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Week 3, Term 4, 2nd November, 2018

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DIARY DATES

Assemblies Term 4 at 2:30pm
- Mon 19 November
- Mon 10 December

Mon 12– Wed 14 Nov—
El Shaddai Camp Rec-Year 5

Tues 13–Fri 16 Nov—Canberra
Camp Year 6/7s.

Tues 20 Nov 9-11:10;
27 Nov 9-12:00 &
4 Dec 9-1:30 —Transition
Days for new Reception
students

Tues 4 Dec—9:15 Volunteers'
Morning Tea
7:00 Governing Council
Meeting

Mon 10 Dec—2:30 Preschool
Celebration

Tues 11 Dec—Year 7
Graduation and celebration

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have had a great start to Term 4.

Welcome to Jacqui I-C and Sue Little. Jacqui is back with us this term as our Arts teacher. Jacqui will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays. Sue has made a great start in the library where she will be working on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until lunchtime.

Values

Students, parents and staff have now completed the survey on selecting our new school values. Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey. Our new values will be:

Care
Challenge
Creativity
Respect

Teachers will be working with students to unpack what these values mean to us and how we can demonstrate them both at school and outside of school.

World Teacher's Day

Last week we celebrated the wonderful contributions our fantastic teachers provide to our school. Each teacher received a certificate containing words or statements from students. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated teachers at Echunga Primary School.

Enrolments

We are in the process of working out classes and staffing for next year. Please let us know if your children will not be attending Echunga PS next year (unless they are Year 7s) as this affects our planning for classes and staffing. If you know of anyone planning to enrol their children at Echunga PS please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible.

Bushfire season and Skoolbag

As we are approaching bushfire season we are reviewing our procedures. Please ensure that your child has a drink bottle with them at school each day.

We have previously used Red Oxygen as a means to notify parents of catastrophic fire days or of an approaching fire. As we now have the Skoolbag app it seems an extra unnecessary cost. Could all families please make sure that they have downloaded the Skoolbag app to their phones? The app is available on the Google Play Store or on the iTunes app store. Just search for Echunga Primary School. It would be very helpful if you could let us know that you have installed the app. Notifications from school as well as newsletters are sent out via Skoolbag.

SCHOOL NEWS

Staffing

Sue Melville, our preschool teacher, has decided to take a very well-deserved break from the beginning of next year. She will be taking Long Service leave for the first half of the year to spend more time with her family. We are currently in the process of appointing a replacement for Sue. I am sure you will join me in wishing Sue a happy and relaxing break.

Pam

A MESSAGE TO THE ECHUNGA SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The time has come to say a formal “Goodbye” to Echunga Primary as I have now retired from teaching. Thankyou for your support and understanding, particularly over the last few years as my family responsibilities increased so rapidly.

The farewell which was held for me at the end of last term was greatly appreciated.

To all of those parents (and former students) who came to my farewell, thankyou. I am sorry I couldn't get to speak to you all. Special thanks to Roseanne Pietsch who organised the beautiful bunch of flowers (Yellow roses! My favourite colour!). The children's items were lovely, and I truly appreciated the humour in the video. The artwork by the students now hangs in pride of place in my study. And, yes, I will continue to use my study, as my life-long learning is not over yet!

To the parents of students I have taught during the last 14 years, what a fabulous job I have had! I have loved working alongside of you and teaching your children. Look after your families and hold them dear (even when they are driving you nuts!), for they are the most important part of our lives. I wish you all the good things that the future can bring.

Lynn Bonython

2019 MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGE

At the Governing Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th October the Materials and Services Charge for 2019 was approved as a prescribed sum of \$300.

To recover the full amount of \$300 as a legally recoverable amount the school has to poll the community. A letter and voting slip was posted on Wednesday 31st October to all families who will have students at the school next year.

Governing Council would like all families to vote in this poll to accept their proposal of \$300 being the legally recoverable amount for 2019.

Voting closes on Friday 16th November. Voting slips can be dropped at the Front Office or posted back to the school C/- PO Echunga 5153.

SCHOOL NEWS

PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

Smart, thoughtful, generous, fair, kind, caring,
funny helpful, *cheerful*, *creative*, friendly,
respectful...

I wonder if you can guess what these words have been used by our students to describe?
Our teachers!!

World Teacher's Day was celebrated this year in Australia on October 26th. This special day was established by UNESCO in 1994 to acknowledge the important role of teachers in building a better future for the world's children and celebrate the ways that teachers change lives *everyday*.

I believe that the relationship between parents/carers and teachers is a partnership, demonstrating commitment to each child's wellbeing and lifelong learning. The teachers here at Echunga Primary School display genuine care for their students and truly want and work towards what is best for every individual. That is something worth celebrating!!!

Here are two of my favourite quotes about teachers to share with you this World Teachers' Day!



** Also, a big thanks to those families who donated items for our Operation Christmas-Child shoeboxes. We have 5 shoeboxes ready to send off!!

