

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.



Principal Reports



Good luck Amber



Amber Henderson will be going on maternity leave from the end of this week. We congratulate Amber and wish her all the best in motherhood. We will miss her, but know she will be back in the future.

New staff

We welcome three new staff members this term.

Nejla McFarlane- Nejla's role will be as a mental health practitioner. She will work two days per week supporting staff and students. You may have seen this promoted in the media of late. We are very thankful for the extra funding and support provided to the school from the Education department. Mental health is vital all of the time, however Covid has created more anxiety and stress.



Michele Solecki- Michele will be working full time based from our school, but will mainly visit mainstream schools to support students with additional learning needs. Michele will spend some time in our school supporting our staff and students as well.



Madiha Aleem- Madiha is a new education support staff member, taking over from Amber whilst she is on maternity leave. Madiha will be working in room 13.



Important Dates

October

12th—Years 3-9 return to school

21st—Yr 7 Immunisation 2nd dose

November

1st—Report writing day—Student Free

2nd—Melbourne Cup Day—Public holiday

4th School council

December

2nd—School Council

17th—End of Term 4

Our Vision

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



Cont. Principals report

Return to school dates

The government have determined that there will be a slow return to students coming back from the latest Covid lockdown. Below sets out the return to school dates for students. Given our smaller numbers and need for consistency for our students, we have decided to simplify the return dates. See below the table for the return dates.

F-2	Monday 4th October
3-4	Tuesday 12th October
5-6	Tuesday 12th October
7-9	Tuesday 12th October
VCAL Graduating Students	Monday 4th October
VCAL Remaining Students	Wednesday 6th October

Farewell Deb

Deb Chumbley has been the school physiotherapist for over 12 years. Sadly, Deb has taken on a new role at the shire and will be leaving us. We had a small farewell for Deb on her last day with us. Below is Kaitlyn wishing Deb all the best, giving her a pot plant and waving her goodbye. We thank Deb for the amazing work she has done over the years with us.

Covid-19

The government has mandated that all staff and visitors to the school site need to be double vaccinated. Staff and visitors will not be allowed on school premises unless they are double vaccinated.

We continue to follow all of the guidelines and protocols as set out by the government and education department. We will shortly receive air purifiers to minimise the risk of infection.

Congratulations Heather

Heather Coombs has been shortlisted for the 'Most Outstanding Education Support Award' across all specialist schools in Victoria. We are very proud of Heather for being shortlisted and wish her all the best on the awards night in November. Heather is an amazing ES who goes above and beyond to support staff, students and the entire school community. It is well deserved.



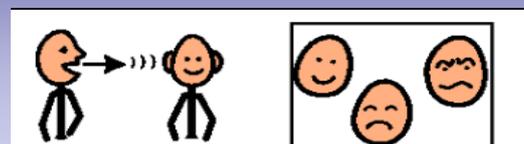
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Knowledge Always

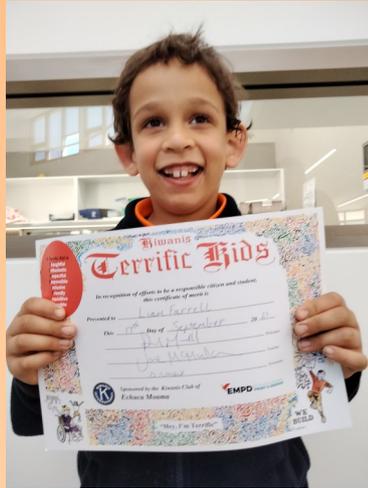
I follow directions from staff



I communicate about how I am feeling



Terrific Kid Term 3



Allied Health News—Welcome Kevin

Say a big hello to Kevin Pang our visiting Physiotherapist from ERH who will be working with Lucas and some of our students in PE and in the playground this term. Kevin lives in Echuca and he loves to hike, dance and run, If you ask him he might even tell you about the time he climbed to Mount Everest base camp.

Welcome Kevin to Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School as part of the ERH Allied Health Team



Our new fitness equipment has been installed around the bike track. This equipment was made possible through the Active School Grant.



Community News



KYABRAM



MyTime groups are for parents and carers of a child with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition.
 A **FREE** service where you can socialise and share ideas with others who understand caring for a child with additional needs.
 It's your time to catch up with other parents/carers in a relaxed setting. Play helpers are there to keep your children busy and active. Siblings under 6 are welcome.

What will you get out of my time?



Come along and see for yourself the benefit of being part of a group like this!
Every Thursday from 9.30am – 11.00am

LOCATION	TERM 4 DATES	CONTACT
Kyabram Community Learning Centre 21-25 Lake Rd Kyabram	October 7, 14, 21, 28 November 4, 11, 18, 25 December 2, 9, 16	Mel Community Living & Respite Services mytime@ctrs.org.au or 5480 2388



KYABRAM



TERM 4 PLAN

DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
7/10/21	Coffee & Chat	Toys & Drawing
14/10/21	Tai Chi \$8	Jigsaws & Books
21/10/21	Annie's Cafe Living Waters Church	Play Area
28/10/21	Pet Therapist Visit (Small fee)	Play dough & Painting
4/11/21	Hand & Nail Pamper	Painting
11/11/21	Water Tank Art Mural Picnic Area	Playground
18/11/21	Tai Chi at Community Gdn \$8	Garden
25/11/21	Mystery Historic Visit	Play Area
2/12/21	High Tea Party	Play dough & painting
9/12/21	Tai Chi \$8	Jigsaws & Books
16/12/21	End of Year Celebration	Party Games

GET ACTIVE KIDS

VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, along with uniforms and equipment essential for participation. Eligible children may be able to receive up to \$200 each per round.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for a voucher your child / dependant must be:

- aged 0 to 18 years
- a resident in Victoria
- named on a valid and issued (at the time of your application) Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or your child is named on their own valid Health Care Card and
- named on a valid Australian Government Medicare card.

You can apply for more than one voucher if you have more than one eligible child/dependant.

Special consideration applies for children residing in Care Services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students.



FUNDING DETAILS

You can be reimbursed up to \$200 for costs related to:

- membership, registration or general fees to participate at an affiliated sport or active recreation club, association or program
- equipment (new or second hand) required to participate in the nominated activity
- uniforms and clothing (new or second hand) required to participate in the nominated activity.

You must pay for the membership, registration fees, equipment or uniform first.

You must have incurred membership expenses within eligible expenditure dates to claim uniform and equipment expenses.

You will then be reimbursed for part or all of the cost up to the value of \$200.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- the activity or program must be affiliated to a Victorian Government recognised Victorian State Sporting Association or Victorian State Sport and Recreation Body
- activities or programs should be a minimum of four sessions
- organised sport or outdoor recreation programs or camps involving multiple sessions of activities which may be conducted over one or more days will be eligible

WHEN CAN YOU APPLY?

There are specific dates (claim periods) when you can apply. You must have incurred your expenses within specific dates too. Please refer to the table below:

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE DATES	CLAIM PERIODS (applications open)
1 Jan 2021 – 11 Apr 2021	1 Mar 2021 – 11 Apr 2021 NOW CLOSED
1 Jan 2021 – 30 July 2021	31 May 2021 – 30 July 2021 NOW CLOSED
1 Jan 2021 – 30 Nov 2021	4 Oct 2021 – 30 Nov 2021
30 Nov 2021 – 15 Apr 2022	7 Mar 2022 – 15 Apr 2022

MORE INFORMATION

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