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Issue 19

## Principals Report



This will be my last newsletter report before the end of the year, so I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and holiday break.

### Start times

A reminder that staff are not on duty until 8:45am. We have some students arriving well before that time. There are many reasons why we can't have students arriving before 8:45am but safety is our number one concern. Sometimes our double gates are wide open because we have people mowing lawns. This is a double safety concern with dangerous equipment and a high chance of students absconding. Ensure your child arrives to school after 8:45am.

### Step up in to 2024

Our two step up in to 2024 sessions are December 5 and 12. Students go with their new classmates to their new classroom to meet their new staff. This will occur between 9:30 and 10:30am. Information about your child's new class and staff will go home on Friday December 1.

### Student free day

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December will be a student free day, with staff using it as a professional practice day. The school is required to give teachers one of these days each year.



### NOVEMBER

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

### JANUARY

29-30TH—STAFF  
RETURN

31ST—STUDENTS  
RETURN



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.



## Yarning day and the first day of school

Due to the success of Yarning day last year, we will be holding another day of casual meetings between students, families and staff at the start of 2024. This is a chance for staff and families to discuss the student in a relaxed informal way. We want to build positive relationships from the start of the year. Think about what message you want to give the teacher about your child. Yarning day will be held Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. The first day of school for students will be Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Information about booking times will be sent out shortly.



## Graduation

Our annual graduation celebration will take place on Wednesday December 13. The ceremony will be held in the gymnasium between 9:30am and 11:30am. The official ceremony should take about an hour before parents are invited to a morning tea in our café to reminisce over their child's years at Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School.

## Reports

Reports will also go home on Wednesday December 13. Take your time reading over and celebrating the successes of your child during the year. Ensure you re-enforce the great work with your child and discuss the successes.

## Music concert

The students enjoyed a big band music concert performed by students from Wesley College on Monday. The primary school and specialist school joined together in the gym to listen to the band. The students had an awesome time and loved experiencing something many have never had the opportunity to experience. We thank the students and staff of Wesley College for providing the concert.

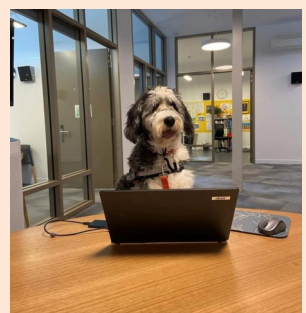
## Medical leave

I will be taking two weeks medical leave from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. I will be returning for the last day of term. Whilst I am away Ben Ridge will be acting Principal.

I want to thank everyone for an amazing year. I have loved watching the students achieve so much. Thank you to the staff for your hard work and dedication to the students and entire school community. Thank you to the families for creating positive relationships with the school and most of all the unwavering support of your child.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas.

## Willow the Wellbeing Dog



## SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH 12 MONTHS FREE INTERNET AT HOME



School Student Broadband Initiative

An Australian Government initiative powered by nbn

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home internet for one year for up to 30,000 eligible families with school-aged students. The initiative aims to boost education opportunities. NBN Co is leading the rollout of this initiative across the country. How the School Student Broadband Initiative can help your child. Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities. Access to fast internet at home can also support children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and take part in a world that is more reliant on digital technology.

### Eligibility

To be eligible, families must:

- \* have a child living at home enrolled in an Australian school in 2023
- \* not have an active National Broadband Network internet service at their home\* (having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility)
- \* live in a premises that can access the National Broadband Network through a standard connection. NBN Co will check this for you after you apply
- \* register interest with your school and complete a consent form to be assessed for eligibility.

\*If an address has been disconnected within 14 days prior to an eligibility check – the address will be classified as ineligible. There may be cases where exceptions can be made, please contact the School Student Broadband Initiative team at [SSBI@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:SSBI@education.vic.gov.au) to discuss further.

### How the School Student Broadband Initiative works

If you are eligible, your home internet service will be provided at no cost for one year with a participating internet provider over the National Broadband Network. Each internet provider has its own step-by-step process to get you connected, which may involve you providing identification.

Once you sign up, the internet provider will help you set up your connection. The initiative does not include devices such as a computer or tablet. Other members of your household can use the internet service provided through this initiative.

The one-year period will start from the day your service is activated with your chosen provider. At the end of the one-year period, you will not be placed onto a paid service by your internet provider without your consent. The Australian Government is considering options beyond the one-year free period.

### How to apply

- \* **Ask your school for a copy of the School Student Broadband Initiative consent form.**
- \* **Complete the consent form and return to the school.**
- \* **NBN Co will use student address details on the consent form to confirm eligibility.**

\* If you are eligible, NBN Co will issue a voucher for your family to use to sign up with a participating internet provider. This will be provided to you by your school.

Please note: NBN Co will review the home address for eligibility. No personal information other than your main home address will be shared with NBN Co. Please see the consent form for details about how personal information will be used.

Find out more

For more information about the School Student Broadband Initiative, visit <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au>



## 2023 BUS STAFF

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Kerry – Jan/Sandra

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Cameron – Megan



**Drop off points:** Echuca Moama Uniting Church, Riverine Herald, EMWAC (pool), Bendigo Bank, Apex Echuca, Echuca Moama Family Medical Practice \* Both Echuca and Moama Surgeries, Moama Village and Meninya St Pharmacies, Echuca Library and Echuca Regional Health.

