

4th December 2025



Issue 18

## Principals Report

Paul Marshall



### Final day for 2025

The final day of school is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. School finishes at 12:30pm on the last day. Adjust your pickup times at school or off the bus.

### First day for 2026

Students return to school on Thursday January 29. Staff return to school on Tuesday/Wednesday January 27/28. Staff will be completing mandatory training as well as focussing on Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships. This will be a focus for us in 2026.

### Graduation

On Friday December 12 we have our graduation for our students that are 18. The ceremony will be held in the gymnasium from 9:30am. All families are invited along to the event. After the celebration, families of the graduating students will be treated to morning tea in the café. There are several special guests that are going to make speeches.

### Grade 6 graduation

We will be celebrating the grade 6 students with a graduation ceremony on Monday December 15 at 9:30am. Families of the grade 6 students are welcome to attend the ceremony. We will be looking back over the past primary years of the grade 6 students and moving our thoughts to their new adventure in secondary school. There will be a morning tea after the celebration.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

### DECEMBER

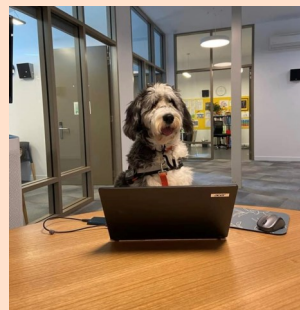
- 4th-5th Primary Camp
- 9th Step Up
- 10th School Concert  
12:00noon in Gym
- 12th Year 12 Graduation  
9:30am in Gym
- 15th Grade 6 Graduation  
9:30am in Gym
- 19th End of Term—  
Dismissal at  
12:30pm



### JANUARY 2026

- 27th Staff Return to school  
&  
28th
- 29th Term 1 starts

## Willow the Wellbeing Dog



Con't Principal report:

### Step up

Students began transition into 2026 with the first step up session this week. The students were excited to spend time with their new classmates and teachers. The second and final step-up session will take place next Tuesday.

### Day of disability

Staff, students and the wider community celebrated International Day of People with Disability with a huge day of fun. There was face painting, foam cannon, bubble machines, colour run, slip and slide, sensory play and other activities.

This year's theme was: Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress. We were proud to be able to open up the event to the community and showcase our students' abilities and to socialise with others.

Thanks to the team of staff that spent hours preparing for the event.

### Primary camp

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of December the primary students are participating in their local camp. Students will visit local attractions and spend time together celebrating a wonderful year.

### Christmas concert

After months of practise and preparation the time has finally come for our Christmas concert. The students are excited and nervous but most importantly ready to perform on the big stage. The concert will be held in the gym from 12 noon on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. The entire school community is welcome to attend.

### Social media restrictions

Many of you would've heard about the upcoming changes to the social media rules. This will impact many students at the school. In the end we hope that the changes will decrease the ever-present issues of online bullying and cyber safety. I have included information in the newsletter, however, here is a separate link to information about what the restrictions will mean for students and families.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/social-media-age-restrictions>

### Reports home

Reports will be available to be accessed on Compass from Friday December 12. We hope to have more families access the reports this time. Contact the school if you have any questions on how to access reports. We love celebrating student success with home.

# Class Of 2025

Graduation for our students leaving school this year, will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The school community is welcome to attend and farewell the graduates of 2025. It will be held in our gymnasium from 9:30am. This will also be the final day of school for VL students.

