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Issue 17

## Principals Report



### Little Black Dress

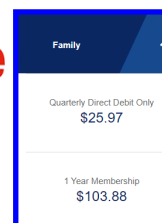
Thank you to our wonderful community and sponsors for helping to make the “Little Black dress” fundraising night so successful. Not only was it an enjoyable and fun night, we also managed to raise \$17,889.35 to support our air conditioning in the gymnasium. Thanks to Jenni and Tracey for working tirelessly on organising the night.

### Ambulance cover

School council wanted to remind all families about the importance of having ambulance cover for your children. Hopefully it will never happen, but in the event of an emergency the school will call an ambulance whether you have cover or not. The cost of an ambulance could be significant, hence school council’s suggestion of having ambulance cover for your whole family.



**Ambulance  
Victoria**



### Students arrival time

A reminder that the staff are on duty in the yard from 8:45am. We are getting more and more students coming before that time. I know that safety and supervision is paramount for families, therefore ensure your child is not dropped off before 8:45am.



### NOVEMBER

6TH—REPORT WRITING  
DAY—STUDENT FREE

7TH—MELBOURNE CUP  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

30TH—SCHOOL COUNCIL  
5PM

### DECEMBER

13TH—YEAR 12  
GRADUATION

13TH—LAST DAY

YRS 10-12

14TH—STUDENT FREE  
DAY

20TH—LAST DAY OF  
TERM 4 DISMISSAL AT  
12:30

## Report writing/Melbourne Cup day



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November are pupil free days due to report writing and Melbourne Cup. Staff have been working hard on assessment and are ready to start the report writing process. We encourage all families to read reports thoroughly and ask any follow up questions.

## Remembrance Day

The school will be holding a minute's silence on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November in recognition of Remembrance Day on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War in 1919 to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. We pay our respects to all of the people that have fought for our freedom over all of the wars and years.

## Principal visit

This week we are hosting eight principals from across several local specialist schools. We look forward to showcasing our students' achievements and the new school building. They will be spending two days in Echuca discussing issues pertaining to specialist schools. They will also be visiting various local attractions and activities. Next year we will be hosting a whole state conference in Echuca. This will be an opportunity to plan and decide what/where the conference will take place in town.



We'd like to wish Abbey and all of our visiting Occupational Therapists a happy belated OT week which was celebrated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of October.

2023 OT Week celebrated the World Federation of Occupational Therapists' theme: **Unity Through Community**.

OTs play a vital and dynamic role in helping people engage with and participate in their community – in whichever way is meaningful to them. Not only do they work across a broad range of settings, they also help people engage in meaningful occupations and education. We want to recognise the OT profession and celebrate all of the brilliant OTs working with our students at ETRSS.



**UNITY**  
*through*  
**COMMUNITY**

**OTWEEK 20**  
**23-29 OCTOBER 23**

Wow what a night. A massive thank you to everyone that attend and to all the sponsor that made this night possible.

# We raised \$17,889.35

Additional to our Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsors we would like to thank:  
Australian Grand Prix, Club Mulwala, Cosgriff Orchard legal, Echuca Worklocker, Geelong Football Club, Harvey Norman Echuca, Zoos Victoria, JM Leech Jewellers, Ryan Ireland, Lux Brows & Beauty, Morning Glory Resort, Murray Bank Caravan Park, Phil-A-Bin, Riverboats Music Festival, Thomson's Electrical Echuca, Well Soul Studio. West Coast Football Club, Echuca Football Netball Club, Forth Winks, Michele & Vince, Echuca Moama Aero Club, Echuca Harness Racing Club, Perricoota Dog Spa and Brighten your Space for donating good or services for our Auction and Raffle.

Raffle winners :

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Ashley Laming
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Tommy Clarke
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - Gavin Deller

## Little Black Dress Major Sponsors

### GOLD



### SILVER



### BRONZE



Friday 27th October  
7pm @  
Moama Bowling Club

**STUMBLING NORTH**

Tickets \$120 includes  
two course meal &  
drinks



**ECHUCA TWIN RIVERS  
SPECIALIST SCHOOL &  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

SPONSORED BY:



**CENTURY 21**  
Rich River Real Estate

CALL IN OR CONTACT  
THE SCHOOL ON 5410 7700 TO  
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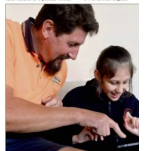
Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School acknowledges the history, culture, diversity, and value of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and pays respect to their elders past and present, as well as acknowledging future generations.



## GET TO KNOW YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Name:** Scott Morrison—School Council President 12years

**Family members:** Wife— Meg (Hard working)  
Children— Beth 27, Bridget 24, Claudia 17



**Occupation:** Driver trainer & Assessor at Veolia

**Interest and hobbies:** Cruising in my vintage F100 with Claudia, Beer Brewing and gardening

**Favorite Family Holiday:** Trips down the Peninsula in the old days. New adventures to come.

**Thoughts on Education:** The best we can hope is that the process supports our kids to reach their full potential

**What do you see as a strength of our school:** The inclusiveness, dedication of staff and wonderful state of the art facilities.

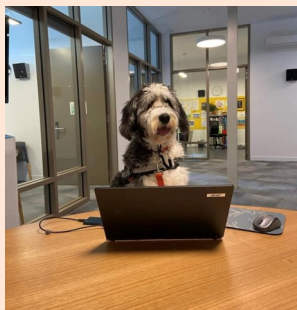
**Vision and hope for the future of the school:** To continue to develop relationships with mainstream schools for the benefit of our students

**Favourite memory of the school so far:** The transition from old to new and the hard work put in by so many.

**What do you love about being on school council:** The opportunity to make a difference and be a part of my daughters journey. It is a very rewarding experience.



