

25th July 2024



Issue 12

## Acting Principals Report

Ben Ridge



### State Schools Victoria – State Cross Country Championships

Last Thursday 3 of our senior students travelled to Melbourne to compete in the state cross country final. In very, very muddy conditions they all did an outstanding job representing our school. Sayge came 1<sup>ST</sup>, Saxon came 14<sup>th</sup> and James came 15<sup>th</sup>. Well done to you all.



### Green and Gold day

Friday 2<sup>ND</sup> August is GREEN AND GOLD day, a day designed to support the Australian Olympic team. Students and staff are encouraged to dress in Green and Gold for the day.

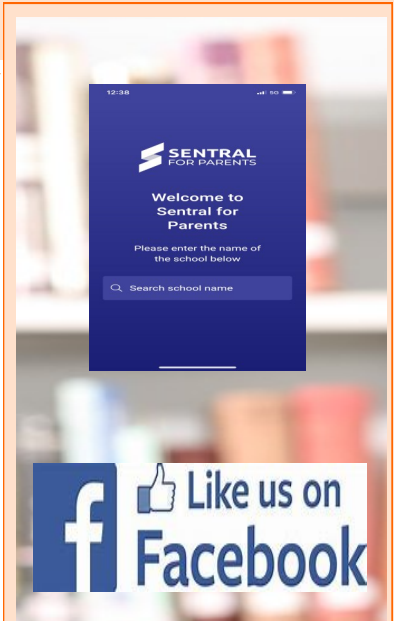
This day is about painting the country in our national colours and being proud of Australia's sporting achievements, it's about all Australians coming together and celebrating the green and gold.

### First Aid

Staff completed their first aid training last night. Each year our staff completes this training.

### Hydrotherapy Pool

Today Anne-Maree and I met with members of the Victorian School Building Authority along with the architects of the Hydrotherapy Pool Project. We completed a walk through of the proposed site and discussed the project. We will share information with the school community as it comes to hand.



### AUGUST

8th School Council 5pm

9th SSG Meetings—  
Student Free

### SEPTEMBER

2-4th Senior Camp—Portsea

5th School Council 5pm

12th Swan Hill Sports—  
Senior

17th Careers Expo

4:30—5:30

## Willow the Wellbeing Dog



## Beacon Leadership – Mock Interviews

On Tuesday the VPC students participated in Mock interviews with the support of the Beacon Foundation. It was fantastic to see how confident the students were. Interviews are an important part of the employment process.



## Student Support Group Meetings

This term we will be holding the SSG meetings on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of August, the SENTRAL booking system will be available from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of July. Please ensure you book an appointment for your child, it is an important time to review current goals and discuss the education of your child. SSG day is a pupil free day.

## Bank First Teacher Initiative Grant – Thermomix (Café)

We have received a grant through Bank First, this has been used to purchase a Thermomix for the Café. As well as this we have been awarded an additional \$500 as the Peoples Choice. Thank you for voting for us.





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.

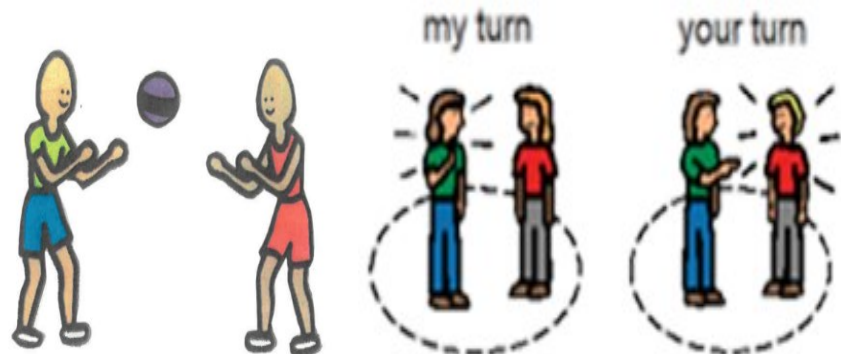


The school community would like to thank David O’Dea for his 12 years of dedication as a member of our school council with a large portion as Vice President. Your service is greatly appreciated and will be missed.



