

1st June 2023



Issue 8

## Assistant Principals Report

### Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week has been an opportunity to foster understanding, respect and healing. This week focusses on recognising the history, culture and achievements of Indigenous people in Australia. Staff and students at Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School participated in the Sorry Day flag raising ceremony, Reconciliation Walk and Welcome to country. Staff and students participated in a range of activities throughout the week. On Wednesday all staff and students cooked lemon myrtle scones and enjoyed eating them within their classrooms. We would like to thank Uncle Rick Ronnan and Paul Clarke for providing a Welcome to Country for our school community.



### Pupil Free Day – Professional Learning Day

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of June all staff will participate in a professional learning day. The areas that will be covered include communication, preparation, de-escalation strategies and behaviour support planning.

### Report Writing and

### Student Support Group Meetings

All teaching staff have been busy writing reports. The reports will be available through the parent portal on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of June, Student Support Group meetings will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of June. **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of June is a pupil free day.** The SSG booking will go live on SENTRAL on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June and will close on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June at 3.30.



### JUNE

9TH—STUDENT FREE—  
WHOLE STAFF PART  
TRAINING

12TH—PUBLIC HOLIDAY—  
KING'S BIRTHDAY

21ST JUNE—SSG  
MEETINGS STUDENT  
FREE

23RD JUNE—LAST DAY  
OF TERM 2—DISMISSAL  
AT 2PM

### JULY

10TH - FIRST DAY OF  
TERM 3



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.



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT CON'T

### Line Marking

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of June there will be line marking taking place within the carpark and throughout the school. There will be additional car parking marked as well as walk only signs to remind us all of what is expected. We will be having some walk only signs on some of the concrete areas of the school, this will help staff and students to identify walk only areas to ensure everyone is moving safely within the school. In

addition to this we are also having snakes and ladders, chess and a four square being painted across the school. We look forward to seeing the students engage with the new activities.



Order form have gone home for our Pir Drive. Money raised will go towards Air Conditioning in the Gym. Orders and money need to be returned to school by Thursday 8th June and the

**new delivery date is Friday 16th June.**



### Skye's the limit for Port film

By Michael Lloyd

A new short film that will feature in the upcoming Focus on Ability short film festival will be made at the Port of Echuca.

Titled 'Loki & Me', the film has been written by Craig Whitson and features a talented cast of young actors who live in Echuca-Moora. One of the young actors is Skye-Hope, 16.

The young actress, currently in Year 10, has had a great deal of experience with the rehearsal process.

"I haven't said my friends about the upcoming film, but I'm excited to show them what I've achieved," she said.

"I'm looking forward to being in the short film, I love to read and I love to act."

Daniel Whitson, 16, is the other lead actor in the film.

The script was written by Daniel Whitson and Craig Whitson, who are both students at Echuca-Moora High School.

"I'm very happy to be in this upcoming short film and my family don't believe I'm going to be in a film," he said.

But, while Daniel is eagerly anticipating being in the short film, he has his sights set on a different career ambition.

"When I'm older, I want to work in a phone shop, repairing phones for customers," he said.

In addition to writing the script, Skye-Hope has also taken on the role of director and producer of the creative process with Daniel set to start on Friday.

"I didn't consider the writing process challenging, but interesting," he said.

"Now that I've finished the writing process, I realise just how challenging it was."

"I started writing the script over a four-month period, with a total of seven drafts."

One of the most important roles for the upcoming movie is the costume designer.



Moira Anglim, Grammar student, has spent the past few months creating costumes for the cast to wear.

"I took on the role of costume designer, as I have an interest in design, and I may attend NCEA in Sydney after I leave school," she said.

after more like Skye-Hope, who worked on the upcoming 2016 movie series 'All The Rivers Run', which was filmed in Echuca.

"My mum worked on 'All The Rivers Run' as a photographer in 2013 with 'April's Theatre'. She said, 'Working on this film feels like coming full circle in my mum and I have made films at the Port of Echuca.'"

## Congratulation Daniel

Daniel will appear in a short film Loki & Me as part of the Focus on Ability Short Film Festival.. The film has been made at the Port of Echuca.

Can't wait to watch this film.



## 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



*School Beanie's \$16 each  
available at the front office.*

### **PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR**

#### **Be Responsible on the Bus**

**We wait until our name is called to go  
through the gate**



**We are responsible for our belongings**



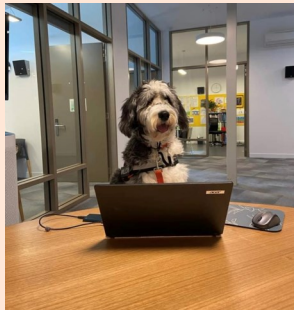


**LAST WEEK WE HAD AFL GOULBURN  
MURRAY ATTEND SCHOOL TO RUN  
STUDENTS THROUGH SOME FOOTBALL  
SKILLS AS PART OF AFL PRIMARY PLAY.**