**Distribution dates:** December 11, 14, 18 and 21st from Echuca Moama Uniting Church Hall 10am–1pm

Please bring carry / shopping bag. COVID Guidelines will apply



**DON'T SPEND XMAS ALONE.**

"Spend Christmas  
with us"



Will you or someone you know be spending

Christmas Day alone this year?

We would like to invite single parents with kids, individuals or lone couples who would otherwise be dining alone Christmas day, to come along and join others for a **FREE Traditional Christmas Lunch**

**Echuca Moama Community Xmas Lunch 2023**

**Where:** UNITING CHURCH HALL ECHUCA

**When:** MONDAY 25th December 2022

**Time:** 11.00 am -3.30 pm

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL .**

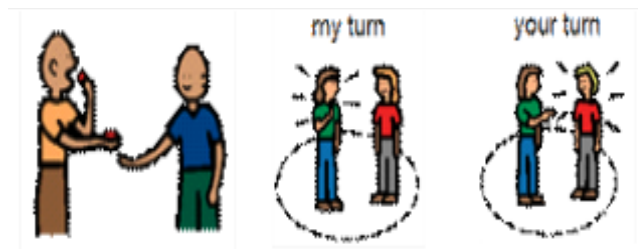
To reserve a seat - phone Julie 0475 707 412

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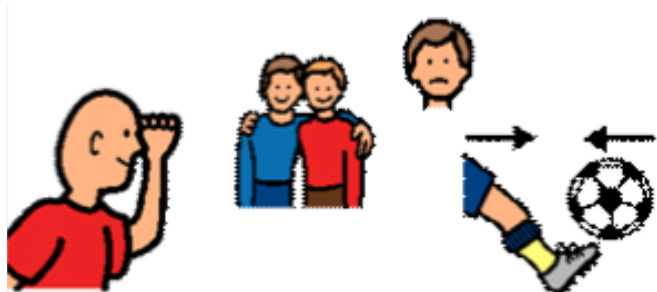
Echuca Moama Community Projects

## PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

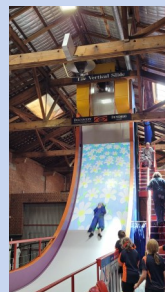
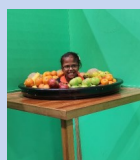
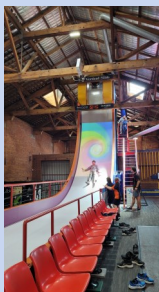
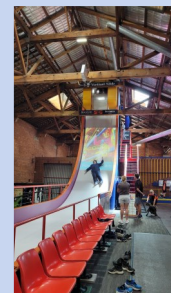
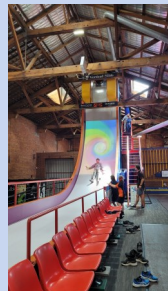
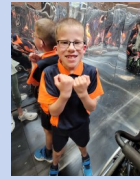
**Be Inclusive in the Yard  
We share equipment**



**We help others to feel safe**



# 3-6 Discovery Centre





## Our Vision

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

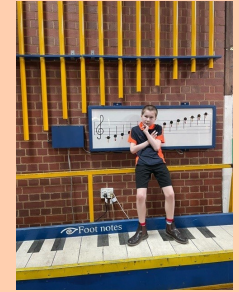
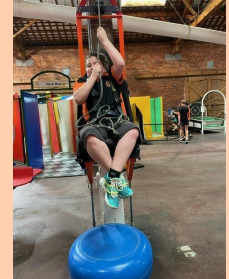


## Our Values

Be Respectful  
Be Inclusive  
Be Responsible



# 7-9 Discovery Centre



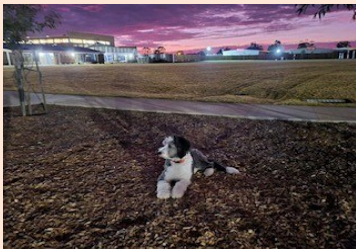


# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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.



### Sign up now for the Big Summer Read! At Echuca Library

You will receive -

- Big Summer Read Reading Journal
- Bookmark
- Lucky Spot entry

Read 10 books and return your completed Reading Journal to your library before Tuesday, 23 January to receive an invitation to attend our Big Summer Read party and automatic entry into the draw for some marvelous prizes.



## Moama Lions Club

### Carols by Candlelight

MC Jefferson Smith, Great Local Performers & Santa

Candles & Programs available  
Lions BBQ from 5.30pm

## Sunday 10 December

6.30pm-8.30pm Main Oval Perricoota Rd Moama



Katie Rimmer is raising money to help relieve the financial burden from families that have a child being treated for a cancer diagnosis.

To donate visit:

<https://fundraise.kidswithcancer.org.au/s/4923/4981/e>

and search for Katie Rimmer



I am cutting my hair to fundraise to help sick kids throughout Australia. Not only will my lovely locks be used to make a wig, your donations to the cause that means so much to me, will allow Kids with Cancer Foundation to continue with their financial support of families that have a child suffering cancer.

Please donate to my fundraiser, and share with your family and friends, together we can all make a difference.

Connect with us  
#Wigs4Kids

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### 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 - [bcoble@clrs.org.au](mailto:bcoble@clrs.org.au)

