

28th March 2024



Issue 5

Principals Report

Paul Marshall



Easter holidays

With tomorrow being Good Friday, today is the last day of term 1. School finishes at 2pm (one hour earlier) so make the necessary adjustments to your pick-up time.

I wish all of our families and school community a happy Easter and hope that everyone has a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break.

We look forward to seeing you all on day one of term 2 on Monday 15th April.

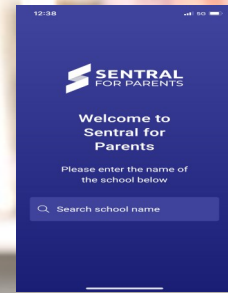
SSG day

Our next SSG day will be held on the 3rd Friday of term 2. This is Friday 3rd May. Teachers will be in touch early next term to organise a meeting time. It is a requirement from the education department for us to have 4 SSG's a year. They are invaluable for setting appropriate goals and creating a positive relationship between home and school.

Swimming pool

We're getting a swimming pool! We have been successful in an application for a hydrotherapy pool to be built on our school site by September of 2026. We are extremely proud but also fortunate because only seven schools across the state were successful.

We will be working with the Victorian School Building Authority and architects to design and build the pool. I will be seeking feedback and ideas throughout the process.



MARCH

28th	End of Term 1
	Early dismissal 2pm
29th	Good Friday

APRIL

15th	Term 2 starts
18th	Yr10
	Immunisations
19th	Photography consent form to be returned
19th	School Photos
25th	Anzac Day





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.



Beacon breakfast

Last Thursday I attended the Beacon leader's business breakfast at Radcliffe's in Echuca. The Beacon leaders across the Echuca/Moama secondary schools organised a special breakfast to kick start the Beacon activities for the year. The Beacon program offers students opportunities and the skills required to find work after they graduate. Some of the activities include a careers expo, resume and interview techniques session, as well as mock interviews to experience what it is like to go for a job. Our Beacon leaders, Saxon and Jayde, did an amazing job speaking in front of a crowd of around 150 people.



Cricket

Our students recently participated in a cricket competition against several other specialist schools in Shepparton. Our students participated really well, however it was their display of our school values - inclusion and respect that really shone through. Well done to the team.



New staff and changes to F-2 pod

Over the course of the term we've had a few extra new students enrol that we didn't know were coming. As a result, our classrooms in the F-2 pod have been bursting. We've made the decision to employ an extra teacher and start a new class in the F-2 pod. The new teacher is Sabrina Woods and she is early years primary trained. We look forward to welcoming Sabrina to our school at the beginning of term 2.



Curriculum day last week

Last week staff participated in learning around the foundational knowledge of complex and developmental trauma and practical strategies to use in classroom / school settings. It was a fantastic day with vital knowledge being passed on to staff. Points covered included:-

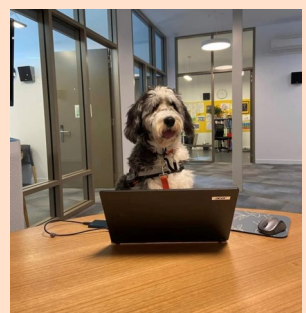
- Neurobiology of complex trauma
- How trauma impacts children's brain, body, memory, attention, emotions, relationships, behaviour and capacity to learn
- Understanding the meaning behind the behaviour
- Intersection of trauma experience and neurodiversity
- Critical importance of safe space and relationships for co-regulation
- Strategies to increase capacity for relationships in staff and students
- Practical classroom strategies – staged, predictive, adaptive, connected, enabled
- Positive behavioural supports (with a trauma-informed lens)
- Importance of self-reflection and care

Embedding learning into your team - building a culture of compassion and curiosity



Staff also enjoyed dancing and other movement breaks throughout the day.

Willow the Wellbeing Dog



Specialist School eligibility review



Department
of Education



Take part in a quick survey on the experiences of families in specialist schools

The Victorian Government is looking into the processes and rules that are used to decide whether students are able to go to specialist schools and settings.

To do this, they are asking parents/carers and students to do a survey with questions about your experience in specialist schools.

The aim of this work is to see if it can be made easier for students with disability and high needs to enrol in their chosen school.

There is a survey for parents and carers of a child with disability with experience in the specialist school system. There is also a survey for current and former specialist school students.

If you would like to do the survey, please click on the link:

Parent/carer survey: https://eysau.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5yZGNJZmnmTYNx4

Current/former student survey: https://eysau.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3k17RQVem2Asu58

You do not have to do the survey if you do not want to.

The survey should take about 10 minutes to do. If you want to do the survey, please do it by 25 March 2024.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Photographing, Filming and Recording Students

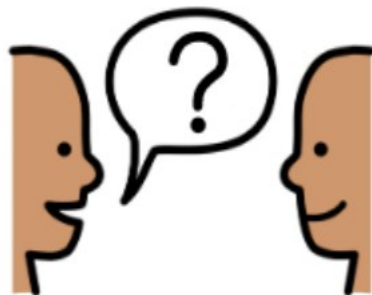
A note will come home this week regarding the new policy for photographing, filming and recording students. We ask that you read this consent form carefully and tick one or more or none of the 3 options on page 2. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the school. **The completed consent form must be returned to school by Friday 19th April.** If no consent is received we will assume that you do not consent to the optional uses as described.

