

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.



## Principal Reports

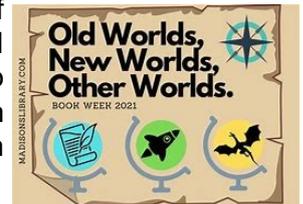


### Covid-19 and lockdown

It is unfortunate that we have been again plunged in to lockdown. Thank you to all of the families for your understanding and patience with the constant interruptions. Don't forget that if remote learning is too difficult for a student or family, you can contact the school about coming to school. Contact us if you would like your child to attend or if you require alterations to the learning pack. Some students need more/ harder work.

### Book week

Although we are in lockdown, we still continue to celebrate book week. Every day a different book has been read by a staff person in the middle pod. The students enjoyed sharing in the daily book read. We will still dress up on Friday and have a parade outside. Students can also dress up at home and share photos on Facebook.



### Planning for 2022

Believe it or not we are in the process of planning for 2022. Classrooms, staffing and resources are currently being discussed. Please contact the school if you have specific requests. We will do our best to meet all requests, but sometimes it is not always possible.



## Important Dates



### August

26th—Book Week Parade

### September

8th—All Abilities football/  
Netball

9th—7-12—Swan Hill Sports

16th—School Council 5pm

17th—End of Term 3

### October

4th—Start of Term 4

## Our Vision

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



## Cont. Principals report

### Grass and water

The school is starting to develop our blank areas at the front of the school. We have put in a watering system, been successful for a grant for a bore/water and we will purchase 30,000 square metres of grass to cover the area. We look forward to greening up the space.



# F-2 Pod Athletics Day



# RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Our role as an occupational therapist is to help children and families consider all they are doing, how they are being, what they are becoming and how we belong. We have shared some of our top tips for helping you and your children when considering the readjustment back to school.

## Talk as a family & make a visual plan

It is important to have planning time to manage everyone's expectations.

Sit down as a family and make a "go to plan". It means everyone has a chance to contribute and be heard.

Writing things down on paper or drawing pictures will make things clearer to everyone.



## Start the day with regulation

Think about what movement or activity feels good to you and your children to get the muscles moving, stimulate the brain and achieve just the right amount of sensory input to help with the day ahead.

This might involve a short walk, time on the trampoline, calming breathing or 'wheel barrows' down the hallway.

Everyone is different, but we all benefit from "switching on" and starting the day right!



## New Routine What are the positives that have come from being at home?

Spend some time reflecting on the pros and cons of the lockdown. What went well? And, conversely, what is it that you used to do that now doesn't seem so worthwhile?

With this new experience, we can be mindful of how we structure the week as things head back to normal.

What you did before is not necessarily the best or only way.



## Be kind to your family, the school and yourself

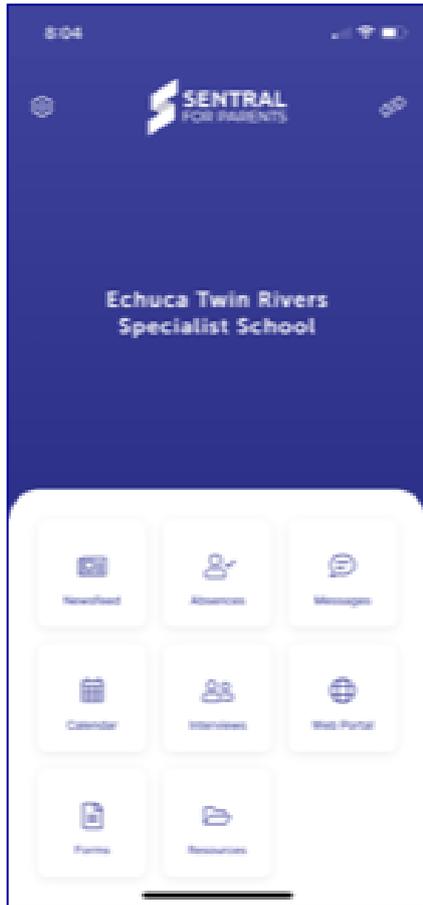
Going back to school after such a disruption might look and feel a lot like starting back at day one in Prep/Kinder or Year 7.

There may be some separation/anxiety issues, there might be initial excitement that quickly turns to a sinking feeling. There may be a need to remind teachers of your child's additional needs.

Consider the things that worked for you before like visiting the school yard, talking about who will be there, emailing the teachers, sharing successes.



**Office News**—If you have not received an email or you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jenni in the office on 5410 7700.



## Parent Portal

Our Parent Portal is now live. All parents/carers should have received their access codes. If you need your access code resent please contact Jenni in the office on 5410 7700. This portal will allow parents to submit current and future absences, contact your child's teacher, view the calendar of events and has the ability to booking SSG meeting.

### Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

30 Randomly selected families carers have been sent an email to participate in the 2021 Opinion Survey. The survey will run from Monday 19th July to the 3rd September. We ask that you take the time to complete the survey as your opinion is important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. The on-line survey should take 20 minutes to complete. Thank you for taking the time to participate, your assistance is greatly appreciated.



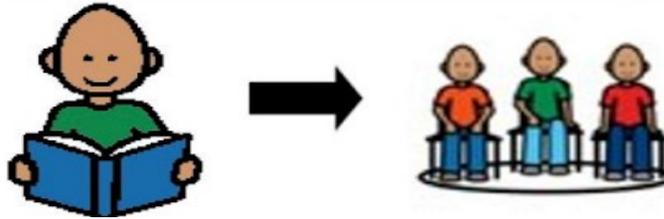
**LAST WEEK**

Your School, Your Say – School Portal

## PBS Targeted Behaviour

### Respect in the Classroom

I move safely from one activity to another



I give people privacy when required



Fathers/Special persons stall will be held on Friday 5th September. Students may bring \$5 to spend.

# Father's Day Stall



Room 9 had a great time making slim & grass heads



# Community News



Free to attend

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

**POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS  
GET TOGETHER -  
SUPPORTING DIVERSE LEARNERS**



**Parents, carers, grandparents and extended families are invited to join us for two days of yarning and sharing stories.**

During the workshop we will be:

- sharing real experiences and information
- talking about ways to support a child with diverse learning needs or autism at home, school and in their community.

**Echuca, VIC**  
**25th & 26th August 2021**  
**9.30am - 2pm**  
*Morning tea on arrival & lunch provided*

**Location:** Echuca  
**Venue:** The Echuca Workers  
**Address:** 165-171 Annesley Street, Echuca VIC 3564

*We respectfully acknowledge the Wollithiga and Yorta Yorta Peoples as the traditional custodians of the land*

**RSVP is essential for catering purposes. To book, contact:**

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