

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 Report



### Harmony Cup

Last week a group of students attended and participated in the Harmony Cup. The Harmony Cup is a cricket round robin tournament. It was great to hear such positive feedback about how the students were respectful and participated well in all aspects of the day.



### Campfire Conversation

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> of March the EchUCA College, EchUCA Twin Rivers School and EchUCA Twin Rivers Specialist School will partner to facilitate a campfire conversation. The conversation is focussed on self determination in education. The schools have been working closely with the Koorie Education Support Officers to plan the event.

### Emma McCarthy

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of March Emma McCarthy (behaviour support) will be working with our whole staff. Some staff from the EchUCA Twin Rivers School. She will be presenting a session focused on trauma, autism and will work with staff to develop Positive Behaviour Support planning. We look forward to continuing this work. **Tuesday is a pupil free day.**



### Important Dates

#### March

21-25th—Harmony Week

24th—School Council

25th—Purple Day

29th—Student Free Day—  
Whole Staff PD

#### April

8th—End of Term 1

25th—Anzac  
Day



26th—Start of Term 2

29th—Auskick Clinic

## Our Vision

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



## Cont. Assistant Principals report

### National Disability Inclusion Scheme

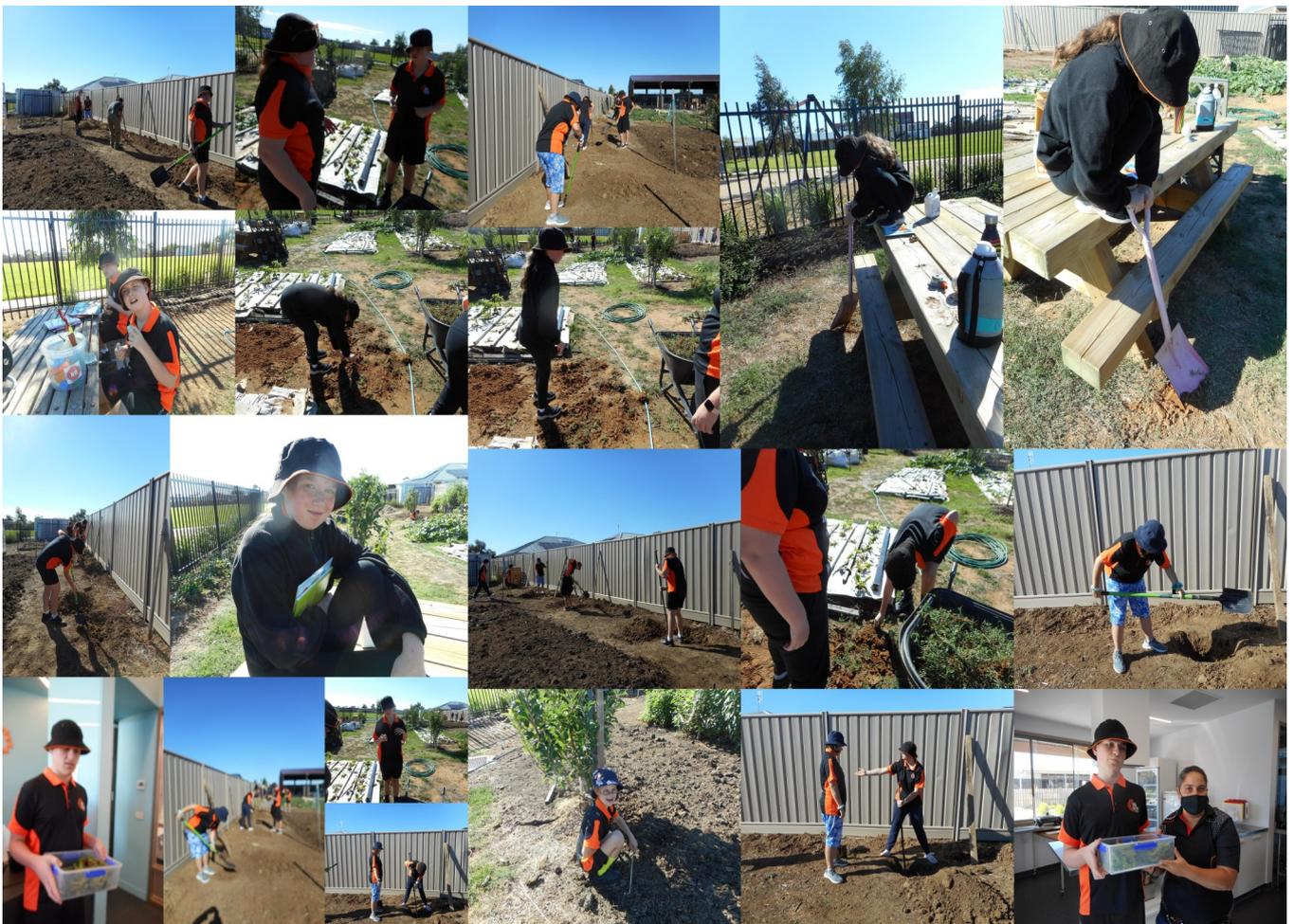
This week Jenny Weeks and I met with Fiona Brown from Intereach. We have received some information regarding linking in with the NDIS. Can all families please let the classroom teacher know if there is a current NDIS plan in place and who is the support coordinator. We have sent some additional information through the parent portal if you require support connecting with the NDIS.