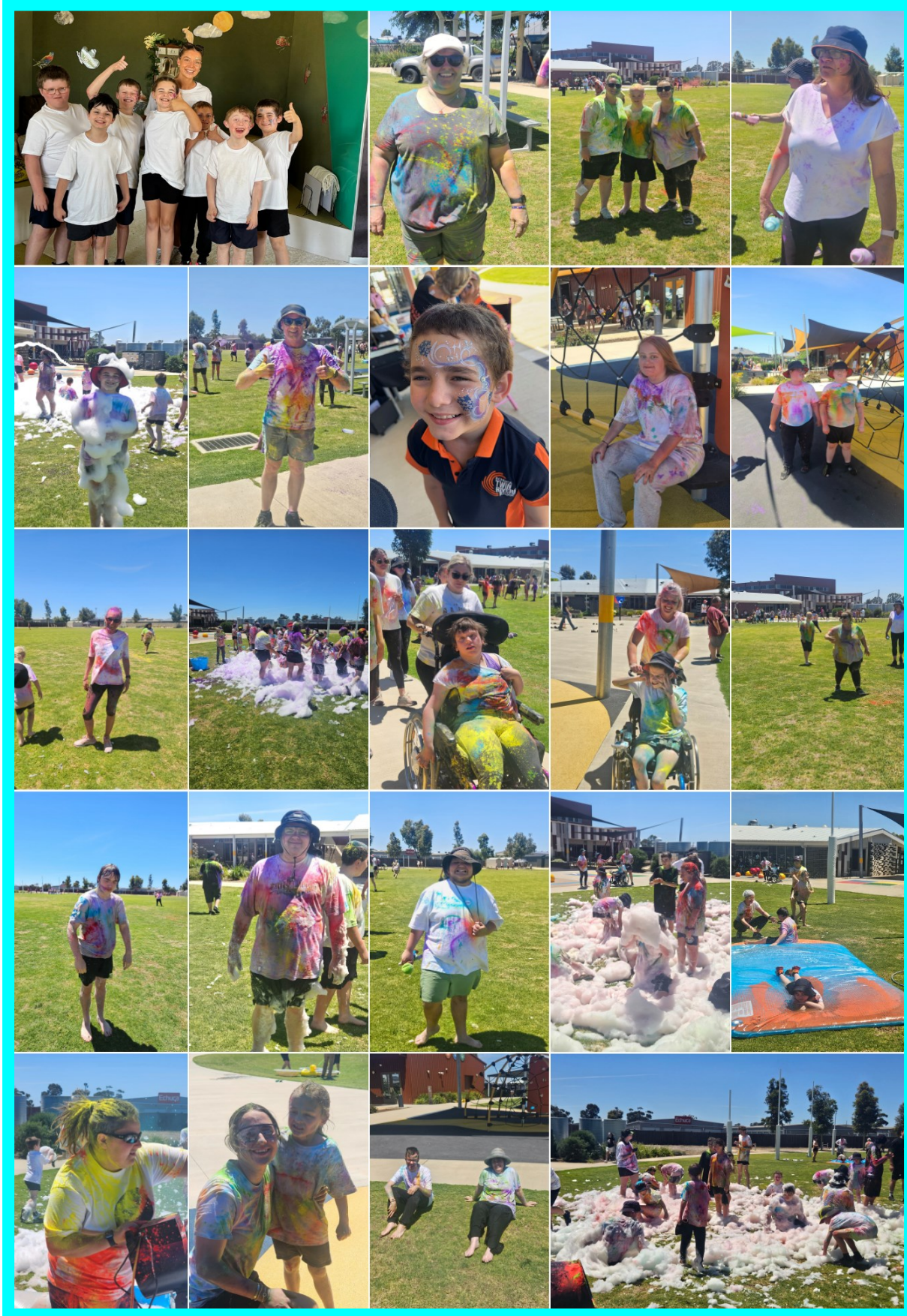


The grade 6 graduation will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This will be held in our multipurpose room from 9:30am.



Yesterday we held our colour run celebrating “International Day of Persons with Disabilities” and what a fantastic day. Students, Staff and visitor's from local disability organisation had the best time. We would like to spend a huge thank you to Moama Bowling Club—George Santos, Echuca Moama Community Enterprise—Tod Collins and Campaspe Shire for sponsoring this event and making big and better than we envisaged. Thank you to the Men Shed for cooking our BBQ on the day, Moama Bakery, CFA, Make A Face—Rachel, Echuca Meats, Bunnings, K-Mart and Woolworth West for your donations, your ongoing support for our school is invaluable. A big thank you to Carmen and Amy for organising this event and making this day so memorable.





## Our Vision

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

## Our Values

Be Respectful  
Be Inclusive  
Be Responsible



# School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Positive Acknowledgment System

## SWPBS Teaching Schedule 2025

Week	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
1			We look after our belongings	
	We follow directions from all staff	We take turns	We keep our hands and feet to ourselves	We follow directions from staff
2	We ask for help when we need it	We use all equipment for its purpose	We share equipment	We ask for help when we need it
			We keep our hands and feet to ourselves	
3	We support each other to learn	We keep our school clean and tidy	We use our manners and speak kindly	We support each other to learn
4	We keep our hands and feet to ourselves	We help others when they need it	We communicate how we are feeling	We keep our hands and feet to ourselves
5	We look after our belongings	We appreciate the diversity of others	We ask to join in	We look after our belongings
6	We share equipment	We do our work	We use all equipment for its purpose	We share equipment
7	We use our manners and speak kindly	We follow directions from all staff	We keep our school clean and tidy	We use manners and speak kindly
8	We communicate how we are feeling	We ask for help when we need it	We help others when they need it	We communicate how we are
9	We ask to join in	We support each other to learn	We appreciate the diversity of others	We ask to join in
10		We keep our hands and feet to ourselves		We follow directions from staff
11				Staff choice

