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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 6, Term 2, 8th June, 2018

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REMINDER

Tuesday 12th June is a Pupil Free Day for the School and Preschool. OSHC will also be closed.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Can you believe we've passed the halfway mark already this term? It has gone so quickly! They do say time flies when you're having fun 😊

Student Free Day

Next Tuesday teachers will be working with teachers from Meadows and Macclesfield Primary Schools to further develop our knowledge of moderating student assessment tasks. This helps us to have consistency when we are assigning grades for reporting. We will also be working on designing tasks that will ensure we provide ample opportunities for children to demonstrate their learning and to stretch and challenge those who need it.

Our SSOs will attend a half day workshop with Macclesfield Primary School's SSOs to increase their skills and understanding of working with students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Visible Learning

We are continuing to work with our Learner Dispositions of "I am Optimistic" and "I am a Problem Solver".

I am a Problem Solver

- * I try different strategies in my learning
- * I keep on trying when something is challenging
- * I take time to think and come up with new ideas
- * I am curious

I am Optimistic

- * I am open-minded and willing to listen to new ideas
- * I believe that I can make progress and I use my growth mindset to improve my learning
- * I know that I am still learning when I am in the Learning Pit
- * I focus on positive things
- * I am proud when I make progress in my learning

DIARY DATES

Pupil Free Days 2018

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

Assemblies 2018 at

- 2:30pm
- Mon 25 June

Mon 11/6—Public Holiday

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

Fri 6/7—End of Term 2
2:20pm Early dismissal
OSHC closes at 5:30pm

Mon 23/7—Term 3 begins

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

SCHOOL NEWS

How could you, as parents/caregivers, support our focus on these dispositions? It would be great to have that connection between home and school so that children are hearing the same language and the same messages.

We are also continuing our focus on giving effective feedback to students to help them move forward with their learning. This also involves ensuring we are making the learning intentions clear and making sure that children know how to be successful by sharing clear success criteria with them. This means that children know what it is they are learning and know exactly what they need to be able to do to be successful in that learning.

Have a lovely long weekend – stay warm ☺

Pam

Orienteering

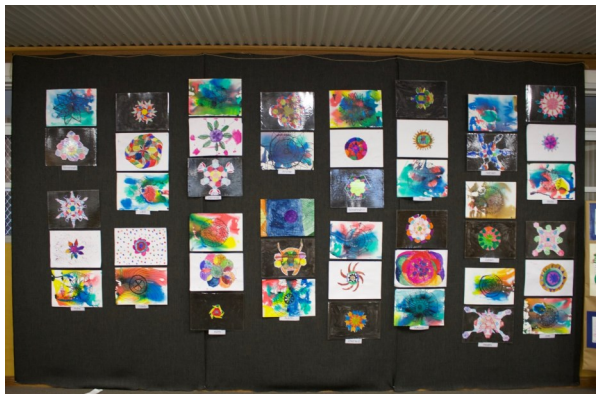
The children from Ibis & Lorikeet had a wonderful morning at Kuitpo Forest last week as part of their orienteering experience. They have learned lots about reading maps and working as a team. Thanks to Kay & Zita, from Orienteering SA, Rowan for organising, Steve and Teena and the parent volunteers who made the experience possible.



SCHOOL NEWS

Art Expo

Have you been in to the Alluvial Hall to see our Art Expo yet? It is definitely worth a visit. The students have learned lots of new skills and have created some great art pieces. It will still be open today after school.



The ADVENTURES of

Fairy Wren *and* Rosella

Week 5's Focus: National Reconciliation Week and Building Relationships
This week's session saw Kayla and the Rosella students share with Fairy Wren some Kurna Language and learning about the Aboriginal Flag. Students then buddied up to work together to create hand-prints for our Reconciliation Aboriginal Flag (which the whole site has been involved in creating) and is on display in the Library. Students then went outside and spent time playing and engaging with their buddy.



Rosella: Sharing our Kurna Learning



Niina Marni

(Neenah Marnee)

Hello/Are
you good?

Used for one person

Naa Marni

(Nah Marnee)

Hello, Are all
of you good

Nakutha

(Nah-kah-ta)

See you
soon

Kuma -1

Purlatityi – 2

Marnkutyi – 3

Yarapurla – 4

This term, Rosella have focused their Humanities and Social Studies learning around Aboriginal Culture. We have utilised our Kurna language to explore connections to country, animals and places. With our next focus looking at special places for Aboriginal Australians and how to care for our special places.

