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DIARY DATES

Mon 13/3-Public Holiday

Tues 14/3-Preschool Pupil Free Day

Thurs 16/3 Cartoon Workshops

Fri 17/3 Year 6/7 Aquatics

Tues 21/3 Harmony Day Bony Bodies Workshop (Preschool)

Thurs 23/3 Cartoon Workshops

Mon 27/3:2:30 Assembly

Tues 4/4 Volleyball at Heathfield H.S. (Yrs 4-7)

Thurs 13/4 Last day of Term 1
2:20 Early dismissal.

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Halfway through the term already!

As part of our involvement in the Visible Learning Program over the next three years we will be working on what makes significant impact on students' learning. Part of our work will focus on what makes a powerful learner and much of this work aligns extremely well with our Positive Education focus. I recently found this poster online which resonated with me as an educator and as a parent.

You can find the poster and associated article here:

[10 things kids need to learn](#)

Positive Education

Our assembly awards in Week 6 focused on kindness and bravery and were awarded to:

Thomas (Lorikeet) for Bravery
Rylan (Lorikeet) for Kindness
Tristan (Ibis) for Kindness

A bucket filler award was awarded to Cody (Ibis).

Well done everyone, you are positive role models and making a difference to others.

Hats

Recently I sent out an email regarding an alert from DECD regarding hats with cords. We have been advised by DECD not to allow the wearing of these hats at school so would be very grateful for your support in ensuring that your child/ren wear sun smart hats without cords. Some children are still wearing hats with cords. If your child has one of these hats at school we will need to remove the cord from their hat.

10 Things Kids Need to Learn

10 Things Kids Need to Learn
FINDINGJOY.NET
1. Falling down. So they get up.
2. How to respectfully speak their mind. 3. How to deal with emotion.
4. It is good to help others. 5. How to understand OTHERS.
6. The Value of Work. 7. Creativity is messy. 8. How to unplug. 9. Learning never stops.
10. TO BE GRATEFUL
FINDINGJOY.NET



SCHOOL NEWS

Open Classroom & BBQ

Thank you to the families who attended our Open Classroom evening and BBQ. It was wonderful to see so many families and to get to meet some parents/caregivers for the first time. I hope you enjoyed your visit and got to see just a little of the great learning that happens here at Echunga Primary School every day.

Governing Council AGM

The Governing Council AGM was held on Monday 27th February. I presented the Annual Report for 2016, prepared by Alex Ponury.

Several council members had completed their tenure or resigned from their positions:

Renee Mooney; Penny O'Neil; Nick Sward; Amelia Trabilsie; Megan Holland

I would like to thank these council members for their contributions to the Echunga PS Governing Council, in particular Amelia Trabilsie for her amazing efforts in the Chairperson role and Nick Sward for his role as Treasurer.

Two council members continued for another year:

Renae Beaumont; Michelle Bernhardt

The following council members have been elected for the 2017 Governing Council:

Jo Place (Chairperson)
Sophia Tragellis (Treasurer)
Brett Manuel (Secretary)
Carly Rosser
Cassie Healy
Leisha Grant
Leanne Vears

We are looking forward to working together on keeping Echunga Primary School the best it can be. Each Governing Council member will introduce themselves in the new newsletter.

RAA Road Safety

All classes participated in a Road Safety session with Libby from the RAA. They learned a lot about being safe as a pedestrian as well as on scooters and bikes.

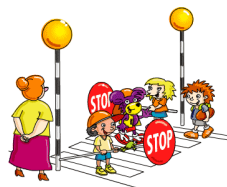
"We learned that we have to wear a helmet when we ride our bikes. We have to look right and left when we cross the road and wear bright clothes when we ride our bikes. We also need to check that we have lights on our bikes." (Katelyn)



"I liked what she told us about road safety. It was good she came." (Cody)

"I learnt you should fit one finger under your helmet and that when you fall off your bike, even if it looks good, your head can be hurt in the middle. I enjoyed it!" (Tabitha)

Pam



SCHOOL NEWS

News from Narelle - Pastoral Care Worker

Pancake Day raising funds for Uniting Care

Pancake day on Tuesday the 28th of February was a huge success for the primary and preschool of Echunga Primary School. We had lots of yummy pancakes with lemon and sugar or maple syrup and there was enough for at least 2 each!!

