

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.



## END OF TERM



A reminder that it will be an early finish on the last day of term, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September, at 2pm. Please adjust your pick-up time accordingly. We've had a great term, despite many staff absences due to various issues. We hope that term 4 is more settled but thank families for their patience during this challenging time.

### Important Dates



#### September

**15th—School Council 5pm**

**16th—End of Term 3—  
Dismissal 2pm**

#### October

**3rd—Start of Term 4**

**31st—Report writing day**

#### November

**1st—Melbourne Cup Public  
Holiday**

#### Swan Hill Sports

Unfortunately the Swan Hill Sports had to be postponed due to bad weather. We hope that it will be held on the first Thursday of term 4.

#### Footy colours day

To celebrate the end of term, and the AFL grand final, students are invited to wear footy colours on the last day of term. The VCAL students will be running a special lunch with either a hot dog/party pies, a donut and prima for \$5. A note should've gone home this week. If you didn't receive one or have lost it, please contact the office or your child's teacher.

#### Ben to return term 4

Ben has enjoyed a big trip around Australia and will return at the beginning of term 4. Contact Ben again if you have any bus concerns.

#### RUOK day

Today we combined with the primary school to celebrate RUOK day. Both schools joined for lunch and participated in activities to remind us of the importance of checking in with each other. Keep an eye out on Facebook for photos of the event.



### Our Vision

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



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### **Youth expo**

Our VCAL students participated in the Youth Expo at Echuca College today. Various businesses and organisations ran stalls and activities to support students learn about career options. Our students joined other secondary students from across Echuca. It was a magnificent inclusive activity which our students were able to gain knowledge and skills. Again, keep an eye out for photos on Facebook.

### **Review**

Over the past 3 weeks we have been participating in our school review. The review panel looks at data, observes classrooms and interviews staff and students to celebrate achievements and pinpoint future goals for the next strategic plan. We thank all of the review panel members for their time and effort in supporting the school. The panel consisted of Marie Hayes (the reviewer), Paul Hon (Senior Education Improvement Leader), Scott Morrison (School Council president), Angela Buxton (Principal Verney Road Specialist School), Matt Saunders (AP Twin Rivers Primary), Julie Brady (Education Improvement Leader) and myself. The reviewers were very impressed with the school buildings as well as the teaching and learning occurring across the entire school.

### **Getting families back in school**

One of the early feedback points that has come from the review is that families want to get back in to school. Parents gave positive feedback about face to face SSG's and whole school activities such as Book Week. Next term I will be inviting families to join me for a coffee and a yarn about school and life. Our student population is made up of 30% of indigenous students. I would especially love meeting and getting feedback from our Koorie families.

## **Parent opinion survey**

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. We encourage all families to participate in this survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 15th August to Friday 16th September.

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.

Parents will be emailed a link and passcode to complete the survey. Parents can visit school and complete the survey using our laptops. Every parent that completes the survey at school will receive a free hot drink.

The grade 6 students from Twin Rivers came to the library with Room 3 & 4 and they read together.

It was really lovely and inclusive, everyone enjoyed it. We are going to do this every week.



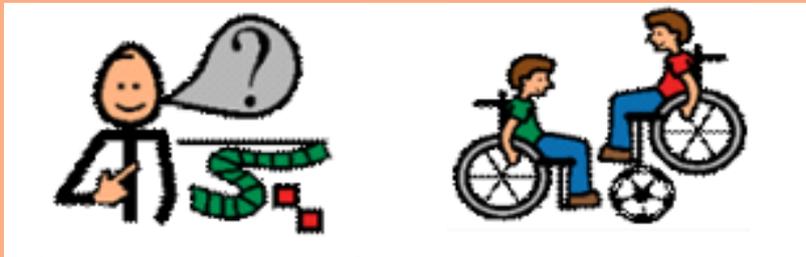
# PBS Targeted Behaviour

## Inclusion Always

I acknowledge the diversity of others



I let others join in



# Room 6



# Jenny Weeks—Social Worker



# R U OK? DAY™



Some of our VCAL students participating in the FReezA Youth Expo today at Echuca Stadium.



