

Acting Assistant Principals Report Valerie Lobry



Introduction

I would like to introduce myself as the Acting Assistant Principal at ETRSS for the next three weeks during Ben's secondment as Acting Principal at Twin Rivers Primary School (while Julie is on leave). Some of you may know me already as I am usually working at the school as the Inclusion Outreach Coordinator and I get involved working with a range of schools in Echuca and beyond. I am looking forward to working with you all.

SSGs reminder

Student Support Group meetings (SSGs) will be held tomorrow (Friday 20th). These are a perfect opportunity to determine or review learning goals as well as get other important updates. If you cannot make it in person, we are happy to complete the meeting via phone or online.

Swimming sports

We will be holding our swimming sports in Cohuna again this year. Cohuna is the perfect setting for our sports because many of our students come from there, it is quiet and we can book out the entire pool area. Plus, there is a water slide! The sports will be held on Tuesday 24th February for 3-6 and Thursday 26th February for 7-9 & VPC.

Curriculum day- student free

There will be a student free curriculum day on Friday 20th March. The staff will be learning about Aboriginal perspectives and culture. 30% of our student population are Aboriginal. We are proud of our connection with community and always want to improve the way we teach Aboriginal perspectives. The day will be facilitated by Amy, our Koorie Coordinator and we will focus on the Australian Together Learning Framework.



FEBRUARY

- 19th School Council—
5pm
- 20th SSG Meetings—
Student Free

MARCH

- 9th Labour Day Public
Holiday—Student
Free
- 19th School Council 5pm
- 20th Curriculum Day—
Student Free

APRIL

- 2nd End of Term 1—
Dismissal at 2:00pm
- 20th Term 2 starts

Willow the Wellbeing Dog



Lunch orders

Lunch orders are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. These are completed online. Information is included in this newsletter and on Facebook. The menu is amazing, fresh and is reasonably priced.



Start times

Students can be on site from 8:45am. This is when staff go on duty. The health and safety of students is paramount to us, as it is to you. Please do not drop off students before this time.

Maryborough Education Centre and Kyabram P-12

A team from Maryborough Education Centre will come and visit our school on the 27th of February to gain inspiration for their new upcoming buildings. A team of 15 Education Support staff will also be visiting our school on the 6th of March to observe our teaching and learning practices. We are always happy to share our experiences and recent work with other schools. There is strength in learning from each other.

Beacon Leaders

On Friday, I will accompany Levi to his first Beacon Leadership Day. Levi will get the opportunity to learn new leadership skills alongside other Beacon Leaders from Echuca-Moama secondary schools.

School Council elections

School council elections close on Friday 27th February. Contact Paul if you would like more information or are interested in being part of our school council.



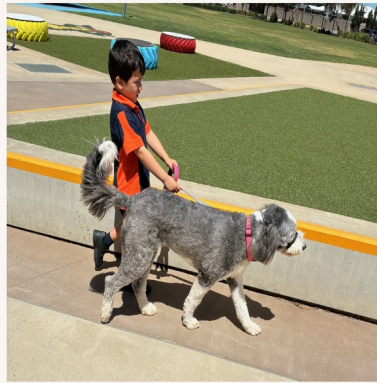
At Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School would like to encourage all parent/carers to log into the Compass Parent Portal. All excursion will require you to give consent via the portal. Families can add absences, read the newsletter, view reports at end of Semester 1 & 2, contact your child's teacher, and look at your child schedule. It is a great resource.

Our Vision

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

Our Values

Be Respectful
Be Inclusive
Be Responsible



Room 3
getting to
know
Willow



Cam & Ollie checking
the honey production



2025 BUS STAFF

Rushworth:
0418 322 861
Neil & Nicole

Cohuna:
0418 847 627
Alan & Lorraine &
Kylie

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

Kyabram:
0448 981 278
Russell & Barb



Room 9 had a PJ day last Friday
to celebrate reaching our
first PBS goal



Rugby Jumpers

We are placing another order for Rugby Jumpers earlier this year to make sure they arrive before the weather gets cooler. **We would like order form and payment returned by MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY.**

Primary School

Secondary School



SWPBS Teaching Schedule 2026

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



Be Responsible	Be Respectful	Be Inclusive
 We keep our school clean and tidy	 We use our manners and speak kindly	 We ask to join in
 We ask for help when we need it	 We appreciate the diversity of others	 We support each other to learn
 We look after our belongings	 We keep our hands and feet to ourselves	 We take turns
 We communicate how we are feeling	 We use all equipment for its purpose	 We share equipment
 We do our work	 We follow directions from all staff	 We help others when they need it

PBS Targeted Behaviour



We support each other to learn



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.

Conveyance Allowance Applications

The conveyance allowance is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school.

Eligibility:

An application on behalf of a student may be submitted if the student is:

- a Victorian resident;
- school aged and enrolled three or more days per week at a school; and
- attends a specialist school

A student who meets the above requirements may be eligible if they:

- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from the school attended by private car from home to nearest bus stop or to school

If you reside 4.8km from your nearest bus stop & you think you may be eligible for the Conveyance Allowance, please contact Tracey or Jenni for an application form.

Application forms need to be in no later than 9th March 2026

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

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 financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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

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

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card ~~and~~ ~~are~~ an out of home care ~~student~~ you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly 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 \$400 for all school students.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year 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 this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Allied Health Team 2026



Sarah

Speech Pathologist

Amy

Speech Pathologist

Felicity

Physiotherapist

Indy

Occupational Therapist

This year, our Allied Health team will visit on a Wednesday. Sarah is working on a Wednesday and a Friday. Teachers can refer to help students with any school/educational specific areas of need. The team also complete profile reports and conduct teacher training, support and education.

The Allied Health Team work closely with many student's NDIS Allied Health therapists and services.

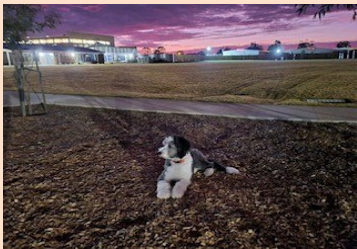
If your child requires any Allied Health input, please discuss with your teacher or call Sarah on the school number.

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.



Join in the fun at our
MultiBall Open Day

Wednesday
4 March

Come and try our new MultiBall wall and join in some interactive games whilst getting some exercise and having fun.

Time: 4-6pm
Where: Entrance A, 228 High Street, Echuca
Cost: Free
Bring: Drink Bottle
RSVP: Monday 26 February
Support staff can be provided and funded from your NDIS plan or bring your own support.



For more information or to RSVP, contact Stacey on 0482 848 456 or stacey.hope@wearevivid.org.au



Schnitz Echuca is doing a low Sensory hour

What to expect!

The store will turn down the music volume, the lighting will be reduced.

When is this happening?

It will happen every weekday between the hours of **3pm to 4:30pm** (hours can be adjusted, please contact the store if you would like to arrange this).

If we can make any adjustment of if there are any questions, please come into the store or call 03 4410 8901 or email echuca@schnitz.com.au



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