SCHOOL NEWS

Working Bee!

A huge THANKYOU to Michelle Bernhardt for organising a Working Bee to give the school a general tidy up, paint furniture in OSHC and help with installing the latest addition to our Aboriginal Garden.

A major aspect of me requesting a working bee was about securing our latest addition to the Aboriginal Garden. We were lucky enough to have a fire pit donated by the Wandless Family. This is going to be a wonderful addition to our Aboriginal Garden and curriculum. Thank you so much Wandless Family for your kind donation - we look forward to using it.



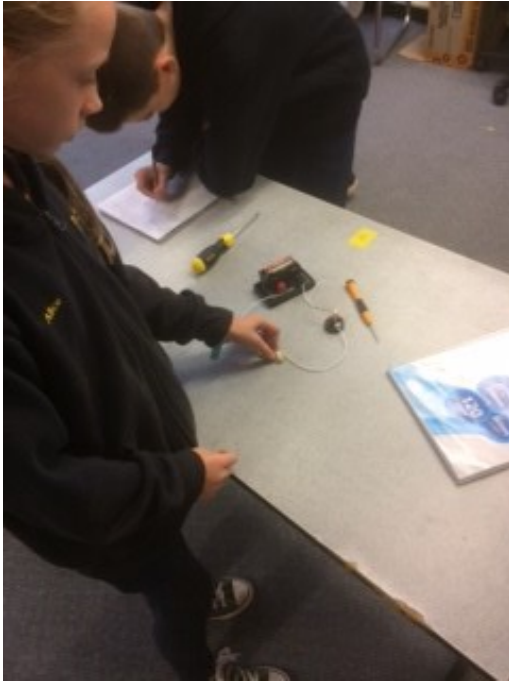
Thank you to these families for your time and effort at the working bee; Tom Mumford, Ben Beviss, Jo Rosenthal, Jed and Carly Rosser, Amelia and Chris Trabilsie, Sophia Tragellis, Michelle and Simon Bernhardt, Matthew Kennedy, Holly Tinning and Jackie Norris. Your efforts are hugely appreciated. We will hopefully have more working bees throughout the year at different times - so we will let you know when the next one will be.

Regards,
Kayla

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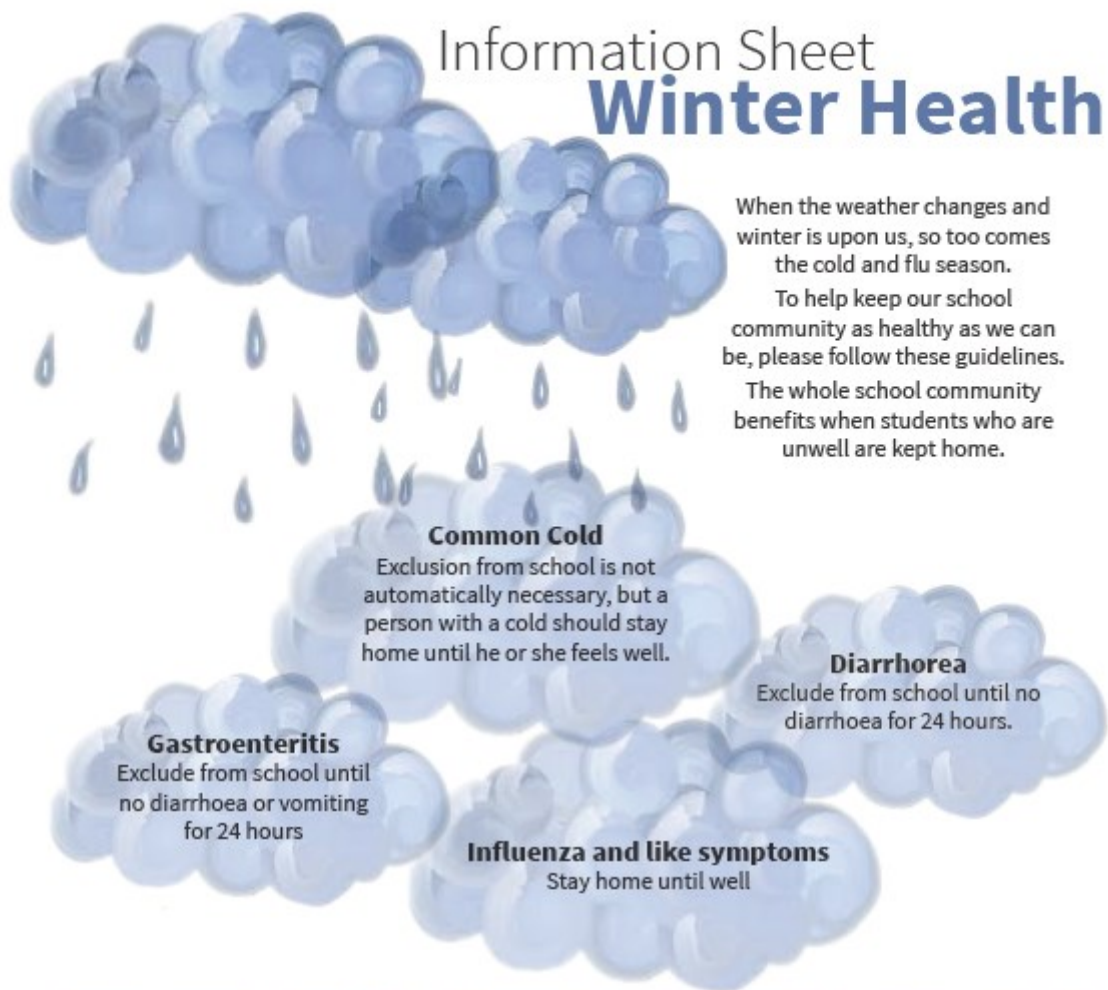
Lorikeet & Electricity

