

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 Reports



We would like to welcome all of the students back to on site learning. Thank you for your ongoing support during the last few months with both on site, remote and flexible learning. It has been fantastic to see the students reconnecting with their peers and enjoying being back in the classroom. At school we continue to follow the latest health advice.

PASS awards

Congratulations to Heather Coombs, Heather has been shortlisted for an award in the education support category of the (PASS) Principal's Association of Specialist Schools awards for 2021. Heather has worked at our school for many years and continues to go above and beyond in her role. Heather is a strong advocate for School Wide Positive Behaviour, she teaches expected behaviour and positively reinforces with the students. Heather also shows pride in our school and prepares the classroom for the students. We wish you all the best with the upcoming awards night.

Pupil Free Day

Please remember that Monday the 1st of November is a pupil free day. The teachers will be busily working on the students end of year reports as well as this Tuesday the 2nd of November is a public holiday due to the Melbourne Cup.

Important Dates



November

**1st—Report writing day—
Student Free**

**2nd—Melbourne Cup Day—
Public holiday**

December

2nd—School Council

17th—End of Term 4



Our Vision

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



Cont. Assistant Principals report

Lunch orders

Students will be able to place lunch orders from Wednesday 27th October. This can be done online via School Lunch Online. Make sure you place orders under Specialist School so they arrive for our students lunch time not the primary school.

Nest Swing

We have been very lucky to receive a donation from the Echuca/Moama Kiwanis Club. The donation will enable us to purchase and install a new nest swing. It will be great to have two swing in the yard for the students to use. This new swing will be situated near the VCAL rooms. The swing will be installed ready for use in 2022.



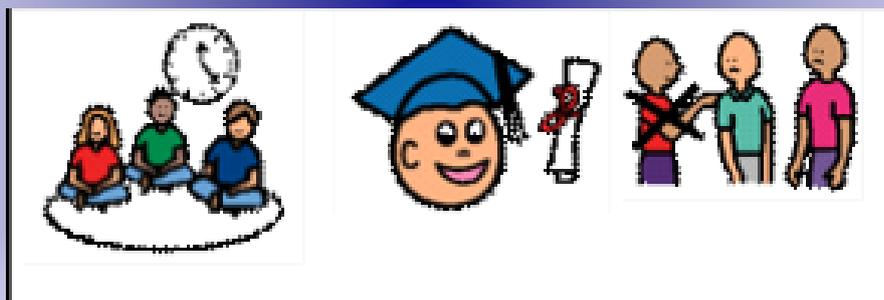
New Grassed area

We would like to thank Coolabah Turf for a donation of some Kikuyu turf, the turf has been laid and will create a great space for the students to use, in addition to this the large area at the front of the school has been line planted, the grass will grow over the next few months and will be fully usable in 2022. The temporary fencing will stay while the grass is growing. Thank you to Troy Griffiths and his team for the great work that he has been doing.

