

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.




This will be my last newsletter filling in for Ben. At the beginning of week 9, 5<sup>th</sup> September, I will be going on long service leave. If you have any bus queries, please direct them to Michele Solecki.



## Important Dates

### August

20-26th—Book Week

25th—Book Week Parade & Special persons Day

26th—Student Free—Staff Professional Practice Day

### September

2nd—Fathers Day Stall

6th—Year 10 Immunisation

15th—School Council 5pm

16th—End of Term 3—Dismissal 2pm

### October

3rd—Start of Term 4

31st—Report writing day

### November

1st—Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

## Book Week and Dress Up Day

Throughout the week students have participated in numerous book week activities and special book readings. Today saw us conclude National book week with our annual dress up day and parade. Thank you to all the special people who came into school to celebrate with us.

## Professional Practice Day- Pupil Free Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August

**During this day all teaching and education support staff will be working at school and will be completing term planning, reporting and professional learning.**

## School Review

On Monday we completed the first day of our school review. It was great to highlight everything we have achieved over the last four years. On Monday August 29<sup>th</sup> the day will be spent interviewing staff/students/families as well as observing in classrooms. Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of the review with the focus on setting the goals for the next four years.



## Our Vision

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



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### **SunSmart- 1<sup>st</sup> September hats to remember**

Next week will see us move into September. This means that as per our SunSmart policy students will be expected to wear a wide brim hat outside. Students are also encouraged to apply sunscreen prior to going outside.

### **Anglicare Early Help Family Services Pilot Program**

Our school alongside the Echuca Twin Rivers Primary School is very privileged to be part of a new pilot program that aims to support our community and their families. The Anglicare Early Help Family Services Program will be working onsite at our school up to 2 days a week to support our families and our staff with a range of services and programs. Kristy Beaumont is the practitioner who has been appointed to the role. The aim of this program is to support young people and their families liaise between school, family, community and external parties.

## **Fathers/Special person stall**

On Friday 2nd September we will be holding our Fathers/special persons stall from 9:00 - 11:30.

Student may bring \$5 to spend



### **Parent opinion survey**

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 and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 15th August to Friday 16th September.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English.

Parents will be emailed a link and passcode to complete the survey. Parents can visit school and complete the survey using our laptops. Every parent that completes the survey at school will receive a free hot drink.

## Rural Youth Ambassadors

On Monday and Tuesday (15-16 August) our school captains Josh and Talisha represented ETRSS at the Rural Youth Ambassadors forum in Bendigo.

On Monday we had an opportunity to join the national Youth Ambassadors forum on line and to hear students present their stories and unique challenges from across Australia.

Our local group then met in person with the Regional Director of Education in the North West Victoria Region, Angela Singh and the Area Director for Loddon Campaspe, Anne Cunniff to celebrate as well as present stories behind some of the challenges our students face at a local level. Both Josh and Talisha did an amazing job presenting.

On Tuesday the students worked with a media team on telling their own stories in the hope they might inspire other students. They will further develop the content into a video at the next Forum. Josh and Talisha delighted the audience with their engaging manner and sense of humour when presenting.



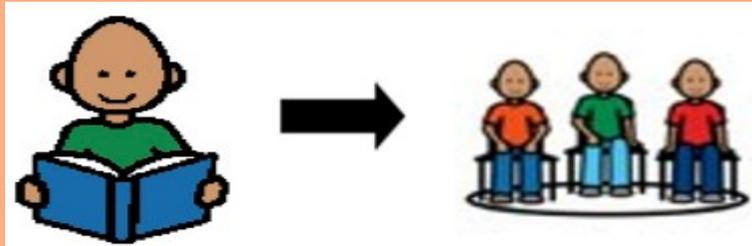
Book Week Parade. Thank you so much to everyone for making this morning so wonderful.