Teachers v Student football game
this was a fantastic match.



POSITIVE TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

We ask to join in



2024 BUS STAFF

Rushworth:
0418 322 861
Neil, Anne & Sharon

Cohuna:
0418 847 627
Alan & Jess

Elmore:
0427 685 124
**Bill, Kevin, Jan,
Sandra & Mirinda**

Kyabram:
0448 981 278
Peter & Megan



7-9 bush inquiry group enjoying their bush walks and learning first aide



School Photos

19th April 2024

Order form will go home
today. This is not compulsory.

msp
photography

3 WEEKS
UNTIL MSP PHOTOGRAPHY
VISITS OUR SCHOOL

Please call MSP on 5482 3190 if you have any questions.

School Photo Day - 2024 Individual package details

Premium Pack \$56	Group Photograph at Rushworth, Cohuna or Elmore	1 x 12.7 x 17.8cm Black and White Portrait	1 x 12.7 x 17.8cm	4 x 12.7 x 8.9cm	4 x 4.3 x 3.0cm	Portrait Download (Best print quality)
Classic Pack \$51	Group Photograph at Rushworth, Cohuna or Elmore	1 x 12.7 x 17.8cm	1 x 12.7 x 17.8cm	2 x 12.7 x 8.9cm	4 x 4.3 x 3.0cm	Portrait Download (Best print quality)
Value Pack \$47	Group Photograph at Rushworth, Cohuna or Elmore	3 x 12.7 x 17.8cm	2 x 12.7 x 8.9cm	3 x 8.9 x 5.1cm	4 x 4.3 x 3.0cm	Portrait Download (Best print quality)
Essential Pack \$44	Group Photograph at Rushworth, Cohuna or Elmore	4 x 12.7 x 17.8cm	4 x 4.3 x 3.0cm	Portrait Download (Best print quality)		
Basic Pack \$42	Group Photograph at Rushworth, Cohuna or Elmore	1 x 12.7 x 17.8cm	2 x 12.7 x 8.9cm	3 x 8.9 x 5.1cm	4 x 4.3 x 3.0cm	Portrait Download (Best print quality)
<small>* Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.</small>						
Gift Pack* All 15 items \$15	3 x Photo Bookends 20.3 x 5.1cm	3 x 5.1 x 5.1cm	1 x Photo Magnet 20.3 x 10.2cm	1 x Photo Calendar 12.7 x 17.8cm	4 x Photo Gift Tags 8.9 x 5.1cm	Class Group Photo Group Photograph at Rushworth, Cohuna or Elmore \$32

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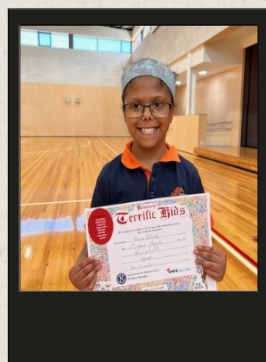
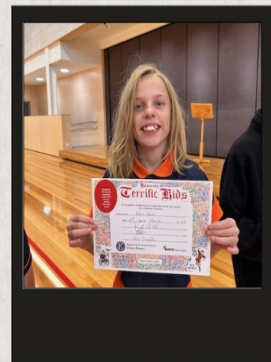
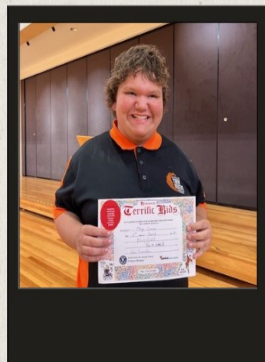
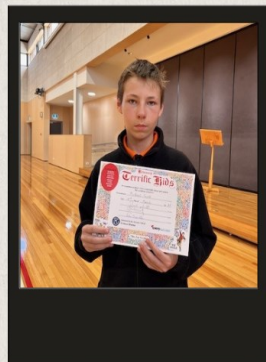
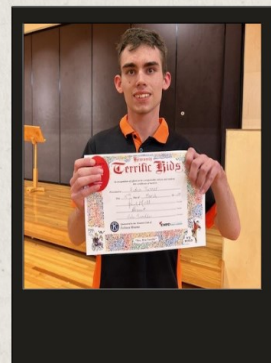
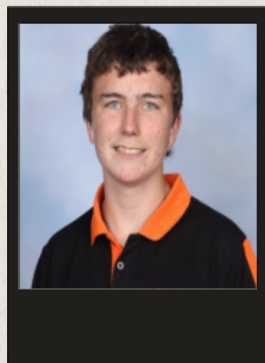
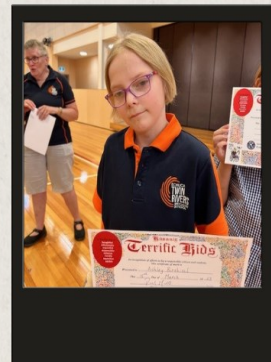
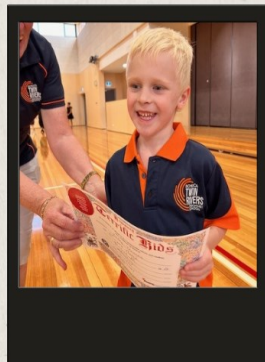
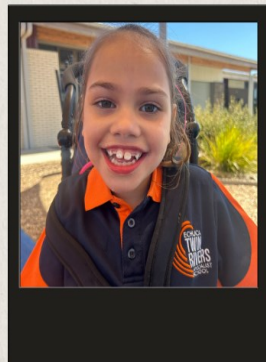
Our Vision