SCHOOL NEWS

Flag Ceremony

Today we held a ceremony for our first hoist of our new flags. Our new flagpoles are located on the asphalt and showcase both our Australian and Aboriginal Flag. We had Aboriginal Artist/Performer David Booth open our ceremony and play the didgeridoo whilst the flags were being hoisted. David also provided students with information about the Aboriginal flag, as well as playing some music and rhythm games.

We thank David for his contribution to our ceremony and Tabitha, Alice, Ada and Brianna for showing great respect and composure in hoisting the flags. We look forward to seeing the flags proudly flying every day.



SCHOOL NEWS

ROSELLA NEWS

Today we did our learning outside. We read books and ate recess and lunch outside. We made data with nature, first with Kayla and then by our self. We went all around the school with kingfisher on a hunt to find fuzzy and soft stuff, and loud and quiet stuff. I found bark and sand. My favourite part was finding the fuzzy stuff. – Charles



Today I did learning outside. We did our sounds and wrote words with nature and chalk. We had some water play then we played in the sandpit. My favourite was splashing in the water. The best bit was lunch outside. – Tara



This morning I did water play it was good. We did phonics outside and we wrote words. After that we read books and then did some writing. We sat under the tree. – Bailey

Today we had to do our all of our learning outside. We had to find nature and make a picture. We did a good. We read books on a toadstool. After we did that we had fruit and then we did writing. – Angus BM



In Outdoor Classroom Day at lunch we did water play. We did writing words with chalk. My favourite was water play. Also we did nature, we picked up nature and made art with it. We should do it again because it was fun and like the olden days. Cyra



My favourite was doing the water play. I liked writing and nature play. We did reading a book in the morning and we did writing with chalk. – Abbey

Today was outside classroom day. We did everything outside. It was fun. My favourite bit was everything. We read, wrote and even ate outside. – Orbison



Today we did learning outside. The best thing about today was digging and I got saturated. – Brock

In outdoor classroom day we said sounds. We read books. Then we wrote words on the asphalt. We also were hunting for nature, and looking for things hard, soft and that made noises. – Ellyce

Today we did outdoor classroom day. We did some writing outside. We also went with kingfisher for a nature hunt. – Archie



Today we did Outside Learning Today. Today was a sunny day. It was fun. – Kayla

SCHOOL NEWS

FAIRY WREN—WILBUR'S WILDLIFE VISIT



Cameron: I really liked the giant snake - the black headed python! It was 10 (I can write 10). I didn't touch it I just touched the lizards and the sugar glider.

Taylor: I liked all of the animals. I didn't know that some snakes only eat once a month!

Jack: I learnt that sugar gliders climb on trees for the sap.

Amelia: I liked having a feel of the furry, soft hopping mouse.

They live underground and they come out and that's called nocturnal. I touched the snakes and lizards and they felt like mats - the scales were smooth and a bit bumpy.

Eddy: I loved the snakes. They felt so soft. The python lives underground and it makes a hole with its head.

Lachlan: I touched the lizards, a snake, the mouse and the sugar glider. One feels like a carpet, the snake felt like... bumpy.

Oliver: I loved all of the animals. I loved all the snakes because there was a python. It was like carpet when I touched it.



Sophia: I liked the big snake, it was a python. It felt cold. I touched the mouse, it felt soft. I touched the sugar glider too. Sugar gliders like watermelon. I liked the parrot, he was funny because he was squawking "taaalk taaaalk"!



Rhyse: I liked the parrot because it was a rainbow bird. Birds have to have beaks, wings and feathers.

Henry: I liked the snake called the python. It was really big. It was 10 years old. It felt hard and smooth when I touched it.

Alex: I liked touching the sugar glider and patting the snake. It felt like cucumber. The sugar glider felt like a mouse and they like to eat watermelon.

Robyn: I touched all of the animals. The mouse felt soft. I liked the mouse.

Jayden: The really, really, long snake felt so scaly that my hands nearly broke off! The hopping mouse was super fluffy, even fluffier than the sugar glider.

Grace: I liked all the animals and the one I liked most was all the lizards, the rainbow parrot and the big, long snake. The pythons get 50 years old.

Raf: I liked the sleepy lizard when he put it on the ground and it tried to run and hide. It keeps its spare food in its tail. It felt hard, rough and bumpy when I touched it.

SCHOOL NEWS

Chloe: I liked the hopping mouse. It was fluffy. I touched the sugar glider, it was soft. They eat apple and pear and strawberries. The sugar glider climbed on his back and it was being cheeky. The sleepy lizard was funny because it went crawling back to him all the time.

Alice: I really liked that one that was really soft and the stick insect. I loved Cale the presenter. The animals sleep and they poo and they like to crawl on trees.



LORIKEET NEWS

The Lorikeet Class made pizzas on Wednesday as a part of our maths investigations.



