

29th February 2024



Issue 3

## Principals Report

Paul Marshall



### Curriculum day- student free

Staff will be participating in a professional learning day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This will be a student free day. The focus for the curriculum day will be a review of foundational knowledge of complex and developmental trauma and practical strategies to use in classroom / school settings. There will be a second follow up day on the 11th June. This topic is extremely complex but extremely important. We look forward to learning new skills and developing supports.

### SSG day

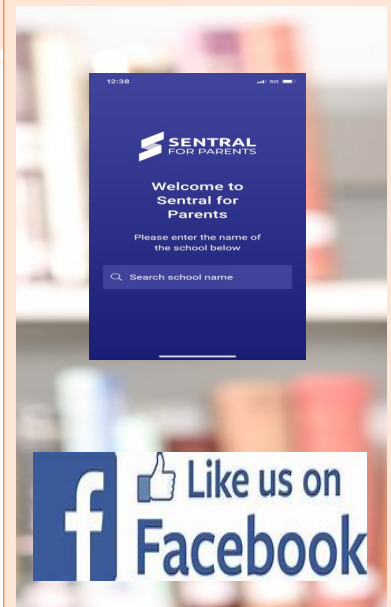
Thanks to all of the families that attended the SSG day. It is important to set high quality goals and work together to achieve them. It is also important that positive relationships are built between school and home. We love getting to know entire families and developing the skills of every student.

### Swimming sports

Our swimming sports will be split over two days with the grades 3-6 students competing on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March and the secondary students (Years 7-12) on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The sports will once again be held in Cohuna. We book out the entire pool and the students get to use the water slide at the end of the day. Keep an eye out for photos on Facebook.

### Cricket

Ten of our senior students will be participating in a cricket carnival competition in Shepparton on Wednesday 13th March. Students from several specialist schools will come together to compete and have fun. Good luck to our team.



### MARCH

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| 4th & 5th | Swimming Cohuna                      |
| 13th      | GV harmony Cricket Cup               |
| 21st      | Year 7 Immunisation                  |
| 21st      | School Council                       |
| 22nd      | MS4L Workshop for staff—Student Free |
| 28th      | End of Term 1                        |
| 29th      | Good Friday                          |

### APRIL

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| 15th | Term 2 starts      |
| 18th | Yr10 Immunisations |
| 19th | School Photos      |



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.



## Labour day

A reminder that we have the Labour day holiday coming up soon. The school will be closed on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. I hope everyone has a lovely long weekend.

## Attendance

We have started the year extremely well in regards to attendance. Well done to all of the students and families! It is important that students are always at school (unless they are unwell or have an important appointment). The classroom teacher will be following up with a phone call if your child is away for two days or more. Set good routines and go to bed at a reasonable hour. We love having our students at school!

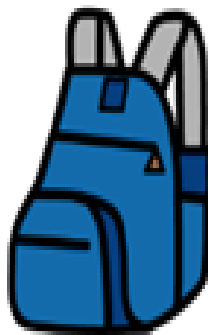
## Willow

Early in the year Willow had a significant ear infection. This caused her to be more subdued and unwell. Thankfully she is getting back to her old self. Willow has started her new timetable going in to classrooms. Willow will be at school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday is her rest day. Willow has enjoyed going on some early morning taxi runs. She loves picking up the students and bringing them to school. Willow also enjoyed all of her pats on SSG day.