## PBS Targeted Behaviour

# We ask to join in





**WEDNESDAY, 10TH OF DECEMBER**  
**12PM - 1PM**

# *Under* **A STAR**

**PRESENTED BY ECHUCA TWIN RIVERS  
SPECIALIST SCHOOL**

**PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS  
AND OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

**LOCATION:  
ETRSS GYM**

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**66 WILKINSON DRIVE, ECHUCA**



Students completed their Junior Park Ranges program on the 19th November and celebrated with time at the new Slash Park





Our school photos for 2026 will be held on Friday 22nd May. MSP Photography will be utilising our Compass Parent Portal sending links to families via the portal to order and pay for photo. We are encouraging all families to make sure they can access their portal. If you are having trouble please contact the office and we can help you.



# 2025 BUS STAFF

**Rushworth:**

**0418 322 861**

**Neil, Anne & Sharon**

**Cohuna:**

**0418 847 627**

**Alan & Lorraine &  
Kylie**

**Elmore:**

**0427 685 124**

**Bill, Kevin, Jan,  
Judy & Zoe**

**Kyabram:**

**0448 981 278**

**Russell & Barb**



## Social media age restrictions webinars

From 10 December 2025, certain social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australian children under 16 create or keep an account.

Join our information sessions for parents and carers; educators and youth-serving professionals to understand the changes, their purpose and implications.

The 30-minute webinar will help parents and carers understand the upcoming changes to social media access for children under 16.

Join our information session to:

- understand the purpose of the new age restrictions and how they aim to protect young Australians
- understand which platforms will require users to be 16+ and what platforms they can still access
- get tips and resources to support your child's online safety and wellbeing through the transition.

Parents and carers will gain:

- a clear understanding of the new rules and their implications
- confidence in guiding their child through these changes
- access to trusted resources to support safe and positive online engagement.

Please click the dropdown box on the registration form to pick your preferred date.

- **2 December 2025, 7:00pm (AEDT)**
- **8 December 2025, 3:30pm (AEDT)**
- **15 December 2025, 1:00pm (AEDT)**
- **10 February 2026, 12:30pm (AEDT)**
- **24 February 2026, 12:30pm (AEDT)**

[Social media age restrictions webinars | eSafety Commissioner](#)





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Christmas Day alone this year?

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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 2025**

**Where:** UNITING CHURCH HALL ECHUCA

**When:** THURSDAY 25th December 2025

**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 and Uniting Church Christmas Toy Appeal



**COLLECTING NOW UNTIL DECEMBER 18th 2025**

**Drop off points:** Echuca Moama Uniting Church, Riverine Herald, EMWAC (pool),  
Apex Echuca, Echuca Twin Rivers School, Echuca Library, Echuca Regional Health

**Distribution dates;** December 11,15 and 18th

Echuca Moama Uniting Church Hall 10am—1pm

Please bring carry / shopping bag.



**Bikes for all ages**

UPbicycle is coming to Kyabram!

# UPBICYCLE GRAND OPENING

To celebrate, we're launching with a Bike Blitz Giveaway.

Come along and view our huge range of repurposed bikes on offer in our UPbicycle showroom.

**WHEN:** Friday 12 December, 2025  
**TIME:** 11.00am  
**WHERE:** We Are Vivid  
17 Albion Street, Kyabram

**Morning tea provided** Ride away on a new bike today!!

**VIVID** UPbicycle is the restoration and repurposing of bicycles for sale by Vivid Participants. To join UPbicycle, contact Sue on [sue.green@wearevivid.org.au](mailto:sue.green@wearevivid.org.au)



## SCHOOL'S OUT!

Quality Before and After School Care



**BEFORE SCHOOL** **VACATION CARE** **AFTER SCHOOL**

### TAKING BOOKINGS NOW!

for more info [www.schoolsout.net.au](http://www.schoolsout.net.au)

**Why choose School's OUT!**  
Our Outside of School Hours Program is popular with both parents and children, the before and after school programs are not only educational but they are fun!

We pride ourselves on working with the local community, supporting businesses and giving your child positive experiences they will remember for a lifetime.

Children are given the chance to learn through play, nurture their artistic side, explore the world of sports or even sit quietly and watch a movie.

Every day we provide delicious and nutritious food for everyone to snack on and even give the children the chance to help prepare the food.

