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DIARY DATES

Fri 2/9—Dancify R-5
Mon 5/9—School & Preschool 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

At the time of publication, Melissa and I will be in Canberra with the year 6 and 7s. It was a great experience last time and we anticipate it will be again this time. Huge congratulations must go to the Canberra fundraising group who were able to reduce the cost from $1400 a student to $437.

Here is an extract from the itinerary:

- NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA
- NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY
- SOUTHERN CROSS EDUCATION CRUISE
- ACCOMMODATION AT THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT
- NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA
- HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
- QUESTACON
- PHILLIP ICE SKATING
- AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL incl DISCOVERY ZONE –
- Visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Walk down Anzac Ave to ANZAC PARADE –
- PARLIAMENT HOUSE incl Guided Tour Reps /Senate
- AVENUE OF FLAGS
- DRIVE UP MOUNT AINSLIE
- Wreath Laying Ceremony
- Last Post

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT - guided 90 minute tour

And this is just a sample. Something for the younger students at Echunga Primary School to look forward to.
SCHOOL NEWS

CANBERRA FUNDRAISING

The Year 6/7s made it to Canberra this week.

There was a big fundraising effort behind it and the Year 6/7s and their families would like to formally acknowledge the generosity of the following companies:

- CMV Sales and Service—Port Wakefield Road, Cavan
- Solar Wholesalers—Light Crescent, Mt Barker
- Barker Boy Prepared Foods—Secker Road, Mt Barker
- TC deRon Retaining Walls—Mt Barker
- Dr Joe Verco, Paediatric Dentistry—Tynte St, North Adelaide
- Raffle prizes were donated by IGA Mt Barker and YMCA Mt Barker.
- Thanks to Bunnings Mt Barker for allowing us to run a BBQ at their store.

If the opportunity arises please consider using these companies.

Greg Morrison, Councillor for South Ward, Mt Barker Council also donated some of his ward funds.

Echunga Football Club was very generous in allowing us to take over their kitchen for not one, but two nights to raise money—thank you.

Last but not least, MASSIVE thanks must go to our local RSL. Not only did they give money towards the trip but they allowed the children to take part in the ANZAC commemorations giving them valuable experiences to take with them through their lives. The kids are proudly wearing the RSL emblem on their Canberra sweatshirts.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Just a reminder to families that School Photo Day is Tuesday 13th September.

Students must bring their photo envelopes on the day and give them to their class teacher.

Payments can be made online.

Family photo envelopes are available from the Front Office and should be given to the eldest child in the family.

For split families please nominate on your forms if the photos are for “Mum” or “Dad” to stop confusion when handing out the photos.

If you have any problems with your orders please call MSP Photography direct on 8391 3951.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

A date has now been set for the Car Boot Sale. It will be held on Sunday 6th November.

Please start sorting through your cupboards and putting items aside to sell on the day.
PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Only 1 week and 1 day to go!!!!

In the past fortnight there has been a last minute dash to the finish line, and there are only 13 students yet to finish the challenge. A good number of those students only have one or two books left and will be finished in time.

There are some students in Kingfisher who need the help of their families to get them across the line. We hope that all students will finish the challenge otherwise there will be some disappointed faces later in the year when the medals and certificates are presented, and a few miss out.

There is now one class very close to claiming the Bookworm Cake for being the first class to finish.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently finished:

Ruby T & Hamish (Kingfisher); Max, Anna, Mitchell, Finley, Imogen, Liam M, William, Caleb, Austin, Stepanos, Liam W (Ibis); and Abby, Laela, Thomas, Maddy, Georgina, Aria, Jemima, Charlotte, Jacob, George and May (Lorikeet).

HATS

It is that time of year again when hats need to be worn.

As from today all students must wear a school hat if they are outside.

If you need to purchase new hats for your children, they are available from the Front Office for $7.50. Students can choose either a Legionnaire’s or a Bucket Hat.

Please make sure children’s names are written in the hats, so that they can be returned to the right child if they are lost.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all families who have paid their school fees for 2016.

There are still a few families who either still owe school fees or payments for excursions.

It would be appreciated if full payment could be made as soon as possible.

Please see Merridee if you would like to discuss payment options.
Ibis news
Who can believe we are already half way through the term, we continue to put in amazing effort into our work. Here are some pictures from the last fortnight of the amazing work we have been doing.

Exploring Fractions

Finding Healthy Recipes
(And we’ve cooked them ready to share on Thursday)

STEM projects
(Can you use only newspaper and sticky to build a tower to hold an egg/build a cubby out of newspaper and sticky to hide a human?).

Reseaching

Exploring Shapes

Coding Robots
Homework vs Reading Aloud

On the news recently there have been numerous discussions about the amount of homework children are being given. More often than not, teachers at Echunga Primary, just ask that children read and practice their letters/spelling, which in turn develop life skills and set them up for success. Reading is a crucial part of literacy development. It is important for children to hear others read, as well as hear themselves.

“Reading aloud is the foundation for literacy development. It is the single most important activity for reading success (Bredekamp, Copple, & Neuman, 2000). It provides children with a demonstration of phrased, fluent reading (Fountas & Pinnell, 1996). It reveals the rewards of reading, and develops the listener’s interest in books and desire to be a reader (Mooney, 1990).

