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DIARY DATES

Tues 19th & 26th Feb—
Netball Clinics

Fri 8th March—Pupil Free Day

Mon 11th March—Public Holiday

Tues 12th-Fri 15th March—
R-5 Swimming at Woodside

Wed 13th March—7:00pm
Governing Council Meeting

Wed 27th March—Lunch &
Crunch Volleyball at
Heathfield H.S.

Fri 29th March—Yr 3-5 Living
Safely with Pets
Yr 6-7 Visit to Mount Barker
H.S.

Fri 5th April—Yr 6-7
Aquatics at Murray Bridge

Fri 12th April—Lorikeet
Sculpting Workshop

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed some great family time over the summer holidays, although they probably seem so far away now! It has been lovely to see the children return to school with happy faces and great enthusiasm for learning.

We have welcomed 14 new Reception students (and their families) into Kayla's Rosella class this year. They have all settled in really well and are starting to learn the new school routines. So welcome to Grace, Alex, Oliver, Amelia, Cameron, Sophia, Jayden, Chloe, Alice, Rhyse, Henley, Lachlan, Eddy & Jack. Welcome also to Jamie (and his family) who has joined the Kingfisher class. Well done on a positive start and we hope you have a wonderful time here at Echunga Primary School.

We would also like to welcome Kimberley Higgins who has joined us this year teaching the Year 3/4 Ibis class and Julie Griggs who is our preschool teacher. We are also lucky to have Amanda, Amy & Jo returning to work with our students.

During the first 2 weeks all teachers worked *with* their students to develop a positive learning culture in their classrooms and around our school. They are together developing their classroom expectations/norms so that everyone has a responsibility for the learning that happens at Echunga Primary and for the classroom culture.

Teachers will be continuing to incorporate learning about Growth Mindset/ Fixed mindset learners and learner dispositions with their students. This is an integral part of our Visible Learning.

3D Printing Project News

How exciting to hear that we won an award at the inaugural Makers' Empire Awards for 2018 for the most designs by a small primary school. Well done to all of the students who were a part of the 3D Printing Project last year and to Jackie & Georgie for making it happen. We look forward to seeing what our students can design this year.

Tips for settling into school

Starting school is an enormous change for children. Education expert, and author of 'Your Child's First Year at School' (published by Early Childhood Australia,) Jenni Connor has some valuable tips for parents to ensure the road into school is as bump-free as possible. Check out the article [here](#).

Acquaintance Night

Thanks to those people who attended our Acquaintance Night on Tuesday. I hope that you found the sessions informative and interesting. We believe that parents should be as informed as possible about what happens at school and how we help our students to learn.

SCHOOL NEWS

Awards

Clint—Care	Angus B-M—Respect
Rhyse—Respect	Stephanos—Care
Angus R—Care	Charlie—Care
Tabitha—Challenge	Katya—Creativity
Tyson—Care	

Governing Council AGM

I am pleased to advise you of the 2019 Governing Council members:

Ben Beviss - **Chairperson**

Kristy Scherer

Roger Tinning

Pam Thompson

Alison Barr -**Treasurer**

Glen Wandless

Jade Vanzo

Jackie Norris (Term 1)

Carly Rosser—**Secretary**

Cassie Healy

Jo Rosenthal

We really appreciate members being willing to dedicate time and effort for the benefit of our school. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th March at 7pm

Volunteers

We welcome volunteers to help in a variety of ways. If you already volunteer in any capacity, thank you for your contribution. Volunteers can make a big difference to our school and our students. If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis you will need a DHS screening, formerly known as a Police Check. Please let me or Merridee know and we will arrange to send you the relevant information.

All volunteers (including current volunteers) also need to participate in the **Responding to Abuse and Neglect training**. This training can be done online or face-to-face. If you wish to do the training online please contact us and we can send you the relevant instructions for accessing the training.

We are unable to allow volunteers to work at school without both the DHS and RAN training.

Pam

Visible Learning

Learning Intentions and Success Criteria

As part of our Visible Learning implementation we are continuing to work on making the learning clear to our students. All classroom teachers have been working on setting clear learning intentions and success criteria so that the intended learning is visible to our students and so that they know what they need to do to be successful.

