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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 8, Term 2, 22nd June, 2018

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## REMINDERS

Friday 29th June is a Pupil Free Day for the School  
Assembly changed from Monday 25th June to Monday 2nd July

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope you are all managing to keep warm now that the winter weather has set in.

### Student Free Day

Last Tuesday our teachers worked with teachers from Meadows and Macclesfield Primary Schools to further develop their knowledge of moderating student assessment tasks. This helps us to have consistency when we are assigning grades for reporting. They also worked on designing tasks to give opportunities for success to all students, including those who need challenge and extension. It was a very successful day with lots of engaging and deep conversations about student learning and assessments. Thank you to Jim Goodall, our partnership's Senior Leader in Learning Improvement who coordinated and presented the workshop and to the staff from Meadows and Macclesfield for joining us on the day. It is great to be developing such positive networks for our staff.

Amanda & Marina attended an afternoon workshop on working with students on the ASD spectrum.

### Visible Learning

We are continuing to integrate our EPS Learner Dispositions into our classroom practice. Next term we will introduce the disposition "I am Reflective":

- \* I can set my own goals
- \* I talk about my learning with others
- \* I know where I am in my learning and where I'm going next
- \* I accept feedback and use it to improve my learning
- \* I believe mistakes can help me to learn

## DIARY DATES

Pupil Free Days 2018

- Fri 29 June
- Fri 21 Sept

School/Preschool Closure  
Day for Royal Adelaide  
Show—Mon 3rd September

Assemblies 2018 at 2:30pm

- Mon 2 July
- Mon 6 August
- Mon 27 August
- Mon 17 September

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](http://www.echungaps.sa.edu.au)

# SCHOOL NEWS

## *How you can help at home?*

- ◆ Ask your children about their learning and what dispositions they have been using at school.
- ◆ Use the language of learning when you are doing things together at home
- ◆ If your child becomes stuck in their learning ask them to think of what they would have to do at school if they were in the Learning Pit.
- ◆ Encourage your child's curiosity and asking questions
- ◆ Share your learning with them when you are doing something new, for example trying a new recipe. We need children to know that we are all learners.

## Flags



We have been fortunate to receive a grant for a new flagpole so that we can fly both the Australian flag and the Aboriginal flag. The grant may cover the cost of two new flagpoles so we are considering changing the location of the flagpoles so that they are in a location suitable for events.



## Newsletters

From next term we are going to trial the distribution of newsletters 3 times a term rather than fortnightly. Newsletters will go out in Weeks 3, 6 & 9 – the same weeks as assemblies.

## Pam

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the challenge:

Maddison P, Samantha, Rylan and Mia (Lorikeet); Austin & Cohen (Ibis) and Bethany (Kingfisher).



## LORIKEET MEDIA ART

Some examples of the Lorikeets first go at Media Art and designing eye-catching posters using their own images.



# SCHOOL NEWS

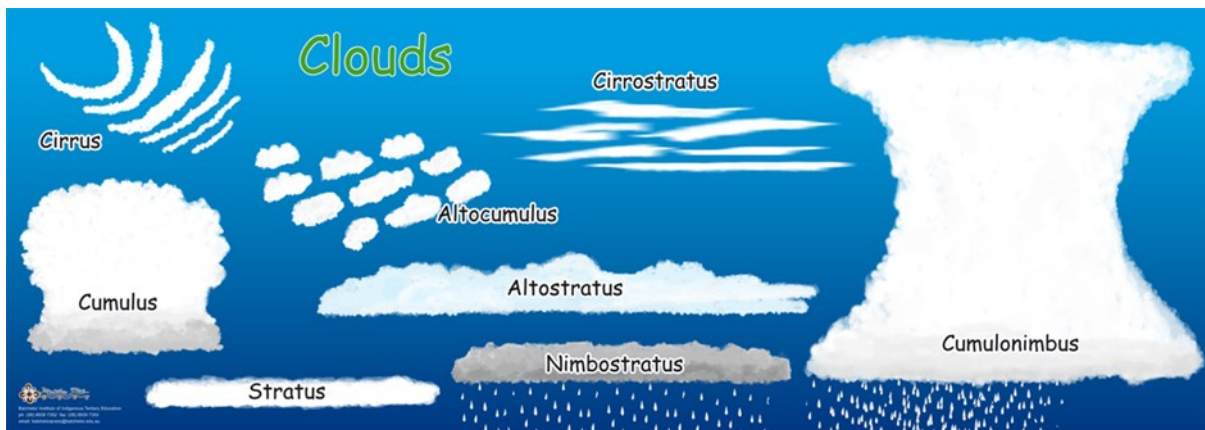
## KINGFISHER SCIENCE

This term in science we have been learning about the Water Cycle and how clouds are formed.