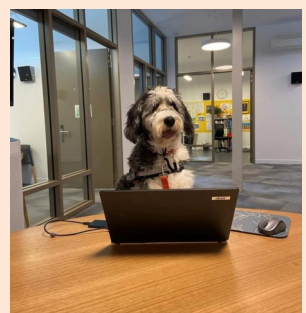


## POSITIVE TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

### WE LOOK AFTER OUR BELONGINGS



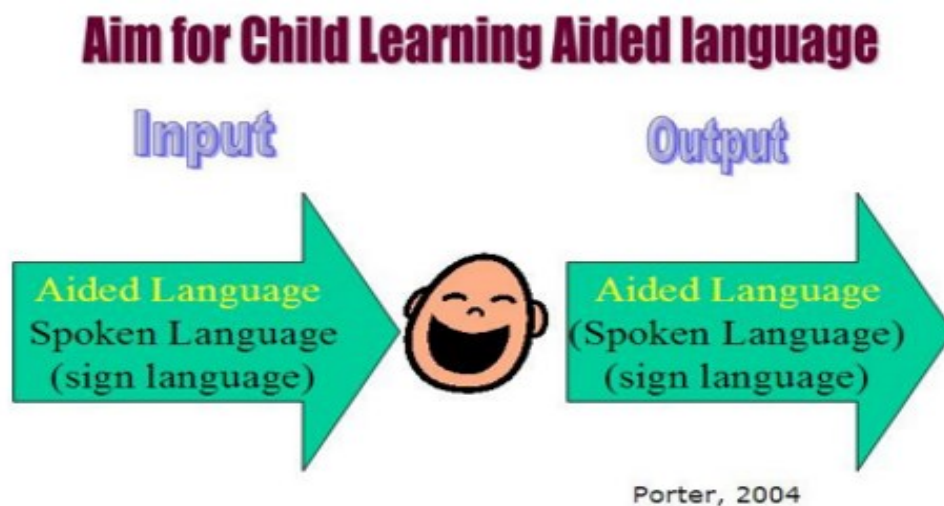
## Willow the Wellbeing Dog



## Sarah McKee—Speech Therapist



Modelling using alternative and augmentative communication (AAC) is very important for communication partners to do across the day. The image below was discussed at a recent staff meeting.



Here are some photos of staff modelling throughout the day on student and school devices, core word boards, PODD books, aided language displays, our playground banners and other communication tools.



Every opportunity for a student to receive “input” through their aided communication tool is another step towards student “output” with their AAC device or tool. When we model, there is no expectation of a response – the goal is “input” and exposure to the aided communication. It is about having fun and attributing meaning to the personalised activities and exchanges that occur throughout the day. Happy communication everyone!

Sarah McKee  
School Speech Pathologist



# 2024 BUS STAFF

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Sandra & Mirinda**

**Kyabram:**  
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# Room 13





# Goat Farm

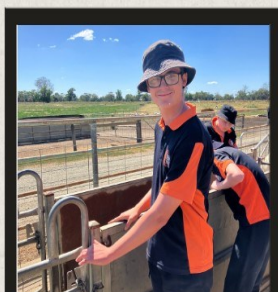
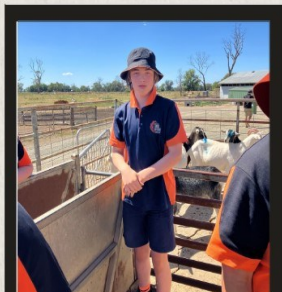
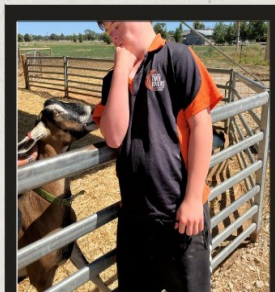
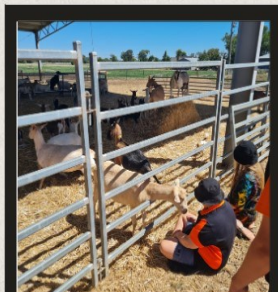
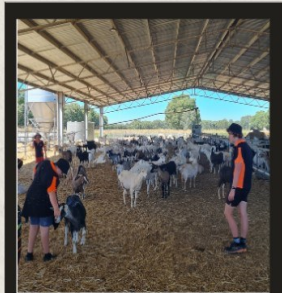
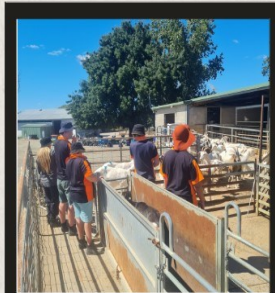
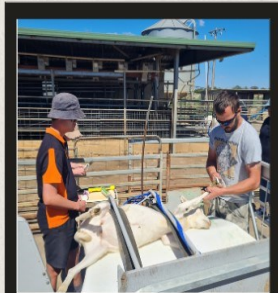
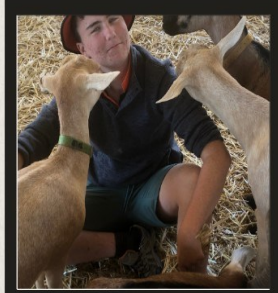
## Our Vision

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



## Our Values

Be Respectful  
Be Inclusive  
Be Responsible



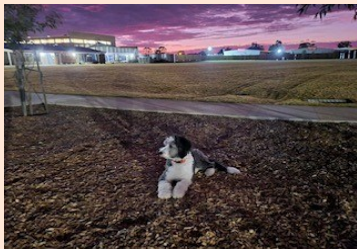


# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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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**16th MARCH 2024**

**DOWN UNDER**

**TRACTOR PULL**

Family \$70 (2 adults & 2 children)  
Adult \$30  
Child (12-17 yrs) \$10  
Under 12 years Free

**Gates Open at 3pm**  
**Tractor Pulling commences at 4pm**

- Catering Onsite: Food / Drinks / Bar
- Alcohol & Non-Alcohol spectator banks
- EFTPOS only - No ATM Onsite
- No Dogs Permitted - Exceptions made for Personal Assistance Dogs
- No camping on site - Free camping is available at Aysons Reserve
- BYO Chair
- No BYO Alcohol
- No Glass Permitted