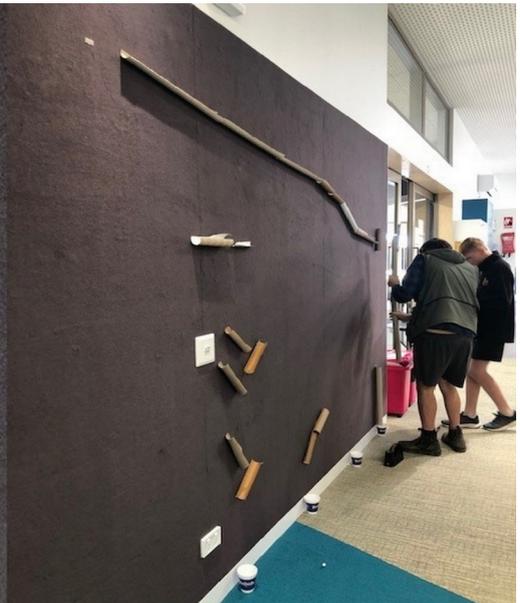
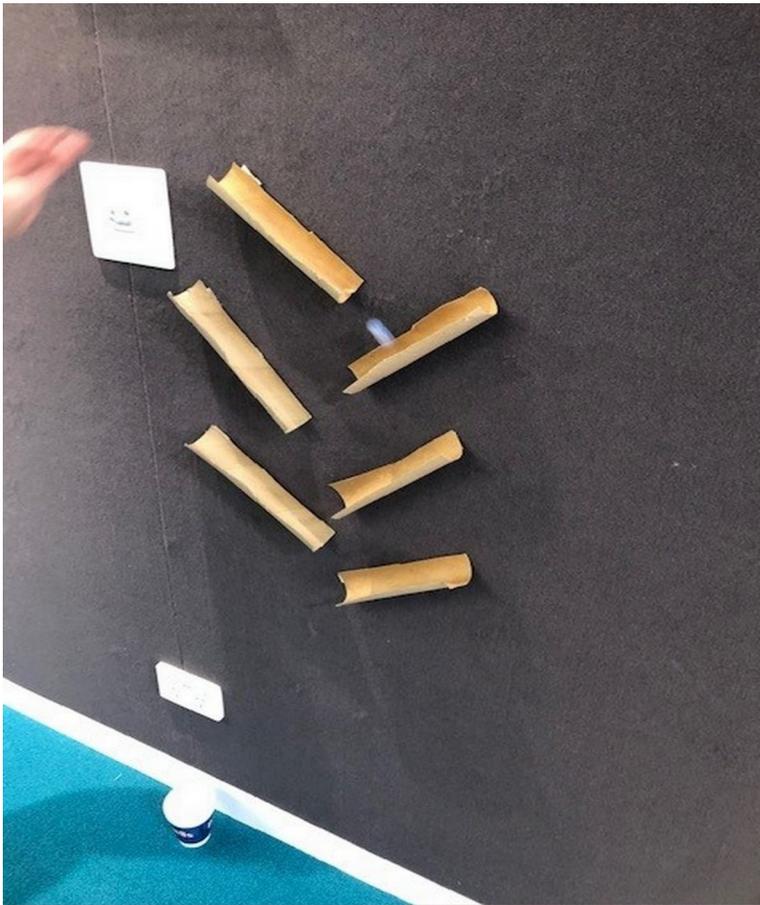
PBS Targeted Behaviour

Inclusion in the Classroom

I give everyone the right to listen and learn



Senior electives STEM group marble runs.

