Elmore:

0427 685 124

Kerry – Jan/Sandra

Kyabram:

0448 981 278

Cameron – Megan



The F-2 pod, as part of their inquiry topic, had Auntie Joyce, Aunty Simone and Uncle Paul visit to show us some First Nation Artifacts. We also made some traditional dance necklaces using feathers and gumnuts.



7-9 Gym Program

"I like the treadmill at the gym." - Bryce

"The gym makes me tired." - Ollie A

"I like practicing my walk at the gym." - Conrad

"The treadmill and the machines are fun." - Archer

"I like the treadmill and the bike." - Ollie D

"I like cardio machines, I like the stair machine and the treadmill." - Jacobi

"Going to the gym is fun and good for me." - Tom

"I enjoy using the treadmill." - Kurt





A big thankyou to Wayne one of the Echuca Store managers, Brock the produce manager who picks and packs our wonderful fruit box and Arron the bakery manager for giving us tasty bread for morning breakfast.



Our Vision

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



Our Values

Be Respectful
Be Inclusive
Be Responsible



HIDDEN DISABILITY SUNFLOWER FRIENDLY EVENT

Date: Monday 4th December

Location: Front lawn of Kyabram District Health Service

Time: 10:30am to 1:30pm

On site parking

Food stalls + activities

Gold coin donation for each activity/food stall

Lots of prizes to be won!

Bring sunscreen and wear a hat

A DAY FOR ALL!



For more information scan the QR code



Wednesday VL Café Group



Students in the Wednesday Café program will be making shortbread and traditional fruit mince pies. All items will be packaged which will make them an ideal gift.

Orders in by 25th November

Pick up Friday 8th December



ORDER FORM ATTACHED

Dear Parents/Carers,



As you might be aware, we have had the School Dental Program - 'Smile Squad' – attend our school to give the students information on good dental health, undertake dental examinations and, where required, organise follow-up treatment. While the program is voluntary, many of you consented for your child/children to participate in the Smile Squad program.

To better understand the delivery of the Smile Squad program including benefits and challenges, an independent firm (Abt Associates) has been engaged to evaluate the program. This is your opportunity to provide feedback on your experience of the program. If you didn't consent for your child/children to participate in Smile Squad they are also keen to hear from you. The evaluation team want to understand why you chose not to participate. So, whether you participated or not, this is an opportunity to provide feedback so that improvements can be made to the Smile Squad program.

To participate in the evaluation, you can complete a confidential 5–10-minute survey. The survey does not require you to provide any information to the evaluation team that identifies you, however the survey does ask what school your child/children attend. Here is the link to the survey.

https://abtassoc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bf6YJUMs3NkfHWm

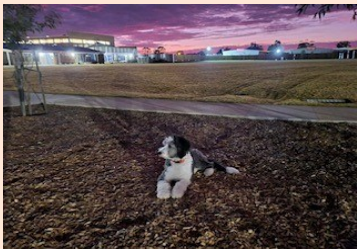
We encourage you to participate in this short survey and provide valuable feedback on Smile Squad. If you would like to provide more detailed feedback to the evaluation team, please contact Eleanor at sdpeval@abtassoc.com.au or 0738914145.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OUR SCHOOL

Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School provides education for children ages 5-18 years with intellectual and associated disabilities. It services the Campaspe and Murray Shire area.

The school prides itself on having an open and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community participation.



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Community Living & Respite Services

After School & Vacation Program
for children with disability 6 - 18 yrs old

After School Program hours
Monday to Friday from 3pm to 5.30pm
Transport is available from school to Club Teen

Vacation Program hours
Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm



Contact us now for 2024 spots

Call Bianca on 03 5480 2388
Email - bcole@cls.org.au



Moama Lions Club



Carols by Candlelight

MC Jefferson Smith, Great Local Performers & Santa

Candles & Programs available

Lions BBQ from 5.30pm

Sunday 10 December

6.30pm-8.30pm Main Oval Perricoota Rd Moama



Y Inclusion Services Y Journeys have released our new camp dates for January – June 2024. We will be returning to some of our most popular camp locations in Lady Northcote, Camp Manyung, Lady Dewar Lodge and Camp Wyuna just to name a few as well as checking out some new ones.

Our application form to an online form however if you would still like one to be emailed to you just ask and the team can do that.

To get the first chance to lock in one of our camps please see the link below for the camp program that suits you! Places are limited so please get in quick.

Here is the link to the website - [Camp bookings - The Y Inclusion Services \(ymca.org.au\)](https://ymca.org.au)

If you have any questions or want more information, please let me know

Kind regards

Toni Thatcher, Jessica Hall & Kate Lewin
Y Journeys Team – Inclusion Services



**\$5 DONATED
BACK TO
YOUR SCHOOL?**

Ask one of our FIT EXPERTS in-store



**CHRISTMAS
FUNDRAISER**

A close-up photograph of several Christmas cookies. The cookies are shaped like stars, snowflakes, and candy canes. They are decorated with white icing and various colors like red, green, and yellow. Some cookies have intricate patterns, while others are simpler. The background is a light, neutral color.

Pick up Friday 8th December

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