## Willow the Wellbeing Dog



## Wednesday VL Café Group



Student in the Wednesday Café program will be making shortbread and traditional fruit mince pies. All items will be packaged which will make them an ideal gift.

**Orders in by 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Pick up Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**



**ORDER FORM ATTACHED**

## PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

**Be Respectful in the Yard  
We pack up when needed**



## 2023 BUS STAFF

Rushworth:  
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Peter – Ann/Sharon

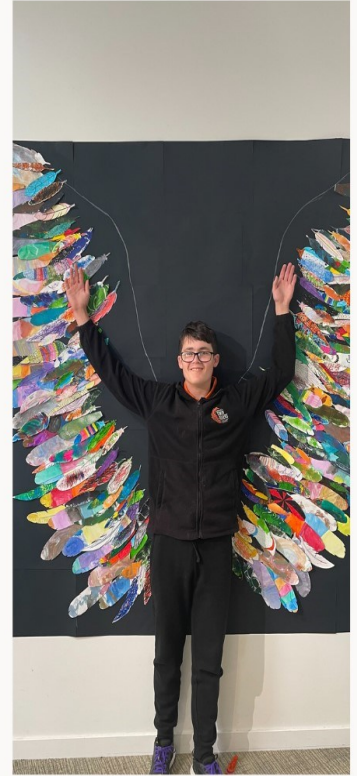
Cohuna:  
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0427 685 124  
Kerry – Jan/Sandra

Kyabram:  
0448 981 278  
Cameron – Megan



Mural that has been  
created by the  
students in the 7-9  
pod.





## Our Vision

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



## Our Values

Be Respectful  
Be Inclusive  
Be Responsible



Students travelled to Scenic Reserve and meet up with Paul Clarke, Joyce and Simone where students were educated on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture in Echuca.







Over the past 3 weeks the 3-6 pod students have been learning about natural process that occur on earth. This week concluded their learning about volcanoes, students had worked hard to build and paint their volcanoes over the past few weeks and this week was the final step in which they created eruptions.

Dear Parents/Carers,



As you might be aware, we have had the School Dental Program - 'Smile Squad' – attend our school to give the students information on good dental health, undertake dental examinations and, where required, organise follow-up treatment. While the program is voluntary, many of you consented for your child/children to participate in the Smile Squad program.

To better understand the delivery of the Smile Squad program including benefits and challenges, an independent firm (Abt Associates) has been engaged to evaluate the program. This is your opportunity to provide feedback on your experience of the program. If you didn't consent for your child/children to participate in Smile Squad they are also keen to hear from you. The evaluation team want to understand why you chose not to participate. So, whether you participated or not, this is an opportunity to provide feedback so that improvements can be made to the Smile Squad program.

To participate in the evaluation, you can complete a confidential 5–10-minute survey. The survey does not require you to provide any information to the evaluation team that identifies you, however the survey does ask what school your child/children attend. Here is the link to the survey.

[https://abtassoc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bf6YJUMs3NkfHWm](https://abtassoc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bf6YJUMs3NkfHWm)

We encourage you to participate in this short survey and provide valuable feedback on Smile Squad. If you would like to provide more detailed feedback to the evaluation team, please contact Eleanor at [sdpeval@abtassoc.com.au](mailto:sdpeval@abtassoc.com.au) or 0738914145.

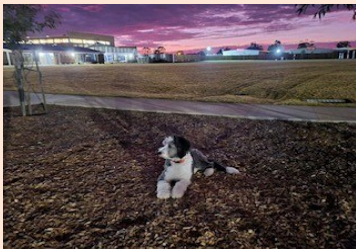


# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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.



**CoolHeads**  
Young Driver Program - It's all about attitude

A thought provoking, confronting and informative road safety program with advice on a wide range of topics for young drivers. Presented by Greater Shepparton Police and local agencies

**Safe driving for life - It's all about ATTITUDE!**

**WEDNESDAY 8 November, 2023**

Riverlinks Eastbank  
70 Welsford Street, Shepparton

Arrive by 6.45pm for a 7pm Start (concludes approx 9pm)

**Free Entry – but a ticketed event**

Registrations open now. Telephone: (03) 5832 9511 or online via [riverlinksvenues.com.au/whats-on/event-details/1/calendar/event/cool-heads-november-2023](http://riverlinksvenues.com.au/whats-on/event-details/1/calendar/event/cool-heads-november-2023)

Enquiries:  
Leading Senior Constable Mitchell Bull  
[mitchell.bull@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:mitchell.bull@police.vic.gov.au) | 5820 5777

If an Attendance Certificate is required, please register at the CoolHeads Desk prior to taking your seat.

VICTORIA POLICE



**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@clrs.org.au](mailto:bcole@clrs.org.au)

Community Living & Respite Services

**ECHUCA MOAMA SHOW**  
NOVEMBER 11th & 12th 2023  
INCLUDING SATURDAY NIGHT

Fun for the whole family!

Massive FIREWORKS display Saturday night!

• 2 Days of horse events • Beef & Dairy Cattle • Ute Show  
• Tiny Tots & Show Girls • Art & Crafts Pavilion • Pet Show  
• Monster Trucks • Rides • Much More!

PLUS heaps of FREE activities including Face Painting, Animal Nursery, Pony Rides and Temporary Tattoos

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YOUR SCHOOL?

Ask one of our FIT EXPERTS in-store



**CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER**

A close-up photograph of several Christmas cookies. The cookies are shaped like stars, snowflakes, and candy canes. They are decorated with white icing, red and green icing, and small colorful sprinkles. The cookies are arranged in a cluster, with some overlapping.

**Pick up Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

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