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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.



Acting Principals message:

I would like to welcome everyone back to school for the beginning of Term 3. It has been fantastic to see the students return to school in such a positive way. As I visit the classrooms I am seeing lots of hard work being completed by all. The students are completing excellent pieces of writing, using robots as part of the STEM program, attending a range of programs including the Imagination Club, ICAN, Murray Life Adventures and Hand's on Learning. At the start of Term 3 we have had several new students start at our school, it has been fantastic to see the staff and students welcome them in such a positive way.

Parent Opinion Survey

It is that time of year again, a letter will go home to a selected group of parents regarding the parent opinion survey. If you would like to complete the survey at school a computer will be available. The data collected is a great way for you as the parents and carers to give feedback to the school. The feedback guides the planning of the school and gives ideas about how the school can be improved. If you require further support please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Student Support Group meetings

Friday August the 2nd is a pupil free day due to SSG meetings which will take place during this day. Your classroom teacher will make contact to book a time to meet. During these meetings it is a good way to discuss the progress of your child, the meeting will discuss individual learning goals, student safety plans and medical management where applicable. It is important that all involved with the young person attends the meetings, if you are receiving support outside of school and you would like them to attend please let the classroom teacher know. If you require further support regarding this please make contact with the classroom teacher or the office.

Our Vision:

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



Dates to remember:

July :

22nd—Parent Opinion Survey opens

August :

2nd—SSG Meetings— Student Free Day

5th—book club order close

11th—Parent Opinion Survey Closes

14th—School Council

23th - Book Week Parade

September:

19th—End of Term—Dismissal 2pm

CON'T PRINCIPAL REPORT

Murray Life Adventure

On Wednesday a group of year 7-9 students travelled to Torrumbarry to participate in the Murray Life Adventures program. This program is focussed on developing the teamwork and individual problem solving strategies of the students. It was great to hear that the students enjoyed participating and some were even able to go on the huge flying fox.



One and All

During Term 3 some students from Echuca Specialist School will work with students from other local schools to participate in a range of activities including tree planting and a basketball session. We enjoy being involved in the fantastic activities within our local community.

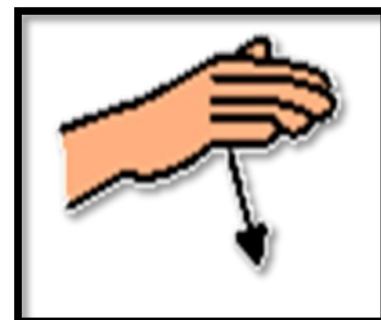
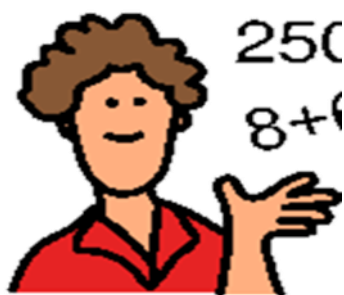


“On Wednesday 26th of June the academic reports will come home with the student.”

PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

Week 1 Knowledge Always

I follow directions from staff



TERRIFIC KIDS TERM 2



Eden



Brodie



Frank



Ricky



Mkye



Isy



Blake

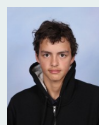


Bree

Troy, Will,
Conner & Jakob



SOW & PBS OF THE WEEK SECONDARY



Room 16—Jakob —SOW

Following his program and asking staff for permission



VCAL— Jacob —SOW

For being in the room during science and completing the activities



Room 16—Tamlye—PBS

Doing her best and is supportive of others



VCAL—Kaitlyn—SOW

Progress with her communication throughout first semester



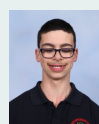
Room 18— Britney—SOW

Excellent communication with staff and students



VCAL—Will—PBS

Always being a good sport and encouraging others



Room 18 —Bailey—PBS

Always trying his best and been supportive of his classmates



VCAL—Molli—PBS

Being happy for other when they won at basketball

Parent Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

40 families will be randomly invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July to Sunday 11th August**. The invited families will receive a letter on Monday 22nd with the log in and password details.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September

TO BE FRANK, IT WAS GREAT



By Andrew Johnston

IT WASN'T a moment of sporting history, it was hardly a moment money, or any, of the 45,000 people at the weekend's Essendon-North Melbourne game at Marvel Stadium would have even noticed.

But it was a moment Frank Howard will never forget.

The wheelchair-bound junior Echuca Moama Rocket had joined his Asakik teammates in leaving a goal of honour at the race being won by Essendon, and at the game's end the game jogged back onto the field for the second half they were handing out high fives left and right.

But forward Jake Stringer, all 192cm of him, stopped beside the diminutive devotee for a brief chat about his day at the footy and his team. Stringer had started his evening by donning bright orange footy boots to support children's cancer group Challenge but seeing the all-star player lined up, with Frank the only one in a wheelchair, the star struck a chord with the 122-game veteran.

