

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

Reconciliation week

Reconciliation week runs from 27 May to 3 June. A couple of our leaders will participate in the Echuca Reconciliation activities at Hopwood Gardens on 27 May.

MORE THAN A WORD. RECONCILIATION TAKES ACTION



Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021 is 'More than a word'. Reconciliation takes action, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We remember the importance of privileging and amplifying First Nations' voices as we add our voice to calls for reconciliation and justice. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

2021 marks twenty years of Reconciliation Australia and almost three decades of Australia's formal reconciliation process.

CCTV around school

You might have noticed CCTV cameras around the outside of school. We installed these cameras to protect ourselves against break ins. The cameras are installed only on the outside of buildings and they comply with all of the requirements from the education department. All footage is kept internally and is then deleted every month. The footage is never distributed or made available for public access. We share the footage with police as required.



Important Dates



June

8th—All Abilities Senior Football Day

24th—School Photos

24th—School Council

25th—End of Term 2

July

12th—Start of Term 3

23rd—Student Free Day—SSG Meeting

28th—30th—Glasses for Kids Program

Our Vision

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



VCAL presentation

Congratulations to Anne-Maree and Meagan who were asked to present at the VALA (Victorian Applied Learning Association) conference in Melbourne. They will be showcasing how our VCAL programs have motivated and engaged students with their learning. One of the students are creating a short video highlighting our programs. This is great recognition for our school.

Education week

You might have seen our advertisement in last week's Riverine Herald, celebrating Education Week. We are proud of the educational programs we provide for all students and celebrate our school motto of 'We achieve'.

Reports

Staff have been busily writing reports for the end of this term. This year we are trialling a slightly different format. For each subject the student will receive information about what the teacher has taught for the semester as well as several dot points about what the student achieved. We hope this will simplify the reports and make it clearer what the student has learnt for the term. We welcome feedback on this new format.



PBS Targeted Behaviour

Knowledge on the Bus

I follow directions from staff



I am responsible for my belongings



SOW & PBS Weeks 5&6

PRIMARY

Room 3	Dean	Giving everyone the right to listen and learn
Room 4	William Liam	Giving everyone the right to listen and learn Following the school rules
Room 6	Samuel Jacob	Giving everyone the right to listen and learn Following the school rules
Room 8	Kyron	For cleaning up
Room 9	Zane Angela	Giving everyone the right to listen and learn Following the school rules

SECONDARY

Room 12	Balin Iziah	Having a great week during learning Outstanding week in all areas of learning	Trent Kaidan	I go directly to my destination I pack up & Clean up when needed
Room 13	Savannah	Great participation in the Circus program	Claudia	Giving people privacy when required. Packing up when required.
Room 14	Whole Class	Following directions during code red		
VCAL 1	Kirsty Michael	Always going directly to her destination Working hard in his program on Tuesday and following all directions from staff.	Claudia Oliver	Giving people privacy when required Packing up and cleaning up in the sandpit after play
VCAL 2	Tyler G Ian	Always waiting for her name to be called when going through the gate Showing initiative in the garden and digging trenched with minimal assistance	John Tyler	Being positive and always contributing to his program Packing up and cleaning up when needed
CAFÉ	Claudia Jaxson Jaxson	Being organised to complete the end of day sales in the Café An excellent day in the Café on Thursday; Listened well to staff, used his initiative for task and cleaned up Excellent job in the Café Tuesday. Followed directions and showed initiative		

Jenny Weeks—Social Worker

This morning I attended the Reconciliation Ceremony with Talisha and Will



Education Week Article

Supporting students to achieve



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Visit our Virtual tour:
www.echucass.vic.edu.au

Respect | Inclusion | Knowledge

The Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School provides education for children aged 5 to 18 years with intellectual and associated disabilities. It services the Campaspe and Murray shires.

Delivering a practical curriculum based on individual needs and abilities, the school follows the Victorian curriculum but makes adjustments to ensure all students achieve. It is designed to be motivating, challenging and flexible with a significant focus on gaining skills for life and work-ability programs. Students enjoy a variety of activities, with camps and excursions providing highlights throughout the year.

Family connections are vital, and families' continued support is greatly valued. Student welfare is a high priority and contact with most families on a daily basis provides holistic support to students, parents and caregivers. Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist families come from a diverse background spread over a large geographical area.

The school provides prams for students with high paramedical needs. Access to physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and psychologist services is also provided as required. Specialised equipment is available to support these programs.

The school prides itself on having an open and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community participation. Links with the community are encouraged. The school plays host to students on work experience or community service programs as well as providing on-site training for staff from local universities.

The school co-located with Twin Rivers Primary School at the end of 2020. The new education precinct is an exciting and invaluable resource for Echuca and surrounds. While remaining two separate schools, the staff, students and community work together for the best outcomes for all students.

The classrooms and school grounds are specifically designed to meet the diverse learning needs of the students.

Currently the VCAL students run a café in the Twin Rivers administration building. The coffee shop is open to the public with treats and lunches also available.

Feel free to make contact with the school's friendly staff to learn more about how Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School support its students to achieve.



Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School is participating in the great program. We are collection bread bags—any bread bags. The more bags the greater chance we will have to be in the draw to win exercise equipment.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Help Wonder turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**

It's simple...

1

Collect your empty bread bags and tags



2

Recycle them at school in Wonder's pink Collection Bin (There is a separate box for bread tags).



3

We'll earn reward points to redeem new sports equipment for every 5kg bin filled!



Our school is in the draw to **WIN 1 of 5** exercise circuits made from recycled plastic we collect!

LET'S GET RECYCLING!



Tag Wonder on social [#wonderrecycling](#) to share all your recycling champion stories!



Community News



ECHUCA MOAMA COMMUNITY
COAT & BLANKET DRIVE

Do you NEED a coat, blanket, doona, beanie or scarf?

Clean Winter warmth has been donated by your community so we invite you come to St Mary's Parish Hall and collect some free winter items to help you through the coming months.

Collection days: St Mary's Parish Hall (next to Aldi)
Every Thursday in June | 10am – 2pm | Free coffee station provided
If you have any clean items to donate please leave at St Mary's Parish - open Tue/Wed/Fri 9am-12pm.

 Echuca Moama Community Projects Team
Proudly coordinated by the Echuca Moama Community Projects Team
All queries to Julie on 0418 120 133 or julie@emprojects.org

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Are you our next Carer?
Njernda
Keep our Kids on Country

Foster Care Information Luncheon


Come along and learn more about Foster Care.
An opportunity to ask Questions at our Q&A session.
Be welcomed into a warm and inviting atmosphere,
with nourishing food.

Date: Wednesday, 2nd June, 2021
Time: 12:30pm
Venue: Njernda Family Services
(103-107 Hare Street, Echuca)

RSVP by: 28th May, 2021
Sharyn Kelly
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We are an all Nations & LGBTQI+ friendly organization



St Mary's Parish will host

SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Fresh, hot, homemade soup.

For those in need of some heartwarming nourishment

Soup will be served between 12:00pm – 2.00pm

Each Thursday in June at St Mary's Parish Centre with

Echuca Moama Community Coat and Blanket Drive

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