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Echunga Primary School



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Week 9, Term 3, 21st September, 2018

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DIARY DATES

Mon 24th Sept—9:15 Assembly
for Lynn Bonython's Farewell

Pupil Free Days 2018
- Wed 26 Sept (Preschool only)

Assemblies Term 3 at 2:30pm
- Mon 29 October
- Mon 19 November
- Mon 10 December

Mon 24th September—Hats
must be worn

Tues 25 Sept —School/
Preschool Photos

Fri 28 Sept—End of Term 3
2:20pm early dismissal
OSHC closes 5:30pm

Mon 15 Oct—Term 4 begins

Mon 12– Wed 14 Nov—
El Shaddai Camp Rec-Year 5

Tues 13-Fri 16 Nov—Canberra
Camp Year 6/7s.

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The last newsletter of Term 3! Where has the time gone? - must mean we've been busy. ☺

Our children all participated in the STEM Day on 6th September and had a great time doing a variety of activities, such as programming Edison robots, coding, making beeswax wraps and forensic science.

Our Lorikeet students have completed the artwork that will go on display in Mount Barker. There will be an opening of the street art in November so more information will be provided soon. Our students did a great job and Georgie was very proud of their participation and contribution. Well done!

Staffing

I am pleased to announce that Georgie Patti has won our permanent Arts position starting in 2019. We are really looking forward to having Georgie on board as a permanent member of staff. She has made a wonderful contribution to our Arts program, not just with her skills but with her enthusiasm and relationships with our children. Congratulations Georgie!

Hats

Although the weather is still very unpredictable and pretty chilly on some days the UV rating is getting higher and the period during the day when it is above 3 is lengthening so please make sure your children have a broad-brimmed hat at school. If they do not have a hat to wear then they will be expected to sit in the shade during recess and lunch.

Enrolments

We are in the process of working out classes and staffing for next year. Please let us know if your children will not be attending Echunga PS next year (unless they are Year 7S) as this can affect our planning. If you know of anyone planning to enrol their children at Echunga PS please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible.

Canberra Trip

Some of our Year 6/7 students will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

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The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the following organisations for their very generous donations to help reduce the cost of the trip:

- ♦ Echunga RSL for their donation of \$1000
- ♦ Battunga Lions Club for their donation of \$1600

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday. See you in Term 4.

Pam

CAMPS

The Canberra Camp for the Year 6 and 7s and the El Shaddai Camp for the Reception to Year 5s are only 8 weeks away.

Money for both camps needs to be paid as soon as possible. Payment for the Canberra Camp needs to be paid for by the 28th September. Payment for the El Shaddai Camp needs to be completed by the beginning of Term 4. If full payment is not received before the camps students will be unable to attend.

HATS

It is that time of year again when hats need to be worn.

As from Monday all students must wear a school hat if they are outside.

If you need to purchase new hats for your children, they are available from the Front Office for \$8.00. Students can choose either a Legionnaire's or a Bucket Hat.

Please make sure children's names are written in the hats, so that they can be returned to the right child if they are lost.



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Just a reminder to families that School Photo Day is next Tuesday 25th September.

Students must bring their photo envelopes on the day and give them to their class teacher even if payment has already been made online.

Family photo envelopes are available from the Front Office and should be given to the eldest child in the family.

For split families please nominate on your forms if the photos are for "Mum" or "Dad" to stop confusion when handing out the photos.

If you have any problems with your orders please call MSP Photography direct on 8391 3951.

Most of all **REMEMBER TO SMILE!!**

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STEM DAY

The theme for this year's Science Week was Game Changers and Change Makers.

Our recent Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths day was again filled with challenging, enjoyable and broad topics. We covered solar power, air pressure, robotics, forensic science, sustainability, coding and paper strength.

Children were able to choose two favourite activities which spanned the time between recess and lunch and which allowed them to experience two very different ways that science is used.

Again, we thank the wonderful volunteers who gave up a large part of their day to support teachers or deliver some of the fantastic activities. We certainly could not offer the range of tasks we do without them.

Days like these give children the opportunity to work in multi-age groups, problem-solve together and share their opinions and ideas, and it is always a delight to watch students support and teach one another with respect and kindness.

After lunch, the classes met in the Alluvial Hall in their groups to reflect and share their activities, results, challenges and identify the learning dispositions needed to overcome those challenges and to be able to work together.

It gave children a chance to reflect on our learning dispositions and develop inquiry skills as well as learn how science connects with our everyday lives.



