17th September 2026

Issue 15

Principals Report

Paul Marshall

Last Day of Term 3

Friday 18 September marks the final day of Term 3. As is customary on the last day of term, students will finish one hour earlier, at 2.00pm.

We ask families to please make the necessary arrangements to ensure students are collected at the earlier finishing time.

It has been another busy and rewarding term, with students involved in a wide range of learning experiences, activities, sporting events and opportunities to develop their confidence and independence. We hope all our students, families and staff enjoy a well-deserved break, take the opportunity to recharge and return ready for what promises to be an exciting Term 4.

Footy Colours Day

Our annual Footy Colours Day will take place on the final day of term, providing a fun and energetic way to finish Term 3.

The day will begin with a special footy colours parade alongside our Primary School friends. Following the parade, students will participate in a range of football skill activities, games and, perhaps, a light-hearted match or two!

To add to the celebrations, we will also be holding a hotdog day for students. Students are encouraged to come dressed in the colours of their favourite football team and join in the spirit of the day.

A big thank you to Mat and the staff team who have put a great deal of time and effort into organising what promises to be an enjoyable day for everyone.

Farewell Shiv & Tammy

Friday will also be Shiv's final day at Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School, as he prepares to take up a new opportunity at East Gippsland Specialist School.

We would like to sincerely thank Shiv for his contribution to our school and, in particular, for the care, support and positive relationships he has developed with our students. We wish him every success as he begins this next chapter of his career.

We will shortly commence the process of advertising for a new Wellbeing Officer to join our team.

Tammy has been offered a cook position at a local kindergarten for 12 months and will be leaving at the end of this term. We congratulate Tammy but will miss her. We hope she returns at the start of 2028. We are proud of our staff that gain skills at our school and then share them in other settings.

SEPTEMBER

17th Loddon Mallee Athletics

18th

18th Last Day of Term 3 2pm dismissal

OCTOBER

5th Term 4 starts

12th Shane Roberts—VPOL—Online behaviour session 2-2:40

19th Kristy Puls—Vaping Session 2-2:40

29th School Council—5:00pm

Willow the Wellbeing Dog

Debutante Ball

It is wonderful to see our Debutante Ball return to Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School on Wednesday 16th September in the gymnasium.

This is a particularly special occasion, as it is the first time we have held a Debutante Ball at our school in eight years. There has been a great deal of excitement and anticipation from both our students and staff as we prepare for this important celebration.

The Deb Ball provides our students with an opportunity to celebrate an important milestone, build confidence and create some very special memories with their friends, families and school community.

A very big thank you to Lisa and the staff team who have worked so hard to organise the event and who have generously donated their time to support our students. Their commitment helps make opportunities like this possible and greatly appreciated.

Athletics

It has been fantastic to see our students involved in such a wide range of athletics events over the past few weeks. Students have represented the school at our own school athletics program, as well as local, district and specialist school events, with some students now preparing to compete at the state level.

One of the highlights was, as always, our participation in the Swan Hill Sports event, where our students competed alongside and against students from other specialist schools. These events provide much more than an opportunity to compete. They allow students to challenge themselves, experience success, develop resilience and build confidence while proudly representing our school.

Sport and physical activity play an important role in supporting student wellbeing, fitness, confidence, social connections and engagement with school. It has been wonderful to see our students getting involved, having a go and celebrating the achievements of themselves and their peers.

Looking Ahead to Term 4

We have a very busy and exciting Term 4 planned, with students returning on Monday 5th October.

There is plenty to look forward to, including camps, special events, learning opportunities and graduation celebrations for our Year 6 and Year 12 students as they prepare to take their next steps.

A couple of important dates to keep in mind are Report Writing Day on Wednesday 2nd December and the Melbourne Cup Day student-free day on Thursday 3 December.

Term 4 is always a special time in our school calendar. It provides opportunities to celebrate student achievements, recognise the progress our students have made throughout the year and look ahead to their future learning and pathways.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another positive and productive term. Thank you, as always, to our families for your ongoing support and partnership throughout the year.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for Term 4!