When students don't have clear learning intentions it is like sending them into a tunnel without anything to light the way. Anything could happen in this scenario – bumping into things, getting lost, taking the wrong pathway or even doubling back and heading in the wrong direction completely! Obviously this isn't what we want in our students' learning!

A clear learning intention is the light in the tunnel – the light to guide students in teaching and learning. It helps students to know they are heading in the right direction, takes away some of the confusions and clarifies what they are actually focussing on in their learning. It can reduce the barriers that may be stopping the learning and understanding from happening.

Success criteria sit alongside the learning intentions and act as guides or signposts to help students along the tunnel of learning. Students can keep referring to the success criteria throughout the lesson, ensuring that they keep travelling in the right direction, not to go off on a tangent and keep their eyes on the light at the end of the tunnel.

SCHOOL NEWS

LORIKEET NEWS

This term in HASS the Lorikeet year 7's are learning about the buried city of Pompeii and other ancient civilisations, the year 6's are constructing a timeline of Australian history and the year 5's are learning about the gold rush.

This term we are reading Storm Boy with Jackie and we will be watching the movie as well. We will be comparing the book Storm Boy to the movie. We are listening to the audio version of the book Wonder with Georgie and soon we will be watching the movie.

Feedback from people in Lorikeet for the book Storm Boy :

Alice said "It's a good book and I think it's cool how the author describes the scene and characters with lots of details".

Austin H said "It's exciting and the book is revealing secrets as we go and it's getting more interesting".

Jackie said she loves "How it has South Australian themes and land marks. We will use it to improve our narrative writing and our sentence structure".

Feedback from people in Lorikeet for the book Wonder:

Dakoda said 'It's not like your normal book and it will be interesting to find out what happened to August'.

Georgie said "It's easy to get stuck into and we always look forward to reading it".

Finley said "It's very inside August's world".

This year we are learning about growth mindset and bucket filling someone's day. One activity we did was using an overhead projector to draw around our shadow of our face. Then everyone wrote some positive things about us so if we hear a negative voice we can replace it with a positive one. Here are some examples:



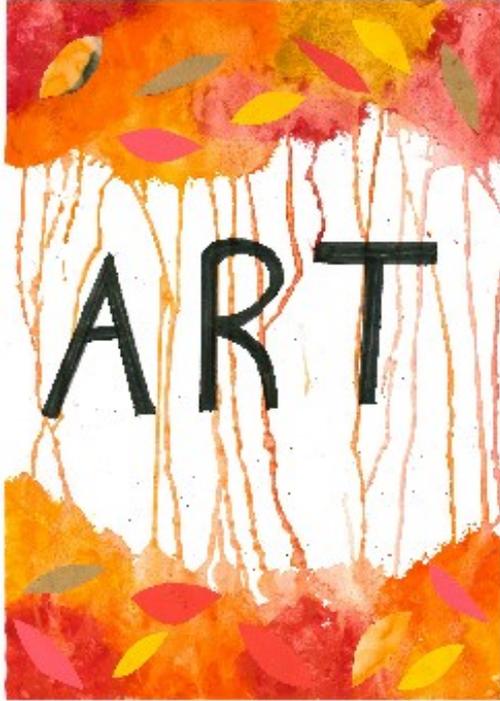
We also have a growth mindset wall and are working on having a growth mindset especially in tough times.

As leaders of Echunga Primary School, it is our responsibility to do some jobs around the school. The jobs include, working with our buddies in Kingfisher, making sure that the chickens have food, water and collect the eggs every day, get the compost and chicken scraps from the classes, put up the flags every day and put them down at the end of the day, collect the recycling from all the classes, watering our classroom plants and writing newsletter articles.

Article written by the Year 7 girls- Katelyn, Maddison, Ada, Mia and Tabitha

Art News

Sharing some wonderful artworks created by EPS students.



Mixed Media Title Page by Ruby



Watercolour Mandala by Katya



Mermaid by Khl

SCHOOL & OSHC NEWS

FROM THE LIBRARY...

Premiers Reading Challenge has started for 2019 and children are already on their way to completing their reading sheets.

