

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

Merry Christmas

This is the final newsletter for the year. I would like to wish all of our families, staff and extended school community a Merry Christmas. I hope that you all have a wonderful and relaxing time catching up with family that you may not have seen for quite some time. I look forward to seeing you all in 2022.



December

10th—Graduation Year 12

10th—VCAL (Yrs 10-12) students last day

17th—End of Term 4 (Yrs P—9) Dismissal 12:30

January 2022

28th & 31st—Teachers return

February 2022

1st— Students return

Final day of school

The VCAL students will finish on Friday 10th December at the normal time. All other students will have their last day on Friday 17th December. School will finish at 12:30pm on that day. Staff use the rest of the afternoon to complete the final moves and tidy up ready for 2022. Please note the earlier finish time on the last day- **12:30pm**.

Step up

The students completed their step-up sessions in preparation for 2022. This is when the students spend time with their classmates and staff for 2022. The students were very excited to see their new rooms, meet the new staff and spend some time with their new classmates.



Our Vision

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



Cont. Principals report

2022 return date

Staff return on Friday 28th January and Monday 31st January with **students returning on Tuesday 1st February**. The staff will use the first two days to complete professional learning and set up classrooms for the year. We are excited to spend one of the days learning more about key word sign.

Bus changes

The Kyabram bus has reached full capacity and with extra students coming from Kyabram in 2022, there will need to be a few alterations to the buses. Some students will be required to change buses, whilst others will have small changes to pick up and drop off times. Leonard will be in touch with families that will be effected by the changes.

Water bore

We have installed a water bore to offset the cost of watering our new grass and oval. The students enjoyed watching the machinery bore down 80 metres to find the water table.

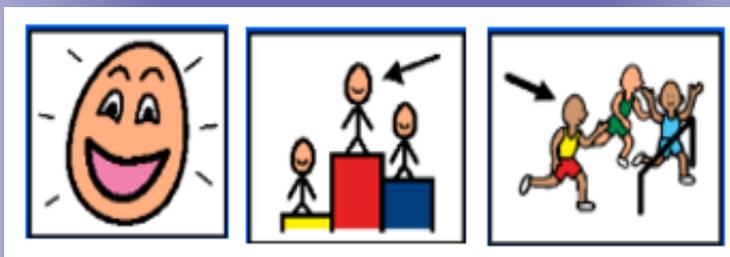
Reports

Reports will be available to download off our Sentral platform from Wednesday 15th December. Families can contact the office, if you require help or would prefer a paper copy.

PBS Targeted Behaviour

Knowledge in the Classroom

**I am happy for others when they win and
I support others when they lose**



I do my best



2021 Graduating Students

We will be holding our graduation ceremony on Friday 10th December at 9:30am. This will be live streamed on Facebook. However, with easing of restrictions we are pleased to now have immediate family participate in the ceremony as well. We have 8 graduates this year. They are Ian, Kaitlin, Will, Jaxson, Oliver, Jai, Jack and Liam. I have known all of these students throughout their entire time at the specialist school. I feel proud of the outcomes they have achieved and how we have been able to support them to grow into valued members of the community. We congratulate them and wish them all the best in their future. This will also be the last day for all VCAL students for 2022.



Also leaving us this year will be



THE COLOR RUN



Terrific Kids Term 4



Café students Christmas Lunch



Beacon Foundation—Pledge Ceremony

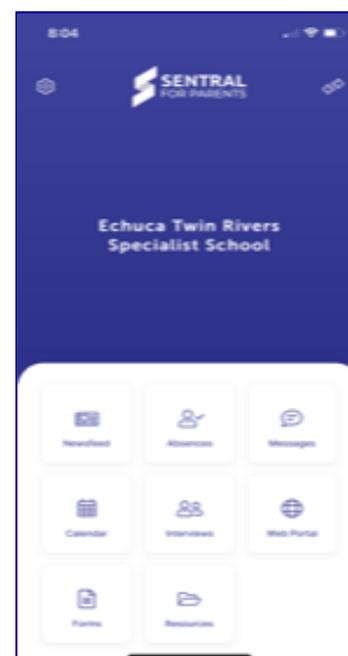


Last Friday, Jenny W was lucky enough to attend a two day African Drumming course. Our school has been super lucky to have been gifted a full set of drums thanks to Jim Hirst of School Focused Youth Services. The set arrived today and there was much excitement as Room 14 got to try them all out! Thanks Jim 🙏



Parent Portal—Semester 2 reports

The semester 2 reports will be uploaded to the parent portal. VCAL students will be the week of the 6th December and P-9 Wednesday 15th December. Unless a request for a paper copy is made your child's report can be viewed on your portal site. We encourage all families and carers to download the app onto your phone. It is free. You should have received your access code earlier this year. If you have misplaced this please contact the office and we can re-issue. If you require any help downloading the app please also contact the office or call in and we can help. This portal will also be used next year for excursion notes so it is very important for all families and carers to get on board.



2022 Parent Payment Policy. The full policy can be viewed on our website. www.echucass.vic.edu.au

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Items and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.	Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).

FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

Community News

These School Holidays
Christmas for Kyabram
**Monday 20 & Tuesday 21
 December 2021**

Visit one of the local attractions below and receive a **20% off voucher** to the other participating businesses listed



General Admission
Kyabram Fauna Park
 Open 10am - 5pm



A Boy Called Christmas
Kyabram Plaza Theatre
 Matinee Screening - 2pm



Santa Photos at Santa's Fireside
Kyabram Town Hall
 Call (03) 5852 1546 to book

Come and enjoy some Christmas cheer

Echuca Moama Community Projects and Uniting Church
Christmas Toy Appeal




Collecting now until December 20, 2021

Drop off points: Echuca Moama Uniting Church (Mon-Fri) 10am-5pm, Riverina Herald, EWMAC (pool), Bendigo Bank, Apex, Echuca Twin Rivers School, Moama Village and Merinya St Pharmacies, Garage Doors R Us

Distribution dates: 10, 13, 17, 20 December | **Echuca Moama Uniting Church Hall** 10am - 1pm
 Please bring carry shopping bag. COVID guidelines will apply.



ECHUCA MOAMA YOUTH HUB
 CHRISTMAS PARTY 2021

@ The Greens
 Moama Bowling Club
 Sunday 19th December
 5pm - 6:30pm

FREE EVENT



PROUDLY SPONSORED BY
 THE MOAMA BOWLING CLUB

Free Bowling | Free Food | Free Drinks

For Youth aged 12-18 | Moama Bowling Club rules must be followed

For more information contact the
 Echuca Moama Youth Hub via Facebook



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