Our cooking lessons are really popular and will often yield yummy treats to be taken home. Perfect for the following days lunch box!





**CONTACT US FOR MORE INFO**  
**1300 329 106**



### MORE INFO

**ALLAN STREET WONDERLAND YARN BOMBING**  
Explore the Christmas Yarn Bombing in Allan Street, Kyabram and be sure to spot Alice in Wonderland characters.  
December through to 15 January

**COLBO PUB CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROL TRAIL**  
Explore the Christmas carols around the town and hear the 20 carols in their various carols sung by the Colbo Pub Choir.

**KYABRAM SANTA'S CAVE**  
Saturday, 13 - Sunday, 21 December - 10am - 5pm  
Hydracon Town Hall, Allan Street, Kyabram  
Cost: \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

**ROCHESTER CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY**  
Monday, 1 - Saturday, 20 December (excluding Sundays) 9am - 5pm  
Rochester Show Hall, 40 Mackay Street, Rochester

**SANTA'S GROTTTO**  
Visit Santa on Saturday, 20 December 9am - 12pm  
located in the Bushworth Band Stand.

**WONDERLAND ON THE MURRAY SAND SCULPTURE TRIAL**  
Alice in Wonderland Themed Sand Sculpture Trail, from Woodhead Beach, through the Port of Echuca, and the Aquatic Reserve finishing at the Moama Soundshell.  
Saturday, 13 December - Monday, 8 March 2026.  
For more info visit [www.wonderlandmoama.com.au](http://www.wonderlandmoama.com.au)

### CHRISTMAS MARKETS

**RUSHWORTH CHRISTMAS ARTS AND CRAFT MARKET**  
Saturday, 29 November - 8:30am - 1pm  
Shire Hall, High Street

**ROCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
Friday, 5 December - 9pm - 1pm  
Gillies & Mackay Streets, Rochester

**ECHUCA FARMERS MARKET**  
Saturday, 6 & 20 December - 9am - 12:30pm  
Aquatic Reserve, Echuca

**STANHOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
Sunday, 17 December - 8:30am - 1pm  
Bridwood Avenue, Stanhope

**HOPWOOD GARDENS MARKET**  
Saturday, 13 December - 9am - 2pm  
Hopwood Gardens, Echuca

**GIRGARRE FARMERS' PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET**  
Sunday, 14 December - 9am - 12pm  
Girgarre Memorial Hall & Park Reserve, Girgarre

**MOAMA MARKET**  
Sunday, 14 & 20 December - 9am - 1pm  
Moama Soundshell, Mackay Street, Moama

**LOCKINGTON CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
Thursday, 18 December 5:30pm - 12:30pm  
Lockington Lions Park, Lockington

**RUSHWORTH MONTHLY MARKET**  
Saturday, 28 December - 8:30am - 1pm  
Village Green, Rushworth

**MOONLIT COMMUNITY MARKET KYABRAM**  
Saturday, 27 December - 9pm - 1pm  
John Pilly Reserve, Lake Road, Kyabram

### CAROLS

**GIRGARRE COTTAGE CHRISTMAS FETE**  
Saturday, 6 December 2025 - 8:30pm  
Progress Park, Station Street, Girgarre

**ECHUCA MOAMA LIONS CAROLS**  
Sunday, 7 December - 8:30pm  
Moama Recreation Reserve, Percival Road, Moama

**ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ENSEMBLE CAROLS**  
Thursday, 10 December - 9pm - 10pm  
Friday, 12 December - 9pm - 10pm  
Hopwood Gardens, High Street, Echuca

**STANHOPE CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
Friday, 12 December - 9pm start  
McLaren Place, Stanhope

**TONGALA COMMUNITY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
Saturday, 13 December - 6pm  
Tongala Sound Shell, Mangon Street, Tongala

**CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
Sunday, 14 December - 7pm start  
Uniting Church, Cor Haro and Parkmore Street, Echuca

**KYABRAM CHURCHES CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
Thursday, 18 December - 6pm  
Memorial Gardens, Allan Street, Kyabram

**LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY CAROLS**  
Thursday, 18 December - Evening  
Lockington Lions Park, Lockington

**ROCHESTER COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
Sunday, 21 December 2025 - 5:30pm  
Junior Football Club Rooms, Reserve Street, Rochester

### GAMPASPE LIBRARIES

**ECHUCA LIBRARY**  
Saturday, 6 December - 10:30am - Christmas Storyline  
Monday, 15 December - 10:30am - Christmas Toddler Rhyme Time  
Tuesday, 16 December - 3:30pm - Christmas After School Session  
Thursday, 18 December - 10am - Christmas Baby Rhyme Time  
Friday, 19 December - 10:30am - Christmas Storyline

