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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 3, Term 3, 10th August, 2018

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## DIARY DATES

School/Preschool Closure Day  
for Royal Adelaide Show—  
Mon 3rd September

Pupil Free Days 2018  
- Fri 21 Sept

Assemblies Term 3 at 2:30pm  
- Mon 27 August  
- Mon 17 September

Newsletter Dates Term 3  
- Fri 31 August  
- Fri 21 September

Tues 14 August—7:00pm  
Governing Council Meeting

Mon 20 August—Library Visit  
Reception to Year 4

Tues 11 September—7:00pm  
Governing Council Meeting

Tues 25 September—School/  
Preschool Photos

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our website at  
[www.echungaps.sa.edu.au](http://www.echungaps.sa.edu.au)

## REMINDER

**Monday 3rd September is a School and  
Preschool Closure Day for families to  
attend the Royal Adelaide Show.**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have had a very busy start to Term 3.

The Lorikeet students are working with Glen to create their own original poetry. They have had two workshops with Glen and have one more to go. They will be sharing some of their poetry with us in a future newsletter.

The Ibis students are working with Tony to create lanterns that they will display at the upcoming Hahndorf Winter Lantern Festival on Saturday 25 August. You can find more information about that [here](#). I am really looking forward to seeing what our students create for this prestigious local event.

The students of the Ibis class are also very fortunate to be participating in some yoga sessions on Thursday afternoons with Pat Rothe. There are lots of benefits to practising yoga, both for adults and children. You can read more about them [here](#).

All Year 1 children have participated in the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. This will help their teachers to identify any concerns and to provide targeted programs for their students.

## Visible Learning

This term classes are working on the Learner Disposition of "I am Reflective". Students will reflect on their learning and be able to identify what worked best, what helped them with their learning and what strategies will help them in their learning.

All teachers are working on an action research plan to enhance their teaching practice and improve student learning. These research projects will be shared with colleagues across our partnership at our next Visible Learning workshop on September 21st (student free day).

## Parent Surveys

It is that time of the year again when we are seeking feedback from our parent community. You will soon be sent a link to complete a survey about our school. Please take the time to complete the survey as this is how we can use your feedback to improve what we do for our students and families.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## LORIKEET POETRY

Over the past 2 weeks Lorikeet students have been working with poet, Glenn Johns, from the Hahndorf Lantern Festival. The students have had two successful poetry writing sessions, with each student having written a collection of several poems. We look forward to our final session next Tuesday.

### After Midnight

Wake, cold, scared  
Alone, thunder, lightning  
Pitter patter, rumble rumble, flash flash  
Hide under covers  
Slowly emerge  
Walk quietly  
Make hot chocolate  
Sit down, fire low  
Cocoa defeated  
Lightning thunder  
Rumbles flashes

Written by May

### Warm Fire

In front of the warm fire.  
The fires blue red and orange.  
Drinking hot chocolate while watching the  
crows play.  
The score review might be wrong but crows  
they still won.



Written by Jaxen

## HEALTH LESSONS WITH MS B

Rosella has been working on which foods are good for our body to eat all the time (“always foods”) and which ones should be “sometimes foods”. Making a distinction between “yummy” and “good for our body” has been a focus.

Kingfisher has been thinking about how our bodies, our skills, our responsibilities and our relationships change as we grow older.

Ibis has considered how we can make small changes to our diet to create healthier eating, as well as learning about and practising respect for cultures other than our own.

Lorikeet has pondered multiple situations to determine what is and isn't bullying. There was disagreement about certain behaviours, with many saying “It depends”. Two key factors were highlighted: that bullying is when a person exerts power over another to intentionally hurt them, leaving the victim feeling powerless; and bullying is repeated behaviour. We will revisit this work later in the year to consider the consequences of bullying.

## THE ARTS WITH MS B

In Music, with each class working at a level appropriate to their age, all students have been singing and working on rhythm and keeping the beat. They have learnt about some of the percussion instruments and practised listening carefully to their individual sounds.

In Drama, teamwork and creativity have been themes for each class. Rosella and Kingfisher have been showing the emotions of a character with their face and body. Ibis and Lorikeet have worked in teams to create objects and scenes. Lorikeet have also worked on adapting their voice and body to create a character.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## FAIRY WREN NEWS

Wonderful water play splashing in the Fairy Wren Creek and being rainbow mushrooms in our waterproof onesies and gumboots.



## The ADVENTURES of

## Fairy Wren and Rosella



Last week, Preschool joined Rosella in the school Library to share in a story and then a craft. Our session used the text 'Twig' by Aura Parker. Rosella students then coached and helped Fairy Wren students to do some weaving. We are really enjoying sharing our interactions and learning. We have another session together next Tuesday ☺



# SCHOOL NEWS


# BOOK WEEK PARADE

As part of our Book Week Celebrations (Week 5, 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August) we will be holding a Dress Up day on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August.

