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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 6 Term 1, 9th March, 2018

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DIARY DATES

Pupil Free Days 2018

- Fri 29 June
- Fri 21 Sept

Assemblies 2018 at 2:30pm

- Mon 19 March
- Mon 9 April

Mon 12/3 Public Holiday

Tues 13/3 Patch Theatre
Excursion Preschool

Fri 16/3 Visit from Port Adelaide
Football Club

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

Fri 13/4 End of Term 1
2:20 Early dismissal

Mon 30/4 First Day of Term 2

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student Free Day - Visible Learning

Last week all of our teachers and student support SSOs attended a Visible Learning workshop based on feedback with other schools in the Heysen Partnership.

Hattie found that feedback is one of the top ten most effective strategies to improve student learning. To be effective it needs to be clear, timely, specific and be able to be acted upon. Feedback is a multi-directional process and can be teacher to student, student to student and student to teacher.

"When teachers seek, or at least are open to, feedback from students as to what students know, what they understand, where they make errors, when they have misconceptions, when they are not engaged – then teaching and learning can be synchronized and powerful. Feedback to teachers helps make learning visible."

John Hattie, 2009.

Feedback is only effective if it encourages self-reflection and can be used to move students forward in their learning and help them to answer the questions, "Where am I going?", "How am I going?", and "Where to next?"

Feedback is closely connected to the use of Learning Intentions and Success Criteria, which was mentioned in a previous newsletter. As well as undertaking professional learning on feedback staff will continue to work on improving their use of learning intentions and success criteria with their students.

There is a vast difference between feedback and praise. In fact, researcher Carol Dweck has found that praising students' intelligence can hinder learning and reinforce a fixed mindset. This [article](#) from Kids Matter gives some ideas of praise and "effective praise" (feedback).

Food for thought!

Pam

Dispositions

Developing powerful and effective learner dispositions is important for our students to be successful in their learning.

Students and staff have decided on five learner dispositions for our school:

I am Optimistic
I am Reflective
I am Brave
I am Creative
I am a Problem Solver

There will be more information about these dispositions in further newsletters and classroom communications. For the rest of this term we will be focusing on "I am Optimistic".

SCHOOL NEWS

Crows Visit

Last week we were lucky to have some members of the Adelaide Crows Football Club visit our school. We welcomed Bryce Gibbs, Mitch McGovern, Tom Doedee, Myles Pohlke & Lachlan Murphy.

They were in great demand to autograph posters and guernseys! They also talked to the children about some of the dispositions they need to use to be successful. They spoke about the importance of being resilient when they moved away from home and friends, when injured and after the death of their coach, Phil Walsh. Persistence was also a theme as they told the children about their backgrounds and how they got to be part of the Crows team. Another message was to ask questions if you are unsure to make sure that you keep on learning and improving and to recognise and always be grateful for opportunities.

Just to keep the balance, next week we will be welcoming some players from the Port Adelaide Football Club.



Volunteers

We welcome volunteers to help in a variety of ways. If you already volunteer in any capacity, thank you for your contribution. Volunteers can make a big difference to our school and our students. If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis you will need a DCSI screening, formerly known as a Police Check. Please let me or Merridee know and we will arrange to send you the relevant information.

Volunteers also need to participate in the Responding to Abuse and Neglect training. This training can be done online or face-to-face. If you wish to do the training online please contact us and we can send you the relevant instructions for accessing the training.

SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that all school fees must be paid up by the end of Term 1 unless you are paying by instalments or have applied for School Card.

It is not too late to apply for School Card or set up a Direct Debit from your bank account or credit card. Payments can be made weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Please speak to Merridee if you would like a form or more information.

Clean Up Schools Day



After Clean Up Schools Day on Friday, we have decided to focus on reducing our landfill at school. We are encouraging Nude Food lunch boxes.

It isn't a 'you must do this' but we will be encouraging it in classes and as a school.

Wipe Out Waste is a great website where you can find out more information about Nude Food and some tips on managing nude food in school lunch boxes. – Kayla



Wipe out Waste

We can reduce waste by packing Nude Food.