Making food pouches

Coding



Paper Structure Challenge



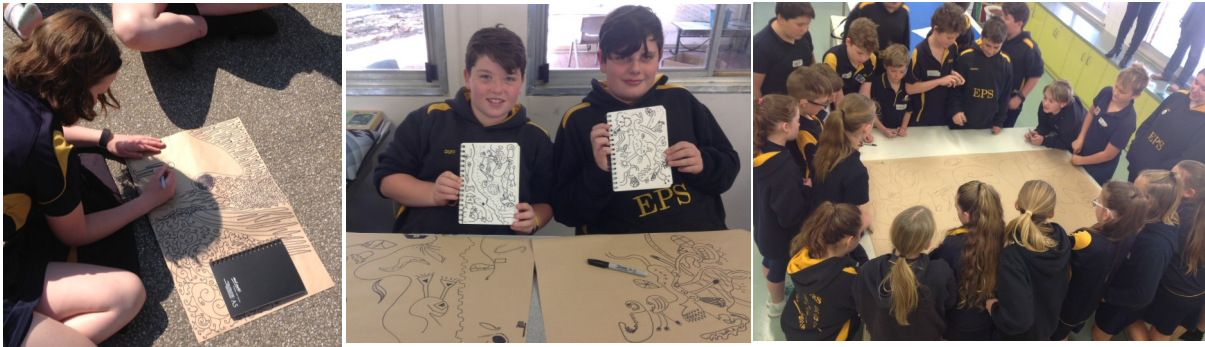
Making a Cartesian diver

Edison robots



SCHOOL NEWS

LORIKEET NEWS



On Monday the 10th September the Lorikeet class was lucky enough to have the opportunity to work with local visual artist, Wendy Dixon-Whiley, to create a collaborative abstract artwork. The artwork will be displayed in Stephen Street in Mt Barker and will remain on display for 12 months.

The session began with the students each receiving an artist pack full of goodies including their very own art journal and sharpie. After viewing and discussing some existing, well-known artworks the students began experimenting themselves – firstly working individually and then moving into a large scale, whole class drawing. Once the students were able to work successfully as a whole class they got to move onto painting – and the fun really began!

Using cool colours the students all contributed and helped create a beautifully striking, abstract artwork. Once the artwork has been installed in Mt Barker the Lorikeet class will get to attend an opening ceremony (date yet to be confirmed). The workshop was a great success and all the students are eager to see their artwork displayed in a public space.

What a great way for the Adelaide Hills community to see what fantastic work the Echunga Primary Students can produce. Georgie is VERY proud!



SCHOOL NEWS

FAIRY WREN NEWS

Fairy Wrens working with numeracy....

We explore and understand our place and space in the world

We measure and compare our world

We analyse, read and organise the data in our world

We quantify our world.



SCHOOL NEWS

3D PRINTING AT EPS

Kingfisher and Lorikeet are currently involved in a 3D printing project which uses Maker's Empire to teach students to design and create 3D images. As part of this project we have a 3D printer on loan from The Department for the rest of term 3. So far it has been a wonderful addition to the school resources, allowing students to investigate and learn about design and technology in a more realistic and practical sense. The printer enables students to turn their unique designs into an actual working product which is helping our students develop an authentic understanding of the impact of technology as they design specific products to meet needs in the real world.

Each piece takes approximately 2 hours to print depending on the size. The product the 3D printer uses to create their pieces of work, is completely biodegradable, compostable and made from corn starch which supports our schools' environmentally friendly ethos.

We are all so excited about this 3D printing unit and have loved watching the students as they develop and create. The printer has proven to be extremely beneficial to our students learning and experiences.



SCHOOL NEWS

PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

Here's a riddle for you - what is something that starts with **G** and having this can make your life happier?

Some may say gold, golf, grapes even... but the answer is **Gratitude**.

Gratitude is a bit of a buzz-word these days – especially in terms of mental health. But what is it?

To put it simply, gratitude is **training your mind to notice and remember the good**. It is being thankful for the things that make you smile, that feel good, that make your day a little brighter.

Life is like a rollercoaster – full of ups and downs, twists and turns. When things are going well, it's easy to enjoy the ride and the view. But events in life can happen that bring us down and trigger negative thoughts and emotions. Studies have shown that we are way more likely to dwell on the negatives than the good stuff. This can lead to moodiness, overthinking, catastrophising.... (things I tend to do)

It's important to remember that all feelings are okay and normal – whether it's happiness, excitement, frustration or disappointment. But it's when we allow the feelings that we don't like to stay around too long or take over that it's really IMPORTANT to do something about it. To flip our emotions to **focus on what is good! What is going well!** The simple (or significant) things in life that can help us get through the tough stuff. Like... the smile from a friend, a hug from a child/parent, cuddles with your pet, a hot chocolate on a cold day, the sun shining! Things that we experience every day or which come as surprises.

