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Issue 10

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:



Welcome back

It will be wonderful to see all of the students again next Tuesday. I want to congratulate all of the families for your amazing work and resilience over the past couple of months. It has been an extremely challenging time but you have shown great courage and flexibility. I feel in many ways the situation has brought the school community even closer together. There has been constant communication between staff and families. We have enjoyed working with families to provide the best possible support during remote learning. The students should also be proud of their achievements. Our students stepped up and adapted very well in difficult circumstances.

Curriculum day

In preparation for a return to school the Education Department has declared Monday 25th May a curriculum day. No students are to attend on that day.

Future newsletters

We have decided to continue fortnightly newsletters. This is mainly due to the success of our Facebook page in communicating information to families.

Updated website

Visit our updated website at <https://www.echucass.vic.edu.au>
The updated website is in preparation for our move to Twin Rivers Primary School. Thank you to Jenni Candy for her extensive work on it. We welcome feedback and ideas to further improve the site.

Our Vision:

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



Dates to Remember:

MAY

Walk around Australia

JUNE

18th—Yr10 Immunisation

26th—Last day of Term 2

JULY

13th—First day of Term 3

AUGUST

31st—School Photos

SEPTEMBER

18th—Last day of Term 3

Safety of your children is paramount

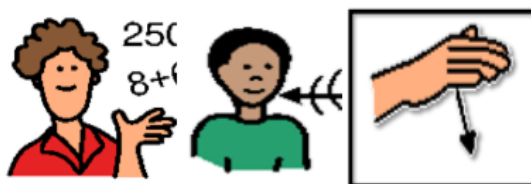
The safety of students and our entire school community is paramount. To support this the school will adopt a number of measures to minimise the chances of students, staff and families becoming unwell.

- Parents are to drop their children off at the gate and not enter the school grounds (if possible)
- Parents are to wait beside their cars at the end of the day and their children will be brought to them by a staff member
- Any student (or staff) that show signs of illness will be sent home
- Buses will have the right to refuse access to students that show signs of illness
- Staff have been tested to ensure they are not carrying the virus
- Personal Protective Equipment is available for staff when required
- Hand hygiene and how to cough/sneeze will be taught in class
- Students will be taught the importance of social distancing (however students do not HAVE to follow the rules of social distancing)
- Students will have to wash their hands on a regular basis throughout the day
- Professional cleaning will take place in the middle and end of the day
- Playground equipment will be cleaned and sanitised in the middle of every day
- The inside of buses will be cleaned after every use
- No assemblies will be held this term
- There will be no programs operating in the community
- We won't be visiting Twin Rivers Primary School until further notice
- There won't be any camps/ excursions until further notice

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Knowledge on the Bus

I follow directions from staff



I'm responsible for my belongings



YEAR 10 IMMUNISATION

Year 10 Immunisation will now take place at school on Thursday 18th June from 9:00.

If you have your consent card at home can you please fill this out and sign and return to school as soon as possible.

If you have miss placed your card please let the office know and we will sent a new card home.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office.



NEW WEBSITE



Our new website is now live.

Please pay a visit and have a good look around at <https://www.echucass.vic.edu.au>

We would love to hear your feedback. Is there anything else you would like to see on the site.

You are able to contact the teaching staff by clicking on their photo. This will take you directly to an email link.

We are all very excited for this new, modern and user friendly site.



TWIN RIVERS CAFE



Our Café at Twin Rivers School will not be open until further notice. Our feeling is it will be closed for the remainder of Term 2. We will be guided by Minister and the Chief Health Officer.

Kids feeling anxious? Are you feeling anxious? This is a “handy” little technique to use any-time you’re feeling anxious. The idea is to think of a positive or happy memory for you with each finger representing one of the 5 senses that you can relate to this memory—Smell, Taste, Sight, Touch & Sound.