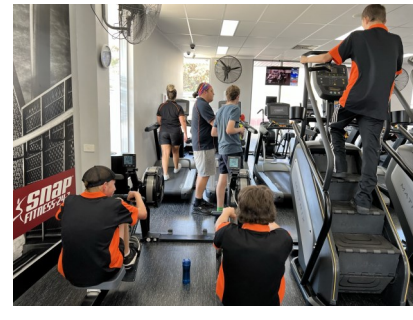
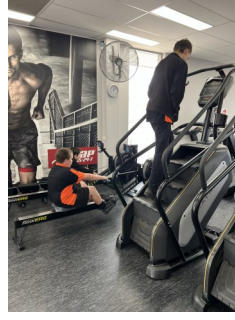




## Willow the Wellbeing Dog



## Senior Gym Program



**Room 3 & 4 were learning about National Sorry Day and reconciliation Week and their importance. Students created art work in the colours of the Aboriginal flag.**



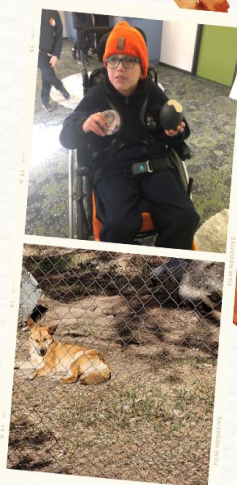








Snakes  
habitat



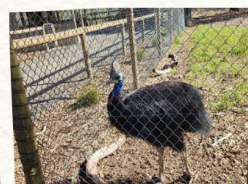
Dingo



## Kyabram Fauna Park



Cassawary



Life is good



Matilda receiving her  
PB Award

Showing independence  
when packing away and  
being a valued member  
of Room 2



## Our Vision

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



## Our Values

Be Respectful  
Be Inclusive  
Be Responsible



# FLOOD RECOVERY ART THERAPY

## BEYOND THE FLOODS

Beyond the Floods Art Therapy Group sessions are designed to provide a safe and secure environment for women and children impacted by the recent flood event, to process experiences and celebrate individual strengths and resilience. The groups will be facilitated by a Registered Art Therapist with the support of Flood Recovery support workers from Echuca Regional Health and Centre for Non-Violence.

## WOMEN'S GROUP



- Creating art in a supportive, non-judgemental environment provides safety and space to explore and process lived experiences.
- Prompts provided and a variety of art materials available for participants to use and explore.
- Participants may attend the whole session or part of.
- Open studio – 2 hours

## CHILDREN'S GROUP

- Play based approach to enhance creative expression and explore body sensations and emotions. Builds rapport, increases capacity to cope, emotional regulation, sense of safety, community, and positive sense of self.
- Parent/caregiver must remain on premises during the group.
- Participants may attend the whole session or part of.
- Open studio – 2 hours



## LOCATION

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN CENTRAL ROCHESTER, LOCATION TBC

## DATES

EVERY WEDNESDAY, STARTING 7 JUNE 2023

## TIMES

CHILDREN'S GROUP 9-11AM

WOMEN'S GROUP 12-2PM.

COME FOR THE WHOLE SESSION OR DROP IN FOR A PORTION OF IT

**COST  
FREE**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 5430 3000 AND ASK TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE IN THE FLOOD RECOVERY TEAM

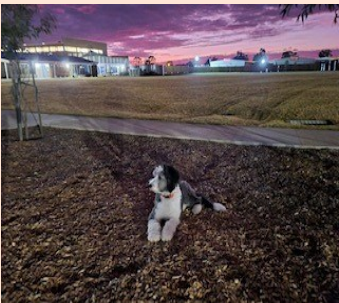


# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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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**ECHUCA VIC 3564**  
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**<https://www.echucass.vic.edu.au>**



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**I ♥ ndis** REGISTERED NDIS PROVIDER

**Under 18 School Holiday Camp**  
**Billabong Ranch Echuca**  
Monday 25th - Thursday 28th September 2023

Activities include horse riding, feeding the animals, mini golf, bouldering, pedal boats, beach volleyball, playground, low ropes course and more!

**FIND OUT MORE**

[Visit inclusion.ymca.org.au](https://www.ymca.org.au)



**ECHUCA TWIN RIVERS SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

**9am - 10:30am**  
**Every 2nd Wednesday Morning**  
**66 Wilkinson Drive Echuca**  
Starts Term 2  
26th of April 2023

**FREE**

Phone: 03 54 107 700

**Anglicare Victoria**  
Drinks & food provided by ETRSS Cafe



**AUSTRALIAN CAMPS ASSOCIATION**  
**PEOPLE OUTDOORS**  
Adventure for all

**FAMILY DAY**  
**'COME & TRY'**

**Saturday 17th June 2023**  
9am - 2pm | Bookings Essential  
Weekaway Recreation Centre

*People Outdoors - Experts at providing outdoor experiences for people living with disability*



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**Saver Plus – Because the best thing money can buy is financial freedom**

The Saver Plus community program has helped over 55,000 Australians take the stress out of school costs. It's free for eligible people to join.

At Saver Plus, we pair you with a savings coach while you budget and save over the next 10 months. You attend online workshops to learn tips, tricks and information to grow your budgeting and savings skills. Once you reach your agreed savings goal, ANZ matches your savings dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500. You can use that money towards education costs such as uniforms, text books, laptops or extra-curricular activities such as sport or music.

You could be eligible to join Saver Plus if you:

- have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal (we also accept child support and carer's payment as income)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

To find out more, or to apply, go to [www.saverplus.org.au](https://www.saverplus.org.au) or call 1300 610 355