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Issue 20

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.



Acting Principals message:

The staff and students have enjoyed beginning their Inquiry topics within the classrooms, some of the topics include Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle, Transport, Solids, Liquids and Gases and How it works? Inventors and inventions. The students have been reading about many new things as well as completing experiments, activities and research to find out lots of new information.

Student Support Group Meetings

A reminder that the SSG's are on the 2nd of August, a time for the meeting will be organised through the classroom teacher. If you would like additional support or have other members of your child's learning team that you would like to invite please make contact with the classroom teacher to discuss. The meetings are a great way to ensure the needs of the children are being met.

Parent Opinion Survey

It is that time of year again, a letter went home on Monday to a selected group of parents regarding the parent opinion survey. If you would like to complete the survey at school a computer will be available. The data collected is a great way for you as the parents and carers to give feedback to the school. The feedback guides the planning of the school and gives ideas about how the school can be improved. If you require further support please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Our Vision:

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



Dates to remember:

July :

22nd—Parent Opinion Survey opens

August :

2nd—SSG Meetings— Student Free Day

5th—book club order close

11th—Parent Opinion Survey Closes

14th—School Council

23th - Book Week Parade

September:

19th—End of Term—Dismissal 2pm

CON'T PRINCIPAL REPORT

First Aid

During week 2, the staff at Echuca Specialist School completed their First Aid certificates. Part of the training included discussions of scenarios that could happen within a school, we also completed practical activities including CPR and putting a patient into the recovery position.



Asthma and Anaphylaxis Plan

Please ensure that if your child has either Asthma or Anaphylaxis they must have an up to date plan at school, this is to ensure that the correct response is made in the case of an emergency.



“On Wednesday 26th of June the academic reports will come home with the student.”

PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

Week 2 Inclusion in the Classroom

I give everyone the right to listen and learn



I take turns

my turn



your turn



SOW & PBS OF THE WEEK PRIMARY



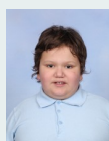
Room 1— Jack, Angela, William, Zane, Shaun, Elijah & Shaheer—SOW

Fantastic following directions from staff in and out of the classroom all week



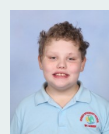
Room 2— Thomas—SOW

Clearly saying our word of the week upon request



Room 5— Mkye—SOW

Following all directions from staff



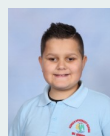
Room 7— Blake—SOW

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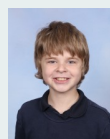
Room 11— Brodie—SOW

For showing good sportsmanship by being fair and inclusive of all students in the room



Room 13— Daniel—SOW

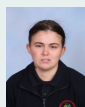
Following directions from staff and showing his independence in his everyday routine



Room 14— Lucas—SOW

Always following directions from staff

SOW & PBS OF THE WEEK SECONDARY



Room 16—Tyler—SOW

Following her program with a positive attitude



Room 16—Jakob—PBS

Follow the direction of staff



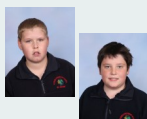
Room 17—Bennett—SOW

Independently writing his answer about a question to a movie



Room 17—Aaron—SOW

Attending Murray Life Adventures and having a go



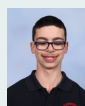
Room 17—Jye & Tyler—PBS

Following directions from staff



Room 18— James—SOW

Having a go and persisting with activities at the Murray Life Adventures Program



Room 18 —Bailey—PBS

Following staff directions at Murray Life Adventures to stay safe and have fun



VCAL— Adrian —SOW

Bringing a excellent attitude to the start of Term



VCAL—Bree—SOW

Settling well into the VCAL programs and routines



VCAL—Tom—PBS

Following directions from staff



VCAL—Ian—PBS

Always following directions from staff

Respect

Inclusion

Knowledge

Parent Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

40 families will be randomly invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July to Sunday 11th August**. **The invited families will receive a letter on Monday 22nd with the log in and password details.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September

SCHOOL FEES

Statements have been sent home this next week. Families/Carers can pay fees in full or on a term by term basis. Fees can be paid in cash, Eftpos or via internet banking. Details will be on the statement.

Primary fees are \$220

Secondary fees are \$260



CENTREPAY

Centrepay is a service available to families that receive welfare payments. This service allows families to instruct Centrelink to take a nominated amount from their Centrelink payment to go toward school fees. If you would like to access this service or have any queries please see Tracey in the office.



4 Senior students have been attending a new program “Hands on Learning” at St Joseph College every Thursday. Last week they made saw horses and this week tables.

Parent Occupation Group

A Form (Green) was sent home late last term asking parents/ carers to advise of their Occupation, schooling and qualification. This information is used by the Department of Education & Training to determine the funding each school receives. Every year Echuca Specialist School elects to update this information to make sure it is true and correct. If you haven't yet returned this form the school would greatly appreciate if this can be done asap. If you have missed placed your form they will be available at the SSG meetings.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Echuca Fun Club Proudly Presents

SPECIAL THE DANCE PARTY

Dance with us to live music and meet new friends!

When: 1st Friday of the Month
(beginning 2nd August 2019)

Time: 7pm - 9.30pm

Where: Senior Citizens Clubrooms
(behind 208 Primary School)

Entry: \$5 includes pizza supper
\$1 Parents/Carers
Drinks & Snacks \$1 each

Enquiries: zanesmailebigpond.com

18 Years & Over
Wheelchair friendly facilities



MOAMA **EDGE FM 102.5** **Community Living & Respite Services** **ECHUCA WORKERS** **RAISE THE ROOF SERVICES**



Glitter Gala

Saturday October 19th 2019 | 7pm - 12 midnight
Echuca Workers Function Room

Ticket price includes complimentary drink on arrival & canapes
Live music from "The TJ Show"
Major raffle drawn on the night, lucky door prizes and more!

Tickets \$70 - available at Echuca Twin Rivers School office

Please inform the school of any dietary requirements prior to September 30th on (03) 5410 7700

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