We learned that water comes from rain which is then collected and stored for our use such as drinking, washing etc.

We learned there are 4 main types of clouds which are Stratus, Cumulus, Nimbus and Cirrus.

We conducted an experiment which shows us how rain falls from the clouds. We also learned that the experiment was a procedure and we had to follow the steps. You might like to try the experiment at home.



### Rain Cloud in a Jar

#### You will need:

- ◆ Water
- ◆ Shaving Cream
- ◆ Food colouring
- ◆ Glass Jar
- ◆ Small Plastic Bowl
- ◆ Dropper

#### Method:

- ◆ Start by mixing a couple of drops of food colouring (blue is best) with some water in a small plastic bowl.
- ◆ Next, fill the glass jar with water until it is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  full.
- ◆ Put a large dollop of shaving cream on top of the water. This is the cloud.
- ◆ Wait a few minutes for the shaving cream to settle.
- ◆ Use a dropper to add large drops of the food colouring mixture into the shaving cream.
- ◆ Observe what happens.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS' GOLF EVENT

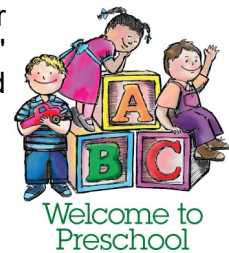


"Having previously qualified in in the modified game of the Golf SA: Primary Schools' Golf Event, Austin Hamilton and Liam Walsh from the Lorikeets competed in the Stage 1 event at Willunga Golf Course on the 14th June. The boys put in a tremendous effort, both finishing within the top 20, with Austin scoring 60 and Liam scoring 72. They only just missed out on making a reserve spot for the Stage 2 Finals. The boys are to be congratulated on their sportsmanship and golf skills. Well done Austin and Liam!"

## PRESCHOOL PLANNING FOR 2019

We would really appreciate your help in letting any family, friends or neighbours know that now is the right time to fill in an "Expression of Interest" form if they have a child who will be 4 years of age by 30th April 2019 and wish to enrol them at Echunga Preschool.

The process is as follows and is from our Parent Handbook on the Echunga Primary School Website.



### Enrolment

The enrolment process starts in the year preceding a child's entry into Preschool and is as follows:

- Families with eligible aged Preschool child/ren for the following year, are asked to fill out an Expression of Interest Form, available from Merridee in the front office (forms can be posted, emailed or collected in person). Eligible children must be 4 years old by April 30th in the year they commence Preschool.
- In August, **Round One** offers are sent to families in the local catchment area with acceptances due by a requested date.
- In September, **Round Two** offers are made for any remaining vacancies to families outside of the catchment area with an acceptance date to confirm a child's place.
- Once an offer has been made, Enrolment forms will need to be completed and signed by the Principal. On enrolment of your child, we need to sight one of the following: birth certificate; passport; or official Centrelink documentation plus your child's immunisation information.

## DEBT COLLECTION



At the Governing Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th June the Debt Collection Policy for 2018 was approved which enables the school to engage the services of Mercantile Credit Management to recover any outstanding school fees.

If you still have an outstanding debt for this year could you please complete payment as soon as possible. If money is not received by the end of this term Final Notices will be issued with the debt collector being engaged for any fees still outstanding after this time.

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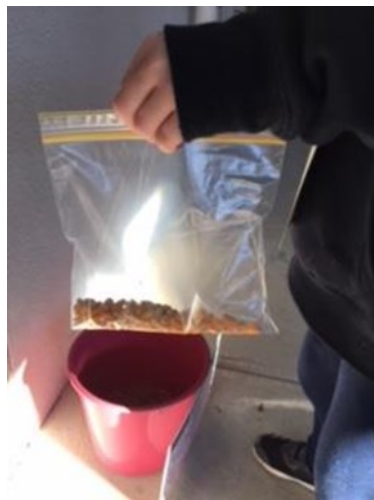
## WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June was World Refugee Day. We were privileged to have Julie from *Australian Lutheran World Service* visit with us and share stories, information and activities to help us understand more about what it means to be a refugee and how we can help.