Children are awarded a certificate and then medals, as each year they complete reading 12 books – 8 Reading Challenge books and 4 of their own choice.

Further information is available on this website

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au>

Congratulations to Orbi, Angus R and Oscar who have already completed the Challenge.

Book sale

There will be a Book Sale in the Library foyer in weeks 4 and 9 this term.

Books are 20c each. Children and families can browse and buy each morning.

After school, please give money to Merridee in the front office.

Donations

The Library is looking for donations of games in good condition for the children to play before school and lunchtimes, when the weather is wet.

Any donations will be greatly appreciated and can be left at the Library desk.

Until next time, Happy Reading

Sue



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL OSHC FAMILIES

2019 Enrolments and Bookings

Before your child can attend OSHC, you must have an active enrolment with OSHC.

Every 8 weeks, if you are not continuously using OSHC, the Government will cease your enrolment. When this happens you will no longer receive the Child Care Subsidy and can no longer book into OSHC.

If you wish to use OSHC again you will need to let Jodie know BEFORE you can attend so a new enrolment can be created within the system. Once this has been done you will need to reconfirm your enrolment in MyGov. Then you will be able to attend.

All new families enrolling into our service will need to make an appointment for an enrolment session with the Director. You will also need to login to MyGov - www.my.gov.au/loginservices and apply for Child Care Subsidy (CCS). We must follow the Government's Priority of Access and families must complete the income and work activity test on MyGov, regardless of if you will get the subsidy or not. Once enrolled in OSHC you will get a notification from MyGov and you will need to log back into to MyGov and confirm your enrolment. Also after 8 weeks of not attending your enrolment will cease and you will need to log back into MyGov and confirm the enrolment once more. For CCS purposes all bookings will be deemed as casual.

Attendances and your last day of care

Our policy states that we require 7 days' notice cancellation of your session or you will still be charged for that session of care. Most families cancel within the timeframe so they are not charged. We are NOT allowed to charge for an absence of care after the last day of attendance. Now we also require 7 days' notice of your LAST DAY of intended care. If 7 days' notice is not given the Government will charge you full fee and will not give you the Child Care Subsidy. This usually happens 8 weeks after you stop using OSHC. Families will receive a final bill after 8 weeks. This is out of our control.

After School Sports Practice and Activities in 2019

For children attending afterschool sports practice and games this year families must make their own arrangements to have a responsible adult pick up their child to take them to their sport activity and bring them back to OSHC. Due to changes in the regulations, staff will no longer be able to walk children over to their sport, and staff will no longer be able to let children go by themselves. Children must be signed in and out and be supervised by the responsible adult.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marryatville High School
Special Interest Music Centre
INFORMATION EVENING
Thursday 21 March 2019
7.00 - 8.00pm



The Forge Theatre
Marryatville High School
170 Kensington Road
MARRYATVILLE

Information about the Special Interest Music Centre, course structures, curriculum and selection process.

For information about the event call 8304 8431

BLUE LIGHT POOL PARTY

at Strathalbyn Swimming Pool

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2019
6PM - 8PM

FOR AGES 10-16 YEARS

FEATURING

18m Dual Racer Inflatable / DJ Brad Collins / Games and Prizes

TICKETS \$10

Available to purchase NOW from Strathalbyn Swimming Pool / Pre-purchase is encouraged to avoid missing out / Ticket inclusive of entry, meal and drink

Police supervised lock in event
Parents to drop off and pick up at the door
Doors open at 5.45pm for a safety swim prior to inflatable use

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Term 1 at Echunga MOPS

February 14th

Speaker: Sarah Mosbey "Find Your Fire".
Nametags with Bec

February 28th

MOPS DVD "Sisterhood".
Homemade body scrub with special guest: Anna Hein

March 14th

Outing to the Steamroller Playground in Stirling
Meet there at 9:30am
A chance to catch up informally and enjoy a coffee on us

March 28th

Speaker: Bron Anderson "Breath Freely"
Letters of encouragement to another MOPS group with Kylie

April 11th

Guest speaker from MOPS SA: Louise Wabnitz
"The ABC's of Discipline".
Safety plugs with Bec

FIND YOUR FIRE