

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.



Principals message:

Celebrate Aboriginal languages this International Mother Language Day

Schools and early childhood services across Victoria are teaching Aboriginal languages

21 February marks UNESCO International Mother Language Day, which celebrates the importance of cultural and linguistic diversity for peaceful and sustainable societies.

In 2019, the UN International Year of Indigenous Languages, schools and early childhood services across Victoria are teaching Aboriginal languages with the support of Aboriginal teachers, Elders and communities.

Currently, there are 11 schools across Victoria teaching Aboriginal languages in partnership with their local Aboriginal communities. This year, up to 32 early childhood services will teach ten different Aboriginal languages.



Steel capped work boots

There have been a few students wearing steel capped shoes this year. These are not part of school uniform and could pose a danger to students and staff. Students can wear runners or black school shoes. If you are having difficulty purchasing appropriate footwear, please contact the school.



SSG meetings

A reminder again that Friday is SSG day. There will be no school programs running on the day, but we encourage students to attend some or all of the meetings. These meetings are a vital way to improve the relationship between school and home. The meeting focuses on setting learning goals for the students and discussing individual programs.

Our Vision:

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



Dates to remember:

February:

- 21st—School Council Meeting
- 22nd—SSG Meeting—Student Free

March:

- 11th—Labor Day Public Holiday
- 22nd —Student Free Day—Smart Spelling staff PD
- 26th—Year 7 Immunisation
- 28th—School council Meeting

April:

- 5th—End of Term 1
- 23rd—Start of Term 2

CON'T PRINCIPAL REPORT

Shepparton Swimming Sports

Next week our students will be participating at the Shepparton Swimming Sports (Hosted by Verney Road Specialist School). Several classes will travel over to participate in the day. We have been involved with the swimming sports over the past couple of years and the students have always enjoyed participating.



Chaplain- Alan Corby (Corbz)

Hi, I'm the Chaplain at Echuca Specialist School, I am at the school on Tuesday and Thursday each week. When I am at school I support a number of classes by being an extra person assisting in the class activities.

I am also available after school until 4:00pm, to be a listening ear or to offer support to staff or parents.

If anyone should wish to speak with me they can see me after school or contact the front office who will assist them to find where I am around the school.



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Beacon Program

This year we have been invited to be part of the Beacon Program. The program is aimed at our VCAL students, preparing them for life after school. There are various activities that occur throughout the year such as mock interviews and a Careers Expo. We have also chosen Beacon Leaders, Jai Vesty and Zach Phyland, who work with leaders from other schools to organise the program. Last week the two students spent a day with the other leaders participating in activities aimed at improving their leadership skills. The boys were fantastic participants and represented the school and themselves with great honour.



PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

Always – Respect

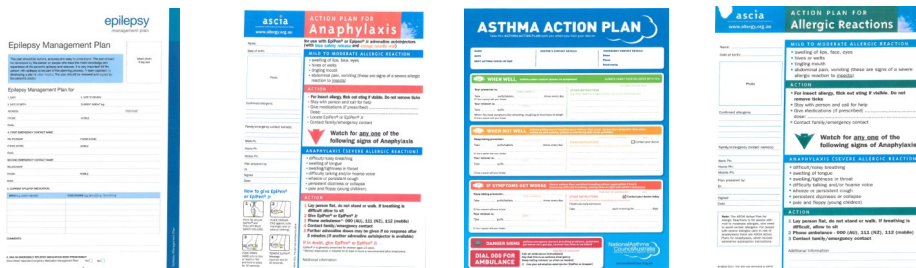
I keep my hands and feet to myself



I use my manners

ASTHMA, ANAPHYLAXIS & EPILEPSY PLANS

Parents/carers must supply the school with a current/updated plan every year. At the SSG meetings on Friday your child's teacher will notify you if your child's plan is out of date. It is very important that you consult with you doctors and provided the school with a current plan asap. It is also important that your doctor fills when the next plan up-date is due. We will also have an option to sign a form to say your child's reaction is very mild/minor and a plan is not required. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office or speak to your child's teacher.



There will also be a form to fill out at SSG Meetings regarding how you would like to receive your Newsletter. We do encourage parent/carers to use Facebook, Tiqbiz or the website to read the Newsletter to help reduce the paper output. If you need help to use these platforms please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Bus

A reminder to families and Carers to contact bus staff if there are changes in the transport for your child to or from school.

Rushworth—0418 322 861

Cohuna—0418 847 627

Kyabram—0448 981 2 78

Rochester—0427 685 124



Student Absence

The [School Attendance Guidelines](#) specify that from the end of Term 2 2018, government schools must contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the day of an unexplained student absence.

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools. Parents/carers have an obligation to notify the school of their child's absence and schools are required to notify parents/carers on the day of an unexplained student absence.



Room 5 Maths session was counting how many Skittles it took to fill the plate then in a twisted they turned it into a Science lesson and added water to see the amazing pattern appear.



CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Who can apply

The conveyance allowance is available to families who meet the certain criteria.

Students attending a specialist school or special setting must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government specialist school or Department-recognised special setting
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from school or nearest bus stop

be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

Apply for the allowance

Families can complete an application form and submit it to their school, or the school can complete the form on their behalf.

Schools then lodge the application via the Student Conveyance Allowance System.

If you have not received a form please contact the office.

Applications close: 8th March 2018

SCHOOL FEES

Statements were sent home this week. Families/Carers can pay fees in full or on a term by term basis. Fees can be paid in cash, Eftpos or via internet banking. Details will be on the statement.

