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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 3, Term 2, 17th May, 2019

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## DIARY DATES

Thurs 16-Tues 21 May—Book Fair

Mon 27 May—School/Preschool  
Photos

Tues 28-Fri 31 May—Art  
Exhibition in Alluvial Hall until 3:45

Wed 29 May—7:00pm Governing  
Council Meeting

Monday, 3rd June—Assembly

Tues 4, 18, 25 June & 2 July—  
Touch Rugby

Mon 10th June—Queen's Birthday  
Public Holiday

Tues 11 June—Deadly Australians  
visit

**Mon 24th June - Student Free  
Day**

Wed 26th June—7.00pm  
Governing Council Meeting

Monday 1st July—Assembly

## Skoolbag app

Have you downloaded our skoolbag app yet? It's a great way to quickly get alerts, reminders, news-letters and other school info. Search Echunga Primary School in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

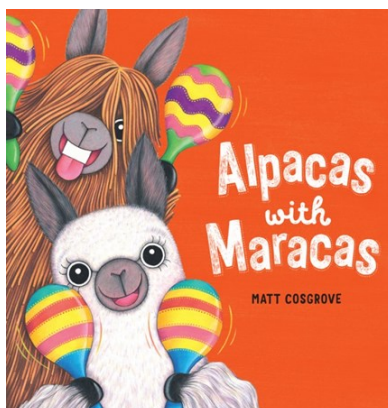
We have had a great start to Term 2.

### NAPLAN

All Year 3, 5 & 7 students participated in the NAPLAN assessments in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions & Numeracy this week. There were a few glitches on Monday but the rest of the tests went really well. I was very proud of our students who showed patience, bravery and resilience as they tackled some challenging questions.

### National Simultaneous Story Time

Next week is National Simultaneous Storytelling Time. The book this year is *Alpacas with Maracas* by Matt Cosgrove. This year students will be doing activities with their buddy class and Sue.



### Toys

We have noticed that many of our students are bringing toys to school. We would request that all toys stay at home as they are starting to become a distraction in class. We would hate for any student's toy to go missing or become damaged so best to leave them for after school and weekends.

### Assemblies

We love having parents, grandparents, extended family and siblings attend our assemblies and support our students' sharing of their learning. Children love to see their families there and feel very proud to be able to share with them. However, it is very distracting for our students when younger members of the family are running around the hall and coming to sit with their siblings. We really do want you to continue to bring the younger members of the family but please ensure that they stay seated with you during the assembly.

### Pam

## Rosella News Term 2 Week 2

Rosella students have been learning about our Learner Dispositions. We are then being secret spies to spot our classmates doing these things.



Be  
proud of  
our  
learning

Think  
positive

Grow our  
ideas

Be  
proud of  
our steps



# Optimistic

Use a  
growth  
mindset

Persist

Think to make a  
plan

Have a go  
Try new things

Try new things

Have a  
go

Ask Questions

Ask for help

Never  
Give Up



# BRAVE

Take risks

Mistakes are okay –  
Bounce Back from  
your mistakes

### Teddy Bear's Hospital Visit

We had members of the Adelaide University Rural Health Alliance (AURHA), who are students from Adelaide University visit to run workshops with Our Preschool—Year 2 classes about health education.

Students were involved in hands on activities to do with:

- healthy eating
- body organs and functions
- oral health
- positive thoughts
- first aid and care
- good and bad



It was lovely to see all the children really engaged and making good connections with being healthy

# Ibis News

Term 2 Week 3



## Mother's Day

For Mother's Day, Ibis students painted a terracotta pot and planted a flower to give to our mums as a gift.

We also made Mother's Day bunting as part of our gift for Mother's Day. On each flag was a simile about our mum. Here are some examples:

Ruby H: "My mum is as wise as an owl."

Poppie: "My mum is as sweet as a lollipop."

Levi: "My mum is as helpful as a sidekick."

Noah: "My mum is as gentle as sand."



## Living Wax Museum

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June (Week 7) from 2:30pm, there will be a 'Living Wax Museum' in Ibis. We will each have our own display set up with information about a famous person we have researched. There will be a button for visitors to push to 'activate' our presentation, then we will give a short speech. We will even be dressed up as our chosen person, so it's like a real Wax Museum! We have been working very hard on putting together our projects, and we can't wait to share the finished products with you all.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## LORIKEET NEWS

(by Kate, Maddi, Ada, Mia, Tab)

### Paper planes in science

In science we have been making rubber band paper planes to investigate energy transfer from one form to another. We interviewed Ruby and Clint because their plane went the furthest in the school. They said "Their plane took 4 days to construct". Their plane flew 72.2 metres. "We thought that if the wings were smaller it would go further" said Ruby and Clint.

We now think we have broken the record for the biggest paper plane made in Echunga. We used 20 A3 pieces of paper and it took roughly 7 lessons and several lunch and recesses. Our class and all the other classes that did this enjoyed it.