Pack

- ✓ Snacks in reusable containers
- ✓ Drinks in a reusable bottle
- ✓ Reusable utensils when needed
- ✓ A reusable lunchbox or backpack



Avoid

- ✗ Food packed in plastic bags, cling film or foil
- ✗ Single-use drink boxes, cans, cartons and bottles
- ✗ Single-use forks and spoons
- ✗ Pre-packaged or single serve food items

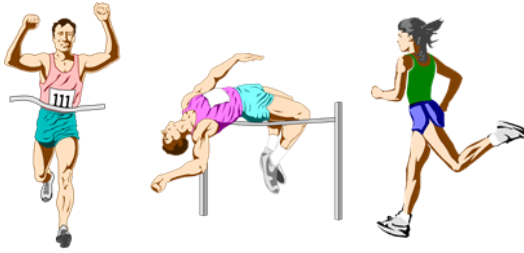
Our family will pack Nude Food on _____



For more Nude Food ideas go to www.wow.sa.gov.au







Sports Day 2018

Friday 23rd of March (week 8)

Students will need;

- * A sun-safe hat (not a cap!)
- * A sun-safe top in your house colour.
 - * A water bottle
 - * Sunscreen
- * Shoes that stay on your feet when you're running.
- * Plenty of team spirit, a 'have a go' attitude, excellent manners and outstanding getting along skills.

This year we will be doing shared food platters...



We are asking all students to bring in a piece of fruit to be cut up to create shared fruit platters and a large plate for a shared lunch with all families. If you do not wish to be involved in the shared lunch you are welcome to pack your own lunch. Make sure you label your dish/bowl/plate so it can be returned at the end of the day!!!

A formal note will be coming home soon,
Kayla and Rowan

SCHOOL NEWS

WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

The Reception to Year 5 students all enjoyed the Water Safety Program held at the Mount Barker Pool this week. The weather was a bit cool at the beginning of the week but the students were very appreciative of the warmer weather later in the week.



SCHOOL NEWS



ALL BRITISH DAY 2018

I know it feels like it was for ever ago, but I haven't had a chance to send out a thank you to everyone.

So I would like to thank all who were involved in making this day a success. We had so many people in our wonderful school community come together & make this large event run smoothly.

It started from helping find our food source (suppliers) at the cheapest prices we could, for a better profit. Many phone calls were made by several people & I thank you for your time & effort.

We had people driving all around the place for food pick up, people finding & storing everything in the art room ready for the day, cleaning & filling sauce bottles etc.

On the day we had many volunteers and you all did a fantastic job. Thank you to the people who were rostered on & couldn't leave when expected because of the mad rush. I appreciate you staying & helping. Thank you to everyone who turned up **unexpectedly** at the end of the day to help clean up. I was so grateful to see all the extra people helping drag everything back to the school & cleaning/washing everything. This to me was an enormous bonus for all rostered on at that time.

I haven't written any names as you all know who you are!!!

BUNNINGS BBQ

If you weren't able to help for this massive fundraiser please don't feel left out. We have another BIG one coming up at EASTER. If you are going to be home & not going away at Easter, your time is going to be required to help out. Bunnings has been kind enough (with a little influence by a staff member) to offer the busiest day/weekend for [Echunga Primary School](#) to run the BBQ. Now this could raise an enormous amount of money for the school & we would appreciate anyone who is available to put up their hand to help. In the very near future there is going to be another roster floating around the school. Please put your names down to help as we know, first in best dressed. Governing Council have agreed to do around 5 big fundraisers for the year & this is our second fundraiser on the list.

We all know that volunteering your personal time can be a drag sometimes. But I am sure you all agree that when you get there it is a great day out socialising with the community!!! (and helping out our wonderful school).

Cheers
Michelle Bernhardt

SCHOOL NEWS

PASTORAL CARE WORKERS NEWS

Harmony Day is fast approaching. Held on the 21st March, the message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs', highlighting the importance of inclusiveness, community participation, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone who calls Australia home. Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and this year marks the 18th year of Harmony Day in Australia.

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. And we are quite a diverse society! There are about 300 ancestries represented in Australia. Our oldest culture - the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people - constitute 3% of the total Australian population and have more than 60 languages! **Almost half of all Australians** were born overseas or have at least one parent who was (I do! My Dad was born in Germany). Harmony Day is about breaking down barriers, embracing our differences in heritage and traditions and sharing what we have in common – such as a love for our country, our families and friends and a desire to live in peace and harmony with each other, regardless of our backgrounds.

Being multicultural is one of Australia's greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. We can and do learn a lot from each other's cultures and enjoy much of what others bring - especially the food!! Yum!!

