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# Newsletter

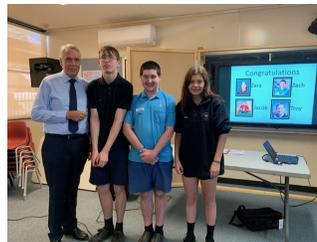
Echuca Specialist School acknowledges the history, culture, diversity, and value of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and pays respect to their elders past and present, as well as acknowledging future generations.



## Principals message:

### School Captains

Congratulations to our new school captains Zara, Zach, Troy and Jacob. Peter Walsh visited the school on Friday morning to present the captains with their badges. The captains will be responsible to run assemblies, welcome/thank visitors to the school, help others and represent the school at the Anzac Day march.



### Beacon Breakfast

Our two Beacon leaders, Zach and Jai, did an amazing job at the Beacon Business Breakfast last week. The leaders welcomed and spoke to various local business people at the breakfast at Radcliffe's. Jai took to the stage to draw and announce the raffle winner. We are very proud of our involvement in the Beacon program and especially proud of our students involved.



### Curriculum day

**There is no school for students tomorrow (Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>) due to the curriculum day. Staff will be learning about SMART spelling. Keep an eye out for further information about SMART spelling next term.**

### Our Vision:

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



### Dates to remember:

#### March:

22<sup>nd</sup> —Student Free Day—  
Smart Spelling staff PD

**26th—Year 7 Immunisation**

28<sup>th</sup>—School Council Meeting

#### April:

5<sup>th</sup>—End of Term 1

23<sup>rd</sup>—Start of Term 2

24<sup>th</sup>—Year 10 Immunisation

25<sup>th</sup>—Anzac Day Public  
Holiday

## CON'T PRINCIPAL REPORT

### What to tell children about the Christchurch mosque shootings

I have been asked about what parents should tell their children about the Christchurch mosque shootings. Parents wrestling with how to explain the Christchurch mosque massacre to their children should tell them they're safe, but be honest that something bad has happened. Depending on their age, young people will need different things but they should all be told they're safe and that it's OK to feel sad.

- \* Give children as much information as they ask for.
- \* Stay aware of things they might see or hear.
- \* Tell children they're safe and that people are helping keep them safe.
- \* Don't shy away from telling them people have been hurt and killed.
- \* Remember to talk about feelings as much as facts.
- \* Find a space to process their own feelings, if they're struggling they should get help.
- \* Understand teenagers will want to be with their peers and parents should encourage that.
- \* Let children help; find avenues where they can contribute.
- Remember children and teenagers' reactions may be delayed.

### Wobble board fun

Last week room 5 were introduced to Wobble Boards. The students each used their own board to do yoga, listen to stories and relax. The boards were a hit with the students. We are hoping to continue and possibly expand this program into other classrooms.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
SCHOOL CAPTIAN'S FOR 2019



ROOM 13  
PIZZA  
MAKING



## PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

### Classroom– Respect

- I walk inside.



- I use all equipment for its purpose.



### 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



### Year 7 Immunisation Tuesday 26th March

Reminder to our Year 7 families/carers that next Tuesday the Shire will be at school from 8:30 to administer the HPV and Booster vaccine to our Year 7 students. If you would like your child to receive this vaccine and haven't returned the signed consent card can you please do this asap. **If parents/carers would like to be present during the immunisation the team will be setup by 8:30am.** If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Jenni in the office.



# I CAN NETWORK



*You are invited to an...*

## I CAN Network Family Information session

Tuesday 26 March, 2019, 5.00pm - 6.00pm at

**Bendigo TAFE Echuca Campus**

Corner Hare and Darling Streets ECHUCA VIC 3564

Campaspe Youth Partnerships and the I CAN Network in collaboration with Echuca College, St Joseph's College, River City Christian College, Echuca Specialist School, Echuca Twin Rivers School and Echuca Primary School are running the I CAN Secondary Mentoring Program and Imagination Club in Echuca which will commence early in Term 2.

Family members, teachers and community members are welcome to attend.

*Hear from Chris Varney, Founder and Chief Enabling Officer of I CAN Network, as he discusses his personal I CAN journey. I CAN is driving a rethink of Autism from I CAN'T to I CAN. Chris will explain how he based the network on the mentors who supported him to get the best out of his Asperger's. Chris will, along with Kate Andrews, the Murray Goulburn I CAN Manager, expand on the I CAN secondary mentoring program, the Imagination Club and empowering camps.*



Chris Varney : CEO I CAN Network

Expression of Interest forms can be returned on this night or at your child's school by 3rd April.

