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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 4 Term 1, 23rd February, 2018

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DIARY DATES

Pupil Free Days 2018

- Mon 26 Feb
- Fri 29 June
- Fri 21 Sept

Assemblies 2018 at 2:30pm

- Mon 5 March
- Mon 26 March

Tues 27/2 Crows Visit

Mon 5/3-Fri 9/3 Water Safety Program R-5

Mon 12/3 Public Holiday

Tues 15/3 Patch Theatre Excursion Preschool

Fri 23/3 Sports Day

Tues 27/3-Wed 28/3 Aquatics at Port Noarlunga Yr 6-7

Fri 30/3 Good Friday

Sat 31/3 Bunnings BBQ—Volunteers needed

Mon 2/4 Easter Monday

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a busy couple of weeks we have had!

We have started our Spanish lessons with Maggie & Anna from the Open Access College. Anna is working with Rosella & Kingfisher on Fridays & Maggie is working with Ibis & Lorikeet on Wednesdays. They have come in and run 2 face to face classes and we will, hopefully, start with the online classes this week.

Last week we enjoyed a visit from some of the Crows staff who ran one of their Growing with Gratitude presentations. They talked about how important it is to be positive about our efforts and to give things a go. All of our students were respectful and responded well to the presentation. They came up with some great responses to the questions about how we can be positive and support others around us.

We will be having a visit from some of the Crows players on Tuesday 27th February so if any of our students would like to get some autographs they are welcome to bring in something they would like signed. We also have some posters left from last week that they could use for signatures too.

We also had a visit from Tom & Judith from the Art Gallery. They worked with all classes last Wednesday. See a report from Georgie later in the newsletter.

It was great to see so many parents at our Acquaintance Night last Thursday evening. We really appreciate you making the time to listen to our teachers tell you about their philosophies, beliefs and their plans for teaching your children. Hopefully, you came away better informed than when you arrived. Thank you to all of our teachers for their efforts in the planning of their presentations and sharing their passion and plans for the year.

Immediately following our Acquaintance Night we held our Governing Council AGM. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be members of our Governing Council for 2018. We haven't yet filled all executive positions as we had a few apologies but we will at the next meeting on 20th March. Our representatives for 2018 are Michelle Bernhardt, Leanne Vears, Sophia Tragellis (Treasurer), Ben Beviss (Chairperson), Roger Tinning, Jo Rosenthal, Jade Hamilton, Leisha Grant, Glen Wandless and Cassie Healy. I will also be on Governing Council along with a staff member. Thank you for volunteering to represent parents to make our school a better place for our students.

The rest of the term is looking just as busy as the start! On Monday we have a student free day as all of our staff will be at a Visible Learning workshop along with staff from all of the other schools in our Heysen Partnership. The focus for this workshop will be on effective feedback that makes learning visible. More information will be communicated with parents in future newsletters and a parent information session.

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SCHOOL NEWS

GROWING WITH GRATITUDE

Last Tuesday we had a visit from the Growing With Gratitude team from the Adelaide Crows. The program promotes gratitude, kindness, mindfulness, optimism, empathy, resilience and happiness. Our students had fun and learned the importance of focusing on the positives not the negatives, acknowledge effort and having a go.



SCHOOL NEWS

GROWTH MINDSET IN ROSELLA

Over the past 2 weeks in Rosella, we have begun to introduce and talk about our Growth Mindset, and how we can stretch our thinking and our learning.

Our Growth Mindset is how we think and feel towards our learning and life.

In the words of the Rosella students:

