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Issue 23

# Newsletter

Echuca 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.



## Principals message:

### Glad to be back

I have been away on leave for the past six weeks and it is great to be back. During my time away I have been keeping track of the school through Facebook, newsletter, email and phone calls. It has been exciting hearing and seeing the amazing learning our students have been completing whilst I have been away. Thank you to Ben Ridge for stepping in to the acting principal role whilst I was on leave. Thank you to all of the staff that have taken on more responsibilities during this time.

### New school

The new school build is progressing well. I invite all of you to drive past the new school site to see the construction. The basketball stadium walls have started to go up and the primary school grade 5/6 area is almost completed. The builders have started to prepare the site for pouring the concrete for our classrooms.

Shortly I will be creating a small team to begin planning for our move. Discussion points will include uniform, signage, site preparation and cleaning up our current school site. I am keen to have one or more parents on this team. Think about if you would like to be part of the group and contact me to discuss further.



### Our Vision:

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



### Dates to remember:

#### August :

29th—Fathers Day Stall

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#### September:

12th—Swan Hill Sports

19th—School Council

20th—End of Term —  
Dismissal **2pm**

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#### October:

7th—Start of Term 4

8th—Year 7 Immunisation

26th—"Hole in One"  
competition

31st - School Council

## CON'T PRINCIPAL REPORT

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### Book Week

Congratulations to staff and students on another amazing Book Week. The entire week classrooms celebrated Book Week with specific activities in classrooms, a whole school book read each day and the dress up and parade on the final day. A big thank you to Lesley-Ann for co-ordinating the week and for all of the other staff that contributed to making the week a huge success. Thank you also to the families for supporting the week and dressing students up on Friday.



### 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August, the secondary students will be having lunch out to celebrate the students that have turned 18 and are graduating. This has been a tradition of ours for several years. The students enjoy acknowledging their classmates that are about to graduate. They also enjoy spending time in the community and displaying their appropriate social skills and their speaking and listening abilities.



### Beacon Interviews and Pathway Pledge

On Tuesday our VCAL students participated in our first ever Beacon Pathway Pledge. The Pathway Pledge sees the students all agree to do their best in their studies, so when they leave school they pledge to go into further education, training or employment. For our students this also includes supported employment, volunteer work or day programs. All secondary schools participate in the pledge; however this is the first time our school has been invited to participate. We are proud that our students have been included and that they agree to apply themselves to their studies with the aim of doing their best and being a big part of the local community when they leave school.

Last week the VCAL students participated in a lesson run by the CCLLEN on interview skills. The group listened to the presenters, asked/answered questions and practiced interview skills. It is another way we are supporting our students to provide them with the necessary skills for later life. Thank you to the CCLLEN for their time to support our students. The feedback from the CCLLEN staff was that our students were amazing. They said they took in the information, asked great questions and displayed the skills discussed in the session. In the next couple of weeks our students will participate in mock interviews to put these skills to the test.





# Echuca Specialist School



**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**Echuca Back Nine Golf Course**

**Ambrose starts 1.00pm**

**Hole in One starts at 3.00pm only 250 balls**



**Hole In One Major Prize**

**Kia Cerato GT donated by Echuca Kia**

**Enter your team for a 4 Ball Ambrose Competition**

**or come & have a shot at the HOLE IN ONE**

**BBQ, Drinks, Live Music & Auction Items**

*Please contact the school to register your team 5482 2769*

## Father Day Stall

We now have a new Eftpos machine with payWave



A huge thank you to Jack and Amanda at Hip Pocket Work Wear for donating track pants, shorts and skorts to the school. These items are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support of Echuca Specialist School.



# Father's Day Stall



The Fathers/Special Person day stall will be on

**Thursday 29th August**

in the staffroom between 9:00—11:00. Each child may bring \$5 to spend on purchasing 2 small or 1 large item.

## PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR—WEEK 7

### Knowledge in the Yard

I wear my hat and sunscreen



Ask when I need to move yards

# 1st September Hats on



## From September, 5 things to remember

*Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!*

From September, Victoria's UV levels are on the rise, so it's time to dust off the sun protection gear and *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide* whenever you are outside. Check the daily sun protection times – you can find them on the free [SunSmart app](#), online ([sunsmart.com.au](#)), in the weather section of newspapers, or as a free SunSmart [widget](#). If you can't check the sun protection times each day, make sure you use sun protection every day from September to the end of April in Victoria. Don't just wait for hot, sunny days.

