Together we will strive for academic, social, emotional and personal achievement, working within a positive culture that promotes the pursuit of excellence and the understanding of others.

REMINDER
Monday 8th June is a Public Holiday and Tuesday 9th June is a Pupil Free Day for the School and Preschool.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Uniforms
Students at Echunga Primary School are required to wear school uniforms. We have noticed that lately some of our students are not wearing them at all or are only partly in uniform. We fully understand that, especially during winter, sometimes clothes don’t dry in time or get muddy at school. If this is the case, please just write a brief note to the teacher. We are aware, however, that some students are deciding for themselves not to wear a uniform.

The uniform is a dark blue windcheater, with or without gold trim, gold or dark blue polo shirt and dark blue pants or school skirt. Hats are either legionnaire or bucket and shoes are any type as long as they are safe and suitable for school. Hats can be purchased from the office.

School uniforms:
- Ensure safety – Students are easily seen
- Facilitate a sense of belonging – Meaning in PERMA
- Develop a sense of pride
- Make it easier to choose clothes to wear each day
- Eliminate competition around dress.

School uniforms can be bought at:
The Uniform Shop
Mt Barker Homemaker Centre
6 Dutton Rd
Mt Barker

School coloured clothes can be purchased at most large retail stores (eg Target, Big W, etc)

National Simultaneous Story Telling
Last Wednesday the whole school was involved in a story telling event that took place around most of the schools in the nation. The story, The Brothers Quibble by Aaron Blabley was told to us by the author via a video. Lynn Bonython had worked out a wonderful series of activities for the students to do related to the story. The theme was around getting along, gratitude and tolerance. We ended up with bunting suggesting ways to calm down if we are upset or angry.

View the newsletter on our website at www.echungaps.sa.edu.au
The Last Picket
Yes, we have finally finished the garden fence. The last picket was attached last Wednesday in a special ceremony. The children were reminded that the reason that the fence was built in the first place was to keep the chooks out of the garden, not people. So unless you’re a chook, you’re welcome to come in. A special thankyou to Katrina, our grounds person, for diligently supervising students putting up the pickets over almost the year that it has taken. What an achievement by the students. They not only put them all up themselves but cut them all to size first. They actually made each picket!!

Flash Mob
Last Thursday we had a Zorba Dance Flash Mob as the children were waiting for the start of school. Much to the excitement of the rest of the school and the parents who had gathered, the year 5/6/7s in Room 7 spontaneously started dancing the Zorba Dance which they have been practising over the past weeks. Some other students ended up joining in. What a great exhibition it was!
Reconciliation Week
Thankyou to Jade for organising our activity for Reconciliation Week. Aunty Betty, Courtney and James presented the concept of Reconciliation through stories, songs and just chatting to the children. Some great perspectives were shared and understood in two age appropriate sessions.

Wheels Day
Yesterday we had the third of our Fun Days for the year in the form of a Wheels Day. Children brought along bikes, scooters, skates, remote control cars, toys with wheels and other wheelie things. They rode, scootered and played around the community oval for the last part of the day. A great time was had by all.

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE
Just a reminder that all raffle tickets are due back tomorrow. Even if you have not sold any tickets could the books please be returned to the Front Office.

The raffle will be drawn at the assembly on Monday 15th June.

Thank you to the families who have already returned their tickets and money.
VACATION CARE JULY

Here are the dates for July:

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Our Vacation Care Program is now available and has been emailed out to families who currently use OSHC. Please refer to your email for all the details.

OSHC AWARDS TERM 2

And the OSHC Awards go to…
5. Liam D
6. Brianna R

PUPIL FREE DAY

Due to insufficient bookings OSHC will be closed on Tuesday 9th June.

OSHC FEE INCREASE FROM 6TH JULY, 2015

As per the budget recommendations and as ratified by Governing Council all our fees will go up as follows from 6th July, 2015 (the first day of the July holidays). This is for both Preschool and School age children.

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PROGRAMMING

After loads of planning, researching, negotiating, debating and collaborating about the design, we are pleased to start drawing the Dinosaur Mural.

The above process relates to the My Time Our Place Framework for School Age Children. In particular, Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators: Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes.

Our children have shown this when they:

- express ideas and feelings and understand and respect the perspectives of others;
- use verbal and non-verbal language to communicate thinking;
- Interact with others to explore ideas and concepts, clarify and challenge thinking, debate, negotiate and share new understandings;
- Convey and construct messages with purpose and confidence by expressing their needs, resolving conflicts and following directions.