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Newsletter



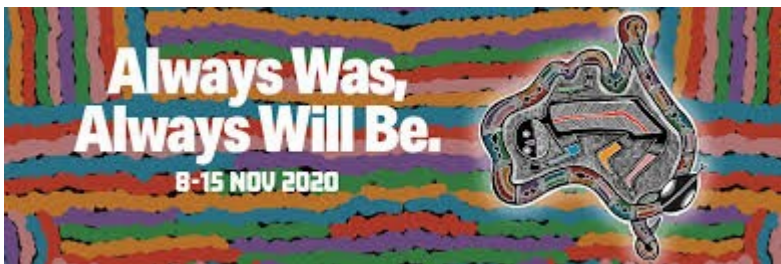
Echuca Specialist School acknowledges the history, culture, diversity, and value of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and pays respect to their elders past and present, as well as acknowledging future generations.

Principals message:



Naidoc week

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held around the country each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Due to Covid-19, this year Australia is celebrating between 8th and 15th of November. The week is celebrated not just in our Indigenous communities but also in increasing number of government agencies, community organisations, local councils, workplaces, schools and sporting groups. We will be marking the week with various cultural activities across the school. A highlight will be Uncle Rick Ronnan performing a smoking ceremony in our yarning circle. We are proud of the way the school supports cultural activities. We celebrate our students, staff and families that have an indigenous heritage.



School photos

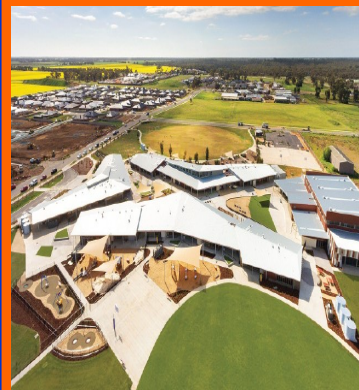
We have our school photos next Wednesday 11th November. Make sure that students are wearing their new school uniform. We look forward to seeing how the photos turn out this year.

Phones

Students **MUST** hand their phone in at the start of every day. We've had several significant issues stemming from phones not being handed in. The phones are locked away and given back at the end of the day. You will be called if your child refuses to hand their phone in. You might be required to drive to school to collect the phone yourself. If your child finds it difficult to hand in their phone, then keep the phone at home.

Our Vision:

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



Dates to Remember:

NOVEMBER

11th—School Photos

DECEMBER

2nd—School Council

18th—Last day of Term 4



SUN PROTECTION and the UV INDEX										
Low		Moderate			High		Very High		Extreme	
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SUN PROTECTION NOT REQUIRED					SUN PROTECTION REQUIRED					
Unless outdoors for extended periods, or near reflective surfaces such as snow or water.					Wear sun-protective clothing, a broad-brimmed hat and sunglasses. Apply SPF30+ sunscreen to any unprotected skin. Seek shade.					

CONT'N PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Secondary athletics

The secondary school will be holding their athletics day on Friday 6th November. We are looking forward to using our new oval. The day will consist of groups rotating through various field activities, before competing in running races and relay events. Ensure students are wearing suitable shoes to give them the best opportunity at performing their best.



PASS awards

The Principal's Association of Specialist Schools (PASS) are holding their annual awards again this year. We have nominated Heather Coombs for her outstanding work as an Education Support staff member. Heather works well beyond her paid hours and always has the student at the centre of the work she is completing. Heather supports students, families and staff to perform at their best. We thank Heather for her dedication to the job and wish her the best in the awards.



VCAL last day

This year VCAL students will finish on Friday 11th December. This is also the graduation day for our students that are 18 and leaving school. This has been approved by school council. The rest of the school will continue as normal for another week.

Parent/Carer Drop Off/Pick Up Gate

This gate does not open until 8:45am in the morning. This is due to no staff supervision in the yards before this time. Can Parents/Carers please make sure that students do not arrive at school before this time.

PBS Targeted Behaviour

Respect in the Yard

I pack up and clean up when needed



I give people privacy when required



PARENT SURVEY

—Thank you to the parents/carers that have completed to Parent Opinion Survey. We would love to hear your opinion on what you think of our school. Survey detail are below.



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2020 Parent Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 12th October to Friday 13th November**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Could surveys please be completed by Friday 13th November, 2020

PARENT OPINION SURVEY LINK

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

SCHOOL / CAMPUS ON THE SURVEY LOGIN PAGE:

School Name: Echuca Specialist School

School PIN: **739690**

If you have queries please call the school and speak to Paul Marshall OR Jenni Candy if you would like more information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paul Marshall'.

