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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 9, Term 4, 14th December, 2018

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DIARY DATES

Term 1 begins Tuesday
29th January

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well, here we are, at the end of the school year. Where has this year gone? It has been a very busy year with a wide variety of experiences including: an amazing camp experience at El Shaddai; a trip to Canberra for the Year 6/7s; aquatics; swimming; STEM day; Echunga's Got Talent; making scarecrows; Book Week Parade and the list goes on.

Thank you to all of our staff for their dedication and commitment to student learning this year.

Our parent community has also been very busy with a wide range of fundraising activities, such as a stall at All British Day, Bunnings BBQs, Sports Day sausage sizzle and the wine raffle. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the fundraising events and those who have helped out in other ways to benefit our students. It was great to see so many of you at our Volunteers' Afternoon Tea last week.

End of Year Celebration

Our end of year celebration this week was a wonderful tribute to the hard work of our students and staff. We also celebrated the Year 7 students who are graduating from primary school. Our Year 7s spoke so well and we are so proud of them. We wish them well on their next adventure into high school.

Staffing

I am pleased to be able to advise you of our staffing for 2019:

Reception/Year 1	Kayla Richardson
Year 1/2	Teena Wilks
Year 3/4	Kimberley Higgins
Year 5/6/7/	Jackie Norris & Georgie Patti
The Arts	Georgie Patti
Science/STEM	Rowan Blake
Preschool	Julie Griggs and Helen Taylor
Admin	Merridee Stevens
Library	Sue Little
Student Support	Amanda Correll
Grounds	Rob Kelman

We are very excited about working with your children next year.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and peaceful New Year.

I hope you have a wonderful festive season with your families. See you in the New Year.

Pam

SCHOOL NEWS

2019 MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGE

The Reception to Year 7 poll which the Governing Council sent out to all families eligible for the 2019 Materials & Services Charge recommending we increase the legally recoverable amount to a "prescribed sum" of \$300 received majority support.

This means that in the case of non-payment of fees Governing Council can choose to legally recover the full amount of \$300 through debt collection.

Thank you to all families who supported Governing Council's recommendation and responded to the poll.

Lorikeet Enterprise

Lorikeet made a total profit of \$417.75 and have chosen to donate the money to the Cancer Council!



SCHOOL NEWS

PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

Last term I went to a seminar on Self-Care run by Lifeline. A slide they used looked very similar to this one. Its message was simple – to take time out to do the things we enjoy, which relax and recharge us - not only when things get busy or we're hit with challenges, but regularly.

(I looked up the meaning of the 'Keep calm...' poster and discovered that it originated in WW2 to try to increase the spirits of the British people during the risk of air raids!!)

The end of 2018 is upon us. If you're anything like me, you're tired, frantic, overwhelmed and a bit on the teary side. And then there's Christmas and/or other celebrations, family gatherings, travelling, gift buying etc

It's a good time to practice calm. Whether it's a walk in nature, a visit to the gym, a cup of tea in the sun, slow belly breaths, visualization, making a list, an afternoon nap, writing in a journal, drawing, spending quality time with family or friends.... make sure you schedule some in.

If you designed your own 'Keep Calm' poster, what would your lego be?? I challenge you to make one!

In closing, I just want to say a big thank you and farewell to the Echunga School Community. Words can not describe the journey I have had, the friends I have made, the privilege I have felt, the things I have learned, the spaces I have sat in, the fun and laughter I have enjoyed. I will miss this place and cherish it in my heart.

Enjoy the Christmas break. May it be fabulous! Take care and stay safe.

Karen



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

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

To make a group booking call **1300 886 524**

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

 **Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE**

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Echunga Football Club and
Echunga Community Association
invite you to

Jingle and Mingle

With Father Christmas
When he visits the Echunga Community
At our Annual Christmas Celebration!



Join us at the Echunga Football Club / Oval
On Friday December 21, 6pm

Fun and Festivities
Raffle
Games
Meals & Bar Available




Santa's Little Helpers: if your feeling festive please drop a small gift at the post office by 19/12/18
for your child to be given out on the night—alternatively you can bring it on the night if needed

Mount Barker Community Library presents

Christmas Extravaganza 2018

★ Mount Barker Community Library
8393 6400
Wednesday 19 December
10.30am – 2.00pm

10.30am performance by
'Ticklish Allsorts'
followed by
Father Christmas
Face painting
Craft
Activities

Food & drinks available to
purchase from the
Lions Club

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
mbcl.eventbrite.com.au
Bookings released Monday 3 December at 10am




**LOCATIONS
AVAILABLE
ALL
OVER
ADELAIDE!**

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**SOCCER FUN FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED 2 - 12
RETURNS FEBRUARY 2019**

**ENROL BY FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER
FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A VIVOFIT JNR!**



*3 Prizes to be won in South Australia. Drawn Mon 24 Dec - see our Facebook page for T&C.

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Summer Holiday Clinics

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VICTOR HBR
GLENELG**

Volleyball SA are pleased to be running a number of School
Holiday Clinics these summer school holidays. Holiday Clinics are
great for volleyballers who would like to stay involved over the
break and are also perfect for those looking to try a new sport!

Aimed at both boys and girls aged 8-13 years old.

For more information on all the clinics we are offering or to
register visit the VSA website below!

www.volleyballsa.com.au/szclinics

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