Listening to others read develops key understanding and skills, such as an appreciation for how a story is written and familiarity with book conventions, such as "once upon a time" and "happily ever after" (Bredekamp et al., 2000). Reading aloud demonstrates the relationship between the printed word and meaning – children understand that print tells a story or conveys information – and invites the listener into a conversation with the author.

Children can listen on a higher language level than they can read, so reading aloud makes complex ideas more accessible and exposes children to vocabulary and language patterns that are not part of everyday speech. This, in turn, helps them understand the structure of books when they read independently (Fountas & Pinnell, 1996). It exposes less able readers to the same rich and engaging books that fluent readers read on their own, and entices them to become better readers. Students of any age benefit from hearing an experienced reading of a wonderful book.” (http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-aloud-build-comprehension)

Children learn about attitude and approach towards reading from those around them, so let's create a positive approach to reading. In class we have just finished the Wizard of Oz, and we have had some wonderful conversations about meanings of words, and conversations about the outcome of the book – why not share your favourite book as a child with your family.

Book Week

Last week on the 23rd of August we went to the hall with every class room for book week to present Australia. So we all dressed up in costumes and it was fun. Tristan
Book week parade by Cody

Last week on Tuesday the 23rd of August I dressed up as an Australian cowboy for book week.

I was a bit shy.

We went to the hall and my class went in line at the front of the stage. Ms Bonython and Thomas took pictures of everyone's class on the iPad. I felt confident when we stood on the stage.

The OSHC lady and Sue were there with Preschool children. The parade was excellent.

The end

Book week

Last week on Tuesday the 23rd of August Echunga Primary School had an Australian theme dress up parade. In the morning when everyone was at school we went to the hall. I think that we did it to represent Australia. In our class Ms Bonython was Tiddilick the frog. We also had some Adelaide crows players, a potoroo, Ned Kelly, cowgirls and cowboys. But me and Ruby were koalas from koala Lou. And the potoroo I was talking about that was Maddison. She was the potoroo from koala Lou. I think that it was really fun. The reason we did it is to encourage people to read and have fun. Katelyn

Book week

Last week on Tuesday the 23rd of August Echunga Primary School had a parade it was a book week parade. Kids and teachers dressed up. There was a group that dressed up as koala Lou some were scientists, animals and bush rangers. There is lots more to name they were just some of the characters. Kids all over South Australia dressed up. I think we dressed up for fun and to represent Australia. The principal talked and called up classes. The preschool dressed up however they wanted. It made me feel grateful and well happy. The end By Imogen
# Echunga Vacation Care Program

**October 2016**

**Monday 3rd October to Friday 14th October 2016**

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<td><strong>Excursion</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Mystery Bus Tour</strong>&lt;br&gt;We will board the bus at Echunga and travel on our Mystery Tour with Meadows and Hahndorf OSHC</td>
<td><strong>Hand and Footprints</strong>&lt;br&gt;Have lots of messy fun turning your hand and foot prints into different animals, trees, and insects</td>
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<td><strong>Sculpture</strong>&lt;br&gt;Connect with and be inspired by our beautiful natural environment and create a sculpture with things from nature&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Cook Off</strong>&lt;br&gt;Apple Pie or Apple Crumble</td>
<td><strong>Fairies, Witches and Wizards</strong>&lt;br&gt;Dress up as your favourite fantasy character&lt;br&gt;Make wands, fairy wings &amp; wizard’s hats&lt;br&gt;Make and eat Fairy Bread</td>
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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PARENTS CLUBS (SAASPC)

invites parents to attend

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH SCHOOL
A FOCUS ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

WHEN
Sunday 13 September, 10.00am – 3.00pm
To be followed by SAASPC annual general meeting

WHERE
Australian Education Union Building, 18A Gascoyne Rd, Enfield

COST
There is no charge to attend. Coffee and lunch will be provided
This is also an opportunity to meet and talk with parents from other preschools and schools

We appreciate the financial assistance of the Australian Education and Child Development which enables us to cover the cost of the conference and provide accommodation for out country principals.

ACCOMMODATION
Limited free accommodation is available on Sunday 13 September at SAGE House, South Terrace, Adelaide for parents attending from affiliated country preschools/schools.
It does not include meals or other expenses incurred.

If you do not belong to an affiliated preschool/school or you wish to extend your stay you will need to make your own arrangements for accommodation, although we are happy to assist you in any way.

CHILD CARE
While we are unable to provide child care services, we are able to provide information on how to access child care so your care is covered.

IAN MAY (DECO)
Discrimination, Disability Policy and Programs: what’s on the horizon, what’s happening.

DEBBIE MCMINNIES (DECO)
Senior Advisor Early Childhood Support Services: what to think about in preschool and school, what support is available for parents.

INGRID ALBINSON (DECO)
Deputy Director, Disability and Policy, at school; students with disabilities/ difficulties what to expect: Special Education Resources Unit (SERU) about the unit and its resources.

HELEN EDWARDS (DECO)
Leadership Development and Strategic Partnerships: secondary school meeting to great school systems

PETER WHITE
Registration: Teacher Registration Breakdown: what is the TRB and its role.

DR HURL HUNSGEER
Chief Executive SACE Board: the amended SACE Act.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this form by 9th September to:
SAASPC
GPO Box 2128
Adelaide 5001
Email: info@saaspc.org.au

Name ___________________________
Home Address ___________________________
Postcode ___________________________

Telephone ___________________________
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Preschool/School ___________________________

I will require accommodation on

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