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



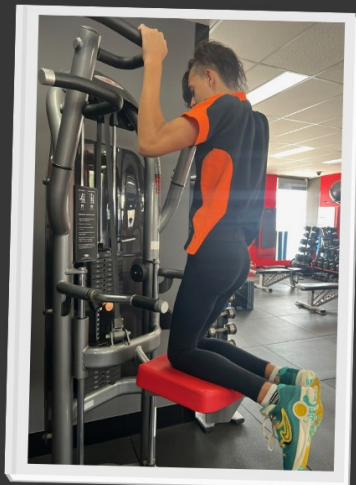
Our Values

Be Respectful
Be Inclusive
Be Responsible



3-6 Pod Disco





7-9 Gym Program



Home-Hosts Required

The Rotary Club of Echuca Moama are seeking home-hosts for 8 Teachers from Malaysia as they participate in teaching, training and professional learning in Echuca. Ideally, home-hosts would be able to host two teachers for two weeks in separate bedrooms, but other arrangements will be considered. The periods we are looking for home-hosts are:

Sunday, 14 April - Saturday, 27 April 2024

Saturday, 27 April - Saturday, 11 May 2024

We hope that home-hosts would be willing to welcome the teachers into their homes and provide them with breakfasts and include them in family dinners. A token of our club's appreciation will be provided in the form of a gift card and an invitation along with an invitation to join our events and tourism activities with the teachers.

For more information, please contact Rob Foran on 0403 884 334 or rob.foran@echucarotary.org.

Thanks again and hopefully we have one or two takers.

Regards,

Rob Foran

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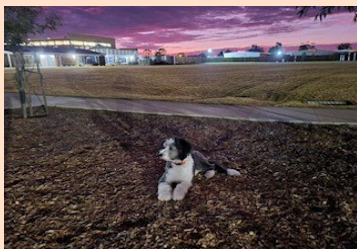
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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.



PLAY

FOR THE KICKS

come find your awesome

Echuca Moama Rockets Auskick

Registrations are now OPEN!
Wednesday 17th of April
10 weeks Program
Time: 4.30pm-5.30pm
play.afl/auskick

Library Teen Takeover

Free Pizza & Movie night

Calling on all teens 12 - 18
Join us as we make the library a great hangout space.

On alternate Wednesday's, the Echuca library will transform into a hangout space for high school aged young people. The program will provide a safe space for youth and encourage connection and relationship building amongst participants.

Sessions will be supervised and vapes, smoking, alcohol and drugs will not be tolerated.

For more information on the sessions, please call Council's Youth Community Development Officer on 1300 666 535

YAG

Campaspe Library | 03 5481 2400 | www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library

Where
Echuca Library

When
Wednesday, 3 April 6-8pm

Cost
Free!

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April School Holidays 2024									
	Echuca	Kyabram	Rochester	Russhworth	Tongaree				
Easter Monday									
Mon 1 April	10:30am - 12pm LEGO and Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon Rhythmic Time	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					
Tue 2 April	10:30am - 12pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					
Wed 3 April	10:30am - 12pm Kids Yoga	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					
Thu 4 April	10:30am - 12pm Kids Yoga	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					
Fri 5 April	10:30am - 12pm Kids Yoga	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					
Sat 6 April	10:30am - 12pm Kids Yoga	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					
Sun 7 April	10:30am - 12pm Kids Yoga	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					
Mon 8 April	10:30am - 12pm Kids Yoga	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					
Tue 9 April	10:30am - 12pm Kids Yoga	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					
Wed 10 April	10:30am - 12pm Kids Yoga	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					
Thu 11 April	10:30am - 12pm Kids Yoga	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					
Fri 12 April	10:30am - 12pm Kids Yoga	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					
Sat 13 April	10:30am - 12pm Kids Yoga	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					
Sun 14 April	10:30am - 12pm Kids Yoga	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games					

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Sunday March 31st 10:00am

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CLUBTEEN

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Community Living & Respite Services

After School & Vacation Program for children with disability 6 - 18 yrs old

After School Program hours
Monday to Friday from 3pm to 5.30pm
Transport is available from school to Club Teen

Vacation Program hours
Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm

Contact us now for 2024 spots

Call Bianca on 03 5480 2388
Email - bcole@chr.org.au



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