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Week 4, Term 2, 25th May, 2018

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REMINDER

Tuesday 12th June is a Pupil Free Day for the School and Preschool. Speak to Jodie if you require OSHC.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy couple of weeks here at Echunga Primary School.

Special Persons' Day & Biggest Morning Tea

What a wonderful start to the week! It was great to see so many people come to spend some time in the classroom with our students. There were so many different activities and it was fantastic to see such engagement and interaction between adults and children.

Thank you to all of our special visitors for coming and to our teachers for making the morning such an enjoyable occasion. A special thanks to Kayla Richardson for organising the Biggest Morning Tea in aid of the Cancer Council. We raised \$226 – not a bad effort for a little school!



DIARY DATES

Pupil Free Days 2018

- Tues 12 June
- Fri 29 June
- Fri 21 Sept

Assemblies 2018 at 2:30pm

- Mon 4 June
- Mon 25 June

Orienteering

- Thurs 31 May

Mon 4/6—Healthy Harold
Life Education Visit to
Preschool

Mon 4/6-Fri 8/6 Art Expo
Week

Mon 11/6—Public Holiday

Tues 19/6—7:00pm
Governing Council Meeting

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

SCHOOL NEWS

National Simultaneous Story Time

On Wednesday all of the classes participated in the National Simultaneous Story Time. Teena read the picture book "Hickory, Dickory, Dash" to the students. The junior primary in particular really engaged with the story and found it very amusing – and one even complimented Teena on reading with such good expression! Students then worked in cross-age groups to create their own grandfather clock. We saw some great examples of teamwork and our learner dispositions of **Optimistic** and **Problem Solver**. Thanks Teena for organising the afternoon and all staff and parents/carers for helping out.



NAPLAN

All Year 3, 5 & 7 students participated in the NAPLAN assessments in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions & Numeracy last week. It was the first time we have done these tests online and we were happy that they all went well. Our students showed bravery and resilience as they tackled some challenging questions.

Car Park - Safety

Several parents have mentioned that some people picking children up at the end of the day are driving through the car park at speed that is dangerous to our young people. Please be considerate of others and drive slowly through the carpark. Please also talk to your children about using the crossing in the car park.

Parent Complaints

Just a reminder that there is a process for dealing with complaints or concerns. Please find attached to this newsletter's email the "Raising a complaint with DECD" brochure and our Parent Complaint Brochure.

Echunga Primary School Visual Art Showcase

In week 6 of this term Echunga Primary School will be hosting a Visual Art Showcase in the Alluvial Hall. The showcase will include a wide range of interesting, beautiful and creative artworks made by all the EPS students. We invite families, parents, grandparents, friends and community members to come and enjoy the wonderful work that will be on display. The hall will be open in week 6, each afternoon from 3.20pm (after school) till 4.30pm. We cannot wait to show you what we have been doing.



SHOUT OUT

We are in need of some old newspapers to restock our Art room supply.

If you have any newspapers that are surplus to your requirements please leave them in the box in the front office.

Many thanks.

Georgie



SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thanks to the book loving community of Echunga we have had a very successful fair resulting in over \$400 worth of books the Library will receive for all students to enjoy.

Many thanks to Sue Cranwell for helping set up the fair and Jo Hayhurst and Megan Allen for helping with book sales.

Liam W, Ada and Bennett were the lucky raffle winners!

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the challenge: Aaliya (Rosella); Alex, Caleb, Archer, Charlie, Levi, Ruby (Kingfisher); Dakoda (Ibis) and Liam D (Lorikeet).

GOLF

In recent weeks, all of Lorikeet were invited to the Echunga Golf Club to participate in the Barker/Hills schools golf SAPSASA trials. What a great day we had at the Echunga Golf Club, everyone performed extremely well.

Liam W and Jacob T won the putting competition both receiving a ball for their efforts. It would appear we might have some hidden talent at the school with five of the class given the opportunity to trial further for a SAPSASA position. A big thank you to the class for their conduct throughout the day and the parents who came and supported Lorikeet at the club. One parent even displayed their prowess on the course.

Steve



Important Information for all OSHC families

Child Care Subsidy

On July 2nd the Australian Government is introducing a new Child Care Package for all Children's services across Australia, as mentioned in previous newsletters. The Child Care Subsidy will replace the current Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebates.

All families who wish to use OSHC from July 2nd (Week 10 this term) onwards will need to apply for and be assessed against the new requirements of the Child Care Subsidy.

Child Care Subsidy – What do I need to do right now?

In order to be assessed for the new Child Care Subsidy and to enter into Compliance written agreements with the Government to use our service you will need to be registered to use MyGov. All current families and families wishing to use OSHC in the future **MUST** register with MyGov and be linked to Centrelink/Human Services as a first step. All agreements/contracts to use OSHC will be through MyGov.

If you do not register with MyGov and complete the assessment you will not be able to use our OSHC.

As we get closer to transitioning to the new system I will pass on new information as we receive it.

OSHC fees up to July 2nd

All current OSHC fees (up to and including week 8 term 2) will need to be paid in full by July 2nd (Monday week 10).

Week 9 of Term 2 will be invoiced after the 2nd of July (during week 10) and families will have two weeks to pay their fees in full. Families who have not paid their fees will not be able to use OSHC until their invoice is paid in full.

Accounts and Invoices Software (Kids Wizz)

This week we have had to make the decision to change software providers, as due to various reasons our current and much loved software will not be ready in time for the Government's new Child Care Subsidy Package. We do hope to go back to our current software provider in September. All our Data will be migrated over to the new system next week. As with all things new there may be some bumps along the way. One of them being we will not be able to access our stored data – bookings, enrolments, invoices etc until everything has migrated over. Jodie has printed the attendance sheets for the rest of the year and has a copy of everyone's block bookings and enrolment information.

Accounts will be sent out today and any payments that have reached our bank account will be reconciled today.

Vacation Care July

We are in the middle of planning our July Holidays so if you have any fun activities that you would like to share with us, please feel free to drop in to OSHC and tell us about your ideas.

So far we are booked in to see a play at the Stirling Theatre – Peter Pan on Thursday 12th July and we are going to the movies to see The Incredibles (PG). As suggested by our children we will be having an OSHC-A-VISION Singing contest, making edible slime, sewing and decorating denim bag totes, and making a beaded hanging wind chime, so far.



Preschool children may only book in on their regular Preschool Day. Please remember that whilst preschool children may attend Vacation Care we are a school age service, and school age children have priority. As we are a single staffed school age service and we are not fenced in, some Preschool children may be better suited to a Long Day care setting instead.

COMMUNITY NEWS



COMMUNITY CONNECTION POINTS

As well as a 10:00am Sunday worship service, Echunga Uniting Church offer connections points for all ages in the Echunga community. All groups meet in 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.

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS) - BUNNINGS OUTING

Thursday May 31st. Meet at the Bunnings entrance 9:30am

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

ECHUNGA & MEADOWS YOUTH - BONFIRE AND GAMES NIGHT

Friday June 1st, 6:30-9:00pm

Come and warm yourselves around the fire, join in a night of fun, games and toast some marshmallows. Bring \$5 and water bottle. Remember to wear your warm clothes. Supper provided.

RSVP by WEDNESDAY to Bec Hughes (Youth Worker): 0416076085

MEETING PLACES: Echunga Uniting Church OR Meadows Uniting Church

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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

COFFEE MORNINGS @ ECHUNGA GENERAL STORE

Ladies - Tuesday June 1st 10:00am. All welcome.

Men - Wednesday June 20th 9:30am. All welcome.