We are encouraging all students to dress up as their favourite character from a book or to reflect the theme of Find your Treasure.

Students will be involved in creating pieces of work around the theme of Find your Treasure, in the lead up to Book Week, which will be displayed in the hall in Week 5.

At 9:15 on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August we are inviting families to stay and watch our parade as a part of our Book Week Celebrations.

A vibrant, hand-drawn illustration for the 'Find your TREASURE' theme. It features a large, stylized tree with green and yellow leaves. Various characters and animals are depicted: an owl perched on a branch, a boy in a red shirt and white shorts climbing a branch, a white koala, a white cockatoo, a boy in a red cape, a girl in a blue dress, and a boy in a white shirt. The text 'Find your TREASURE' is written in a cursive font at the top. Below it, the text 'CBCA BOOK WEEK 18 - 24 AUGUST 2018' and '#CBCA2018' is displayed. The background is a dark blue sky with white stars.

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# STEM DAY


As a part of our Science Week Celebrations we are hosting a STEM Day.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and is based on collaborative project-based learning; where kids work closely together in a hands-on way to solve real-world problems.

This year's Science Week theme is Game Changers and Change Makers. The way the day will work is students will have the opportunity to engage with 2 activities (from a selection of around 8 activities being offered by our teachers and community members) with each activity reflecting this year's theme.

It is being held on Thursday Week 7. It will be just like any other school day - just filled with STEM activities instead 😊

If you are free and wish to be involved and help out on the day – please see your child's teacher.



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## ROSELLA'S VISIBLE LEARNING JOURNEY

An important element to Visible Learning is that learning is hard work and it offers challenges and opportunities to stretch; and a major component of this is that errors are a welcome part of our learning. Rosella students are openly communicating their learning, and sharing their progress, highlights and struggles and today they reflected on what happens when you make a mistake...

- ◆ Cyra – Try and fix it, because we can learn from it
- ◆ Kayla – Keep on trying
- ◆ Ellyce – Try again
- ◆ Jackson – Keep trying and get out of the learning pit
- ◆ Charles – Don't give up
- ◆ Bailey – I don't get upset, I just try again
- ◆ Oscar – Bounce back
- ◆ Aalya – Never give up
- ◆ Brock – Don't whinge, try and solve it
- ◆ Archie – Ask a buddy for help
- ◆ Lucy – Be a problem solver
- ◆ Tara – Keep Trying
- ◆ Angus B.M – Try your best
- ◆ Orbi – Try again
- ◆ Abbey – Have a go
- ◆ Hayley – Try again and make a plan
- ◆ Jorja – Ask for coaching
- ◆ Angus R – Try again
- ◆ Brock – Don't whinge, try and solve it
- ◆ Archie – Ask a buddy for help

Keep up the positive attitude towards learning, Rosella!

## Check out Echunga PS in the Courier this week!



# SCHOOL NEWS



## CANBERRA TRIP ELECTION BBQ

Once again we held an Election Day BBQ on the 28<sup>th</sup> July . Most of you would have been unaware as this was run for the Year 6/7 Canberra trip. So only the families who have a child attending Canberra later this year were asked to participate.

There are several people who need to be thanked. But there is one particular person who needs to be thanked over & above. Megan Allen put her hand up to help & she doesn't even have a child going to Canberra this year. Megan was a great help, collecting sausages & getting bread donations which I never had time to arrange. Then she put her hand up for a time slot on the stall too. So a great bid THANK YOU MEGAN!!! We really appreciate your help.

Another BIG thank you goes out to Steph Grove & Adam Oaten. They are the business owners of Adelaide Hills Pastured Eggs. Both election BBQ's they donated more than enough yummy free range eggs for our BBQ. We really appreciate their generosity.

Abby, Max, Tabitha, Charlotte, Ada, Austin, Steph, George, Ruby, Abbey & Savannah. These kids all participated in making the day run smoothly. Steph & George especially were outstanding taking over the stall, selling & serving the food. The Tragellis family certainly make a wonderful team.

Steve, thank you for giving up your Saturday morning to help sell our eggstraordinary/eggcellent egg & bacon sandwiches. Trying to eggsplain to all voters that we were the Egg & Bacon party might not have hit everyone's funny bones but it certainly kept us entertained while cooking. Thanks for the laughs!!!!

The rest of the crew consisted of Simon Bernhardt, Vanessa Phillips, Jade Hamilton, Sophia, Belinda Reece, Jenny & Amelia!! I really appreciate you giving up your precious Saturday morning/arvo to help cook & serve. Every little bit helps!!! THANK YOU!!

Cheers

Michelle Bernhardt

*PS: If there is anyone I have forgotten I do apologise. Certainly not intentional!!!*

## Adelaide Hills Pastured Eggs



# SCHOOL NEWS

## PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

Welcome to Term Three!