The conversation was far finer ears only as Stringer bent down to talk with Frank before joining the rest of his team on the field.

Essendon's link-inpost Conor McKenna also found time to stop and have a few words with Frank to complete his dream weekend - a trip to Melbourne, playing in an AFL game before packed stands and

wrapping it up with some 'me time' with two Bombers.

"The players were all running through and giving high fives and clapping hands with our players, but Jake stopped," Rockets coach Mark McGowan said.

"He took a few moments to talk to him and how his game had been and have a bit of a chat with him as well," he said.

"Then, Conor McKenna stopped behind Jake and had a quick chat to Frank as well, which was a pretty special moment for him and for his buddy."

It's moments like these that cannot be scripted but which confirm the benefit of these experiences - and not just for the Rockets.

There would be little doubt Stringer and McKenna got almost as much out of being able to touch six-year-old Frank's hand.

And his home.

If that didn't do it for you, then the spontaneous actions of able-bodied player Alistair Quinlan would have.

The 11-year-old was standing behind Frank and when Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti came along he reached over, gently took Frank's arm and raised it up to reach the Tiesi Islander's hand in the west past.

If you had the good fortune to see that most innocent and caring of actions, you would have certainly needed a tissue.



TOUCHING GESTURES: Echuca Moama Rocket Frank Howard shares a moment with Essendon forward Jake Stringer at half-time in the AFL match at Marvel Stadium and fellow Rocket Alistair Quinlan (right) holds up Frank's arm to receive a high five from star Bomber Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti. Photo: Submitted.

What a great day for some of our students that travelled to Melbourne with the Rockets to play at half time and meet some of the Essendon players.

The first session yesterday at Murray Life Adventures for some of our senior students and students from Echuca College. By the photos and comments it was a fantastic day.



Happy
Birthday to
the following
student this
week



Jacob S

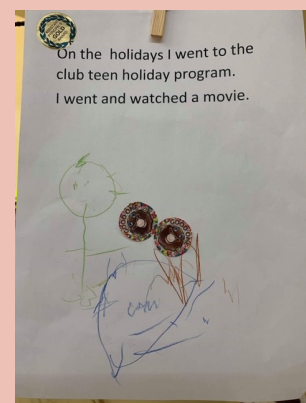
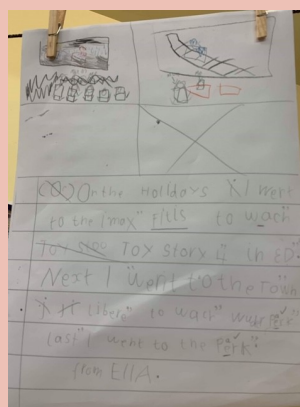
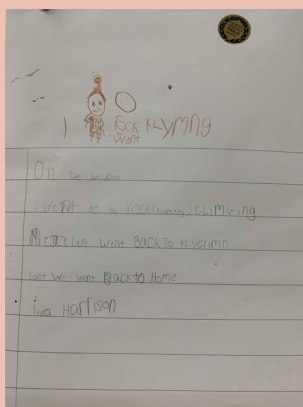
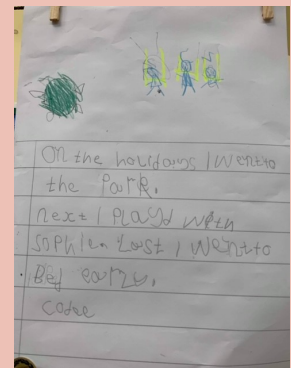
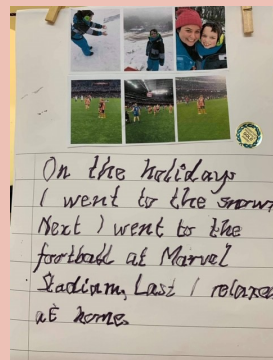
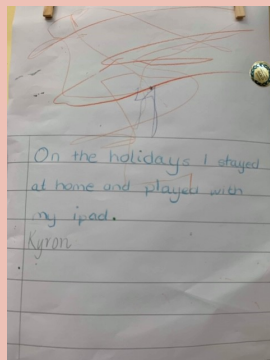
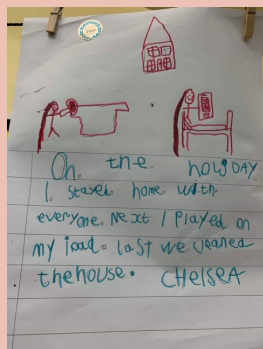
TOM OUT AND ABOUT



Tom out
and about
doing jobs
at the
bank and
post office



THE STUDENTS IN ROOM 5 HAVE DONE AMAZING WRITING ABOUT WHAT THEY DID ON THE HOLIDAYS.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Echuca Fun Club Proudly Presents

SPECIAL THE DANCE PARTY

Dance with us to live music and meet new friends!