It has been proven that gratitude can *help us to cope better with stress or things that go wrong; *improve our sleep; *make us kinder to ourselves and each other; *help us bounce back when things go wrong; *increase our motivation, energy and general health; *help us feel better about ourselves, our family, our friends, school, work etc *help us look after ourselves and others better.

Research shows that by writing down 3 things each day you are grateful for for 21 days can change the pathways in your brain to **better notice the good stuff and feel more optimistic!** The more practice we give our minds, the easier it gets! THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING TO BE GRATEFUL FOR IF YOU LOOK FOR IT!!

Mental Health Week is an event which happens all over Australia to help us learn about, think about and do something about **mental health**. MHW occurs in October and this year I'd really like to focus on boosting our mental health through gratitude with our school. The students will be encouraged to keep a gratitude journal for a week and there will be a few other activities happening too. I'm going to give it a go too!!

**** Operation Christmas Child (Shoeboxes of Love)**

This year Echunga PS are invited to donate items for children in poverty to open at Christmas time. The ages of these children are from 2 – 14. Ideas for donations include:

Something to wear – t-shirt, shorts, skirt, hats

Something to play with – tennis ball, matchbox cars, skipping rope, musical instrument

Something for school – note book, pencils, pens, chalk

Something to love - teddy bear or soft toy

Something special – carry bag, sunglasses, stickers, craft kit, bangles

Something for personal hygiene – soap and face washer, toothbrush, hair brush or comb, hair clips

DO NOT INCLUDE: items that leak or melt (ie shampoo, toothpaste, crayons), food, used goods, breakable items, things that may harm or scare a child, gambling related items such as play money or cards, or religious literature.

Please drop all items in the collection box in the front office.










**** ECHUNGA'S GOT TALENT – FINALS!!**

Due to the high calibre of acts we will stagger the finals over a few lunchtimes. These will occur early Term 4. Each student who is entering the finals will receive a timetable of when their performance will be by the end of Term 3.

Each act must be different from the original.

Thanks!! Have a fabulous break – Karen

Echunga October Vacation Care

Monday 1/10/18	OSHC is Closed Enjoy your weekend!		
Tuesday 2/10/18	Shadow Jars There are many different shadow designs to choose from. Cooking – Popcorn Crackle		Please bring a hat and a packed recess, lunch and FULL water bottle.
Wednesday 3/10/18	Excursion to Morialta Nature Playground with Hahndorf OSHC Sausage Sizzle Lunch Depart: 8:30am and Return: 3:00pm		Please bring a hat and packed recess, lunch (if not wanting sausage sizzle) and FULL water bottle. Please sign permission slip
Thursday 4/10/18	Tie Dye Tea Towel Come and have fun learning the art of Tie Dye. You may bring in an old white T shirt if you wish.		Please bring a hat and a packed recess, lunch and FULL water bottle. (Optional - White T shirt)
Friday 5/10/18	Sand-tastic Art There are many different shadow Cooking- Waffles		Please bring a hat and a packed recess, lunch and FULL water bottle.
Monday 8/10/18	Science Experiments Get ready for a day full of some fun science experiments		Please bring a hat and a packed recess, lunch and FULL water bottle.
Tuesday 9/10/18	Wooden 3D picture frames Paint your own wooden picture frame, take a selfie and well print it for your frame		Please bring a hat and a packed recess, lunch and FULL water bottle.
Wednesday 10/10/18	Sewing This was so popular last time we are bringing in the sewing machine and sewing mini pillows and making an OSHC Quilt		Please bring a hat and a packed recess, lunch and FULL water bottle.
Thursday 11/10/18	Excursion to Wallis to see the movie Smallfoot (PG) Depart: 9:15am Return: 1pm Guess who said that Game		We will be taking your recess and water bottle to the movies with us Please sign permission slip
Friday 12/10/18	Rolling Ball Sandpit Challenge Are you up to the challenge of creating ball run in the sandpit? Afternoon Movie – Bolt(G)		Please bring a hat and a packed recess, lunch and FULL water bottle.

LANGUAGES ALIVE!

Discover new cultures with our school holiday language program for kids.

The workshops, held across 4 locations, are hands-on opportunities for children to enjoy exploring new cultures and languages.

A range of workshops will be held at each location, with fun activities exploring languages such as French, Chinese, Japanese, Italian and Indonesian.



