

18th December 2025



Issue 19



## Assistant Principals Report Ben Ridge

As we come to the end of the year, we would like to sincerely thank our entire school community—families, carers and students—for making it such a positive and successful year. Together, we have achieved many wonderful outcomes across academic learning, social development and growing independence. Our community has continued to demonstrate our shared values of being responsible, respectful and inclusive. We wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable Christmas and holiday period, and look forward to another great year ahead.

### 2025 Graduates

Congratulations to our 2025 Grade 6 and Year 12 graduates. It was fantastic to celebrate this important milestone with you and your families. We are incredibly proud of your achievements and growth. We wish you every success, happiness and good luck as you move on to your next exciting chapter.

### Staff leaving

We would like to thank both Sarah Cherry and Mitch Bell for the work they have done at EchUCA Twin Rivers Specialist School. Good luck for the future.



### School Concert

Congratulations to all students who participated in our School Christmas Concert *Under a Star*. Your enthusiasm, confidence and performances made the concert truly special and memorable for our whole community. We would like to thank Judy Stewart and all staff involved for your dedication, commitment and hard work in bringing this wonderful event together. Your efforts created a joyful celebration that showcased our students' talents and strengthened our sense of community and school spirit.

### First day of School in 2026

The students will return to school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2026. The staff return on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of January, the first two days will be used for staff professional development and preparation.



**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

## DECEMBER

19th End of Term—  
Dismissal at  
12:30pm



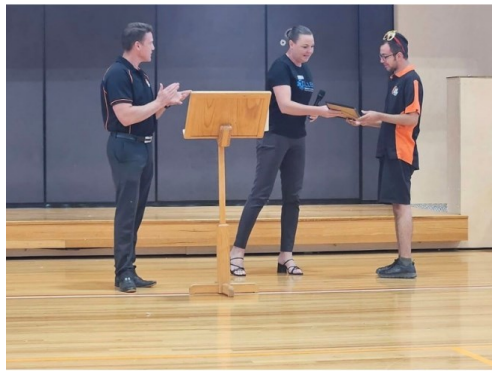
## JANUARY 2026

27th Staff Return to school  
&  
28th  
29th Term 1 starts

Willow the Wellbeing Dog



# Class Of 2025



## Our Vision

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

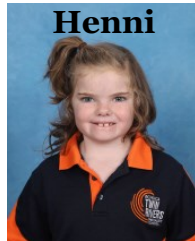
## Our Values

Be Respectful  
Be Inclusive  
Be Responsible

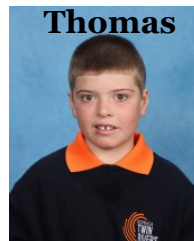


# 2026 School Captains

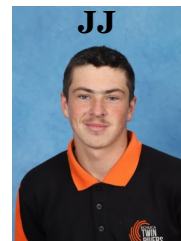
## Captains



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Thomas

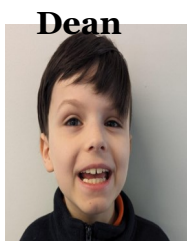


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Cameron

## Vice Captains



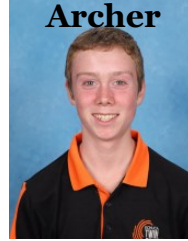
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Liam



Blake



Archer

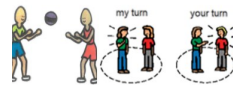


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## Beacon Leader

## PBS Targeted Behaviour

### Staff Choice



# 2025 BUS STAFF

## Rushworth:

0418 322 861

Neil, Anne & Sharon

## Cohuna:

0418 847 627

Alan & Lorraine &  
Kylie

## Elmore:

0427 685 124

Bill, Kevin, Jan,  
Judy & Zoe

## Kyabram:

0448 981 278

Russell & Barb



# Bus News



If your child is not on the bus can you please text the bus as early as possible .



Please be at your child's allocated bus stop 5 mins prior to the allocated time



The bus will wait 3mins at each stop after this time the bus will leave to keep to their schedule

Leonie, Mia and all the bus staff would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all next year.