Lorikeet absorbed in their science class. Lorikeet is *currently* exploring the properties of electricity. The pictures show the class making an electrical circuit and adding a switch. This week's lesson has been investigating conductors and insulators.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who recently completed the challenge: Khi (Kingfisher); Maddy D, Savannah H (Ibis); Imogen, Ada and Katelyn (Lorikeet).



PREVENTION

Cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing with a tissue or your arm, not with your hands.

Drop used tissues immediately into a rubbish bin, then wash your hands.

Wash your hands after contact with soiled tissues or with nose and throat discharges.

Annual flu vaccination is recommended for anyone 6 months of age or older who wishes to reduce the likelihood of becoming ill with flu.

Further information can be found at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au and click on 'You've Got What?' tab under 'Popular Links' heading



It's on again!

Echunga's Got Talent

Guidelines

Term 2 is for choosing your act, practicing and working out what you need

All acts must be finalised by the end of Term 2.

You may choose to do an act **by yourself** or **in a group** OR be in **one of each**

Acts must be under 5 minutes long

Performances will begin in lunchtimes Term 3

I can't wait to see the variety of talent we have here at Echunga! Stay tuned for more info. Karen

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY CONNECTION POINTS

Beyond our 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.ucasagroup.au or contact Rev Matthew Carratt on 0438 856 167.

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)

Thursday June 14th, 9:30-11:30am

Local mother of five Di Willsmore sharing on 'Living A Gutsy Life'

Craft: Cake Decorating

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

ECHUNGA & MEADOWS YOUTH - LIVE LIFE LOUD

Friday June 15th, 6:30-10:00pm

A regional youth event bringing together youth from across the Hills to celebrate Jesus. BBQ, worship, guest speaker Dave Shepherd, photo booth and more! Led by young people for young people.

Cost: \$5 for BBQ and soft drink. Venue: HCCS, Verdun

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

MEETING PLACES: Echunga Uniting Church OR Meadows Uniting Church

Follow us at facebook.com/hillsyouthgroup

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

MEN'S COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday June 20th 9:30am @ Echunga General Store. All welcome.



Explore life's biggest questions

ALPHA FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS (AND ANYONE ELSE!)

SUNDAYS 5:00-6:30PM. TEA PROVIDED

LAUNCHES SUNDAY JUNE 17TH WITH 'LIFE: IS THIS IT?'

ECHUNGA UNITING CHURCH. ALL WELCOME

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

Monday 2 July	10:30 am – 5:30 pm
Tuesday 3 July	12:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Wednesday 4 July	12:00 am – 6:30 pm
Thursday 5 July	8:00 am – 2:30 pm

Make an appointment today.

To make an appointment call 13 14 85
or visit donateblood.com.au

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