A huge thanks go to volunteers from Echunga Uniting Church and Father Thomas from Echunga Anglican Church as well as some parent volunteers from our school for making this day happen. A great team worked together to cook and serve the pancakes. Thanks also to Sarah from Echunga Uniting Church for coordinating volunteers and also gathering some donations for the day.

We raised \$118.60 that has been donated to Uniting Care on behalf of our school and preschool. This money goes towards valuable work across all ages in our communities. Thanks for being a blessing to our local community.

Parent Coffee n Chat - Wednesdays 9am - 10am

We have been having a fantastic time getting to know each other and also sorting out World Explorer cards that have been donated by Woolworths Mt Barker in preparation to give them to students in the school. If you need any numbers to finish collections leave a message at the front office as we have lots of cards. There will then be folders available for staff and students within the school. We will have another week of finishing them off and move onto some other activities. Come along! Everyone welcome!

Gabby Get Along in Echunga Preschool

I have been enjoying going into the preschool on Monday mornings and presenting short sessions in conjunction with Tia Sue and Tia Helen the fantastic preschool teachers. We have focused on how to get along with each other. This morning we moved onto emotions and I read a book on emotions while we acted them out and used puppets to guess emotions. This has been a lot of fun.



Staff lunch

Last Monday the Echunga Uniting Church bought in lunch for the staff which they do once per term. This was well received and enjoyed by the staff.

Echunga's Got Talent

Echunga's Got Talent was run for the first time last year and the students loved it! I will be running this again in Term 2. Entry forms will be coming out next week. This is a chance for students to enter anything they want to perform at lunchtime and it's a lot of fun. Students can enter a song, dance, musical instrument, skit or anything appropriate that they would like. I am also looking at hosting an evening where parents can come and look at the great performances next term. More details to come.

This term I am working Mondays and Thursdays. I am here to support staff, students and families and am happy to catch up anytime.

Parent/Carer Coffee n Chat

Every Wednesday 9am - 10am in Narelle's room (next to front office)

Wednesday 8th March

Finish sorting World Explorer cards and organising to give out to staff and students



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Wednesday 15th March

Learn some fun card games you can play at home as a family

Wednesday 22nd March

Make Play Do for classes and lunch play



Wednesday 29th March

The Five Love Languages - Do a test and find out yours and how they relate to children and families

Wednesday 5th April

More card games you can play at home Part 2!



Wednesday 12th April

Hot Cross Buns and Holiday Ideas

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE



Hola todos!

It's been a few years and next week I'm doing it again, taking part in the **World's Greatest Shave** - *and cutting off all my hair!*

Please sponsor me to give Aussie families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. You will also help fund vital research so more people survive blood cancers like lymphoma, leukaemia and myeloma.

I'm planning to do the shave at school next Thursday lunchtime (from 11.30 am). Everyone is welcome to come along and witness the event - preschool families are also welcome to pop in and show their support.

To sponsor me please bring along coins (or notes!) next Thursday the 16/3. Alternatively donations can be deposited in the World's Greatest Shave box in the front office during the week, or via my online Shave Page at <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/helentaylor> Looking forward to seeing you next Thursday.

¡Gracias!
Tia Elena

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

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

Jade, Charlie B (Rosella); Billy (Kingfisher); Alice, Liam D, Cody (Ibis) and William (Lorikeet).



COMMUNITY NEWS

CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

Echunga Uniting Church offer many connection points all ages ranging from a new kids club and mothers group through to a weekly craft group. Details of some upcoming events are below or for a full calendar visit our new website: echunga.ucasa.org.au

MEN'S COFFEE NEXT WEDNESDAY

All men are invited for a relaxed morning at the Echunga General Store from 9:30am on the third Wednesday of each month. An initiative of Echunga Uniting Church.

MOPS - 'EMBRACING CONFLICT'

Guest speaker Angela Niejalke will encourage all mothers of preschoolers.
9:30-11:30am next Thursday March 16th in Wandee (Echunga Uniting Church)
Your children will be lovingly cared for in the MOPPET's program.
For a Term 1 program and newsletter visit echunga.ucasa.org.au (under Activities).

ECHUNGA & MEADOWS YOUTH - YES WE CAN!

Come ready for an evening of running about helping others in Meadows.
Next Friday March 17th.
Meet 6:45pm at Wandee (Echunga Uniting Church), pickup 9:15pm.
All Year 6-12's welcome
Contact our new Youth Worker Caleb Willsmore at 0435 282 799
or youth@echunga.ucasa.org.au for further information.