### Harmony Week

This week is Harmony week, both Echuca Twin Rivers School and Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School are combining in an assembly. The ETRSS school leaders will present what inclusion means to them and multiculturalism looks like in our schools.

## So much is happening in the Eco Garden



**Harmony Week Celebrations:** Students will participate in friendly activities during Harmony Week in the classrooms, then we will showcase some of these at a joint assembly on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**.

Harmony Week is observed for a week in March and includes 21st March, which is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Harmony Day is intended to celebrate the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia and promote a tolerant and culturally diverse society. Initially celebrated in 1999, Harmony Day coincides with the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which was established in 1966 with the aim of eradicating racism and racially-fuelled hate crime.

Harmony Day is represented by an orange ribbon, and participants are encouraged to wear orange due to connotations of social communication, freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australia prides itself on being a multi-cultural society, with figures showing that nearly half of all Australians were born overseas, with the country seeing a high volume of migration every year. On top of this, more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia and it has a very rich tribal heritage.

The continuing message of Harmony Day is 'Everybody Belongs' and its annual observance aims to encourage inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural



**Let's come together to celebrate our cultural diversity.**



**THANK YOU**



A huge thank you to Glenys Hipwell for donating 14 of these hand made wooden sensory items. They have been lovingly made by Glenys and we greatly appreciate her generosity.

**Tomorrow Friday 25th March we will be celebrating Purple Day. Student can wear a touch of purple. We will have ribbons for sale for \$1 in the office to support the Epilepsy Foundation.**



**PURPLE DAY**

26 March 2022

*Stronger together*

## **PURPLE DAY – 26 MARCH 2022**

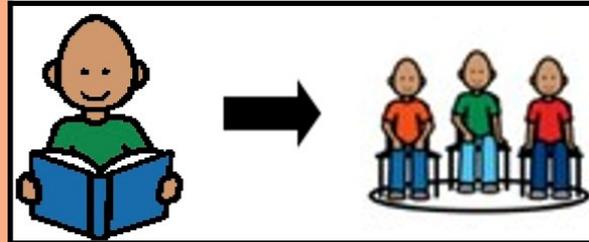
Purple Day is a global initiative dedicated to raising epilepsy awareness, dispelling myths, and increasing support to those affected. Founded in 2008 by nine-year-old Cassidy Megan of Nova Scotia, Canada, the Purple Day concept was born out of Cassidy's own struggles with epilepsy, her motivation to get people talking about the condition, and her desire to let those impacted by seizures know that they are not alone. Cassidy named the day 'Purple Day' after the internationally recognised colour for epilepsy, lavender.