SCHOOL NEWS



Fin eating leftovers and waiting patiently for his pizza



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Important Information for all OSHC families

2019 Enrolments and Bookings

Bookings for Before and After School Care 2019 are now open and to enrol into Echunga OSHC all current and new families **MUST complete a new enrolment form** (Compliance Written Agreement), Medical form, "All about my child" form, and the 2019 booking form.

School age families will have until December 8th (Friday week 8) to confirm all their bookings for 2019.

If we do not receive your enrolment forms by the due date (December 8th), you may miss out on a space for 2019.

As we are a licenced School Age Care Service, children attending school will have priority over children attending preschool. If there are any spaces left after the end of week 8 then preschool children may be offered a space for next year, however we cannot guarantee a space. All preschool children must be 4 years old to attend, and we are limited to 4 preschool children attending at any one time.

Also when your child turns 13 your Child Care Subsidy will cease. If your child is in year 6 or 7 and has turned 13, they still may attend until the end of year 7 (in Primary school), however you will be charged the full fee.

All new families enrolling into our service will need to make an appointment for an enrolment session with the Director. You will also need to login to MyGov - www.my.gov.au/loginservices and apply for Child Care Subsidy (CCS). We must follow the Government's Priority of Access and families must complete the income and work activity test on MyGov, regardless of if you will get the subsidy or not. Once enrolled in OSHC you will get a notification from MyGov and you will need to log back into to MyGov and confirm your enrolment. Also after 8 weeks of not attending your enrolment will cease and you will need to log back into MyGov and confirm the enrolment once more. For CCS purposes all bookings will be deemed as casual.

After School Sports Practice and Activities in 2019

For children attending afterschool sports practice and games in 2019 families must make their own arrangements to have a responsible adult pick up their child to take them to their sport activity and bring them back to OSHC. Due to changes in the regulations, staff will no longer be able to walk children over to their sport, and staff will no longer be able to let children go by themselves. Children must be signed in and out and be supervised by the responsible adult.

December 2018/January 2019 Holiday Program

This will be out very soon. So you will be able to plan your holidays accordingly here are our operating dates.

M	T	W	T	F		
17	18	19	20	21	December	Open
24	25	26	27	28	December	Closed
31	1	2	3	4	January	Closed
7	8	9	10	11	January	Closed
14	15	16	17	18	January	Open
21	22	23	24	25	January	Open

COMMUNITY NEWS

ECHUNGA CRICKET CLUB

The Echunga Cricket Club would like to invite past and new players to our U12's team. Trainings will be at the cricket nets near the Echunga Oval, Thursday nights 4pm-5pm. Games will be played on Friday nights @ 5-30pm. For further details please contact Tim 0412 813 256 or Sandro 0417 842 485.

ECHUNGA TENNIS CLUB

Echunga Tennis Club needs your help to find one or two boys willing to join our Division 8 tennis team. Division 8 would suit beginner or intermediate level players who would enjoy the social and fun atmosphere of the tennis club. Training is Tuesday afternoon at 4:30, where our club coach Tony Rehn supports the kids with quality instruction pitched to their stage of development. Matches are at either 8:30 or 10:30 Saturday mornings, and our community of families is always willing to help out with transport if you need it. If your son is interested in getting involved (or your daughter – we have girls teams too!), please contact Junior Coordinator Ben Tobin on 0423 654 870.

NOVEMBER 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 or contact Rev Matthew Carratt on 0438 856 167.

COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Sunday November 11th. 10:15am for a 10:30am start at the Echunga Garden of Remembrance. Running of the service will be shared by the church and Echunga RSL to commemorate 100 years since the Armistice which ended the First World War.

BYO food and chairs for lunch back in the church gardens to follow the service. No service held at the church.

ECHUNGA & MEADOWS YOUTH EVENTS - AGES 11-18

* Spring Quiz Night - Friday 9th 6:30pm-9:30pm, \$2. A night of games and challenges - mental and physical

* Rock Climbing - Friday 23rd 6:30-9:30pm, \$10

RSVP to <https://meadowsunitingchurch.wixsite.com/meadowsunitingchurch/events>

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MEETING PLACES: Echunga Uniting Church or Meadows Uniting Church

Follow us at facebook.com/hillsyouthgroup

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)

Thursday 15th, 9:30-11:30am

Guest speaker Lorraine Zaharuiko shares her inspiring journey

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

COFFEE MORNINGS @ ECHUNGA GENERAL STORE

Ladies Coffee - Friday Nov 2nd, Mon Dec 3 10:00am

Men's Coffee - Wednesday Nov 21st 9:30am

ECHUNGA UNITING CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

Saturday 24th November

5pm—6pm start

BUSH STREET PARTY

64 Pocock Rd Jupiter Creek

Your St
My St

★ Live Country Music

★ Bouncy Castle for the kids

Bring your own table, chairs, food & drinks
BBQs and Tea & Coffee provided

Invite Your Friends and don't forget your hat and boots