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Issue 1

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:

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for 2019. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break. Even though we have only been back a week, the staff and students have already settled in to their new routines. The students seemed very excited to be at school, mixing with friends and back in to learning.

SSG meetings

SSG meetings are a vital way for parents to communicate with staff and pass on important information to improve student learning. This year we will be conducting our first SSG meetings on Friday 22nd February. You will be receiving booking times shortly.

Facebook

We will continue to use Facebook as a means of communication and celebration of our successes. We welcome feedback around this. What information do you like to see/hear on Facebook? Please remember to keep comments positive on Facebook.

School Council

Shortly we will be asking for nominations for our vacant school council positions. If you are interested, please contact Paul for more information.

Our Vision:

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



Dates to remember:

February:

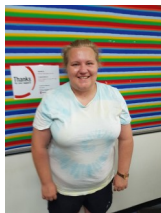
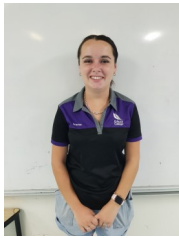
- 21st—School Council Meeting
- 22nd—SSG Meeting—Student Free

March:

- 11th—Labor Day Public Holiday
- 22nd —Student Free Day—Smart Spelling staff PD
- 26th—Year 7 Immunisation
- 28th—School council Meeting

April:

- 5th—End of Term 1
- 22nd—Start of Term 2



NEW STAFF

We welcome several new staff to our school.

Amber Henderson (room 2), Ihaka O'Brien (room 15) and Ebony Baron (room 5) were trainees in 2018 and are now full time Education Support staff.

Trinity Keath will be teaching part time with Hayley Priest in room 5.

Lauran Ring is the Education Support staff in room 13.

We have four new trainees Ella Harvey (room 7), Liana Coyle (room 16), Antoinette Schutt (room 17) and Sophie Harding-Davies (room 14).

Assistant Principal

Ben Ridge continues as the Assistant Principal in 2019. Ben is responsible for engagement, behaviour, wellbeing and buses. Please contact Ben if you have any issues in relation to buses or general wellbeing.

“Staff teach behaviours as they would teach any other skill”

WHAT IS PBS

The Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) program helps schools to create positive learning environments by developing proactive whole school systems to define, teach and support appropriate student behaviours.

PBS applies evidence based approaches, practices and strategies for all students to increase academic performance, improve safety, decrease problem behaviour and establish a positive school culture.

PBS places a major focus on teaching and modelling appropriate behaviours to create a safe, positive and productive learning environment.

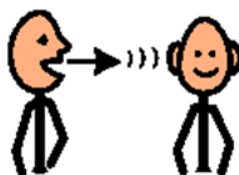
PBS TARGETED BEHAVIOUR

Always – Knowledge

- I follow directions from staff.



- I communicate with others about how I am feeling.



	ALWAYS	CLASSROOM	MOVING	BUS	YARD
KNOWLEDGE	I follow the directions from staff. I communicate/show how I am feeling.	I do my best. I ask for help when I need it. I am happy for others when they win and I support others when they lose.		I follow the directions from staff. I am responsible for myself and my belongings. I wait until my name is called to go through the gate.	I follow the rules. I wear my hat & sunscreen. I ask when I need to move yards.
RESPECT	I show pride in my school. I use my manners. I keep my hands and feet to myself.	I move safely around the room. I use all equipment for its purpose.		I use a quiet voice. I get on, move around and get off the bus safely.	I give people privacy when required. I use equipment for its purpose. I pack up/lean up when needed.
INCLUSION	I follow the rules. I respectfully acknowledge other cultures.	I give everyone the right to listen and learn. I take turns.		I stay in my seat and wear my seatbelt. I move safely when getting on or off the bus.	I share equipment. I let others join in. I help others to feel safe.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR STRATEGY

This year the school continues to use Positive Behaviour Strategies to teach students positive ways to behave. Students might be coming home with stars or smiley faces stamped on their hands. They might also be coming home with certificates showing when they have displayed positive behaviours ten times.

A smiley face means they have shown general great behaviour. A star means that the student has displayed the targeted behaviour for the week.