Primary fees are \$220

Secondary fees are \$260



CENTREPAY

Centrepay is a service available to families that receive welfare payments. This service allows families to instruct Centrelink to take a nominated amount from their Centrelink payment to go toward school fees. If you would like to access this service or have any queries please see Tracey in the office.



Happy Birthday
to the following
students for this
week.



JAI V
ZANE B

Reminder to families/
carers that it is preferred
that student drink bottles
are only filled with water.
Juice boxes are not to be
sent in your child lunch
box everyday as they are a
sometimes
drink.



LUNCH ORDERS: Lunch orders will be available every
Monday & Friday. This year High Street South Corner Store will be
providing the lunch orders—5482 5410.

ECHUCA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

LUNCH ORDER MENU 2019

Hot Food	Price	Fresh Sandwich Bar	S'Wich Price	Wrap/ Roll
Hot Dog w/sauce	3.00	Ham	2.50	2.90
Sausage Rolls	3.00	Ham & Salad	4.20	4.60
Party Pies	1.20	Chicken & Salad	4.50	4.90
Steamed Dim Sims	1.00	Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	3.90	4.30
Cheeseburger w/sauce	3.70	Egg & Lettuce	3.50	3.90
BBQ Sausage w/- cheese & sauce	3.70	Cheese	2.90	2.90
Roast Roll	4.50	Vegemite	2.00	2.50
Pasta Bolognaise	4.50	Salad (Lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese)	3.50	4.00
Carbonara Fettuccine	4.50	Buttered Bread	1.00	1.50
Chicken Schnitzel, lettuce mayo wrap	4.50			
Extra sauce sachet	.20			
Cakes and Snacks		Healthy Salad Tubs		
Iced Doughnuts	1.90	Chicken & garden Salad	4.50	
Jam Doughnuts	1.90	Chicken Caesar Salad	4.50	
Banana Bread	3.00	Fruit Salad—Seasonal	4.00	
Potato Chips—Plain, Salt & Vinegar, BBQ & Chicken	1.50	Single piece of seasonal Fruit	1.20	
Drinks				
Nippy's Milk—Chocolate or S/Berry	2.20			
Pop Tops or Prima—Apple, Orange, Apple & Blackcurrant	2.20			
Water	2.50			

ALL ORDERS MUST BE WRITTEN ON A BROWN PAPER BAG WHICH INCLUDES
NAME AND GRADE. CORRECT MONEY MUST BE IN THE BAG. THANK YOU

COMMUNITY NEWS

JOIN OUR D.I.Y. LADIES DAY

FREE



**Thursday 21st February
11:00am - 1:00pm**

- Ryobi workshop demos
- Kaboodle products demos
- Raffles and goodie's bags
- Light Refreshments **FREE EVENT**

For more information or to book please contact Charal Harbottle on : 03 54820000 or visit www.bunnings.com.au/echuca

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At Quality Mind & Body Fitness Centre

71 Ogilvie Ave, Echuca

(For further information contact Sandra Dawes 0409 507 478)

When and how was Special Olympics Started?

Mrs Eunice Kennedy Shriver organized the first Special Olympics competition and it took place in 1968 at Soldier Field in Chicago. As a result of this dream for people with an intellectual disability the program is now in more than 170 countries throughout the world. Special Olympics started in Victoria in 1975 and has been growing ever since. Victoria has participated in all National Games and every World Summer Games since 1987. Special Olympics are active in all States of Australia and the ACT.

Where are Special Olympics?

Currently in Victoria we have six metropolitan regions. These are Dandenong Valley, Inner Eastern, Northern, Outer Eastern, Southern and Westernport. There are five country regions - Bullara Grampians, Barwon, Bendigo, Echuca Campaspe and Ovens & Murray.

What ages are the athletes in Special Olympics?

Special Olympics training and competitions is open to every person with an intellectual disability who register to participate with Special Olympics - six to seven years for training and eight years and over for both training and competition.

We Need More Athletes!

Sports offered through Special Olympics Victoria

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatics | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bocce | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenpin Bowling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics | |

*Coaches, Volunteers
and Athletes for all other
sports are welcome as well*



To Join Us In Special Olympics Victoria

Please fill out your details on the form below and post to our Regional Contact.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: (H) _____

(M) _____

Volunteers are also most welcome!

Special Olympics Echuca offer access to 5 sports.

Swimming, Basketball, Bocce, TenPin Bowling, Netball.

Aquatics
Friday 5-6pm
Echuca War Memorial
Aquatic Centre
High Street
Echuca VIC 3564
Shirley Milgate 0400
936 054

Basketball
Wednesday 3.30-
4.30pm
Stubberfield Sports &
Entertainment
Centre Echuca
High Street
Echuca VIC 3564
Coach: Alex White

Team Manager: Karen
Upton 0408 036 021

Bocce

Winter
Sunday Afternoon
Moama Bowling
6 Shaw Street
Moama NSW 2731
Susan Hawkins 0407
787 381

Summer
Wednesday Night
6 Shaw Street
Moama Bowling
Moama NSW 2731
Susan Hawkins 0407
787 381

Tenpin Bowling
4th Friday of the month
Bendigo Bowl
Coach: Frank
Gumbleton
Team Manager: Marg
Gumbleton 0413 597
713

Netball

Wednesday nights
4.45-5.30

Netball Centre, Echuca

Carmel Beck
0400571954

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