Who:

Primary students (R-7)

When:

October school holidays

Cost:

\$30 per day

Where:

School of Languages
(West Croydon)

October 3 & 10

Modbury School P-7
October 4

Auburn Primary School
October 8

Nairne School P-7
October 11

Register online
www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive



COMMUNITY NEWS

A poster for the Nick Hall Tennis Holiday Camp. The background is a photograph of a tennis court at sunset. The text is overlaid in white and yellow.

**NICK HALL
TENNIS
HOLIDAY CAMP**

REGISTER NOW
NICK@NICKHALLTENNIS.COM
0430366433

DATES
2ND-4TH
OF OCT
9TH-11TH
OF OCT
LOCATION
HAHNDORF TC
BRING RACQUET,
DRINK,
SUNSCREEN, SNACK
COST
35 PER
DAY OR
90 FOR
3 DAYS
TIME 9AM-12PM

A poster for Little Athletics SA 2018/19 Season registration. The top features three photos of children in athletic gear. Below is the Little Athletics SA logo and the text '2018/19 SEASON REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!'. The bottom section contains information about the program, where to find a centre, and how to register.

**Little Athletics
SA**

**2018/19 SEASON
REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!**

WHAT IS LITTLE ATHLETICS?

Little Athletics is a modified program for children of all abilities aged 3 - 17 years. It is based on a wide range of track and field events including: running, jumping, throwing and walking. The Track and Field season starts in September and runs through to March, with some Centres offering training and meets all year around. The Cross Country season begins in May and continues through to July.

WHERE IS MY CLOSEST CENTRE?

There are currently over 50 Centres in operation around Metropolitan and Regional South Australia.

To find your closest Centre, simply visit the Little Athletics SA website (www.littleathleticsa.com.au) and click Find a Centre!

HOW CAN I REGISTER?

Simply visit the Little Athletics SA website (www.littleathleticsa.com.au), click Register Now and create a new Family Profile on the Members Portal.

You can also register for 2 Come & Try sessions at any Centre!

☎ 08 8352 8133 | ✉ office@salaa.org.au | 🌐 littleathleticsa.com.au

GIRLS ONLY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

*Tuesday October 2nd
10am to 3pm
Wandeen, Echunga Uniting Church*

*Please bring your lunch, water bottle
and plain white shirt for craft.*

AN INITIATIVE OF ECHUNGA UNITING CHURCH
SARAH HAMMOND 0429134031

COMMUNITY NEWS



DARE TO DREAM

ATHLETICS HOLIDAY CLINIC
SA ATHLETICS STADIUM, MILE END

WEDNESDAY 3RD & 10TH OCTOBER 2018

A clinic for **ANY 5-17 YEAR OLDS** to learn, have fun, improve their athletics skills, and meet Australian Olympic Race Walker **Claire Tallent** and Australian Para-Athlete Thrower **Daniel Kirk**!

REGISTRATION CLOSING: **WED 26TH SEPT 2018**
☎ (08) 8352 8133 | 🌐 littleathletics.com.au/holidayclinics

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 2 October	10:30 am – 5:30 pm
Wednesday 3 October	12:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Thursday 4 October	11:00 am – 6:30 pm
Friday 5 October	8:00 am – 2:30 pm

Make an appointment today.

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



Swim Vac 2018

Classes:

Seahorse, Penguin, Seal, Starfish, Marlin
Dolphin, Kingfish & Superfish

Week 1: Tuesday 2nd October to Friday 5th October
\$72.00 4 days

Week 2: Monday 8th October to Friday 12th October
\$90.00 5 days

Times: 9am / 9:30am / 10am / 10:30am

State Swim Swimvac is a week-long intensive swimming programme. It is an excellent opportunity for your child to gain valuable skills and produce noticeable results. If your child is almost ready for their next certificate, attending for the first time, or just needs some extra assistance, consecutive lessons with the same teacher is the perfect chance to provide them with that extra boost to achieve their goals.

Payment Due at time of Booking.
Call State Swim Mt Barker on 8391 1213



CONNECTIONS - ECHUNGA UNITING CHURCH Sunday services 10:00am including creche and children's programs. Details of connection points for all ages in the Echunga community are listed below. Programs meet in Wandee (next to the church building) unless otherwise stated. Visit our website for further details - echunga.ucasa.org.au or contact Rev Matthew Carratt on 0438 856 167.

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)

Thursday October 18th, 9:30-11:30am
For more information contact Bec on 0439 622 224 or join the Echunga MOPS Facebook group

ECHUNGA & MEADOWS YOUTH EVENTS - AGES 11-18 Escape Room - Friday 28th 6:30-9:30pm, \$3 RSVP to Bec Hughes (Youth Worker): 0416 076 085

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