

24th August 2023



Issue 13

Principals Report



A reminder that tomorrow is our Book Week parade. It is the culmination of a full week of Book week activities. Classes have been participating in their own activities as well as joining together in the multipurpose room each day to read a story together. All families are invited to come and watch the parade from 9:30am on our outdoor basketball court.

SSG's

SSG's will be held on Tuesday 5th September. The portal is open for you to book your times or call the school and we can book a time for you. We would love to see all families attend the meetings. It is a vital part of creating connections between school and home, as well as setting learning goals for the future.

Special person's day

As we did with Mother's day, Father's day will also be called Special person's day. This is in recognition of the various family make up of our students. We will hold a special open morning on Friday 1st September. The special person can have a free cake or slice from our café, before visiting the classroom. Some classes will be holding special activities, whilst others will show-case students work.

Parent opinion survey

The parent opinion survey is only open for another couple of weeks. Please complete the survey because we value your feedback and always want to improve. A special code has been emailed and text through to families. You can also come to school and complete the survey on one of our laptops.



AUGUST

21-25TH—BOOKWEEK

25TH—BOOKWEEK

PARADE

31ST—YEAR 10

IMMUNISATION

SEPTEMBER

1ST—SPECIAL PERSONS
DAY & STALL

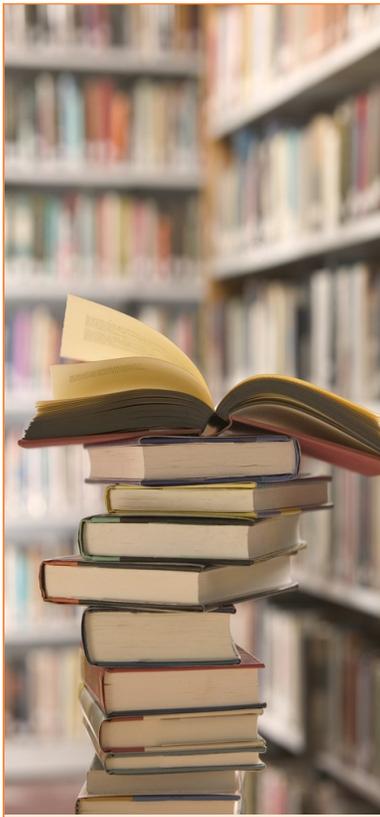
5TH—SSG MEETING
STUDENT FREE

7TH—SCHOOL COUNCIL

7TH—SWAH HILL SPORTS

15TH—FOOTY COLOURS
DAY

15TH—LAST DAY OF TERM
3 DISMISSAL @ 2PM



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.



Hats and sunscreen

From the 1st September all students and staff are required to wear hats and sunscreen outside. Please ensure your child has a named wide brimmed hat at school.



SWPBS targeted behaviours of the week

We have been excited to make new videos of our targeted SWPBS behaviours of the week. The students have had a ball making the videos. These videos will be shared on Facebook and used during class time to re-enforce the positive behaviours we are teaching. Please talk to your child about what these behaviours are and the importance of following them.

Beacon pledge

Last week we hosted all of the local secondary schools in our gymnasium to participate in the Beacon Foundation pledge. The pledge sees year 9/10 students sign a board promising to do their best at school to then go on to work, further education, volunteering or day programs. A guest speaker shared his story of facing adversity living with Tourette's syndrome and then going on to university and then working as a disability advocate.

Swan Hill sports

The Swan Hill Sports are coming up on Thursday 7th September. Secondary students travel to Swan Hill to participate in an athletics day against other specialist schools. Be aware that this is an extra long day with buses leaving around 7:15am and arriving back around 5:15pm. You will receive more information about this shortly. There will be programs offered back at school for students that can't attend.



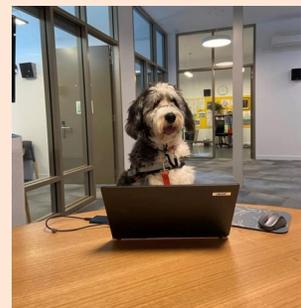
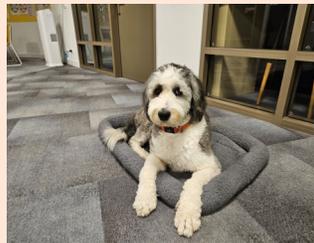
We will be holding a Footy colours day on the last day of term. Students are invited to wear their favourite footy team colours. We will also have a special lunch and students V teachers game of football. There will be more information about the special lunch sent out shortly.