There is a website in which you can find out the diversity of your suburb according to the 2016 census (www.sbs.com.au/news/interactive/how-diverse-is-my-suburb) According to this site, Echunga has 21 ancestries, 10 birthplaces and 18 religions represented – an overall low to average diversity in these areas, but in age diversity we rate at a very diverse 79! (In comparison, Prospect has 121 ancestries, 85 birthplaces, 49 religions and 99 ages)

Orange is the colour of Harmony Day as it symbolises communication and conversation. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Our school will be participating in Harmony Day on **TUESDAY 20th MARCH**. In keeping with the colour of Harmony Day, we are encouraging everyone to **wear something orange** and will be **sharing oranges for morning tea**. There will also be activities at lunchtime and more!

I encourage you to talk about Harmony Day at home – what Harmony Day means to you and your family, what it means to 'belong' and how we can play our part. Have a look at the website too!

Karen Prenzler - Pastoral Care Worker



SCHOOL NEWS



URRBRAE

AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

FOR PROSPECTIVE YEAR 8 STUDENTS

TUESDAY MARCH 20TH 2018

2 hour programme (9.30 - 11.30am or 1.00 - 3.00pm or 5.00 - 7.00pm)
includes Application Information,
Farm Tours and School Tours

Students wishing to enrol at Year 8 level in 2019 and their parents are invited to attend.
Parking on the School Oval with access via Gate "C" off Cross Rd.
Proceed to the Gym.

- Urrbrae is a Special Interest School which offers a comprehensive curriculum including Agricultural Studies.
- Selection for enrolment is based on the student's interest in Agriculture, the Environment and Technology
- Application Packages available from March 20th
- Enrolment applications close 5pm Wednesday May 2nd

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MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL



OPEN DAY 2 MAY 2018

9-11am and 5-8pm
Principal's address 9.10am | 5pm | 7.15pm
School tours during opening times

A girls' school | A public school | An unzoned school

OSHC & COMMUNITY NEWS

OSHC NEWS

OSHC Account

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have not been able to access the software that runs the financial side of OSHC. As we do not have access, we cannot send attendances to Canberra, produce accounts or check daily attendances etc. We are working to resolve this. Sorry for any inconvenience this causes to families.

OSHC Awards

OSHC Awards are given to children who are kind, fair and help other children and staff at OSHC.

Week 2: Savannah B

Week 3: Lachlan B

Week 4: Orbi

Week 5: Bailey M

Week 6: Levi W

Vacation Care April

Our program will be out next week. We are still finalizing some details.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

The Blood Service Mobile Blood Donor Centre will be visiting:

Mount Barker

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
35 Hampden Road

Tuesday 3 April	10:30 am – 5:30 pm
Wednesday 4 April	13:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Thursday 5 April	11:00 am – 6:30 pm
Monday 6 April	8:00 am – 2:30 pm

Make an appointment today.

To make an appointment call **13 14 95**
or visit donateblood.com.au



BLUE LIGHT POOL PARTY

At Strathalbyn Swimming Pool

FRIDAY 23RD MARCH 2018
6PM-8PM

FOR AGES 10-16 YEARS

FEATURING
18m Dual Racer Inflatable / DJ ROXY / Games and Prizes

TICKETS \$10
Available to purchase NOW from Strathalbyn Swimming Pool / Pre-purchase is encouraged to avoid missing out / Ticket inclusive of entry, meal and drink

Police supervised lock in event
Parents to drop off and pick up at the door
Doors open at 5.45pm for a safety swim prior to inflatable use

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STRATHALBYN
COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL



COMMUNITY NEWS

TONIGHT (March 9)! - BEACH HOUSE - ECHUNGA & MEADOWS YOUTH

Bring your friends, bathers, towel & \$20.

Come for a night of unlimited waterslides, bumper boats, dodgem cars, carousel, mini golf and arcade games. All Year 6-12's welcome.

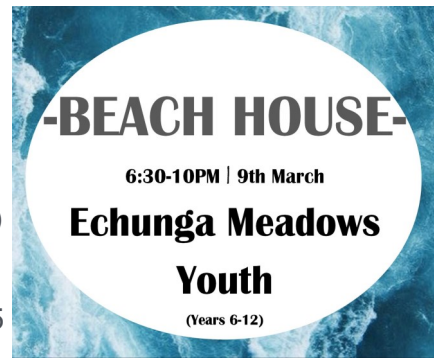
Meeting places:

- Meadows: the back of the Meadows Uniting Church
- Echunga: Wandeen (next to Echunga Uniting Church)

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



MEN'S COFFEE MORNING

9:30am Wednesday March 21st @ Echunga General Store. All welcome.