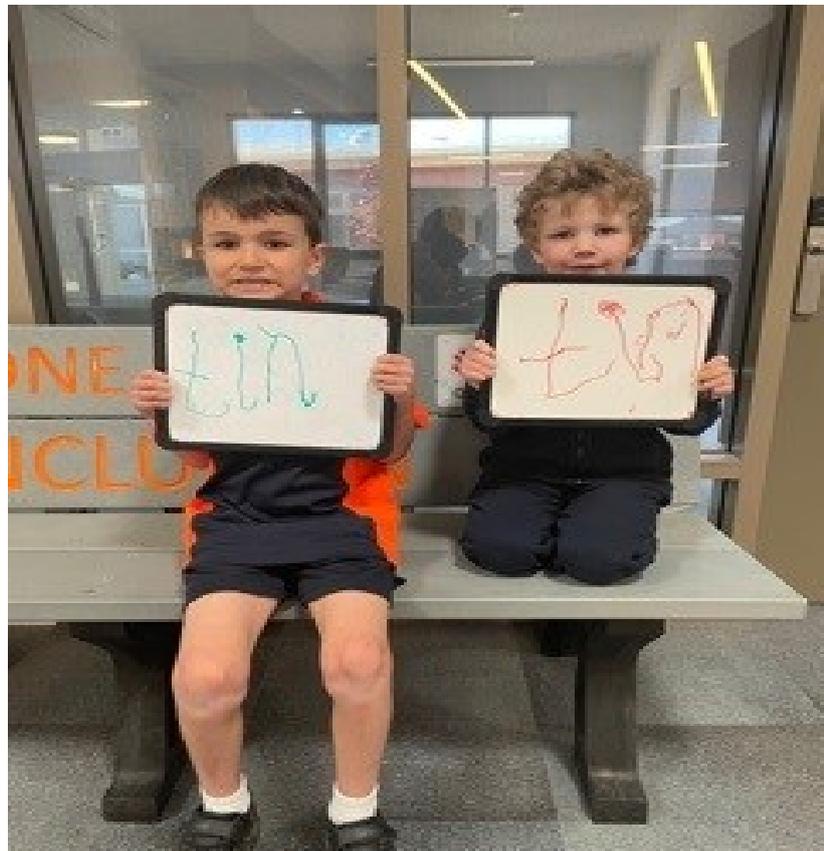


Ashton and Archie had a positive play today in the sandpit and it was such a great moment to see.

Here is a photo of their sandcastle they were both very proud of.



Room 3
The word of the week is "Tin", Jordan and Dane did fantastic writing. Very proud.



SOW & PBS Weeks 2 & 3

Room 1	Frank—PBS Dallas—PBS	Being an inclusive classmate and giving everyone the right to listen and learn during all learning activities. Picking up rubbish
Room 3	Dean W—PBS Dane—PBS	Giving everyone the right to listen and learn all classroom learning times For following instructions and packing up when he was asked.
Room 4	Liam V—PBS Paislee—SOW	Taking pride in his work Following directions from staff
Room 6/7	Ollie—PBS Levi—SOW Mia—SOW	A great first week back and for communicating with staff about his feelings Being a great friend and taking turns Giving everyone the right to listen and learn
Room 8	Mkye—PBS William—SOW	Following Staff directions Showing pride in his school by being nice friend and doing work
Room 9	Shaun—PBS Isabel—SOW	Following directions from staff Showing pride in the garden
Room 12	Luke—PBS Balin—SOW Aiden—PBS Everyone—SOW	Following directions from staff and communicating how he was feeling Completing all his school work and being a positive student in room 12 Showing pride in his school Settling back into classroom after remote learning
Room 13	Claudia—PBS Ricklee & Andrew Bindhi & Chelsea	Following directions Excellent reading Settling back into school after remote learning
Room 14	Bailey—SOW Daniel Riley—PBS Zane - SOW Ricky—PBS	Being an enthusiastic student Communicating how he was feeling Following direction from staff Having a positive transition back to school Always wearing school uniform
VCAL	Kirsty—SOW Caitlin—SOW Ebany—SOW Kaitlyn—SOW Claudia—SOW Liam—SOW Claudia—PBS Natie—PBS Jakob—PBS Olivr—PBS Billie—PBS Ben—PBS	Always including others especially in group work and valuing others opinions Helping new students settle into their programs Settling into the café program well and participating in cleaning procedures Delivering drinks in the café program and coping well with changes of staff this week Moving off to her program without prompting from staff Actively participating in his mathematics lesson Following directions from staff Communicating how she was feeling Promptly following staff directions in the café Showing pride in his school by shovelling sand back in the hole at the end of recess times Showing pride in her school by representing ETRSS well at the goat farm 'Showing pride in his school by always wearing his school uniform

Community News

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR MULTI CLASS ATHLETES

This season we are pleased to introduce Multi Class to our little athletics program. This means that any athlete with a disability is eligible to register and participate in the sport.

Simply register as a 'Trial Athlete' via the LAVic website and state the impairment of your athlete and they will receive 2 weeks free trial when competition commences.

Due to the Covid restrictions and the NSW and VIC road maps, there has been a delay to our commencement date. All information will be sent out and posted on our socials soon.

If you have any concerns or need more information on how Multi Class will run at EMLAC and if it will be suitable for your athlete, please contact our Inclusion Officer Mel Pyle at mel_pyle@hotmail.com or alternatively visit our website.