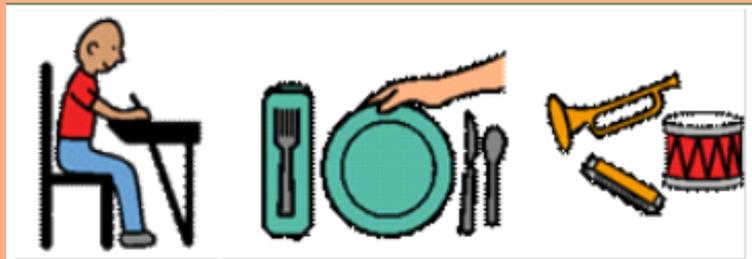
# PBS Targeted Behaviour

## Respect in the Classroom

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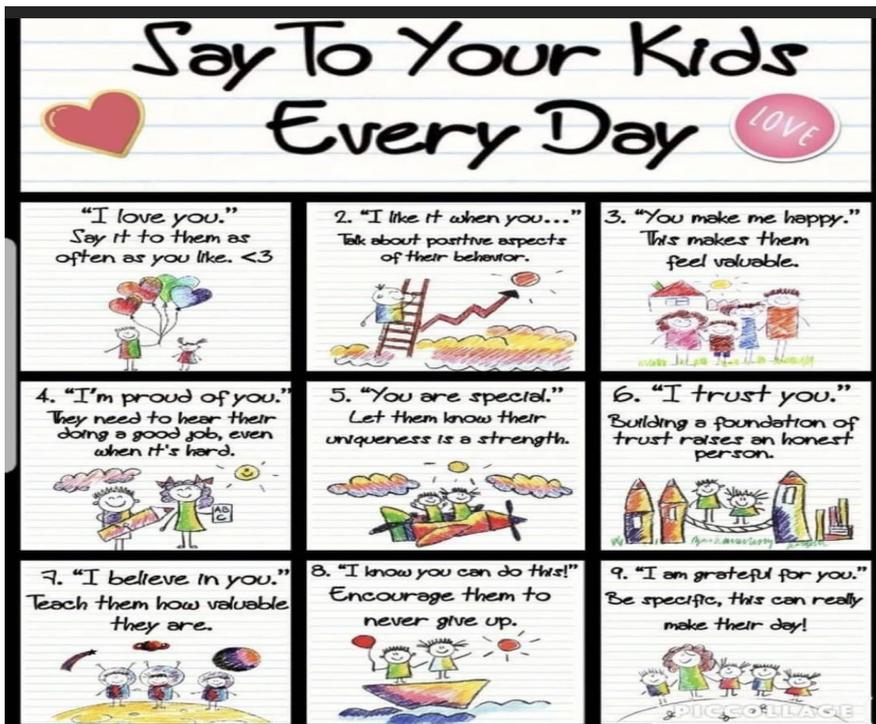
I use all equipment for its purpose



Beanie's \$16

School Bags \$47





## Vaping Information Session & Headspace

On Wednesday we were lucky enough to have Kristy and Jayden visit us and deliver some really useful information to our secondary students. Kristy is a Health Promotion Officer with ERH and Jayden works for Headspace in Echuca. Kristy spoke to the students about some of the concerns with vaping. Some things the students learned are:

- it is illegal to use vapes anywhere where smoking is banned,
- vapes that saying they are nicotine-free often still have nicotine in them
- vapes are highly addictive
- cigarette companies are marketing them and are concerned about profits and not telling us all the risks

See what else your child can recall!

Next we had Jayden from Headspace Echuca come and tell us all about Headspace. The students learned:

- you can create an online account and save information that you would like to look at
- every service at Headspace is FREE
- there are online services available such as chat groups
- it is available to people aged 12-25 years old
- they can help in the areas of mental health support, work and vocation, general health (including sexual health), alcohol and other drugs



# Community News

**YOUTH  
EXPO**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

**Echuca Basketball  
Stadium  
244 High Street**

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www.freeze.vic.gov.au  
Campaspe  
Shire Council  
CCLLEN  
CAMPASPE CO-UNA  
LOCAL LEARNING & EMPLOYMENT NETWORK

AUSTRALIAN  
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**PEOPLE OUTDOORS**  
Adventure for all

**KIDS & TEENS  
'COME & TRY'**

**Saturday 3rd September 2022**  
9am - 2pm

**CAMPS FOR  
PEOPLE LIVING  
WITH DISABILITY**

*Adventure for All*

Where:  
Camp Kookaburra  
138 Darrigan Rd, Corop VIC 3559

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

Contact Simon via  
simon@auscamps.asn.au  
or 0455 514 879 for details.



**Special Olympics**

Everyone is Invited to Come and Try

**BASKETBALL**

at the  
Echuca Basketball Stadium  
Every Wednesday  
4.00 - 5.00 pm



Come along and join in the fun  
For further details please contact  
Marcia Spiers M: 0448 901 567

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