Speech Pathology week

This week is also speech pathology week. We were excited to unveil our new communication banners on Monday. Sarah, our speech pathologist, worked hard organising the banners. We thank Sarah for her work in the area of speech. More information about speech pathology will be included in this newsletter.



Willow the Wellbeing Dog



Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY vaccine

On Thursday 31st August the Campaspe Shire Immunisation Nurses will be administering the Meningococcal vaccine to our Year 10 students. This year there is a new online booking system details are below:

Department of Health have recently launched a new **Online Booking program for Immunisations**, including school vaccination programs.

This site allows the families to register and complete the Consent form online for the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination.

How to make a booking ?

To access the Online Consent form, we have provided your school with a URL link :

<https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au//PrivacyCollection/?id=b5e65b35-1425-ee11-9965-000d3ae1a4f6&Year10>

The digital consent card is to be completed by Friday 25th August 2023.

We understand some clients may have difficulty making an Online appointment, so we will also provide Hardcopy consent cards to the school office to hand out if needed.

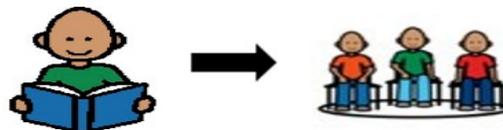
Please contact our team if you have any questions or for families requiring further assistance with the digital application, on 1300 666 535 or via email immunise@campaspe.vic.gov.au

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school regarding this information. A email was sent to all Year 10 students with the link.



PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

**Be respectful in the Classroom
We stay in our program**



We use all equipment for its purpose



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



Department
of Education

2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian

Opinion Survey:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

We will be emailing and sending home the log in details.

You can also drop in to the office and access a school laptop to complete the survey.

Everyone that completes the survey can have a free coffee from our café.

Our Vision

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



Our Values

Be Respectful
Be Inclusive
Be Responsible



Speech Pathology Week is on 20 to 26 August 2023.

Each year Speech Pathology Australia hosts Speech Pathology Week to raise awareness of those in our community who have a communication disability.

The week highlights the important role that speech pathologists play in assisting Australians with communication disability.

Communication skills underpin the ability to read and write, get a job, and enjoy family and friends.

Speech pathologists work with people to change lives and build opportunities.

The week was kicked off by the addition of the visual communication banners in our playground.

We have many speech pathologists that visit our school, along with our own school Speech Pathologist, Sarah, that provide support to our teachers, ES staff, students and families. Join us in wishing them a happy Speech Pathology Week!



Tickets are now on sale and selling fast.

BOOK NOW



Friday 27th October
7pm @
Moama Bowling
Club

**STUMBLING
NORTH**

Tickets \$120 includes
two course meal &
drinks



**ECHUCA TWIN RIVERS
SPECIALIST SCHOOL &
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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THE SCHOOL ON 5410 7700 TO
PURCHASE TICKETS

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We'd like to thank the following sponsors



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**Friday 27th October 7.00 pm @ Moama Bowling Club
Tickets \$120 includes two course meal & drinks**

Raffle books will go home today. One per family. If you require more please contact the office. Raffle will be drawn on the night of the Little Black Dress.



'Little Black Dress'

Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School & Twin Rivers Primary School
RAFFLE MAJOR FUNDRAISER

Ph: (03) 5410 7700



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1st Prize - 2x Four Day Park Pass, Australian Grand Prix

2nd Prize - Phil-A-Bin, 2m Skip Hire

3rd Prize - Voucher for Twin Rivers Cafe valued at \$50.00

Major Sponsors



Proudly donated by **EMPD** ECHUCA MOAMA PRINT & DESIGN



To be drawn at Moama Bowling Club - on Friday 27th October 2023

Social Emotional Learning



Our first social emotional group concluded recently. This group was run with middle pod students from room 6, 8 and 9. The group was run by Brook (Tutor) and Sarah (Speech Pathologist).

The group targeted non-verbal communication, including:

- The 3 parts of our face that communicate feelings and emotions without speech – eyes, eyebrows and mouth
- The 3 parts of our body that communicate feelings and emotions without speech - shoulders, arms and hands
- Identifying emotions and feelings e.g. happy, sad, tired, bored, excited, frustrated, angry and so on

Watching and knowing when it is safe and fun to stay and play with friends or siblings
OR when we need to move away.