One of the activities was pretending we had just arrived to the safety of a Refugee Camp. All the students were given an ID and ration card and their allocated rations for the day. This was just a dry biscuit, a tortilla with creamed corn and some water. Students also had to collect their dried corn for the week and construct some objects from basic materials.

It was certainly an insightful day – and perhaps one tinged with sadness and compassion for the lives of people who have had to flee their homes and seek shelter and safety in a new place – often without time to collect any supplies and in many cases leaving behind family members. The stories were also of hope and strength. Several comments from students throughout the day were ‘this has made me realise how lucky we are’ and ‘can we do something to help?’ Here are some photos from the day. Have a great weekend.

Karen



# OSHC & COMMUNITY NEWS

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL OSHC FAMILIES

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> (Monday week 10).

Week 9 of Term 2 will be invoiced after the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> (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?**

**REGISTER 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/Humans 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.

## ECHUNGA UNITING CHURCH - IN & FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Details of some of our community connection points for all ages are listed below. All programs meet in Wandeen (next to the church building) unless otherwise stated. Visit our website for further details - [echunga.ucasa.org.au](http://echunga.ucasa.org.au) or contact Rev Matthew Carratt on 0438 856 167.



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

Join us in a fun and relaxed setting Sundays 5:00-6:30pm, including a meal and interactive film.

It's not too late to join in - upcoming topics include 'Jesus: Who Is He?' (June 24) and 'Cross: Why Did Jesus Die?' (July 1). All welcome.



### **MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)**

Thursday June 28th, 9:30-11:30am

Guest speaker Mary Hawkes on 'Being Free Indeed'

Craft: Pillows

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

### **ECHUNGA & MEADOWS YOUTH - OP SHOP FORMAL**

Friday June 29th, 6:30-9:30pm

Prepare for a night of formal fun! There will be great food, a catwalk, photo booth, music, games, and prizes! Don't forget to come by 'The Closet in Meadows to find your outfit for the night. Bring \$10.

All Year 6-12's welcome.

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

MEETING PLACES: Echunga Uniting Church (6:15pm) OR Meadows Uniting Church (6:30pm)

Follow us at [facebook.com/hillsyouthgroup](https://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

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**Winter Disco**

**Dress up theme SPOOKY!**

**Friday 13 July**  
**At Mount Barker Town Hall**  
**5pm – 7pm**  
**Please note new time**

**FREE ENTRY**

Light snacks and drinks provided  
 Book online at  
[mbcl.eventbrite.com.au](http://mbcl.eventbrite.com.au) or  
 phone 8393 6400

Restricted to children up to 12 years of age.  
 All children must be accompanied by a parent,  
 guardian or responsible adult at all times.

MOUNT BARKER COMMUNITY LIBRARY MOUNT BARKER DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Winter Family Holiday Program**

**2018**

Bookings are essential and can be made from  
 12pm Monday 25 June  
[mbcl.eventbrite.com.au](http://mbcl.eventbrite.com.au) or phone 8393

<b>Board Games Day</b> Mon 9 July 10am-2pm <b>FREE</b>	<b>Turn your 3D object into chocolate</b> <b>Ages 5+</b> Tues 10 July 9.30am-11am, 11am-12.30pm, 12.30pm-2pm <b>\$5.00</b>	<b>Cozy Crafternoon</b> Wed 11 July 2pm-4pm <b>FREE</b>	<b>Giggle Time Disco</b> <b>Ages 0 - 5 years</b> Friday 13 July 2pm-3pm <b>FREE</b> <b>At Town Hall</b>	<b>Spooky Disco</b> <i>See over page for details</i> Fri 13 July 5pm-7pm <b>FREE</b> <b>At Town Hall</b>
<b>Sky Watch Dome Astronomy Education</b> Mon 16 July 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am <b>\$5.00</b> <b>At Town Hall</b>	<b>Make Up Workshop</b> <b>Ages 12+</b> Tues 17 July 10am-12pm <b>\$15.00</b>	<b>Cooking</b> Chickpea curry, naan, rice & cucumber raita <b>Ages 7+</b> Wed 18 July 10am-11.30am 1.30pm-3pm <b>\$10.00</b> <b>At Town Hall</b>	<b>Little Buggers Bug &amp; Nature Club</b> Awesome Arachnids <b>Ages 3 - 8 years</b> Sat 21 July 10.30am-12pm <b>\$3.00</b>	<b>Little Big Bang Science Club</b> <b>Ages 3 - 5 years</b> Sat 21 July Sat 28 July Sat 4 August 11 August 2pm-3pm <b>FREE</b>