## Rugby Jumpers

In February we will send home orders forms for Rugby Jumpers. These are not compulsory. Rugby jumpers will be \$80 each

Primary School

Secondary School







Our school photos for 2026 will be held on Friday 22nd May. MSP Photography will be utilising our Compass Parent Portal sending links to families via the portal to order and pay for photo. We are encouraging all families to make sure they can access their portal. If you are having trouble please contact the office and we can help you.



# Social media age restrictions webinars

From 10 December 2025, certain social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australian children under 16 create or keep an account.

Join our information sessions for parents and carers; educators and youth-serving professionals to understand the changes, their purpose and implications.

The 30-minute webinar will help parents and carers understand the upcoming changes to social media access for children under 16.

Join our information session to:

- understand the purpose of the new age restrictions and how they aim to protect young Australians
- understand which platforms will require users to be 16+ and what platforms they can still access
- get tips and resources to support your child's online safety and wellbeing through the transition.

Parents and carers will gain:

- a clear understanding of the new rules and their implications
- confidence in guiding their child through these changes
- access to trusted resources to support safe and positive online engagement.

Please click the dropdown box on the registration form to pick your preferred date.

- **2 December 2025, 7:00pm (AEDT)**
- **8 December 2025, 3:30pm (AEDT)**
- **15 December 2025, 1:00pm (AEDT)**
- **10 February 2026, 12:30pm (AEDT)**
- **24 February 2026, 12:30pm (AEDT)**

[Social media age restrictions webinars | eSafety Commissioner](#)





### MORE INFO

**ALLAN STREET WONDERLAND YARN BOMBING**  
Explore the Christmas Yarn Bombing in Allan Street, Nyabram and be sure to spot Alice in Wonderland characters.  
December through to 15 January

**COLBO PUB CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROL TRAIL**  
Explore the Christmas carols around the town and hear the 20 carols in their original carols sung by the Colbo Pub Choir.

**KYABRAM SANTA'S CAVE**  
Saturday, 13 - Sunday, 21 December - 8am - 5pm  
Nyabram Town Hall, Allan Street, Nyabram  
Cost: \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

**ROCHESTER CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY**  
Monday, 1 - Saturday, 20 December (excluding Sundays) 8am - 12pm  
Rochester Show Hall, 40 Mackay Street, Rochester

**SANTA'S GROTTTO**  
Visit Santa on Saturday, 20 December 8am - 12pm  
located in the Bushworth Band Stand.

**WONDERLAND ON THE MURRAY SAND SCULPTURE TRIAL**  
Alice in Wonderland Themed Sand Sculpture Trail, from Woodhead Beach, through the Port of Echuca, and the Aquatic Reserve finishing at the Moama Soundshell.  
Saturday, 13 December - Monday, 8 March 2026.  
For more info visit [www.wonderlandmoama.com.au](http://www.wonderlandmoama.com.au)

### CHRISTMAS MARKETS

**RUSHWORTH CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFT MARKET**  
Saturday, 29 November - 8:30am - 1pm  
Shire Hall, High Street

**ROCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
Friday, 5 December - 9pm - 1pm  
Gilles & Mackay Streets, Rochester

**ECHUCA FARMERS MARKET**  
Saturday, 6 & 20 December - 8am - 12:30pm  
Aquatic Reserve, Echuca

**STANHOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
Sunday, 7 December - 8:30am - 1pm  
Bridwood Avenue, Stanhope

**HOPWOOD GARDENS MARKET**  
Saturday, 13 December - 9am - 2pm  
Hopwood Gardens, Echuca

**GIRGARRE FARMERS' PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET**  
Sunday, 14 December - 8am - 12pm  
Girgarre Memorial Hall & Park Reserve, Girgarre

**MOAMA MARKET**  
Sunday, 14 & 20 December - 8am - 1pm  
Moama Soundshell, Mackay Street, Moama

**LOCKINGTON CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
Thursday, 18 December 5:30pm - 12:30pm  
Lockington Lions Park, Lockington

