

5th October 2023



Issue 15

# Principals Report



## Exciting term ahead

Welcome back to term 4. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead with many activities planned. There will be camps, outings, activities, incursions, excursions and of course transition sessions for 2024. We are well underway with planning classes and staffing for 2024. The usual highlight for term 4 will be our graduation day; saying goodbye to our students that are turning 18. Teachers will also be busy writing reports.



## Little Black Dress

We are excited to be holding the Little Black Dress fundraiser again this year. For the first time, we will be co-hosting with Twin Rivers Primary School. There are amazing prizes being raffled and auctioned on the night. Time is running out so get your raffle tickets back in. Tickets are selling fast, so ensure you contact the school to book a seat, or two, or even a whole table with friends. Tickets include food, drinks, entertainment and more. I hope to see you there.

## Report writing day and Melbourne Cup

This year we have a reporting and assessment day (Student free) on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. This is the day before Melbourne Cup day (Student free) on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

## Hats and sunscreen

A reminder that students will continue to wear hats and sunscreen during all of term 4.

## Good bedtime routines

Now that daylight savings has commenced again, some students find the change very challenging. It is important to maintain good bedtime routines so that the students are well rested and ready to learn at school. Christmas activities and celebrations late in the term can also be challenging for students.



## OCTOBER

12TH—YEAR 7

IMMUNISATION 2ND DOSE

26TH—SCHOOL COUNCIL  
5PM

## 27TH—LITTLE BLACK DRESS

## MAJOR FUNDRAISER 7:30PM

## 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

Tickets are now on sale and selling fast.  
**BOOK NOW ONLY 23 DAYS TO GO**



Friday 27th October  
7pm @  
Moama Bowling  
Club

**STUMBLING  
NORTH**

Tickets \$120 includes  
two course meal &  
drinks



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Friday 27th October 7.00 pm @ Moama Bowling Club  
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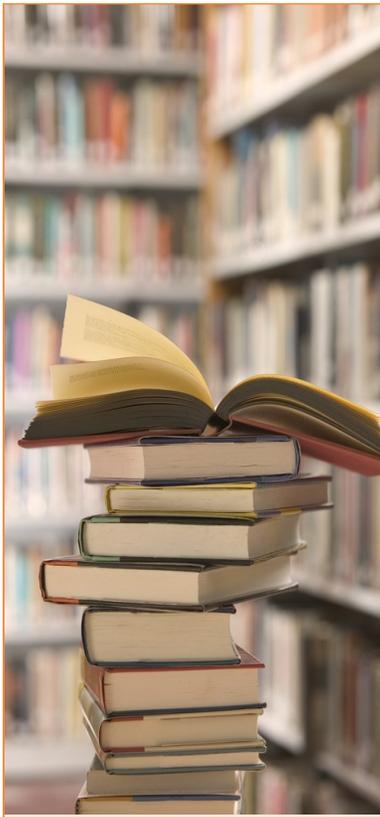
Could we please have all sold or unsold Raffle books and money returned to school by Friday 20th October.

 *Little Black Dress*   
Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School & Twin Rivers Primary School  
RAFFLE MAJOR FUNDRAISER 00001  
Ph: (03) 5410 7700

1st Prize - 2x Four Day Park Pass, Australian Grand Prix	   
2nd Prize - Phil-A-Bin, 2m Skip Hire	
3rd Prize - Voucher for Twin Rivers Cafe valued at \$50.00	

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To be drawn at Moama Bowling Club - on Friday 27th October 2023



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.



Daniel played the role of 'Loki' in our short film 'Loki and Me'.

He has just won an award for Best Supporting Actor at the Crown Point International Film Festival in Chicago, USA.

We would like to congratulate Daniel on this amazing achievement.



