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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 9 Term 1, 26th March, 2018

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## DIARY DATES

**Pupil Free Days 2018**

- Fri 29 June

- Fri 21 Sept

**Assemblies 2018 at**

2:30pm

- Mon 9 April

Tues 27/3-Wed 28/3

Aquatics at Port

Noarlunga Yr 6-7

Fri 30/3 Good Friday

Sat 31/3 Bunnings BBQ

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

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Visible Learning

We want to encourage our students to have a Growth Mindset. Research has shown that you can grow your intelligence with persistence and hard work. We encourage our students to make mistakes and see them as part of the learning experience, and to keep trying when the learning becomes challenging and they are in the Learning Pit. We want all of our students to have an "I can do this" attitude. We focus our feedback on students' progress, their persistence and risk-taking, and the skills/strategies they use to improve their learning, not on their ability.

For more information on Growth Mindset use these links:

[Top 10 Growth Mindset Resources for Parents](#)

[Develop a Growth Mindset to Build Confidence in Kids](#)

### Harmony Day

We celebrated Harmony Day on Tuesday. Many of our students wore orange and shared an "orange" morning tea. Thank you to Karen and the Year 7s who organized activities for the students on the day.



### Volleyball

We were very fortunate to receive a Sporting Schools grant for Term 1. For the last 3 weeks all of our students have been participating in some volleyball clinics run by Elke from Volleyball SA. They have had a great time learning lots of new skills. Next week will be the last session and I'm sure we will see a great improvement in students' volleyball skills. This will certainly benefit our Year 6/7s who will be participating in the Lunch & Crunch Volleyball sessions at Heathfield High on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## SPORTS DAY

What a great day was had by all on Friday at Sports Day. Jupiter was the winner with 475 points, Battunga was second with 464 points and Kuitpo was third with 442 points. Below are some highlights from the day.





# SCHOOL NEWS

## HARMONY DAY 2018

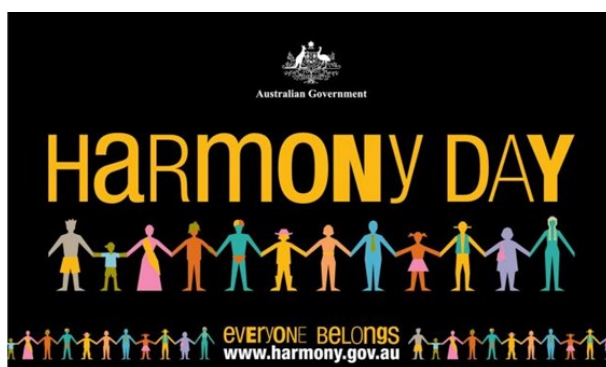
Harmony Day 2018 at Echunga was celebrated with a splash of orange – the colour of communication, conversation, freedom of ideas and respect. The Year 7s shared this and other information about Harmony Day with each of the classes and led them in activities focused on celebrating our diversity and sense of community.

Here is a snapshot of what Harmony Day means to the students at Echunga PS:

- \* Being together
- \* Including others
- \* Being friendly
- \* Getting together
- \* Sharing
- \* Peace
- \* Belonging
- \* Friendship
- \* Respecting our differences
- \* Being with my friends
- \* Remembering to always be nice to other people
- \* Harmony Day makes me feel special



A big shout out goes to the Year 7s for the great job they did in organizing and leading the classes in fun activities. Well done!! Another big **thank you** goes to the volunteers who prepared the fruit platters and to *Hahndorf Fruit and Veg Market* for donating all the fruit!! It was delicious!

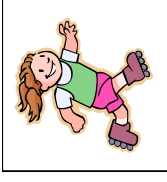


## PORT ADELAIDE FC VISIT

Last week we had a visit from some of the Port Power players. Jarred, Kane & Trent talked to us about healthy lifestyles, including healthy food, exercise and activities. They also talked about the challenges they've faced and how they got to be professional footballers. Our students were very engaged and asked them some very interesting questions.



## Echunga Vacation Care April 2018 Program



Monday 16-04	Tuesday 17-04	Wed 18-04	\$25.00 Thursday 19-04	Fri 20-04
<b>Painting Plaster</b> Choose from a wide variety of plaster items to paint <b>Cooking</b> Vegetable pastries 	<b>Family Feud (OSHC version)</b> Come play our OSHC version it's so much fun <b>Secret Box Challenge</b> Can you guess what's in the box? 	<b>Mad hatter's Tea Party</b> Make and decorate an awesome hat Play party games Have a tea party for afternoon tea 	<b>Excursion to Hahndorf OSHC</b> <b>Animal Fun Day</b> Pony Rides (Primary School Children only) <b>Animal Petting Zoo</b> <b>Animal Crafts and Games</b> Depart: 9:15am Return: 2pm Please see permission slip	<b>Earth Day</b>  Upcycled Crafts Gardening <b>Fingerprint Art</b>  <b>Afternoon Movie</b>
Monday 23-04	Tuesday 24-04	Wed 25-04	\$23.00 Thursday 26-04	Friday 27-04
<b>Amazing Race Challenge</b> Get ready, get set, GO! This will be full of fun challenges for you and your friends <b>Mosaic Art</b> Use bright coloured sand to create a masterpiece	<b>ANZAC Day</b> <b>Cooking and Crafts</b>  Make some Anzac treats, a gift box and a Mini Poppy Wreath	<b>ANZAC DAY</b> <b>We are Closed</b>	<b>Excursion to Wallis Peter Rabbit (PG)</b> Depart: 9:15am Return: 1pm  Please see permission slip	<b>Mother's Day Crafts</b> Make something special  <b>Afternoon Movie</b>

# 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](http://echunga.ucasa.org.au) or contact Rev Matthew Carratt on 0438 856 167.

## 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

## EASTER WITH MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)

9:30-11:30am next Thursday March 29th

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

## LADIES COFFEE MORNING

Thursday April 5th 10:00am @ Echunga General Store. All welcome.



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## Hills Tigers Rugby League

*Come'n'Try Information Below*

### "The Family Club"

Servicing Mt Barker, the Hills and Murray Bridge

- Come and play **NRL** Rugby League
- Teams from Under 6 to 17s, Male and Female
- Based at Mt Barker
- Great value for money fees
- Accredited coaches for all teams
- Club functions
- Coaching for all teams has started
- Check out the special Mini League program for 6 – 10s
- New 14s Female competition for 2018
- Affiliated with the NRLSA & the NRL

For more information on the club please contact

**Geoff Ford on 0414 715 541**

or

check the website at [www.playnrl.com](http://www.playnrl.com) and click on register

### Special Come'n'Try Event

Date/Time: 4 – 5.30, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Venue: Mt Barker South Primary School Oval (Daw Avenue Entrance)  
Come and meet the coaches and get a feel for the club. There will be a free NRL scarf for all players that attend and there will be games and activities.



## Marryatville High School Special Interest Music Centre

- Applications are due by **Friday 4 May 2018, 4pm.**
- First round auditions are being held on **Friday 11 May, 2018.**
- Second round auditions are being held on **Thursday 24 & Friday 25 May, 2018.**

For more information about the Special Interest Music Centre please visit [www.marryatvillehs.sa.edu.au](http://www.marryatvillehs.sa.edu.au) or call 83048431