We look forward to welcoming you all to little athletics.

Register via www.lavic.com.au

New members, register as a 'Trial' Athlete' and get 2 weeks free trial.

www.echucamoamalac.com.au  

EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL STRESS?



- Can't pay the bills?
- Unable to work due to caring?
- Rent's gone up?
- Credit cards out of control?

Variety's new financial counselling program is here to help

A new financial counselling program to support Australian families with kids who are sick, disadvantaged or living with disability has been launched by Variety - the Children's Charity.

Raising a child with a disability or illness can be expensive and cause financial strain for families due to high medical costs, specialised education needs or restricted income due to caring responsibilities.

This program is now available through Variety and is designed to help families experiencing financial stress or hardship. We can assist with managing debt, managing household budgets, negotiating

with creditors, providing Centrelink guidance, accessing utility grants and helping you to understand your financial rights and responsibilities. We can advocate on your behalf and can refer you to the right service to access legal advice and dispute resolution.

Financial Counsellors are qualified professionals who provide their services for free. They are independent, non-judgmental and confidential.

Families of children with a disability or illness up to 17 years of age needing this support, please call one of our financial counsellors on 1300 012 164 to access this free service.

CALL 1300 012 164 or scan the code below



The financial counselling program is one of many services offered by Variety to support those kids who are sick, disadvantaged or living with disability where they need it most. Other support includes equipment grants, scholarships, experiences like sports days, sports camps and choir, educational programs and more. We are committed to all kids having the ability to reach their full potential, no matter what that potential may be.



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Helping Families to Beat Financial Hardship

With many Australian families doing it extra tough because of the pandemic, a new financial counselling service launched by Variety - the Children's Charity is here to help.

The new Financial Counselling Service is aimed at families in need with children of kids who are sick, disadvantaged or living with disability. Raising a child with a disability or illness can be expensive and creates pressures on families who face a unique set of financial circumstances - like high medical costs, specialised educational needs and home modifications - all on a reduced income due to their caring responsibilities.

In response to these complex issues, the free service can help families anywhere in Australia who are dealing with monetary stress and hardship.

"We know financial counselling is an identified need amongst families facing challenges, such as the cost of having a child or multiple children with chronic illness or disability, single parent households, inability to work due to caring or career ineligibility for AFDIS funding, loss of income or reliance on government assistance," explained Murray Queensland CEO, Steve Walkerley.

Variety's trained Financial Counsellors are equipped to offer help on everything from planning household budgets and managing debt to negotiating with creditors, accessing utility grants, and providing Centrelink guidance.

"This new program presents an opportunity to create a real impact for

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STEVE WALKERLEY CEO VARIETY QUEENSLAND

Empowering families
Financial counselling is an important service to empower families to secure a sound financial foundation and can improve outcomes on a range of measures, including financial capability and consequently health and wellbeing.

JOHN O'MALLI, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND

families facing the high costs of raising a child with a disability," said Jon O'Malley, the Executive Officer of Financial Counsellors Association of Queensland.

The free service, made possible by the support of the ANF Foundation, has been developed to assist with the future needs of a child with a disability or illness and their whole family. It is available around Australia via an internet phone-based service.

The new financial counselling program is the latest in a series of initiatives created by Variety to support Aussie kids who are sick, disadvantaged or living with a disability, when they need it most. Other support services include equipment grants, scholarships and creating rewarding experiences through sports days, sports camps, and choirs, as well as providing educational experiences.



Free Financial Counselling and Advocacy



Variety's Financial Counsellors are qualified, independent professionals who offer a non-judgemental and confidential service for Australian families facing financial stress or hardship. They can help families to understand their financial rights and obligations, refer them on to specialist agencies for legal advice and dispute resolution and advocate on behalf of families where required.

Families in need with children up to the age of 17 years old who wish to access the service call 1300 012 164. Or go to variety.org.au/financialcounselling



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