- * *Our Growth Mindset helps people learn by keeping on trying (Cyra)*
- * *Our Growth Mindset makes us practise and helps us learn (Lucy)*
- * *Growth Mindset is about thinking about good things and it makes you happy (Brock)*
- * *Growth Mindset means we don't give up and try our best (Charles)*
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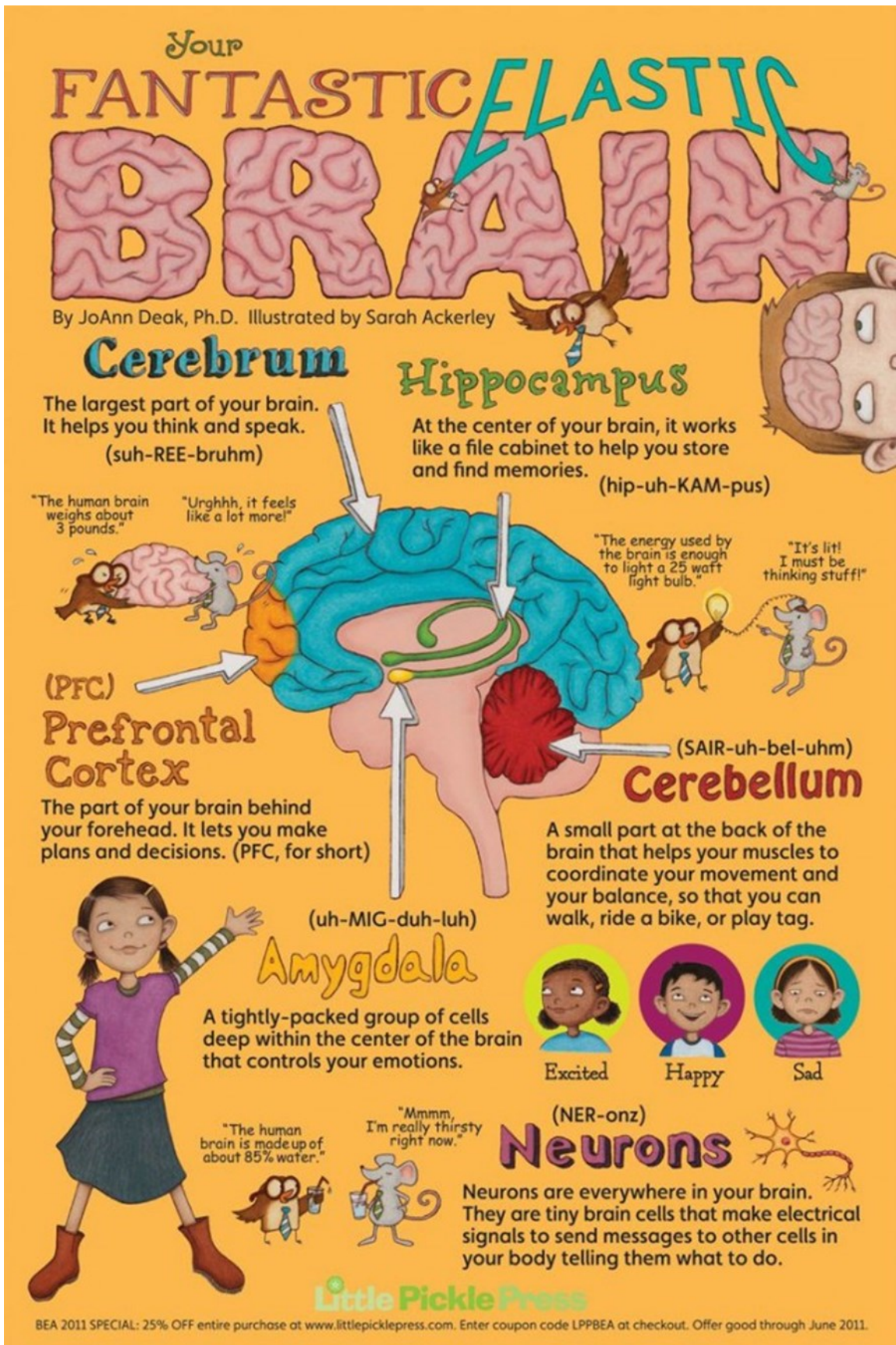
We spent some time looking at our brain and how our brains work.

- * *If we learn new things our brain will grow (Angus R)*
- * *When we make mistakes our brain grows (Hayley)*
- * *We ask questions because then we know what to do (Aaliya)*
- * *We need to try new things (Ellyce)*
- * *Using our Growth Mindset helps our brain to stretch (Jackson)*

DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET

INSTEAD OF...	SAY THIS...
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

Below is a picture from the book 'Your Fantastic Elastic Brain' that shows the different parts of our brain. We had some deep conversations about how our movement, thinking and speaking, memory, emotions and logical thinking all affect and impact our learning which is why Growth Mindset is so important.

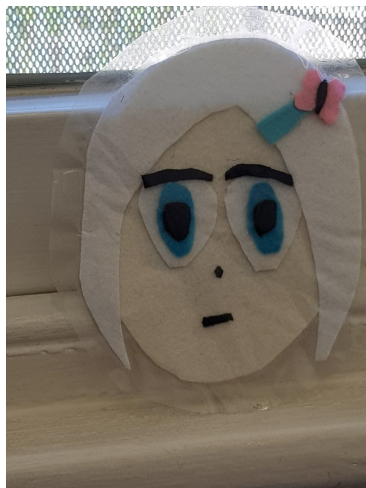


SCHOOL NEWS

ART OUTREACH PROGRAM



On Wednesday the 21st of February we were lucky enough to have some guests come and visit us from the Art Gallery of South Australia as part of a new schools outreach program. We learned about a wonderful artwork called "Every face has a story, every story has a face", by Indigenous artists Kulila. We all got to make our own creative self portraits out of felt. We had a lot of fun and made some very interesting artworks.



SCHOOL NEWS

PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

I wonder if you're a 'New Years' Resolutions' kind of person. I'm not normally, but I did see this and kind of loved it, especially the bit about camping.

HOW TO MAKE 2018 RAD!

Go Camping Or Caravanning More!

Stop Doing Things You Hate

Be A Kid + Play With Kids

Hang With Awesome Peeps

Walk Barefoot

Reconnect

Be Fabulously Brave

Go Camping Or Caravanning More!