Since that time, Purple Day has grown into a much loved and supported national awareness day with thousands of people across Australia rallying their private, academic and corporate communities to raise much needed awareness and funds for those affected by epilepsy.

# PBS Targeted Behaviour

Respect in the Classroom

**I stay in my program**



**I use all equipment for its purpose**



**Room 4** - Theme was 'Imagination'...kids were exploring their imagination, dressing up as mixed characters.



**Smile Squad will be visiting our school in Term 2. The dates are to be confirmed. Consent forms and a goodie bag has been sent home. If you would like your child to access this service please complete the consent form and return to school as soon as possible.**



**SMILE SQUAD**

**FREE DENTAL**

**Consent form**

The new Victorian Government school dental program – Smile Squad – is visiting your child's school soon. This means all children can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

For more information, or if you need help to fill in the forms:

- Email: [smilesquad@dhsv.org.au](mailto:smilesquad@dhsv.org.au)
- Phone: 1300 503 977
- Visit: [www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au](http://www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au)

**What you need to do:**

- 1 **Read** the Smile Squad information sheet
- 2 **Fill in** and sign the forms in this pack (pages 3-8)
- 3 **Return** the forms as soon as possible. Place your completed forms in the envelope provided and return this to the school.
- 4 **Keep** the remaining information in this pack for future reference.

Please complete all forms using **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

This consent form is available to read in the following languages:

Arabic - استمارة موافقة  
Dari - فورم رضایت خط  
Simplified Chinese - 同意書  
Traditional Chinese - 同意書  
Turkish - onay formu  
Urdu - رضامندی فارم  
Vietnamese - giấy đồng ý



Visit: [www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au/consent](http://www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au/consent)

 Choose fresh foods and limit sugary foods, drinks and sweets

 Brush morning and night with fluoride toothpaste

 Drink plenty of tap water

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**School Uniforms**—We would like to encourage all families to make sure their child is in school uniform each day. For Primary school this is a orange/ blue polo, blue shorts/pants and for Secondary orange/black polo with black shorts/pants. Polo's and windcheaters can be purchased from Worklocker Echuca. If you need assistance to purchase uniforms please do not hesitate to contact the office.



**Worklocker Echuca**  
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[Website](#) [Directions](#)

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☎ 03 5482 1822  
🕒 **Open** · Closes 5:30 pm ▼



# Community News




**Contact**  
Candy – 0434 383 167  
Kerrie – 5857 0242

**Feedback**  
We welcome your comments and suggestions. Your feedback helps us to improve our service. If you have any concerns about any aspect of your care, please contact us.

Kyabram District Health Service  
Fenaughty Street, Kyabram VIC 3620  
Phone: (03) 5857 0200 Email: [info@kyhealth.org.au](mailto:info@kyhealth.org.au)

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[www.kyhealth.org.au](http://www.kyhealth.org.au)



Kyabram District Health Service acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land and pay our respects to Elders both past, present and emerging.



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## Disability Liaison Officer Program





**positive partnerships**  
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free to attend

**2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers**



Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

**Learn about:**

- Autism: characteristics, impacts and strategies
- Understanding behaviour
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your school

**Echuca, VIC**  
29th & 30th March, 2022  
9.30am - 2.30pm

**Location:**

Echuca Workers & Services Club  
165-171 Annesley Street  
Echuca VIC 3564

Morning tea and a light lunch are provided

 Interpreters available

To register, visit [positivepartnerships.com.au](http://positivepartnerships.com.au) OR, contact Rachael Dillon [rdillon@positivepartnerships.com.au](mailto:rdillon@positivepartnerships.com.au)

For help, call: 1300 881 971

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**FAMILY DAY  
'COME & TRY'**

**Saturday 2nd April 2022**  
9am - 2pm

**CAMPS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY**

**Adventure for All!**

CAMP KOOKABURRA  
138 Darrigan Rd, Corop VIC 3559

Bookings essential. \$50 per family. Activities, equipment & lunch included.

Contact Simon via [simon@auscamposport.au](mailto:simon@auscamposport.au) or 0455 514 879 for details.





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