## POSITIVE TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

### We Share Equipment



# 2024 BUS STAFF

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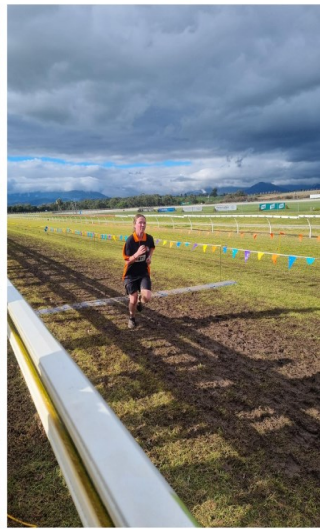
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**Alan & Jess**

**Elmore:**  
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**Bill, Kevin, Jan,  
Sandra & Mirinda**

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**Peter & Megan**



## Great photo's from the State Cross Country



## Our Vision

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



## Our Values

Be Respectful  
Be Inclusive  
Be Responsible



# CAREER EXPO

## Save the Date

Tuesday 17th September

4:30—5:30pm

Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School Gym

The aim of the expo is to provide students and their families/ caregivers with post school options, this will include:

- NDIS support services
- Day programs
- School Leaver Employment Services (SLES)
- Supported Employment
- Employment Services

**All year 7 to 12 students and families are welcome to attend**

Please contact the school if you require further information



Room 4 creating  
Rainbow Milk  
experiments during their  
Science lesson

# COMMUNITY NEWS

Hi our names are Stuart and Hayley Trevena, we are Baileys parents. As many of the parents that have a child or children at twin rivers we are trying to give bailey the best life possible with all resources available at his disposal.

Hayley and myself thought, what more could we do to support bailey and all the other kids on the spectrum? we decided to raise money and awareness.

For the past year we have been selling beanies, wrist bands, pins, key chains, jumpers, shirts ect.

Bailey has now started school this year at twin rivers Echuca and has exceeded all our expectations, as term one has come to a close he has come such a long way We believe that all kids on the spectrum deserve to have the same opportunities as everyone else.

Please help us to raise more awareness.

Thank you

Here's Baileys story.

Bailey is a 5 year old kid with autism who is always running around with a smile on his face, laughing and being in his own world. Bailey has always been like this even before he was diagnosed. Bailey would always walk on his tippy toes or even flap his hands, we never thought anything of it, we just thought he was just any other kid just doing kid things. We thought the hand flapping was just his way of showing us that he was excited and happy, because he wasn't verbal with us and it was the only way he could express himself. It wasn't until the women at Aussie Kindies Kyabram were worried because he wasn't to verbal and interacting at his age, then we decided to get him looked at.

On July of 2021 we went and seen a specialist who watched and observed bailey, after that he diagnosed him, the specialist referred us to NDIS for funding, it was a long process before we could get funding. To this we had to go around another way, we had a video call with someone involved with NDIS and she watched bailey for an hour. After the video call she confirmed that he definitely has autism, she pushed for bailey to get funding and we eventually got it for him.

Since finding out bailey has come a long way, at the start bailey was not speaking many words and didn't like to be around other kids. Now he is the exact opposite, he's saying more words and interacting with other kids at school and enjoying life.



**We have a supply of the Beanies and wrist bands at school. If you would like to make any purchases please see Jenni at the front desk.**



**BEANIES \$20**



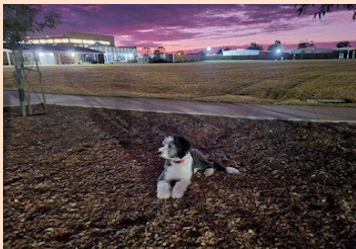
**WRISTBANDS \$2**

# 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 environment that encourages parent and community participation.



After 10 years of successful Johnno's Run events, we have decided to try and grow the event to reach the wider running community and bring more participants to Echuca Moama.

We aim to increase the number of entries which then increases the amount of money that is raised for our Opening Doors Project - building homes for people with disability.

It will be the same distances - 21.1km, 10km and 5km - run, walk or wheel (mobility aids only) and a junior event.

These events are all wheelchair accessible. Making this event inclusive for people with varying abilities to run, walk or wheel, is important to us and sets us apart from other running events.

Early bird registrations open soon.

**Save the date - Sunday 4th August 2024**

Please share with your friends and family.



## Children's Book Week <sup>Month</sup> Storytimes at Campaspe Libraries

### Echuca

Fridays in August - 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 10.30am

### Kyabram

Tuesday, 13 August at 10.30am

### Rochester

Tuesday, 6 August at 10.30am

### Rushworth

Tuesday, 20 August at 10.30am

### Tongala

Tuesday, 13 August at 10.30am



### Where

Echuca, Kyabram, Rochester, Rushworth & Tongala Libraries

Join in the Childrens Book Week fun and visit your library now for a Book Week storytime.

Cost - Free!

Bookings not required

\$5 DONATED  
BACK TO  
YOUR SCHOOL?

Ask one of our FIT EXPERTS in-store



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