Love Harder + Love Louder

Be Kinder To Yourself

Be A Nice Human

Laugh Every Single Day



Admittedly, its usually me who baulks at packing up the car and kids and heading off to a different location to unpack... and then pack up again, (and admittedly, this is a promo from a caravanning website), BUT when we do head off into the outdoors we all really love and benefit from it. Being in nature – no electronics to distract us, reconnecting, playing, laughing, relaxing, walking barefoot... and sleeping so much better - helps us refocus on what really matters! And I think we all become so much nicer to each other & ourselves too! So as far as resolutions go, this is a good one for us. Let me know if you have any goals for 2018 for yourself or your family – or even if you have any tips on camping!!

On another note, I thought I'd recap my role, days and times for those families who are new to Echunga PS. My focus is on connecting with and supporting students, staff and families around wellbeing. I am at the school from 9.00 – 2.30 on Tuesdays and 9.30 – 2 on Fridays. I can be contacted through the office or email karen.prenzler192@schools.sa.edu.au. And I am **always** up for a chat!

PS I'm hoping to get a coffee and chat morning up and running on a Tuesday in the near future, so stay tuned!

Have a great week, Karen

SCHOOL NEWS

TREES ON CREEK LINE

Rob Kelman, the Groundsman, recently undertook the exercise of removing all the feral trees from the School's creek line which was quite a big job.

He has been growing local native plants for remedial work along the same creek line which hopefully the children will be able to plant in winter.

Below are before and after photos of some of the trees.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Premier's Reading Challenge has been launched for 2018.

The challenge is to read 12 books by 7th September. At Echunga Primary we aim to have 100% participation.

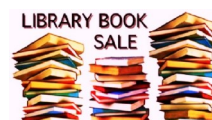
Student reading records will be sent home this week, full details are on the reverse of the sheet.

The Book Worm cake will be awarded to the class who finishes first.

BOOK SALE

We have a 50 cent book sale in the Library corridor following a recent cull of our Non Fiction books. All welcome to come and look to see if any books are of interest.

Please see Marina in the Library if you or your children wish to buy a book.



COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY CONNECTION POINTS

Echunga Uniting Church offer connections points for all ages for the Echunga community. All groups will meet at Wandeen (next to the church building) unless otherwise specified. Visit our website for further details - echunga.ucasa.org.au or contact Rev Matthew Carratt on 0438 856 167.

TONIGHT (Feb 23)! - ROCKY CREEK HIKE - ECHUNGA & MEADOWS YOUTH

Bring \$2 and your friends for a hike around Rocky Creek. All Year 6-12's welcome.

We will be celebrating at the end too with a sausage sizzle to finish!

Check out our website www.echunga.ucasa.org.au

Follow us on Instagram @echunga_meadows_youth

Contact us: Bec Hughes (Youth Worker): 0416 076 085

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

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)

9:30-11:30am next Thursday March 1st

Hear from local florist Vanessa Mallet

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

LADIES COFFEE MORNING

Friday March 2nd 10:00am @ Echunga General Store. All welcome.



TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER EXPERIENCE FRANCE AT HOME HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

In June each year, students aged 15-16 years from France will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 12 weeks. Opportunities are available to become a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice your French, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance, a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your extended family and friends will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, we would love to hear from you...

For further details, please contact Jenny Hanson (SPANZ SA Placement Co-ordinator)
Ph: 08 8323 0973 / Mob: 0409 890 184 / Email: info@studentplacement.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Beginner Piano Lessons in Mylor

Now taking new students in piano, and also tutoring in music theory and history (great for exam preparation) from my home studio in Stock Road, Mylor.

Experienced performer and teacher. Elder Conservatorium graduate (Bachelor of Music (Performance) (piano and voice); Graduate Diploma in Education (Classroom Music Specialist) (Uni of Qld).

Clearances and Screenings: AFP National Police Certificate; DCSI Child-Related Employment Screening; DCSI Disability Services Employment Screening.

RATES: 30 minute lessons

Casual rate \$30 per lesson

5 lesson bulk buy \$135

10 lesson bulk buy \$250



Please contact: Ilona Schultz-Johnson

Mob: 0439 080 968

FB: www.facebook.com/ilonateachesmusic



ATTENTION

**ECHUNGA FOOTBALL CLUB
JUNIOR / MODIFIED
REGISTRATION NIGHT**

CHANGE OF DATE

Wednesday 28th February from 5.30pm

The Night Will Include:

- A quick training session for all players
- Assistance to register on line (*all Moddies must register this year)
- Mt Barker Dental providing mouthguard fitting
- Available to pre order shorts, socks & training singlets
- Sausage sizzle available

All New Players & Families Welcome!

For further details please contact our Junior Director:

Mark Fitzgerald

EFC Junior Director

0421 883 395 or efcjuniodirector2@gmail.com

ECHUNGA NETBALL CLUB

The first sessions of Net Set Go will be held on Sunday 10th March at 10am and the last session will be the 3rd June. Full cost is \$60.



For further details please email Carolyn Downing caz_710@hotmail.com or phone 0404898471(ah).

PADDINGTON 2

SENSORY FRIENDLY SESSION

for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or similar & their families/carers.



**Sunday 11th March
2018 at 10am
MT BARKER
CINEMA'S**

**\$10 for Adults and
\$8.50 for Children**
The session will be closed to the general public.