## Secondary School Immunisation Program

Campaspe Shire will be hosting a **Public Immunisation session** exclusively for Students in Year 10 (or aged 15-16) for Meningococcal ACWY vaccination on:

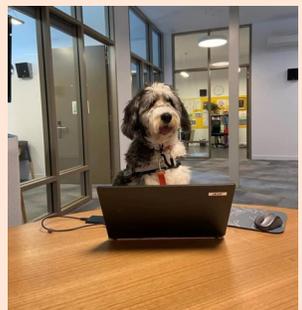
*Wednesday 25th October 3:30pm to 5:30pm at the Echuca Library*

**For any students / that did not receive the vaccination through the School program (or aged 15-16) this is available free-of-charge**

**No booking required**, walk in welcome, please bring Medicare card as a Consent form is to be completed on the day.

For information relating to the vaccination: refer to Department of Health website: [Secondary School Immunisation Program | health.vic.gov.au](http://SecondarySchoolImmunisationProgram|health.vic.gov.au) Or contact our Immunisation team via phone 1300 666 535, or email [immunise@campaspe.vic.gov.au](mailto:immunise@campaspe.vic.gov.au)

# Willow the Wellbeing Dog



**Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School** is registered in the Community Benefit Program, and is on the App. Once supporters have chosen our school they can shop at any Ritchies supermarket or liquor store in Victoria, NSW and Qld and the benefit will still come back to us.

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**NOMINATE US TODAY**  
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and help us generate extra funds.

- 1 Download or update the Ritchies Card App  


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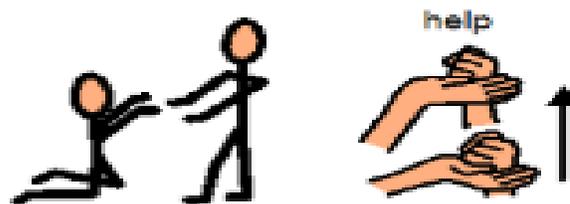
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## PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

**Be Responsible Always**  
**We follow directions from staff**



**We ask for help when we need it**



## 2023 BUS STAFF

Rushworth:

0418 322 861

Peter – Ann/Sharon

Cohuna:

0418 847 627

Alan – Jess

Elmore:

0427 685 124

Kerry – Jan/Sandra

Kyabram:

0448 981 278

Cameron – Megan



## GET TO KNOW YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE



**Name:** Alan Smith—Parent Member

**Family members:** Wife- Rohini

Children- Alira, Sadie and Paddon

Dog- Peanut

**Occupation:** Gardener

**Interest and hobbies:** Gardening, Food, Sport. I am a Hawthorn supporter.

**Favorite Family Holiday:** Peterborough, Vic

**Thoughts on Education:** Important. Create so many memories, friends, fun and you get to learn at the same time.

**What do you see as a strength of our school:** The staff. I love how positive and proactive they all are.

**Vision and hope for the future of the school:** That the school continues to grow and continue what they are doing.

**Favourite memory of the school so far:** We are new to the school, but favourite memory is the recent special persons day at school.

**What do you love about being on school council:** Getting to know everyone, and hearing about what the school is doing.

Cheers Alan

## Our Vision

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



## Our Values

Be Respectful  
Be Inclusive  
Be Responsible



# Kiwanis TERRIFIC KIDS

## TERM 3

ROOM 2 Matilda Norman



ROOM 3 Blake Shawcross



ROOM 4 Charlie Paul



ROOM 6 Ashley Laming



ROOM 9 Zayne Cardilini



ROOM 12 Thomas Teasdale



ROOM 13 Chloe Worm



VL 1 Jade Rourke



VL 2 Jye Palmer



# 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.



**Film & Drama**

These Support Services Film, Drama & Acting program allows participants the opportunity to express themselves and to learn new skills to build up confidence ready for the outside world and develop creative skills.

We provide opportunities to participants to allow to express and tell their story through acting and drama.

Drama skills are life skills. As people find their voice and develop their craft, they grow in leadership and independence. This can create exciting new employment pathways.

Our aim with this program, is about breaking down barriers and raising our voices, and showing the world what people with disability are capable of achieving.

We know ourselves, that there is an enormous amount of talent within the community who has a disability.

The very best actors, producers, business people, entrepreneurs, singers and performers and participants have a disability. With the help of drama and acting skills and techniques, someone with a disability has the power to be successful in their own right and become confident in overcoming anything in life.

**Film Program**

Our Film program combines the drama and acting techniques and skills taught, and portraying them onto screen.

We regularly shoot short films of our participants progress as well as a monthly film which we assist our participants in writing a play or short film, producing, directing and filming their work and converting this to a professional film for them to keep and use.

