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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 3, 9th August, 2019

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## DIARY DATES

Tues 20th Aug—Bookweek Parade

Sat 24th Aug—Football Club Teas

Mon 26th Aug—2:30 Assembly

Wed 28th Aug—Special Person's Morning

Friday 6th Sept—School Closure Day for the Royal Adelaide Show

Mon 16th Sept—2:30 Assembly

Mon 27th Aug, 2 Sept, 10 Sept, 17 Sept—Gymnastics

## Skoolbag app

Have you downloaded our skoolbag app yet? It's a great way to quickly get alerts, reminders, newsletters 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 wonderful start to Term 3. It has been such a joy to see our children perform in their plays this week. We have had the pleasure of watching the Rosella, Kingfisher & Ibis classes perform this week and will see the Lorikeet class next week. For most of our children this is the first time they have performed in a play to an audience so we have been very impressed with their confidence and commitment to their roles. Well done everyone!

### School Crossing

Last term the Lorikeet class sent letters to Josh Teague, Member for Heysen, regarding our school crossing. They are very concerned about the level of safety at the crossing and the fact that cars and trucks are not slowing down or stopping to let them cross. As a result SAPOL monitored our crossing during the first week of this term. Josh has also called me to congratulate the students on their letters and to advise that he is advocating for our school by writing to Corey Wingard (Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Correctional Services) and Stephan Knoll (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government and Minister for Planning) and forwarding the students' letters. He is awaiting their response. We are also organising a visit to the Lorikeet class for Josh to have a conversation with the students and for them to have an opportunity to ask him some questions.

### Staffing

I am very pleased to advise that Kayla Richardson has been appointed as a permanent teacher at Echunga Primary School. I am sure you will join us in congratulating Kayla on her appointment.

Sue Melville, our preschool teacher, has decided it is time for her to retire and spend more time with her family. This was a difficult decision for Sue to make as she has loved her time at Echunga Preschool. We wish Sue all the best for her retirement and will be organising a farewell for her soon. We will let you all know when that will be so that you can come and celebrate Sue's wonderful time at Echunga preschool. We are very happy that Julie has been appointed to the preschool for the rest of the year.

David Schubert has started teaching Science to all classes. We are very pleased to have David on board and he has already begun some engaging science activities with the children.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Week 3 Values Awards

Care	Challenge	Creativity
Alice (Rosella)	Jack (Rosella)	Stephanos (Lorikeet)
Poppie (Ibis)	Saoirse (Ibis)	
Jayden (Rosella)	Chloe (Rosella)	
Bailey (Rosella)	Riley (Lorikeet)	
Cameron (Rosella)	Maddy (Lorikeet)	

## Show Day

This year's Show Day will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September. OSHC will not be open on that day.

## Toys

Just a reminder that all toys need to stay at home as they are becoming a distraction in class. We would hate for any student's toy to go missing or become damaged so it would be best to leave them for after school and weekends.

## Skoolbag

We would encourage you to download the skoolbag app to make sure that you are receiving all messages, alerts and newsletters from school. Detailed instructions of how to download and register with the app are included in this newsletter.

## Enrolments for 2020

We are currently working on staffing for 2020 so it is important that we know our student numbers. If you are intending to enrol your child/ren at Echunga PS for 2020 please let us know as soon as possible. Enrolment forms can be collected from the front Office. We would also appreciate you letting us know if your child/ren will not be attending Echunga PS next year.

## Pam

## GOVERNING COUNCIL REPORT

For several years the Governing Council has been fundraising for new playground equipment. This will be a long term process as this is very expensive equipment costing approximately \$25,000 plus installation. We have money put aside for this project but it is still a long way off.

The Governing Council has also paid for the basketball back boards to be repaired – Rob, our groundsperson, is undertaking this work. We will also be replacing the preschool oven in the near future.

On Saturday 24th August we will be running the Football Club dinners. We will need volunteers to help cook, prepare and clean up afterwards. We will also need donations of salads for the night. This is a very profitable fundraiser for our school. It would be wonderful to also see school families come along on the night for dinner and help raise money for our school.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## *Working Bee – Save the Date*

Governing Council is planning a working bee for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Many hands make light work so please save the date. More details will be sent out later in the term.

### LORIKEET NEWS

This term in Lorikeet we have been learning how to use PowerPoint. We have been learning how to make a presentation that includes hyperlinks. Hyperlinks take the user to different pages. We have also been learning how to create games including mazes. We all enjoy it and can not wait until the next lesson. We interviewed Alice and she is making a PowerPoint presentation about people in the class, she thinks it's fun.

This term we are focusing on Sustainability and how it affects Australia and other countries. We are learning about products that are sustainable and how we can use the Earth's resources responsibly. We are having a sustainability showcase at the end of this term, which will display all of our inventions.

In P.E we have been learning to play table tennis. We learnt the rules and played against each other in tournaments. We interviewed Max and he enjoys it, and he thinks that he has improved in playing table tennis. All of the class love playing it and enjoy it.

By Katelyn, Tabitha and Maddison

## *From the Library...*

### **Book Week**

*Reading is my Secret Power*

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

It's nearly here and there is much discussion amongst the children (and staff) as to what costume they will be wearing.

The Parade will be in the Hall starting at 9am and families are welcome to attend.

### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to all of our children; everyone has now completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Certificates and medals will be given out at a special assembly in Term 4.