# Community News

## Activities

**3D Scratch House** - scratch the back to reveal the vibrant rainbow colors and then assemble your house.

**Bunnings Craft** - A great woodwork session with thanks to the team from Bunnings Echuca.

For the over 6's

**Coat Hanger Craft** - decorate a coat hanger into a personalized keepsake. Coat hanger supplied.

**Dream Catcher** - Learn how to make a dream catcher to decorate your room.

**Fabric wind socks** - Decorate with fabric markers and hang in the wind.

**Movie** - Bring your nibbles and drinks and enjoy a family movie together. Family Fun

**Mr Badger tells the Wind in the Willows** Mr. Badger tells this much loved classic story celebrating the joys of nature and friendship. A delightful, intimate storytelling performance.

**Pizza & Games** - Family fun in the library with pizza, games & board games. Pizza available at \$5 per head (adults included). Please book at Echuca Library and indicate your favourite pizza. (Internet booking not available.)

**Rainbow Fish Craft** - Create a rainbow fish using decoupage and decorations.

**Shiroi Art Workshop** - Help us create local art work using LED technology to send to Shiroi. Your artwork will be sent to Shiroi, Japan and cannot be taken home on the day.

**Stegosaurus Craft** - Follow the template and use the stickers to create a colorful Stegosaurus.

**Wooden Garden Wind Chimes House** - Decorate the supplied wooden house for your garden.

## Our branch library locations

**Echuca** - 310 Hare Street, 03 5481 2400

Monday & Tuesday: 10am - 5.30pm

Wednesday: 12noon - 8pm

Thursday & Friday: 10am - 5.30pm

Saturday: 10am - 1pm

Sunday: 2pm - 4.30pm

**Ngaham** - 19 Lane Road, 03 5481 2857

Monday & Tuesday: 8.30am - 9pm

Wednesday: 8.30am - 7pm

Thursday & Friday: 8.30am - 9pm

Saturday: 10am - 12noon

**Rushworth** - 43-45 Mackay Street, 03 5481 2858

Monday to Friday: 8.30am - 4.30pm

Saturday: 9.30am - 11.30am

\*Monday - Closed - 12 noon - 1pm

**Rushworth** - 33 High Street, 03 5481 2873

Monday: \*8.30am - 4.30pm

Tuesday: \*10am - 5pm

Wednesday: \*8.30am - 4.30pm

Thursday & Friday: \*8.30am - 4.30pm

\* Closed - 12 noon - 1pm

**Tongala** - 37 Mangan Street, 03 5481 2821

Monday & Tuesday: \*8.30am - 4.30pm

Wednesday: CLOSED

Thursday & Friday: \*8.30am - 4.30pm

\* Closed - 12 noon - 1pm

\* Bookings are essential as places are limited

\* Bookings can be made online at [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/)

library or by phoning 0481 2400

\* All activities commence on time

\* If you are more than 10 minutes late, your booking may be given away.

\* Children need to be accompanied by an adult or carer during all activities.

\* If you need to cancel your booking please contact the library.

## School Holiday Program

19 - 30 September 2022  
Campaspe Libraries



## Mr Badger tells the story of The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Mr. Badger tells this much loved classic story celebrating the joys of nature and friendship.

A delightful, intimate storytelling performance.

Suitable for ages 5-95 years.

Where  
Echuca Library  
When  
Tuesday, 27 Sept  
11am  
Cost  
Free!  
Booking Essential

Campaspe Library | 03 5481 2400 | [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library)



## LITTLE ATHLETICS IS BACK!



### SAVE THE DATE

### EMLAC COME & TRY DAY

Friday September 9, 2022

Jack Eddy Oval, 5pm

Open for all new members only.

Multi Class athletes welcome

Age groups from U6 - U17

Please check our website for more details

[www.echucamoamalac.com.au](http://www.echucamoamalac.com.au)

Season starts for all returning members and our 2nd Come & Try Day for new members commences **Friday September 30, 2022.**

**REGISTRATIONS WILL BE OPENING SOON!**



## Special Olympics

Everyone is invited to Come and Try

### BASKETBALL

at the

Echuca Basketball Stadium

Every Wednesday

4.00 - 5.00 pm



Come along and join in the fun  
For further details please contact  
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