When: 1st Friday of the Month
(beginning 2nd August 2019)

Time: 7pm - 9.30pm

Where: Senior Citizens Clubrooms
(behind 208 Primary School)

Entry: \$5 includes pizza supper
\$1 Parents/Carers
Drinks & Snacks \$1 each

Enquiries: zanesmailebigpond.com

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A **FREE** service where you can socialise and share ideas with others who understand caring for a child with additional needs.
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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	TERM DATES	CONTACT
Kyabram Community Learning Centre 21-25 Lake Rd Kyabram	18 th , 25 th , July 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th August 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , September	Wendy Community Living & Respite Services wkellett@clrs.org.au Or 5480 2388

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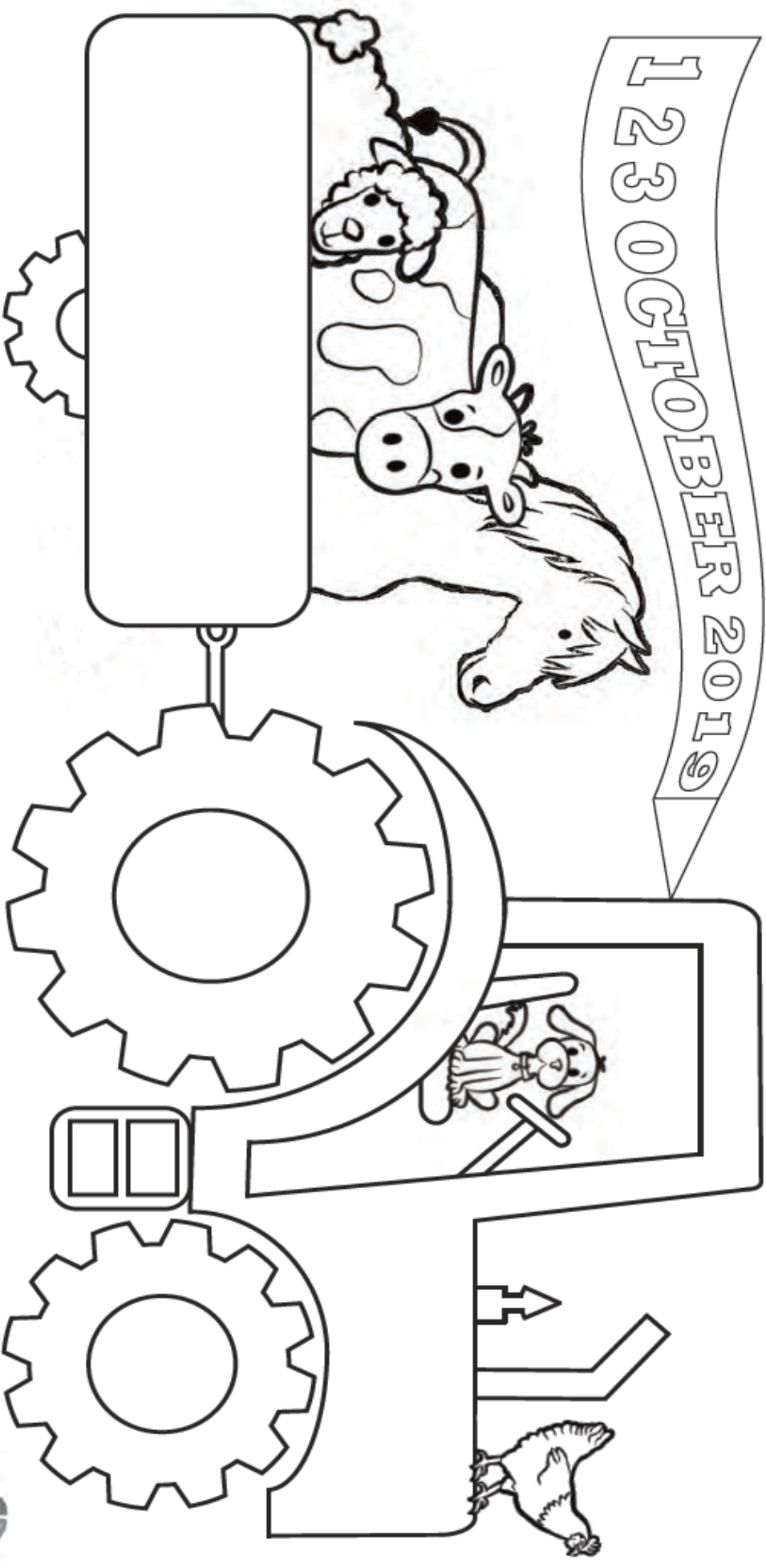
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Girls 5-8 years:	Boys 5-8 years:	Phone No: _____	
Girls 9-11 years:	Boys 9-11 years:	Postal Address: _____	
Girls 12-14 years:	Boys 12-14 years:		



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