Congratulations to the following children who completed the Challenge in the last few weeks Austin R, Cody E, Jaxen, Tristan, Riley, Bennett, Kym, William B, Hamish, Clint, Finley, Austin H.

### **New Family Library**

Drop into the library from next week and have a look at our new Family Library. It is located in the Library foyer and there will be a number of books on different topics to assist our families with parenting skills.

Please see Sue in the library to borrow the books, or the front office if there is no-one in the library.

*Until next time, Happy Reading*

Sue



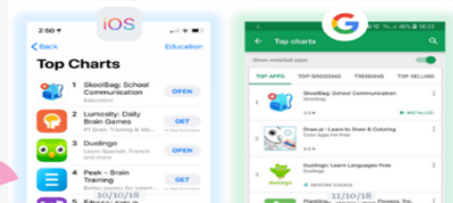
## 5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed SkoolBag

SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

### 1. Download SkoolBag

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SkoolBag: School Communication

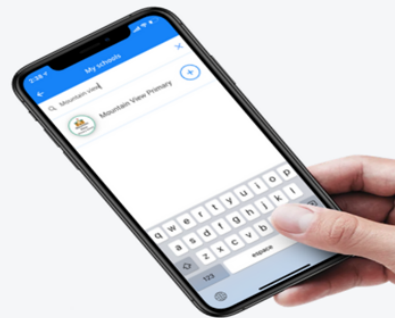


### 2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.

### 3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.



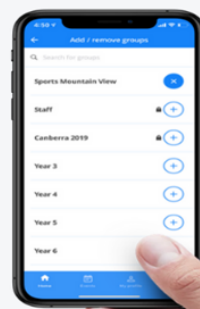
### 4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.



### 5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## KINGFISHER

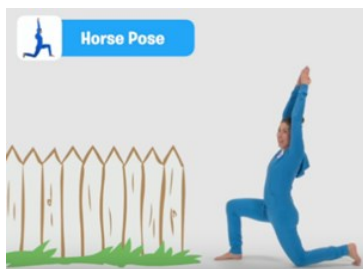


The children's task was to look at a variety of toys with moveable parts, follow the design process of: asking, imagining, planning, creating, improving and reflecting, to design and create their own moveable toy and assess its success.

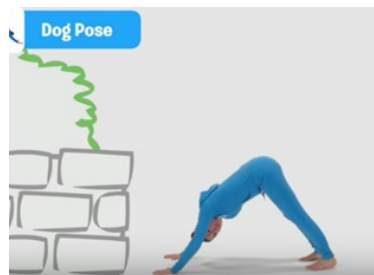


*Some examples of year 1/2 design technology*

Our Spanish lessons this term have begun with some yoga poses which the children are enjoying. Some of these really challenge the children's ability to coordinate their body parts and focus on balance. Of course, the poses are given in Spanish. Try some of these.



El caballo



El perro

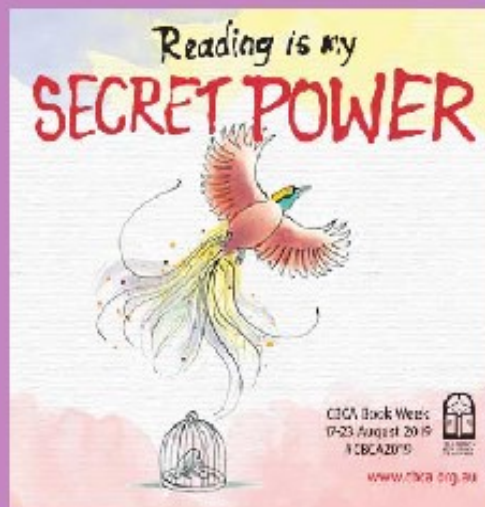


El gato



Echunga Primary School

# 2019 CBCA BOOK WEEK Character Parade



This year's theme 'Reading is My Secret Power' is all about using reading as a secret power to fuel imagination and to create adventures and worlds of our own.

The costume possibilities are endless ...

**Tuesday 20th August**  
**9:00 am**  
**Families are invited to come view**  
**the parade**

Echunga Primary School  
is hosting a

# **SPECIAL PERSON'S MORNING**

**RAISING MONEY FOR  
CANCER COUNCIL  
AUSTRALIA AND  
DAFFODIL DAY**

Wednesday 28th August

**OUR GUESTS ARE  
INVITED TO JOIN OUR  
CLASSROOMS FOR A  
MORNING OF ACTIVITIES  
AND LEARNING BEFORE A  
MORNING TEA AT 10:15**

Gold coin donations  
appreciated



## The Parenting Children Course

**Sunday evenings 4pm - 7pm includes Dinner**

**9-week course starting on 11 August**

**Starting at Wayne & Judith's house (rotating locations)**

**Cost: \$10 per person**

- For parents/carers of children whether you're parenting on your own, as step-parents or as a couple
- Course consists of informative DVD talks with film clips from parents and children
- Contains practical advice from parenting experts
- Small group discussions with parents at similar stages
- 9 weekly sessions with shared dinner
- Dates: 11, 18, 25 August, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 September

*To register your interest, email [cyw@echunga.ucasa.org.au](mailto:cyw@echunga.ucasa.org.au) or call Michelle 0444 509 291*

### Topics covered:

- Remembering your long-term aim
- Developing healthy relationships
- Meeting your children's needs
- Building strong foundations
- Setting clear boundaries

Check out [echunga.ucasa.org.au](http://echunga.ucasa.org.au) for more information