**RUSHWORTH MONTHLY MARKET**  
Saturday, 20 December - 8:30am - 1pm  
Village Green, Rushworth

**MOONLIT COMMUNITY MARKET KYABRAM**  
Saturday, 27 December - 9pm - 1pm  
John Pilly Reserve, Lake Road, Nyabram

### CAROLS

**GIRGARRE COTTAGE CHRISTMAS FETE**  
Saturday, 6 December 2025 - 5:30pm  
Progress Park, Station Street, Girgarre

**ECHUCA MOAMA LIONS CAROLS**  
Sunday, 7 December - 8:30pm  
Moama Recreation Reserve, Percival Road, Moama

**ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ENSEMBLE CAROLS**  
Thursday, 10 December - 8pm - 10pm  
Friday, 12 December - 8pm - 10pm  
Hopwood Gardens, High Street, Echuca

**STANHOPE CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
Friday, 12 December - 8pm start  
McLaren Place, Stanhope

**TONGALA COMMUNITY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
Saturday, 13 December - 6pm  
Tongala Sound Shell, Mangon Street, Tongala

**CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
Sunday, 14 December - 7pm start  
Uniting Church, Cor Hare and Parkmore Street, Echuca

**KYABRAM CHURCHES CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
Thursday, 18 December - 8pm  
Memorial Gardens, Allan Street, Nyabram

**LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY CAROLS**  
Thursday, 18 December - Evening  
Lockington Lions Park, Lockington

**ROCHESTER COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
Sunday, 21 December 2025 - 5:30pm  
Janior Football Club Rooms, Reserve Street, Rochester

### GAMPASPE LIBRARIES

**ECHUCA LIBRARY**  
Saturday, 6 December - 10:30am - Christmas Storyline  
Monday, 10 December - 10:30am - Christmas Toddler Rhyme Time  
Tuesday, 10 December - 3:30pm - Christmas After School Session  
Thursday, 18 December - 10am - Christmas Baby Rhyme Time  
Friday, 19 December - 10:30am - Christmas Storyline

**KYABRAM LIBRARY**  
Friday, 9 December - 10:30am - Christmas Storyline  
Tuesday, 16 December - 10:30am - Christmas Baby Rhyme Time  
Wednesday, 17 December - 3:30pm - Christmas After School Session

**ROCHESTER LIBRARY**  
Tuesday, 2 December - 10:30am - Christmas Toddler Rhyme Time

**RUSHWORTH LIBRARY**  
Monday, 1 December - 10:30am - Christmas Toddler Rhyme Time  
Tuesday, 18 December - 10:30am - Christmas Storyline

**TONGALA LIBRARY**  
Tuesday, 9 December - 10:30am Christmas Toddler Rhyme Time

## 2025 Christmas Decorations Across Gampaspe

Share your experience!  
#ILLUMINATIONSTATION  
#CHRISTMASINGAMPASPE

**EGHUCA**

- ILLUMINATION STATION AT HOPWOOD GARDENS FEATURING THE JOLLY SANTA & HIS 'AUSSIE SLEIGH' AND THE GIANT GLOWING GIFT BOX (MONDAY 1 - TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER)
- GIANT GIFT IN THE PORT OF ECHUCA
- GINGERBREAD HOUSE SELFIE STATION AT THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING HARE STREET
- ECHUCA MOAMA MEN'S SHED ROUNDABOUT ON CORNER OF HARE & PARKMAN STREETS
- WONDERLAND ON THE MURRAY SAND SCULPTURE TRIAL (SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO)

**TONGALA**

- SANTA FERGUSON
- GINGERBREAD HOUSE
- GIANT GIFTS AT THE SOUND SHELL
- LIONS MEMORY TREE
- ALICE IN WONDERLAND ART SPACE INSTALLATION

**ROCHESTER**

- ILLUMINATION STATION AT ROTUNDA PARK FEATURING TWINKLEHOOF THE GIANT REINDEER (MONDAY 1 - TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER)
- CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY AT SHIRE HALL (SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO)

**EGHUCA**

- SANTA'S SLEIGH AT SKATE PARK

**NANNEELLA**

- COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE
- TOP SOLDIERS AT MEMORIAL HALL
- SANTA CUT-OUTS

**GIRGARRE**

- CHRISTMAS SOUND WALK IN PROGRESS PARK

**KYABRAM**

- ILLUMINATION STATION AT MEMORIAL PARK FEATURING LARGE CHRISTMAS TREE (MONDAY 1 - TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER)
- SANTA'S CAVE AT TOWN HALL (SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO)
- ALLAN STREET WONDERLAND YARN BOMBING (SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO)
- NATIVITY SCENE AT LIVING WATERS CHURCH