Remember these 5 SunSmart steps during the sun protection times, even if it's cool or cloudy

1. *Slip on covering clothing.* If you can see skin, UV can reach it. Is your child's skin covered with cool clothing today?
2. *Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum sunscreen.* Apply sunscreen before going outdoors and reapply every two hours. One application is not enough. Has your child had sunscreen applied and reapplied today?
3. *Slap on a sun protective hat.* The best hat shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck. Does your child's hat protect all of these areas?
4. *Seek shade.* Shady spaces help block some of the sun's UV but not all so you still need to wear hats, clothing and sunscreen even in the shade. Does your child have shady places to play?
5. *Slide on sunglasses labelled AS 1067.* If practical, help protect your child's eyes with sunglasses. Are your child's eyes safe in the sun?

### A note about vitamin D

The sun's UV is the best natural source of vitamin D.

From September to April in Victoria, most people need just a few minutes of sun exposure mid-morning or mid-afternoon on most days of the week to help with vitamin D. Even with sunscreen you can still get some vitamin D. Sun safe outdoor play throughout the day should not put your child at risk of low vitamin D.

For further information contact:

SunSmart:

Ph: 9514 6415

Email: [sunsmart@cancervic.org.au](mailto:sunsmart@cancervic.org.au)

Web: [sunsmart.com.au](http://sunsmart.com.au)



1st—Toby

2nd—Bennett

3rd Beau

Congratulations  
to everyone for  
participating and  
to the winners.



ROOM 1 STUDENTS HAD A GREAT DAY OUT AT THE ROCHESTER FARM & SEFETY EXPO LAST WEEK.





# Bookweek Activities



Respect

Inclusion

Knowledge

WEEK 6

SOW & PBS OF THE WEEK PRIMARY



Room 1— Shaheer—SOW

Always wearing his seat belt and staying in his seat on the bus.



Room 11— Beau—SOW

Staying in his seat wearing his seat belt and moving safely when getting on and off the bus



Room 2— Liam, Zayne, Drake & Frank—SOW

Sitting in their seat and wearing his seatbelt on the bus,



Room 13— Manny, Conner, Bradley, Ricky, Ben, Andrew & Daniel—SOW

Staying in my seat and wearing my seat belt and moving safely when I get on and off the bus



Room 5— Lenny—SOW

Always being safe when getting on and off the bus while travelling



Room 7— Ollie—SOW

Always being safe when getting on and off the bus while travelling



Room 14— Izy—SOW

Always wearing his seat belt

SOW & PBS OF THE WEEK SECONDARY



Room 16—Jaelee—SOW

Settling well into Room 16



Room 18— Bailey—SOW



Room 16—Tyler—PBS

Following the safety rules



Room 18 —James—PBS



Room 17—Claudia S—SOW

For completing her work independently



VCAL— Tom, Chris & Kaitlyn—SOW



Room 17—Bennett—PBS

Always travelling safe on the bus



VCAL—Noah—SOW



VCAL—Molli—PBS

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## NDIS Community Info Session

### Your NDIS Journey

The National Disability Insurance Agency is holding an information session for people with disability, family members and carers to educate and support a person through their National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) journey. The session will assist potential and existing participants to understand and access the NDIS, and to use their plans to become informed and empowered NDIS users.

**Venue:** Rich River Golf Club  
**Date:** Thursday 12 September 2019  
**Time:** 10:00am – 1:00pm  
**Address:** Tatalia 3 room, Twenty Four Lane, Moama NSW 2731

#### How to RSVP

Please RSVP via [Eventbrite](#)

Please email us at [COMMUNITY.ENGAGEMENT.VIC@ndis.gov.au](mailto:COMMUNITY.ENGAGEMENT.VIC@ndis.gov.au) if you have any accessibility, interpreting or special requirements.



Bi-lingual support can be arranged upon request by contacting the NDIS on 1800 800 110. If you need help contacting the NDIS, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450.

[ndis.gov.au](http://ndis.gov.au)



## Learn to Swim

School Holiday Intensive  
September 30th to  
4th October 2019

<b>Venue:</b>	Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre
<b>Cost:</b>	\$78.00
<b>Age:</b>	3 years and above
<b>Program:</b>	30 minute session daily for 5 days
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Wednesday 25th September 2019

*All teachers are Austswim qualified*  
For further information, or to enrol, contact EWMAC

EWMAC | 03 5483 9698 | [www.campaspeaquatics.com.au](http://www.campaspeaquatics.com.au)



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# Entry Form

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team members:

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ if applicable

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ if applicable

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ if applicable

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ if applicable

Please return entry form to [echuca.ss@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:echuca.ss@edumail.vic.gov.au) or to the school office and an invoice will be forwarded for payment.

Only 18 teams can be registered so get your entry form in ASAP.

If you have, any queries please contact Tracey or Jenni on 5482 2769.

Thank you for your support.