**KYABRAM LIBRARY**  
Friday, 9 December - 10:30am - Christmas Storyline  
Tuesday, 16 December - 10:30am - Christmas Baby Rhyme Time  
Wednesday, 17 December - 3:30pm - Christmas After School Session

**ROCHESTER LIBRARY**  
Tuesday, 2 December - 10:30am - Christmas Toddler Rhyme Time

**RUSHWORTH LIBRARY**  
Monday, 1 December - 10:30am - Christmas Toddler Rhyme Time  
Tuesday, 18 December - 10:30am - Christmas Storyline

**TONGALA LIBRARY**  
Tuesday, 9 December - 10:30am Christmas Toddler Rhyme Time

### ECHUCA

**ILLUMINATION STATION AT HOPWOOD GARDENS** FEATURING THE JOLLY SANTA & HIS 'AUSSIE SLEIGH' AND THE GIANT GLOWING GIFT BOX  
MONDAY 1 - TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER

GIANT GIFT IN THE PORT OF ECHUCA

GINGERBREAD HOUSE SELFIE STATION AT THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING HARE STREET

ECHUCA MOAMA MEN'S SHED ROUNDABOUT ON CORNER OF HARE & PARKMAN STREETS

WONDERLAND ON THE MURRAY SAND SCULPTURE TRIAL SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO

### LOGKINGTON

SANTA'S SLEIGH AT SKATE PARK

### NANNEELLA

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE  
TOP SOLDIERS AT MEMORIAL HALL  
SANTA CUT-OUTS

### GIRGARRE

CHRISTMAS SOUND WALK IN PROGRESS PARK

### STANHOPE

CHRISTMAS CAVE AND REINDEER SLEIGH PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES AT STATION PARK ART SPACE

### GOLBINABBIN

COLBO PUB CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROL TRAIL SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY AT SILOS

### RUSHWORTH

DECORATED BELL TOWER & COMMUNITY TREES

MISTLETOE KISSING BOOTH

SANTA'S GROTTTO SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO

ELF YOURSELF SELFIE STATIONS

REINDEER & SLEIGH IN HIGH STREET

### KYABRAM

**ILLUMINATION STATION AT MEMORIAL PARK** FEATURING LARGE CHRISTMAS TREE  
MONDAY 1 - TUESDAY 26 DECEMBER

SANTA'S CAVE AT TOWN HALL SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO

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NATIVITY SCENE AT LIVING WATERS CHURCH

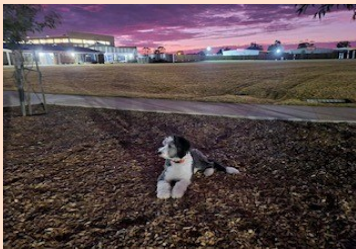
Share your experience!  
#ILLUMINATIONSTATION  
#CHRISTMASINGAMPASPE

# 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.



**Christmas**  
BY CANDLE LIGHT 2025

Come and enjoy the Spirit of Christmas

*Sunday*  
*December 14th 7pm*

A celebration of Christmas with  
Traditional carols & readings.  
Combined choir and Federal Band  
Accompanist David McNichol  
**Performed in the Church.** (Church has a lift and ramp)  
*Donation accepted. All Welcome!*

**ECHUCA MOAMA UNITING CHURCH**  
Cnr of Pakenham & Hare Street, Echuca  
Ph: 5482 1430  
www.echucamoama.org.au  
Find us on Facebook |

**MOAMA LIONS CLUB** AND **DILLMAC ENTERTAINMENT**

**Carols by Candlelight**

**7 December**  
6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

**Main Oval**  
Moama Recreation Reserve

Major Sponsors

murray river council oama RICH RIVER GOLF CLUB MOAMA

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When: THURSDAY 25th December 2025  
Time: 11.00 am - 3.30 pm  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

To reserve a seat - phone Julie 0475 707 412

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Riverine Herald ECHUCA WORKERS MOAMA

**Women's Walk & Talk, Campaspe**

Calling women of all cultures and backgrounds!  
Join us for a morning of connection, movement followed by a warm cup of tea and cake.

WHEN: Tuesdays  
21 October 2025, 4 November 2025, 18 November 2025, 2 December 2025  
TIME: 10.30 am to 11.30 am  
WHERE: Echuca Library 310 Hare Street, Echuca  
If you need Transport please contact Amanda 0417 981 271

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