IN SUPPORT OF
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

COLOUR & SLIME FUN RUN

"NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US"

12.30PM ARRIVAL

1PM START

FINISH 2-2.30PM

DECEMBER 3RD 2026

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

66 WILKINSON DRIVE, ECHUCA

ECHUCA TWIN RIVERS SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Lots of sport happening at school

2025 BUS STAFF

Rushworth:
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Neil & Nicole

Cohuna:
0418 847 627
Alan & Jeff, Tahlia, Cheryl & Kylie

Elmore:
0427 685 124
Bill, Kevin, Jan & Judy

Kyabram:
0448 981 278
Russell & Barb

Allied Health News

Welcome Chloe and Hendrika

Welcome Hendrika Kirchhofer, Physiotherapist, and Chloe Juri, Occupational Therapist.
We are super excited to have our own Echuca Twin River Specialist School Allied Health Team!

Hendrika will be at school one day a week (Wednesdays).
She is a highly experienced local physiotherapist with extra training in paediatrics and a wide range of therapy approaches. She has worked with children and adults with disability across community, hospital and NDIS settings, and has supported our school in the past. Hendrika is passionate about helping children feel safe, confident and capable. She also teaches yoga locally.

Chloe will be at school two days a week (Wednesdays and Thursdays).
She is an experienced local occupational therapist with additional training in paediatrics, assistive technology and play. Chloe has worked across many areas including sensory and emotional regulation, fine motor skills, disability support and equipment prescription. She is passionate about helping children participate and learn in ways that feel fun, achievable and meaningful. Chloe has also worked at our school previously.

Sarah McKee, school Speech Pathologist, will work closely with both Hendrika and Chloe to support students' communication and learning. Sarah is at school on a Wednesday and Friday.

If you have any questions or would like support from Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy or Speech Pathology, please speak with your child's teacher. Teachers can help you complete a referral.

Hendrika Chloe Sarah

SWPBS Teaching Schedule 2026

Week	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
1	Classroom Systems Classroom expectations	We take turns	We communicate how we are feeling	We follow directions from staff
2	We follow directions from all staff	We use all equipment for its purpose	We ask to join in	We ask for help when we need it
3	We ask for help when we need it	We ask for help when we need it We communicate how we are feeling	We keep our hands and feet to ourselves	We support each other to learn
4	We support each other to learn	We keep our hands and feet to ourselves	We do our work	We keep our hands and feet to ourselves
5	We keep our hands and feet to ourselves	We appreciate the diversity of others	We help others when they need it	We look after our belongings
6	We look after our belongings	We ask for help when we need it We communicate how we are feeling	We use all equipment for its purpose	We share equipment
7	We share equipment	We follow directions from all staff	We take turns	We use manners and speak kindly
8	We use our manners and speak kindly	We keep our school clean and tidy	We keep our school clean and tidy	We communicate how we are
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PBS Targeted Behaviour

Our Vision

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

Our Values

Be Respectful
Be Inclusive
Be Responsible

Wellbeing Corner

Shiv Maharaj

Social Worker

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WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CARERS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026.

All families are invited to participate in the survey. An email and Compass Newsfeed was sent out on Monday with details on completing the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / carers who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to the school directly for survey guides in your language.

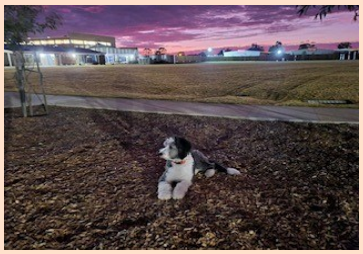
Please speak to the school if you would like more information.

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.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

EVENT THEME "NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US"

Community Event - Echuca

- Where: Echuca East Recreation Reserve, Sutton St, Echuca
- When: Thursday 3rd December 2026
- Time: 10am to 1pm
- Cost: Free event for all
- Accessible venue and toilets

What will be happening

- Inclusive Activities
- Local Business Stalls
- Guest Speakers
- Food and Drinks
- Music on speakers
- Quiet space

For further information or enquiries please contact Fiona Brown on 0427 054 889

For extra fun on the day, join Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School at 66 Wilkinson Drive, Echuca, for their Colour Run event. More details to come!

Echuca Community Event proudly supported by

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