**STANHOPE**

- CHRISTMAS CAVE AND REINDEER SLEIGH PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES AT STATION PARK ART SPACE

**GOLBINABBIN**

- COLBO PUB CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROL TRAIL (SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO)
- CHRISTMAS TREE PHOTO STATION AT SILDS

**RUSHWORTH**

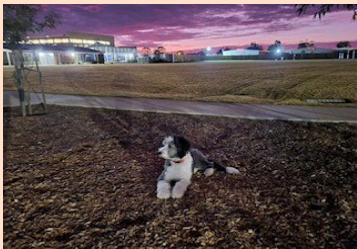
- DECORATED BELL TOWER & COMMUNITY TREES
- ELF YOURSELF SELFIE STATIONS
- MISTLETOE KISSING BOOTH
- REINDEER & SLEIGH IN HIGH STREET
- SANTA'S GROTTTO (SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO)

# 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.



**SCHOOL'S OUT!** Quality Before and After School Care

BEFORE SCHOOL VACATION CARE AFTER SCHOOL

**TAKING BOOKINGS NOW!**  
for more info  
[www.schoolsout.net.au](http://www.schoolsout.net.au)

**Why choose School's OUT!**  
Our Outside of School Hours Program is popular with both parents and children, the before and after school programs are not only educational but they are fun!  
We make our choice on working with the local community, supporting businesses and giving your child positive experiences they will remember for a lifetime.  
Children are given the chance to learn through play, nurture their artistic skills, explore the world of sports or even sit quietly and watch a movie.  
Every day we provide delicious and nutritious food for everyone to snack on and even give the children the chance to help prepare the food.  
Our cooking lessons are really popular and will often yield yummy treats to be taken home. Perfect for the following day's lunch!

**CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO**  
**1300 329 106**

**UPbicycle is coming to Kyabram!**

**UPbicycle GRAND OPENING**

To celebrate, we're launching with a Bike Blitz Giveaway.

Come along and view our huge range of repurposed bikes on offer in our UPbicycle showroom.

**WHEN:** Friday 12 December, 2025  
**TIME:** 11:00am  
**WHERE:** We Are Vivid  
17 Albion Street, Kyabram

**Morning tea provided**  
Ride away on a new bike today!!

**VIVID** UPbicycle is the restoration and repurposing of bicycles for sale by Vivid Participants.  
To join UPbicycle, contact Sue on [sue.green@wearevivid.org.au](mailto:sue.green@wearevivid.org.au)

**DON'T SPEND XMAS ALONE.**  
"Spend Christmas with us"

Will you or someone you know be spending Christmas Day alone this year?

We would like to invite single parents with kids, individuals or lone couples who would otherwise be dining alone Christmas day, to come along and join others for a FREE Traditional Christmas Lunch

**Echuca Moama Community Xmas Lunch 2025**  
**Where:** UNITING CHURCH HALL ECHUCA  
**When:** THURSDAY 25th December 2025  
**Time:** 11:00 am - 3:30 pm  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.**  
To reserve a seat - phone Julie 0475 707 412  
Proudly coordinated by  
Echuca Moama Community Projects

My name is Maggie!  
I am an independent support worker, and I have recently relocated to Echuca from Bendigo.

A bit about me:  
I am 25 years old. I have been working in the disability sector for 5+ years! And I absolutely love it!  
I enjoy swimming, Pilates, arts and crafts activities and travelling.

I have worked with many different participants both creating and implementing group activities, planning weekends away, and supporting participants in everyday life!

Necessary qualifications:  
-Certificate 4 in Disability Support  
-NDIS screening check  
-First Aid and CPR (updated annually for CPR)  
-Driver's licence and reliable car

My availability:  
All day Tuesdays  
Early mornings (before school)  
Afternoon/evening shifts (most days)  
Weekends

If I sound like the right person to support you, or someone you may know, please reach out and we can catch up for a meet and greet!

Email: [maggiessorie@outlook.com](mailto:maggiessorie@outlook.com)  
Phone number: 0448400264



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