

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.

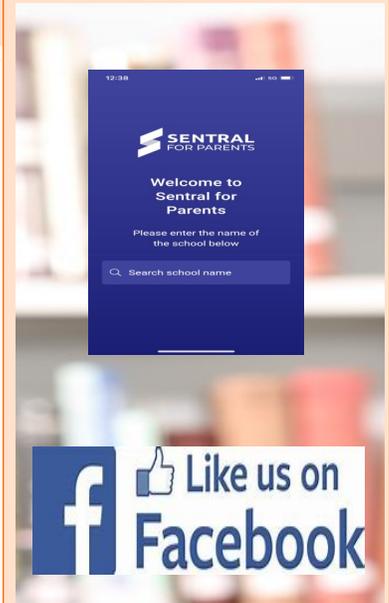
SSG day

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:-

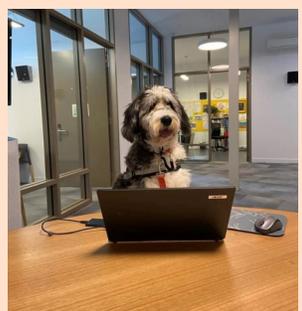
- Neurobiology of complex trauma
- How trauma impacts children's brain, body, memory, attention, emotions, relationships, behaviour and capacity to learn
- Understanding the meaning behind the behaviour
- Intersection of trauma experience and neurodiversity
- Critical importance of safe space and relationships 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



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

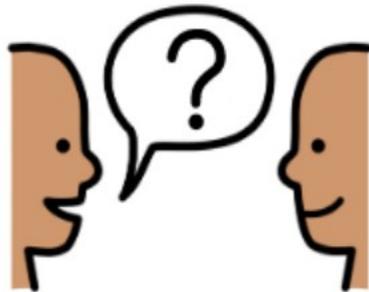
A note will come home this week regarding the new policy for photographing, filming and recording students. We ask that you read this consent form carefully and tick one or more or none of the 3 options on page 2. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the school. **The completed consent 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 aid



School Photos
19th April 2024
Order form will go home
today. This is not compulsory.



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 Ashburnham PT Black & White Portrait	1 x 12.7 x 17.8cm Black and White Portrait	1 x 12.7 x 17.8cm Portrait	4 x 12.7 x 8.9cm Portrait	4 x 4.3 x 3.0cm Portrait Download (Not print quality)
Classic Pack \$51	Group Photograph at Ashburnham PT Black & White Portrait	1 x 20.4 x 26.3cm Portrait	1 x 12.7 x 17.8cm Portrait	2 x 12.7 x 8.9cm Portrait	3 x 8.9 x 6.5cm Portrait Download (Not print quality)
Value Pack \$47	Group Photograph at Ashburnham PT Black & White Portrait	1 x 20.4 x 26.3cm Portrait	2 x 12.7 x 17.8cm Portrait	2 x 12.7 x 8.9cm Portrait	4 x 8.9 x 6.5cm Portrait Download (Not print quality)
Essential Pack \$44	Group Photograph at Ashburnham PT Black & White Portrait	1 x 20.4 x 26.3cm Portrait	4 x 12.7 x 17.8cm Portrait	4 x 4.3 x 3.0cm Portrait Download (Not print quality)	4 x 4.3 x 3.0cm Portrait Download (Not print quality)
Basic Pack \$42	Group Photograph at Ashburnham PT Black & White Portrait	1 x 20.4 x 26.3cm Portrait	1 x 12.7 x 17.8cm Portrait	2 x 12.7 x 8.9cm Portrait	3 x 8.9 x 6.5cm Portrait Download (Not print quality)
* Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.					
Gift Pack* All 15 items \$15	3 x Photo Bookmarks 20.3 x 5.1cm	3 x 5.1 x 3.8cm Photo	1 x Disc Holder 20.4 x 10.2cm	1 x Photo Calendar 12.7 x 17.8cm	4 x Photo Gift Tags 8.4 x 6.4cm
					Class Group Photo \$32



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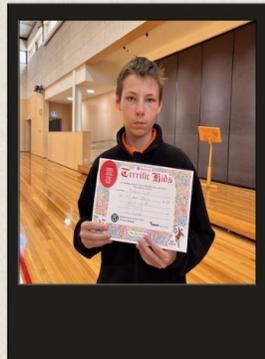
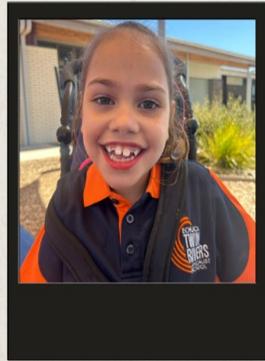
Our Vision

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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Rotary
Club of Echuca Moama



CREATE HOPE
in the **WORLD**

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

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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 vaping, 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

Where
Echuca Library

When
Wednesday, 3 April 6-8pm

Cost
Free!

YAG **freeze** **VICTORIA**

Campaspe Library | 03 541 2400 | www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library

April School Holidays 2024

Bookings Available	Echuca	Kyabram	Rochester	Russhworth	Tongala
Easter Monday					
Mon 1 April	10:30am - 12pm LEGO and Games		10:30am - 12 noon Storytime	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	
Tue 2 April	10:30am - 12pm Bird Feeders	1pm Bird Feeders			
Wed 3 April	10:30am - 12pm Kids Yoga	2pm Team Take Over Pizza & Movies	10:30am - 12 noon Paddle Boats		
Thu 4 April	11am Baby Rhyme Time			10am Bird Feeders	
Fri 5 April	10:30am - 12 noon Yakka Stories	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	1pm Bird Feeders		11am Seed & Sprout Houses
Sat 6 April	10:30am Family Storytime				
Sun 7 April	10:30am Family Storytime				
Mon 8 April	10:30am Yakka Rhyme Time				
Tue 9 April	10:30am - 12pm LEGO and Games	10:30am - 12 noon Storytime	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	10:30am - 12 noon LEGO & Games	
Wed 10 April	10:30am - 12pm "Puzzle" by Colleen Water	2:30pm Rock Painting			
Thu 11 April	10:30am - 12pm "Puzzle" by Colleen Water	2pm Buntings Craft	10:30am - 12 noon "Puzzle" by Colleen Water		
Fri 12 April	10:30am - 12pm Pizza & Movie	10:30am - 12 noon Team Take Over Pizza & Movie			
Sat 13 April	11am Baby Rhyme Time				11am Yakka Rhyme Time
Sun 14 April	10:30am Buntings Craft	1pm Seed & Sprout Houses	10:30am Buntings Craft	10:30am Paddle Boats	
Mon 15 April	10:30am Storytime				

WIN \$5,000

FOR YOUR NOMINATED CLUB, SCHOOL OR CHARITY

REGISTERED MEMBERS WHO SHOP AT RITCHIES GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN THEIR NOMINATED CLUB, SCHOOL OR CHARITY \$5000!

PLUS! Any Ritchies Member who scans their app or card will go into the draw to win 1 of 5 \$1,000 Ritchies Gift Cards!

First draw out wins their nominated organisation \$5,000.

JOIN TODAY!

CELEBRATING 30 years of COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Billabong Ranch

come join us for an Egg hunt

Free Easter Egg Hunt
BYO Basket

Glanville Rd & Tehan Rd, Echuca VIC 3564

Sunday March 31st 10:00am

03 5483 5122
www.billabongranch.com.au

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
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