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Echunga Primary School

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



Week 4, Term 3, 18th August, 2016

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DIARY DATES

Mon 8/8-Dancify R-5
Mon 8/8—7.00pm
Governing Council Meeting
Mon 22/8 –Dancify R-5
Tues 23/8-Book Week
Dress-up Parade
Tues 30/8-Fri 2/9 Year 6/7
Canberra Camp
Thurs 1/9-Hats on
Mon 5/9—School Closure
Mon 12/9—7.00pm
Governing Council Meeting
Tues 13/9—School Photos
**Wed 14/9—Preschool Pupil
Free Day**
Mon 19/9-Dancify R-5
Fri 30/9—End of Term 2
2.20 Early dismissal

View the newsletter on
our website at
www.echungaps.sa.edu.au

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School and Preschool Closure

Governing Council has approved for the school and Preschool to be closed on Monday 5th September. OSHC will be closed on this day.

Approval was also given for the preschool (only) to have a Pupil Free Day on 14th September to develop a sustainability plan and review policies.

Table Tennis

Three teams went to Murray Bridge last week to participate in a table tennis tournament. All players put in a great effort. Well done Renee, Georgina, Charlotte, Kita, Edward, Rylan, William, Liam, Foster, Jacob, George and Ricky.

Edward, Liam, Foster and Ricky need to be further commended for their success in qualifying for the state finals this Friday in Adelaide. Ricky is involved in SAPSASA football this week so William will be stepping into the team. Good luck boys.

Bookweek

Next week is Book Week. The theme this year is Australia! Story Country. As well as a display in the library and the short listed books being shared with the children, there will be a dress up parade next Tuesday (23/9) first thing in the morning. The theme will be Australiana and we encourage everyone to dress up in that theme on the day. This year, The Make a Wish Foundation has linked up with Book Week. If you would like to donate a gold coin, collection tins will be available on the day.

Hats

Just a heads up that broad brimmed or legionnaire style hats will need to be worn in the yard from September 1st. Magpie “swoop season” is also starting so some students might like to start wearing their hats earlier than this date.

Canberra

Our biennial Canberra trip for the years 6 and 7s is fast approaching and excitement levels are rising. The students will be travelling on 30th August till 2nd September. Whilst there, the students will be seeing many Canberra landmarks including the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House, the National Portrait Gallery, National Library, the Royal Australian Mint, the Electoral Education Centre and many more. They will be staying at the Australian Institute of Sport.

Huge accolades must go to the parents of these students who have put in an enormous fundraising effort and reduced the cost of the trip by more than half. In doing this they are ensuring sustainability for this event by setting up a culture of subsidising the trip to make it affordable to all in the future. The baton will be passed on to the next group of parent/carers.

SCHOOL NEWS

IBIS NEWS

Term 3 is flying by. We have students continuing to really push themselves and their learning, and there is nothing that makes me prouder than students driving their learning.

We have seen great enthusiasm for the Olympics and learning about other continents. And it has been amazing to see the class bring and show interest at home – eager to tell me what they have watched and found out. We decided that we would hold our own Olympics “Ibis do the Olympics”. Which saw some unique events. Some events held in Week 3 were a Swimming 4x10m Medley (Backstroke was crab crawling, Breaststroke – frog jumping, Butterfly – commando crawling and Freestyle – running) Running relays, Archery, Basket Shooting and Shot Put. There was some great teamwork, and a lot of laughs – I cant wait to see what next week’s events hold – we have Javelin, Tag Rugby and lots more in store. Who is going to take home gold?



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Only 3 weeks to go!!!

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the challenge:

Dakoda (Ibis); Liam O, Ricky, Callum (Lorikeet); and Bethany (Kingfisher).

There are still 46 students yet to finish. This may be the first year for a long time when not all students will receive an award. It is not too late.

12 books in 22 days (for those yet to start) is still achievable.

The Bookworm cake is open to any class to win at present.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Echunga & Meadows Youth

Sunday 21st 5:00-6:30pm—Youth-led service followed by shared meal.
Friday 26th 6:30-9:30pm—Chill Out Night. Games, pool table. \$3.
Meet at Wandeen (Echunga Uniting Church). For young people in Years 6-12.
Find us on Facebook for a full term program.

MOPS at 'Mainly Music'

9:30am at St Marks Lutheran Church, Mt Barker.
All Mothers of Preschoolers welcome.
For a newsletter and term program visit www.echunga.unitingchurchsa.org.au/MOPS

HILLS COUNTRY ARTISANS

A Joint Exhibition Of Local Hills
Artists & Crafters



Come And Enjoy Artisans At Work
With Art Available To Purchase

Sat 20th Aug 10:30 am to 4:30 pm
Sun 21st Aug 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Echunga Institute, Adelaide Rd, Echunga
Devonshire Tea Available

 Facebook/Hills Country Artisans
Enquiries: 0434 951 165

A community initiative of the Echunga
Uniting Church



PERSONAL TRAINER

We have a Personal Trainer in
Echunga every Tuesday and
Friday at 9.15am for 9.30am
start for a group training
session.



We are holding these sessions either on the
Echunga Oval or in the Echunga Netball
Shed. All are welcome. It costs \$10 per session
paid on the day.

Please contact Leanne Vears on 0407237479 if
you are interested or just come along on the day!

Bring your sneakers and a water bottle!

ECHUNGA SOFTBALL CLUB

Echunga Softball Club are looking for T-ball,
Junior and Senior players for the upcoming
season.

If you are interested please phone
Randy Siemens on 0402782890.

Keep your kids smiling

At the School Dental Service, dental care is
FREE for all babies, children not yet at school
and most children to age 17.

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