I'm wondering how many of you tried to get more blueberries, yoghurt, walnuts or eggs into your kids over the holidays??! Luckily for me, blueberries and eggs are well liked in my household. I'm still working on the others ☐ (According to Dr Carr Greg – these are the ultimate brain fuelling foods.)

I'd just like to give a **big shout out** for the support given to **Pyjama Day** at the end of last term. The money raised from keeping warm and comfy on this day came to just over \$130. This money will go to Australian Lutheran World Service's refugee programs. The bonus is that there is a Government Scheme which matches our donation 4:1, bringing our contribution to \$524!! This will help provide much needed resources for schools and children in refugee camps such as training teachers, providing desks and uniforms and giving girls who have missed school some extra tuition to catch up. Great work everybody!!!



A reminder that **Echunga's Got Talent** starts this Friday and will continue at Friday lunchtimes through-out this term. I've had the privilege of sneaking a peek at some of the acts and am super impressed at the effort, thought, creativity and courage of the performers. Can't wait to see them all! The winners of each round will enter the Grand Final at the end of term. Feel free to come and see your child perform (there is a timetable in each classroom). A big thanks to our team of judges who, I believe, will have a very tough job!!

Enjoy the weekend. Stay warm,  
Karen

# SCHOOL NEWS



South Australian Association of School Parent Communities (SAASPC)  
2018 annual parent conference

## Online safety *what every parent should know*

**when** Wednesday 22 August 10.00am - 2.30pm

**where** Australian Education Building, 163 Greenhill Road, Parkside

**cost** There is no charge to attend the forum and lunch will be provided; registration is required

**accommodation**

Limited free accommodation is available on Tuesday or Wednesday 21/22 August for parents attending from **affiliated** country preschools/ schools. It does not include meals or other expenses incurred. Contact us for more information

**child care**

While we are unable to provide child care ourselves, for parents attending from **affiliated** preschools/schools we are able to reimburse you, so your costs are covered

**speakers**

- ❖ *Sonya Ryan* - Carly Ryan Foundation on Keeping children safe online
- ❖ *Helen Connolly* - Commissioner for Children and Young People SA on Children and bullying
- ❖ Department for Education Engagement and Wellbeing team on Policies and approaches to bullying

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### Online safety: what every parent should know Registration form

Return by 15 August if accommodation is required, otherwise by 20 August to SAASPC  
GPO Box 2126 Adelaide 5001  
email [info@saaspc.org.au](mailto:info@saaspc.org.au)  
via our website [www.saaspc.org.au](http://www.saaspc.org.au)



ABN 60 901 906 615

Confirmation of registration and accommodation will be emailed or posted to your home address

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preschool/School \_\_\_\_\_

I will require accommodation on

☐ Tuesday 21 August OR ☐ Wednesday 22 August

Please indicate if required

☐ Special needs (e.g. dietary, wheelchair facilities) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will be applying for reimbursement of childcare costs

For more information telephone 1800 724 640 email [info@saaspc.org.au](mailto:info@saaspc.org.au)



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **AUGUST CONNECTIONS - ECHUNGA UNITING CHURCH**

Sunday services 10:00am including creche and children's programs.

Details of connection points for all ages in the Echunga community are listed below. Programs meet in Wandeen (next to the church building) unless otherwise stated. Visit our website for further details - [echunga.ucasa.org.au](http://echunga.ucasa.org.au) or contact Rev Matthew Carratt on 0438 856 167.

### **MEN'S COFFEE MORNING**

Wednesday August 15th 9:30am @ Echunga General Store. All welcome.

### **CRAFT, CUPPA & CARDS**

Meeting each Wednesday from 1:00pm. Bring along your own craft or come to play cards or board games. \$2 a week. Contact coordinator Valerie Trim on 0407 602 800

### **ECHUNGA & MEADOWS YOUTH EVENTS - AGES 11-18**

\* Charity Movie Night & (optional) Sleepover - August 17-18th

7:00pm-10:00am, \$5

\* Survivor - August 31st, 6:30-9:30pm. Team games and challenges, \$3

RSVP to Bec Hughes (Youth Worker): 0416 076 085

MEETING PLACES: Echunga Uniting Church OR Meadows Uniting Church

Follow us at [facebook.com/hillsyouthgroup](https://facebook.com/hillsyouthgroup)

### **MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS) @ SUPER PLAYCAFE**

Outing to Mt Barker, Thursday August 23th from 9:30am

For more information contact Bec on 0439 622 224 or join the Echunga MOPS Facebook group

### **ECHUNGA SOFTBALL CLUB**

Wishes to invite you and a friend to our "Come and Try Day" which will be held Sunday August 26th on diamond 1 at Anembo Park, Littlehampton. ESC are looking for players of all ages, from T-ball to seniors. If your looking for something different and a bit of fun you will be most welcome. Please contact Randy Siemens, President, on 0402782890 for more information.