THRIVE's Film & Drama program also allows participants to be included into selected Film Awards across Australia. Notably, the Focus On Ability Film Awards is perhaps the biggest opportunity for participants to showcase their talent.

**What skill development is taught?-**

- Develop knowledge of different acting techniques
- How to Perform on stage
- Express and develop your creative side
- Creating a sense of independence
- Developing Fine motor skills
- Learning how to create positive relationships
- Develop decision making skills
- Improve social health and wellbeing
- Socialising with others and create new friends
- Connect with the local community
- Performances throughout the year

These programs provide opportunities for participants with a disability to build self-confidence, expressing ideas, movement, voice and articulation, improvisation and performance.

Drama and acting is about communication, and about showing a specific set of skills that cannot be measured by the systems and structures of a modern and complex world.

**Some of the things you may achieve are -**

- A new sense of strength in a social environment
- Community inclusion & involvement
- Development of self-expression, teamwork, co-operation and problem-solving
- Increase in social awareness, emotional stability and giving others space
- Development of communication skills, self-awareness and self-confidence

**\$10 LOCAL TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ROCHESTER NEWSAGENCY**

**BYO CAMP CHAIRS & PICNIC RUGS**

**FOOD TRUCKS**

**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ONLINE PURCHASES \$30**

**KIDS ACTIVITIES 11AM - 5PM**

**UNDER 12'S FREE (MUST ATTEND WITH A GROWN UP)**

**DRINKS AT BAR PRICES**

**ROCHELLA**

**THE BLACK SORROWS**  
**CASH SAVAGE AND THE LAST DRINKS**  
**BONES & JONES · EMPRESS · THE BURNT SAUSAGES**  
**STUMBLING NORTH · ANYA ALCHEMY (AUSTRALIAN IDOL)**  
**· BOXWARS · FACE PAINT BY CHILDREN · LOCAL FOOD AND DRINK**

**SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2023**  
**11AM - 8PM · ROCHESTER RECREATION RESERVE**  
**· 10A DIA WURRUNG, THUNGURUNG, TORTA TORTA COUNTRY**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**  
[WWW.ROCHELLA.ROCHESTER.VIC.AU](http://WWW.ROCHELLA.ROCHESTER.VIC.AU)

**TO PURCHASE LOCAL TICKETS ONLINE PLEASE CONTACT ROCHESTER COMMUNITY HOUSE FOR DISCOUNT CODE**

**LITTLE ATHLETICS IS BACK!**

**ECHUCA - MOAMA 58 ATHLETICS**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Little Athletics and Come & Try**  
**Friday October 6, 2023, Jack Eddy Oval, 5:30pm**

Open for all new and returning members  
 Multi Class athletes welcome

**What is Multi-Class athletics?**

Echuca Moama Athletics provides inclusive opportunities for athletes with physical, intellectual, and/or vision impairments. Whether you are a Little Athlete (U6 to U17) or a senior athlete (18-99 years) you will be welcome at Jack Eddy to run, jump and throw on a Friday evening over summer.

Multi-class specific training sessions will be conducted during the week if there is enough interest.  
 Contact Gavin Deller to register your interest: 0427 576 206

*Please check our website for more details*  
[www.echucamoamalac.com.au](http://www.echucamoamalac.com.au)

**REGISTRATIONS WILL BE OPENING SOON!**



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<https://www.echucass.vic.edu.au>

**19th November, 2023**

**SHOWDOWN AT THE SOUNDSHELL**

**YOUTH TALENT COMPETITION**  
**\$1,000 Winners Prize**  
**\$250 Peoples choice**

- Entrants must be 12-18 YEARS OF AGE
- Applications must be completed online and be accompanied with a link to a video performance
- All applications for people under 16 must be approved by a parent/guardian
- Applications will be assessed by our expert panel to determine final applicants
- Start and finish times will be advised on October 20, 2023

**Applications close 10th October**  
 Enquiries to: [showdownatthesoundshell@gmail.com](mailto:showdownatthesoundshell@gmail.com)  
**Applications at [www.girgarre.com.au](http://www.girgarre.com.au)**