The group was a great success and lots of fun.

A new group has started, and more groups will run in term 4.

All students that participated in the group will be receiving a letter home, communicating outcomes of the group and any recommendations.



SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY

FRIDAY 1ST SEPT 2023 - 9AM - 11AM

ECHUCA TWIN RIVERS SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Open Morning - come and see the classrooms and enjoy a coffee and slice from the Cafe



Persons Day Stall

We will be running our Specialist Persons Day stall on Thursday 31st August in the Café area from 9-11am. Students can bring \$5 to spend on a maximum of 2 items.



Room 2 joined ' Twisted Science' at the library for a morning of activities.
We had fun while learning.



Room 2 having fun completing food dye experiments during Science Week.



Head Lice—The school has had a few cases of Head Lice.

Attached is some information regarding treatment and care.

WHAT ARE HEAD LICE?

Head lice are small, wingless insects that live, breed and feed on the human scalp. They do not generally carry or transmit disease. Head lice have existed for millions of years and, in fact, predate human evolution.

Direct contact is required for transmission from person to person. Lice will crawl from head to head without discrimination.

TREATMENT FOR HEAD LICE

The 2 preferred treatment options available for initially treating head lice are the 'conditioner and comb' method, and the use of an insecticide.

PREVENTING HEAD LICE

There is no product available that prevents head lice. However, tying long hair back and checking weekly for lice, using the conditioner and comb method, can help prevent the spread.



No Nuts Policy—We have staff and students that have severe allergies to Nuts and will be anaphylaxis if they come in contact with nuts.. We ask if families be careful on what foods they provide in lunch boxes. Please do not include any items that contain nuts. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school.

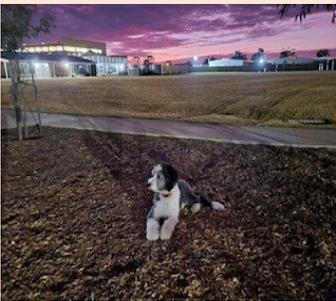


COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Young BORDER Drivers FORUM

3rd October 2023
6.30pm

Speakers from Victoria & NSW Police will answer all questions

Who? 'L and 'P' plate drivers
Where? Echuca Workers & Services Club, Annesley St, Echuca
What? The challenges facing young drivers in border communities

DON'T MISS OUT!
Tea & coffee provided

For more information please contact Senior Sergeant Damian Keegan, Echuca Police Station (03) 5483 1300

RICH RIVER GOLF CLUB

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday 3rd September, 12pm - 3pm

Come and have some **FREE** family fun at Rich River Golf Club!
Enjoy a range of activities suitable for all ages.

- Golf Activities
- Driving Range
- Lawn Bowls
- Croquet
- Animal Petting Zoo
- Jumping Castle
- Fun Competitions
- Echuca Lions Club Golf Ball Drop at 2.30pm

PLUS

- Giveaways on the day

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ICAN NETWORK ONLINE

SEP 4 - OCT 16
AGES 8-22

Explore your interests with like-minded Autistic peers in a positive, safe environment. Also...

DID YOU SAY NEW GROUPS?

YES! ... INC. TAYLOR SWIFT, INTRODUCTION TO DUNGEONS & DRAGONS & JUNIOR DRAWING & ART

AS WELL AS:
MINECRAFT, POKEMON, ROBLOX, AFL, MUSIC, MOVIES, CARS, I CAN GROUPS, FANTASY BOOKS AND MORE...

APPLY NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

*PLACED WITH SIMILAR-AGED PEERS

Groups are facilitated by two trained I CAN Mentors. All staff have completed our child protection training and hold current Working With Children Checks.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
icannetwork.online/online

APPLY NOW!

19th November, 2023

SHOWDOWN AT THE SOUNDSHELL

YOUTH TALENT COMPETITION

\$1,000 Winners Prize
\$250 Peoples choice

- Entrants must be 12-18 YEARS OF AGE
- Applications must be completed online and be accompanied with a link to a video performance
- All applications for people under 16 must be approved by a parent/guardian
- Applications will be assessed by our expert panel to determine final applicants
- Start and finish times will be advised on October 20, 2023

Applications close 10th October

Enquiries to: showdownatthesoundshell@gmail.com

Applications at www.girgarre.com.au

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