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An **I CAN School**<sup>®</sup> is a school that benefits from embracing Autism. We work with students, parents and teachers to create inclusive schools that celebrate the individual strengths of people on the Autism Spectrum.

The I CAN Network is driving a rethink of Autism, from 'I Can't' to 'I CAN'. We mentor young people on the Autism Spectrum to live life with an 'I CAN' attitude. We bring out the 'awe' in AWetism through education, advocacy and providing opportunities. We build networks across schools, universities, TAFEs, communities, businesses and governments.

Together, we are Australia's first social enterprise founded by people with Autism.

## Student PBS of the Week Primary



Room 1— Zane & Angela  
For persisting with and challenging themselves with number addition sentences



Room 11— Beau, Chaz & Oliver  
Taking turns and working as a team when Geocaching



Room 2—Liam  
Listening to staff.



Room 13—Lyric  
For challenging himself and trying new things



Room 5—Chelsea  
For challenging herself with her learning



Room 14—Trent - SOW  
Cooperating getting on the bus



Room 7—Xavier  
For challenging himself with learning and asking for help when needed.



Room 14—Kurt—PBS  
Asking for help when needed

## Student and PBS of the Week Secondary



Room 16—Michael—SOW  
Trying his best



Room 18—Nick—SOW  
Working well at Junior recess



Room 16—Caitlin—PBS  
Always being safe and careful on the bus



Room 18 - Britney—PBS  
Asking for help when she needs it.



Room 17—Tamryn—SOW  
Her patience and contribution to class through her communication device



VCAL—Noah—SOW  
For persisting in his word work



VCAL—Troy—PBS  
Challenging himself on Wednesday programs



Room 17—Ben P—PBS  
Accepting challenges and asking for help when he needs it.



VCAL—Adrian—SOW  
For excellent conversation whilst working on his PowerPoint presentation about the history of Echuca

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Come & try night

*The Echuca Moama Rockets Auskick program is designed for young people living with a disability in our community. Open to ALL ABILITIES aged between 5 and 18 years old and offers to opportunity to play the game they love, learn new skills and be part of a team!*

**DETAILS**

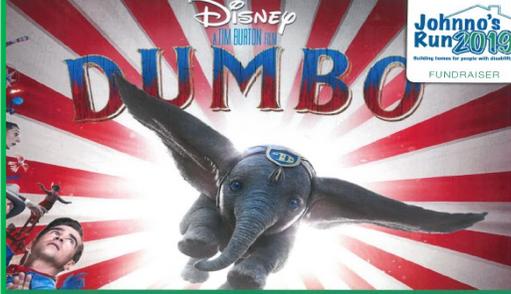
- WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL 2019
- TIME – 4.30PM – 5.30PM
- 208 PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL – ENTER VIA ANSTRUTHER STREET

For further details contact

Ben Trevena Auskick Coordinator 0427 033 866	or	Suellen Betts Rockets Secretary 0418 324 327
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Follow our Facebook page for updates.





The O'Dea Family Movie Fundraiser for Johnno's Run raising funds for the Moama Opening Doors Project

Movie: Dumbo  
 Sunday 31 March 2019  
 2:00pm start. Afternoon tea provided after the movie  
 Venue: Echuca Paramount

\$20 tickets available from:  
 Venue | CLRS Office - 26A Percy Street, Echuca  
 Contact | Prue O'Dea - 0421 060 440







## Welcome Night

Come and discover what Echuca Moama has to offer you

All residents welcome - especially if you are new to the area.

There will be information about council services and a showcase of social, sporting and service clubs.

It's a great opportunity to become more involved with your local community.

We look forward to seeing you.

**Where**  
Echuca Library  
310 Hare Street

**When**  
Wednesday  
3 April 5 - 8pm

**Sausage sizzle**  
Live music

Campaspe Regional Library | 03 5451 2400 | www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library 

# GOOD FRIDAY

# EASTER

## EGG HUNT




Come Along & Visit  
Easter Bunny & Mr. Hooker Bear

at the 208 Primary School Oval  
on **Good Friday** at **10:00AM** Sharp  
1000's of Cadbury Eggs to be Hunted  
\$5.00 per child. Bags Supplied  
Contact: Jada Scarfo - Sales Associate  
0400 981 651 for any further details.






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