**Agco Tractor Roundup**  
Massey Ferguson, Allis Chalmers, Fendt, and many many more!

**Vicmow Lawn Mower Racing • Kids Activities • Facepainting**

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**SCHEDULE**

**SPECIAL OFFERS**

- Intro Offer \$75
- 5x Group Classes (valid for 14 days)
- Introduction to Pilates \$200 - 2x 45 minute Private 1 on 1 and 3x Group Classes
- Flourish Membership Unlimited Classes \$75 a week



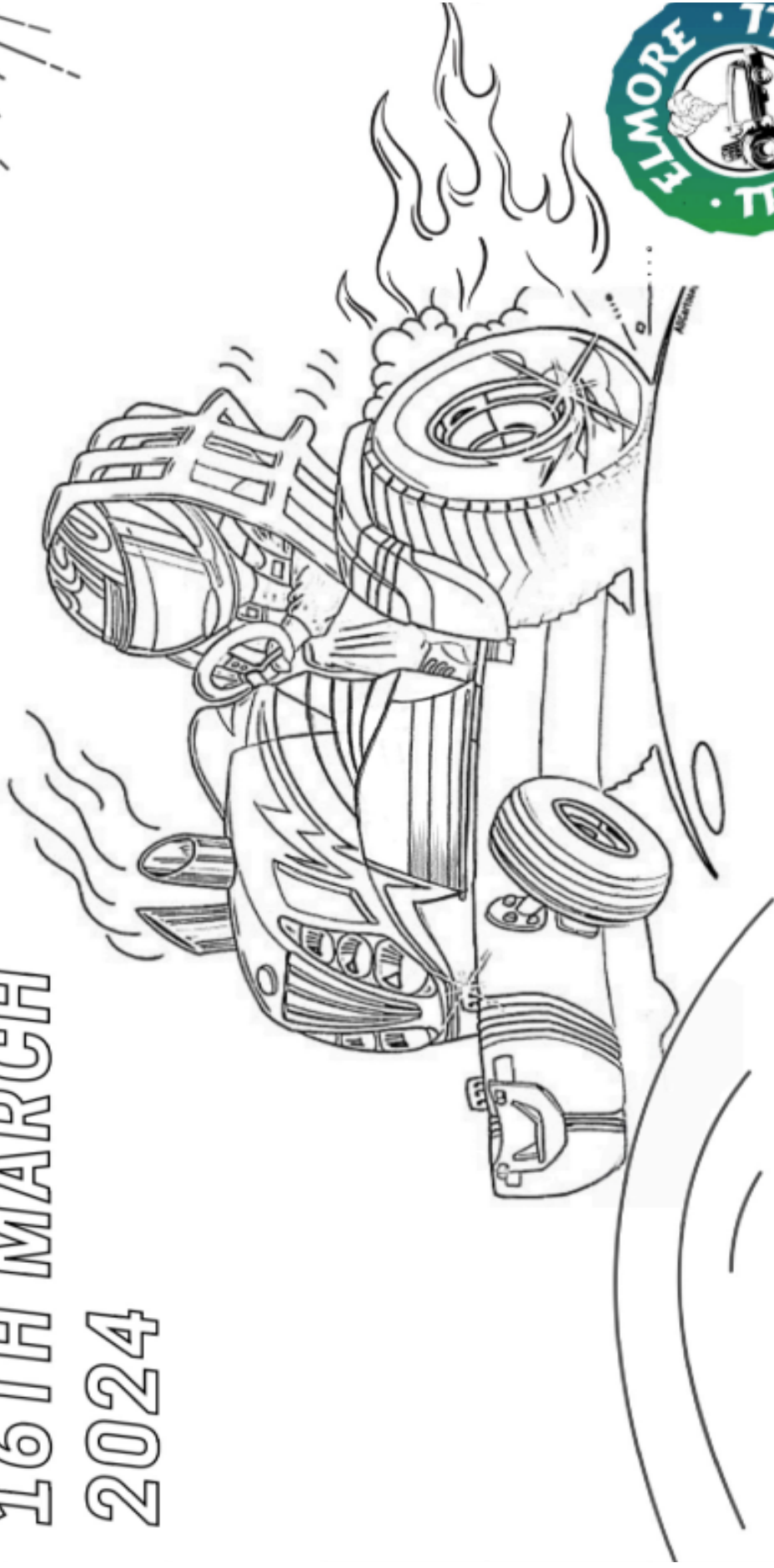
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## 16TH MARCH

## 2024



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