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DIARY DATES

Mon 14/3—Public
Holiday

Mon 21 /3—2:45
Assembly

Fri 25-Mon 28/3—Easter

Tues 29-Wed 30/3—
Year 6/7's Aquatics at
Port Noarlunga

Mon 14/4—2:45
Assembly

Mon 11-Thurs 14/4—
Swimming Rec-Year 5's

Fri 15/4—Last day of
Term 1 2:20 early
dismissal

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Goodbye to Jade

We were disappointed to hear that Jade, our Pastoral Care Worker (PCW), has decided to resign and focus her time on her studies. Her work centred mainly around supporting students developing social and emotional acumen and resilience by working with them individually and in class, and with parents who might call upon her as a resource. Jade introduced Birthday Clubs celebrating birthdays of all students monthly, Lunch Club, Christian Options and worked with me as Train the Trainer (me being the trainee) in developing a social skills programme, "Rock and Water" across the school. She facilitated parent workshops with Program Achieve, a programme embraced by the school. She also organised Harmony Day activities and a range of school based activities including preschool support, Open Days and school community events. She helped out in any way she could, opening up her room to students on wet days to help reduce pressure on duty teachers, helped out in the preschool and just being on hand when any need arose. In the years that she has been here, she has contributed hugely to the school and its community.

Jade, we wish you all the best in your studies and whatever venture you choose to pursue.

Jade will stay with us until a new PCW is appointed (please see the ad in this newsletter). We hope that the new worker will be appointed to start at the beginning of next term.

Staff changes

Melissa Rosedale will be taking Long Service Leave from the end of this month to travel overseas (half her luck!). In her place we will have a new teacher to the school: Steve Ward. He comes with a range of experience and qualifications. We welcome him to Echunga.

Governing Council

At our AGM last week our new Governing Council was elected. Congratulations to:

- ◆ Penny O'Neil
- ◆ Jo Place
- ◆ Steve Tully
- ◆ Amelia Trabilsie
- ◆ Megan Allen
- ◆ Michelle Bernhardt
- ◆ Renee Mooney
- ◆ Renae Beaumont
- ◆ Nick Sward
- ◆ Ali Kelman

SCHOOL NEWS

Office bearers will be elected at our first Governing Council meeting on Monday 21st March.

A sincere thankyou to Belinda Lindh for the time she has put into Governing Council. She has decided not to continue in 2016.

Preschool Enrolments

Our Preschool enrolments have bloomed this year and we are close to full. We already have 4 enrolment forms in for next year and many enquiries for tours for parents considering sending their children here in 2017. If you wish to enrol your child to attend our preschool in 2017 please fill out an enrolment form and lodge it at the school soon. We have a "first come first serve" system. Once we have enough enrolments to fill our preschool we will place you on a waiting list with no guarantee of placement.

POSITION VACANT ADVERTISEMENT



PASTORAL CARE WORKER

(Previously known as "School Chaplain")

ECHUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Address: 802 Echunga Road Echunga SA 5153

Schools Ministry Group along with local churches are seeking applications for this 9 hour per week position, commencing Term 2, 2016. The position exists to offer Chaplaincy Services to students, staff and the school community.

A Job and Person Specification, including details on "How to Apply", is available from Schools Ministry Group on 8378 6800 or mail@smg.asn.au

Closing date: 5pm, 30th March, 2016

For details about the next **Information Session** go to:

www.smg.asn.au

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to those parents who have already paid this year's school fees.

If you still owe fees it would be appreciated if payment could be made as soon as possible. Payments can be made by instalments if you would find that easier. Direct Debit from your nominated bank account or credit card can be set up if you prefer. Please see Merridee for a form if you are interested in this option.



SCHOOL NEWS

URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SESSIONS

To find out what Urrbrae has to offer, go along to one of their Information Sessions on Tuesday 22nd March, 2016. Meeting at the Farm Shed. Two hour visits to the school will include: Information about the Application Process, Farm Tour and School Tour.

The Open Day Program runs from 9.30am-11.30am and will be repeated at 1.00pm-3.00pm and again at 6.00pm-8.00pm.

Applications for Year 8, 2017 will close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 4th May, 2016.

Email: dl.0798_admin@schools.sa.edu.au

Website: www.urrbraehs.sa.edu.au

Address: 505 Fullarton Road, Netherby 5062

Telephone: 83726955



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



It's that time of year again. Premier's Reading Challenge sheets have been issued to classes and you should see them appear at home very soon.

The aim of the challenge is to read 12 books between now and September. All details are on the reverse of the form.

Last year all students completed the challenge and we will aim to achieve that again this year. The first class to finish will receive the Bookworm cake to celebrate.

HOT CROSS BUNS FUNDRAISER

Earlier this week students would have brought home an order form for Hot Cross Buns.

If you would like to aid the school in it's fundraising efforts please place an order. The Hot Cross Buns are provided by McCue's Bakery at Murray Bridge and are really delicious.



Orders and payment are due back at the Front Office by Thursday 17th March. Orders will be ready for pickup from the Art Room on Wednesday 23rd March at the end of the day.

OSHC & COMMUNITY NEWS

OSHC Awards Term 1

And the OSHC Awards go to....

5. May B
6. Tyson C

April Vacation Care Program

This program is taking a little longer to organise and will be available next Tuesday (Week 7) if not sooner. All permanently booked families are welcome to book their normal days before the program comes out.

OSHC Educators

We welcome Rhee Driver to our service who will work Wednesday and Thursday mornings and through the April holidays.

Hills Hub Training Sessions

In Week 5 we hosted the Hills Hub. We had about 30 Directors and staff attend from other OSHC services, as well as representatives from TAFE and Inclusive Directions. Our guest speaker from the Aboriginal Resource and Management Support Unit ran a workshop on "Including Aboriginal Culture in OSHC". We all got so many ideas on traditional games and art, and had a chance to look at a variety of different resources that we are able to borrow.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Messy Church Tomorrow

Have you discovered Messy Church yet? Activity and craft, music and story, plus a meal provided for the whole family! 4-6pm Friday March 11 in Wandean (Echunga Uniting Church). Doors open 3.30pm after school. Contact Narelle for more information on 0409 754 298 or www.facebook.com/echungamessychurch.

Teddy Bears Picnic

All mothers with preschool children are invited to a Teddy Bears Picnic @ the Steamroller Playground, Stirling. Meet at 9.30am and bring a teddy. Hosted by Echunga MOPS. More details at www.echunga.unitingchurchsa.org.au/MOPS.



Echunga & Meadows Youth

Join us for a fun 'Yes We Can!' event next Friday March 18th. Meet at 6.30pm at Wandean (Echunga Uniting Church), return by 9.30pm. Bring \$2 and a can of food to donate. Contact Narelle for more information on 0409 754 298 or www.facebook.com/hillsyouthgroup.

Easter Services at Echunga Uniting Church - March 2016

Palm Sunday	Sunday 20 th	10am
Reflective Service	Thursday 24 th	7pm
Good Friday	Friday 25 th	9:30am
<i>Followed by hot cross buns</i>		
Easter Sunday	Sunday 27 th	10am

More information contact Rev Matthew Carratt on 8388 8847 www.echunga.unitingchurchsa.org.au