### History

In History we have made a word wall about words relating to Politics and Immigration. We also have been learning about migration and why people have migrated to Australia. Some people have migrated to Australia due to war in their homeland, Transportation due to breaking the law (convicts) and the hope of a better life. We interviewed Alice and Tristan, Alice said "I find learning about people from the past interesting". Tristan said "I find learning about what happened in the past and doing research on things that happened is fun".

### NAPLAN

This week the year 3s, 5s and 7s did NAPLAN. On Tuesday we did writing, on Wednesday we did reading and then on Thursday we did spelling and on Friday we did Numeracy. Maddi D said "It's challenging it also challenges us for high school, it's also good to see what level we are at". Finley said "It's challenging".

## SCHOOL/PRESCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken for the school and preschool on Monday 27th May by MSP Photography.

Parents can send the money to the school in the envelope supplied however **On-Line Ordering**, where parents are able to select their preferred package online makes it much easier for our parent community and online ordering also closes after photo day to allow extra time to make your purchase (check online close date on printed envelope for actual online close date).

In 2019 the range of options available to you online has increased. As well as the option to download a Low Resolution image for a smart-phone, parents will have the option to purchase a **High Resolution Digital Download** of their child's image and **Family/Sibling packages will also be able to be ordered online!**

An added incentive for our families is that MSP now offers a 10% discount for all family orders above \$90.00 a family. To take advantage of this offer when ordering online, orders need to be processed as one payment or if enclosing cash in the supplied envelopes simply apply the 10% discount manually and enclose the correct money minus your discount.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- \* Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- \* Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request and need to be ordered before or on photo day. Please make your children aware they are having a family photo.
- \* Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques, credit card and money orders accepted.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact MSP on 8391 3951 or email [admin.adelaidesouth@mvp.com.au](mailto:admin.adelaidesouth@mvp.com.au)

# SCHOOL NEWS

## KINGFISHER

Last Friday, our class hosted morning tea for mums and grandmothers for Mothers' Day. First we read the book, *Feathers for Phoebe*, a story about a little grey bird that wants to be noticed. She tries on all sorts of beautiful and brightly coloured feathers at the insistence of beauty salon owner Zelda.

Unfortunately all of Phoebe's attempts to be like Zelda are in vain as no sooner has she adorned herself in glorious feathers, she falls out of the tree and ends up exactly as she started.

The story is part of our conversations about how we see ourselves and the importance of being happy with who we are.

After the story, the children and their guests created beautiful "Phoebes" with colourful feathers which will go on display.

Then we enjoyed a lovely morning tea, much of which was prepared by the Kingfisher children. They did a fantastic job of making biscuits, cakes, bliss balls and a raspberry slice to eat. Delicious, and a real treat to have so many visitors to our classroom.



The Students of Echunga  
Primary School would like  
to invite you to the...

# EPS Art Exhibition

**Term 2 Week 5**

Open after school till 3.45pm from Tuesday  
the 28th May till Friday the 31st May in  
Alluvial Hall

## SCHOOL NEWS



A big thank you goes out to all the students that turned up to help lay a wreath at the Dawn Service this year. Being in the middle of the school holidays this year did make it rather tricky. We not only had 5/6/7 students involved this year. We also had younger students help too which was great to see. We certainly showed great presence for Echunga Primary School which makes not only me proud but Jackie too.

I feel that this shows great strength of our school to the entire community, which is an awesome display of our commitment to the RSL & the general community.

Funny enough we also had two ex EPS students that wanted to be involved in laying the wreath. They were a great help as they helped guide the younger students who weren't sure of what to do. They even went to the effort of wearing their Year 7 jumpers to fit in with the school uniform. Thank you Abby Bernhardt & Jemima Mallet.

A massive THANK YOU goes out to Flower Cottage of Adelaide Hills. Each year Vanessa donates a wreath for the school to lay. We can't thank her enough for her generosity especially being a small business. This is greatly appreciated. So if you ever need a floral arrangement for any occasion please don't hesitate to support Flower Cottage of Adelaide Hills, located right next door to the Echunga CFS. Vanessa 0403 724 627.



One last thank you. That goes to the wonderful parents for bringing their children along to participate. Without your alarm clock I am sure we wouldn't have that many students up & about at that hour. Especially during school holidays.

Looking forward to watching the display that Echunga Primary School offers next year.

Thanks  
Michelle Bernhardt



# COMMUNITY NEWS



ECHUNGA HEART of GOLD presents...

## The 2019 Community Breakfast

at the  
ECHUNGA MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Sunday 2nd June  
8am - 12 noon

BREAKFAST  
INCLUDES...

Bacon  
& Eggs

Pancakes

Porridge

Tea &  
Coffee and more!

And -  
Our Annual  
RAFFLE DRAW!



Plus -  
Indoor  
Games  
for kids

FEATURING  
RADIO  
ECHUNGA  
WITH  
YOUR HOST  
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