We are looking for feedback on our new matrix which are now under the new school values of:-

Respect

Knowledge

Inclusion

I have attached the matrix and welcome feedback. We are currently working on a new area called 'Moving'. This is teaching the students to transition from one activity to another.

Bus

A reminder to families and Carers to contact bus staff if there are changes in the transport for your child to or from school.

Rushworth—0418 322 861

Cohuna—0418 847 627

Kyabram—0448 981 2 78

Rochester—0427 685 124



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



SCHOOL FEES

Statements will be sent home within the next week. Families/Carers can pay fees in full or on a term by term basis. Fees can be paid in cash, Eftpos or via internet banking. Details will be on the statement.

Primary fees are \$220

Secondary fees are \$260



CENTREPAY

Centrepay is a service available to families that receive welfare payments. This service allows families to instruct Centrelink to take a nominated amount from their Centrelink payment to go toward school fees. If you would like to access this service or have any queries please see Tracey in the office.



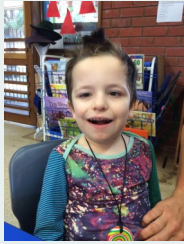
CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCUSION FUND (CSEF)

If you are a new family and hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent you may be eligible for CSEF. An application form was sent home with your child on Tuesday. If you haven't received this please contact the office.

Current families who already receive this funding do not need to reapply.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office on 5482 2769.

MEET OUR PREPS



Frank



Thomas



Zayne

Reminder to families/
carers that it is preferred
that student drink bottles
are only filled with water.
Juice boxes are not to be
sent in your child lunch
box everyday
as they are a
sometimes
drink.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOW STUDENT FOR
THIS WEEK

MICHAEL B



ROOM 11 DOING AMAZING WORK IN THE
FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL



LUNCH ORDERS:

Lunch orders will be available every Monday & Friday. This year High Street South Corner Store will be providing the lunch orders—5482 5410.

ECHUCA SPECIALIST SCHOOL

LUNCH ORDER MENU 2019

Hot Food	Price	Fresh Sandwich Bar	S'Wich Price	Wrap/ Roll
Hot Dog w/sauce	3.00	Ham	2.50	2.90
Sausage Rolls	3.00	Ham & Salad	4.20	4.60
Party Pies	1.20	Chicken & Salad	4.50	4.90
Steamed Dim Sims	1.00	Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	3.90	4.30
Cheeseburger w/sauce	3.70	Egg & Lettuce	3.50	3.90
BBQ Sausage w/- cheese & sauce	3.70	Cheese	2.90	2.90
Roast Roll	4.50	Vegemite	2.00	2.50
Pasta Bolognaise	4.50	Salad (Lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese)	3.50	4.00
Carbonara Fettuccine	4.50	Buttered Bread	1.00	1.50
Chicken Schnitzel, lettuce mayo wrap	4.50			
Extra sauce sachet	.20			
Cakes and Snacks		Healthy Salad Tubs		
Iced Doughnuts	1.90	Chicken & garden Salad	4.50	
Jam Doughnuts	1.90	Chicken Caesar Salad	4.50	
Banana Bread	3.00	Fruit Salad—Seasonal	4.00	
Potato Chips—Plain, Salt & Vinegar, BBQ & Chicken	1.50	Single piece of seasonal Fruit	1.20	
Drinks				
Nippy's Milk—Chocolate or S/Berry	2.20			
Pop Tops or Prima—Apple, Orange, Apple & Blackcurrant	2.20			
Water	2.50			

ALL ORDERS MUST BE WRITTEN ON A BROWN PAPER BAG WHICH INCLUDES NAME AND GRADE.
CORRECT MONEY MUST BE IN THE BAG. THANK YOU

COMMUNITY NEWS



COLOUR KYABRAM

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17TH
9am – 1pm
Where: The Kyabram Showgrounds

5km colour run
Suitable for the serious runner through to those just wanting to have fun, laughs and colourful giggles.

Fun for the whole family — jumping castle and kids' activities

Prices: Team (of 6) \$150 | Family (2A + 2C) \$80 | Individual \$30 | Child (Under-12) \$15

Tickets available at Trybooking.com.au — www.trybooking.com/376658
For more information please contact KCLC Reception on 58520000 or email kclc@kclc.com.au

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