Paul Marshall
Principal

SOW & PB

Week 3 & 4

	Name	Primary
Rm 3	Angela	I always give my friends the right to listen and learn in the classroom
Rm 6	Oliver	For always giving others the right to listen and learn
Rm 8	William	Listening and always gives others the right to listen and learn
Rm 9	Daniel	For showing positive behaviours in the classroom which allows his class mates to listen and learn
	Mondy	For a positive attitude at school and for going directly to the destination that he has been asked to go to
	Name	Secondary
Rm 15	Conner	I wait until my name is called to go through the gate
	Tyler	Doing a great job in completing his maths work
VCAL 1	Jai	For his great work ethic at the Goat Farm
VCAL 2	Ian	For his upcycling project. He did a fantastic work on his coffee table
Cafe	Zack E	For an impressive day in the Café on Tuesday; jumped in and helped whenever needed! He listened well and used his initiative to complete jobs. Well Done !

Room 11 Inquiry session "How it works". Students had to build a boat out of recyclable materials. Students then tested to see if it sank or floated.





It's here! School Lunch Online is supplying an online ordering system to get fresh, healthy lunches starting on Monday 12th October.

School lunches are available Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

You can now register at <http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au>, choose from a great list of lunch options and pay online – all without the last minute morning hassle.

Who is supplying the food?

Molloy's Takeway will be providing the food. Please contact Helen on 03 5482 5336 for all food related queries.

When will I have to order?

The Cut Off Time: Orders MUST be placed by 9.00 am on the day of delivery.

How do I place my order?

Visit <http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au/>, register your family and then follow the prompts to choose your lunch selection and place your order. You will need to register before you can view the menu. It only takes a minute or two to register and is very simple. **Parents/Carers will register under Echuca Twin Rivers and when they go to add users they will simply click on Specialist School. By clicking of Specialist School your child's lunch will be delivered at 1:00pm not 1:30pm for Twin Rivers Primary School.** Simply click on the calendar to view the menu.

What if I encounter a problem?

School Lunch Online has conducted extensive testing to ensure the website and system are fully functional from day one. However, if you do encounter a problem, or simply need a little help with getting started, please contact them for help at hello@schoollunchonline.com.au.

Community News

International Entertainment's



Stream the 'CIRCUS QUIRKUS' show for free and on-demand from
from Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd November 2020

- hosted by the Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia (IDFA)

COVID has changed everything for all of us, and particularly so for the vulnerable and 'high-risk' children and families, many who can no longer safely attend public spaces. We are unable to do live events, but as the old saying goes, "the show must go on"...

The Immune Deficiencies Foundation (IDFA) is again holding its annual *Circus Quirkus* event, but this year with a difference... we will be streaming it directly to the audience over the internet.

Circus Quirkus is an eclectic & entertaining mix of circus acts brought to you from all over the world, with internationally renowned clowns, jugglers, acrobats & more, delivering hilarious, hugely engaging & sometimes death-defying acts of unbelievable skill. Suitable for all ages.

We hope this event provides children of all abilities and backgrounds with an opportunity to experience world-class entertainment in an inclusive, accessible & safe environment where they feel free to be themselves without restriction or judgement.

This year audience members can watch *Circus Quirkus* from their own COVID-safe bubble at home [or together at school], or if they prefer (and if it's safe) gather with friends to watch it as a group.

The show can be watched at any time during the three-day period, and unlimited access means they can also watch it as many times as they like during that time. Or just play their favourite bits over and over again.

All that is needed to enjoy our show this year is an internet connection and a device with a screen such as a PC, laptop, tablet or even a smartphone. We will provide you with a web address and a password for the show.

HOW TO BOOK...

(Please respect that the show has been funded through local business sponsorship for special needs and disadvantaged groups ONLY; it is not to be made available for general viewing)

Please contact the families at your school to ask who would like access to the online show, and then email meredithnewman@showtent.com.au or call 0476-589-799 with the following information:-

- The total number of families, booked and how many devices they require access for
- If possible, how many people will be watching from each location/device (approximately)
- If you would also like access to streaming for in-school viewings please let me know approximately how many students will be viewing the shows and how many devices you require access for.

Once we have received your response, we will provide you with the web address and password to access the 'Circus Quirkus' show online, available to stream on-demand on 20/21/22 November 2020

If preferred, you are welcome to request the web address and password now and confirm how many families you shared access with and the approximate number of devices closer to the streaming date.

Individual ticket orders from parents, guardians, carers, etc. are welcome if bulk orders cannot be accommodated. Please ask them to email me directly at the above address.



ALL ABILITIES CRICKET PROGRAM

BAMAWM LOCKINGTON UNITED CRICKET CLUB

Week 1 Sun 15th 10am Nov: *Come and try*
Week 2 Thu 19th Nov 4pm:
Week 3 Thu 26th Nov 4pm:
Week 4 Thu 3rd Dec 4pm:
Week 5 Thu 10th Dec 4pm:
Week 6 Sun 13th 10am Dec: *Final Gala Day*

Participate Feel Great

Come and join the fun and excitement of cricket in Bamawm. Register your interest for our 6 week All Abilities Cricket Program. Register by November 8th to below contact. Limited Spots due to covid regulations

Contact: Jo Holloway: 0400 950 046
joseph.holloway@semex.com.au
Cost: \$0

Where: 714 Bamawm Hall Road, Bamawm Recreation Reserve, Bamawm Vic

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