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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 4, Term 4, 4th November, 2019

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DIARY DATES

Mon 4-Wed 6 Nov—Arbury Park Camp

Mon 18 Nov—Premiers Reading Challenge Award Ceremony. Volunteers Morning Tea

Fri 22 Nov—2:15pm Sue Melville's Farewell

Wed 4 Dec—End of Year Concert

Fri 6 Tarnanthi Excursion

Mon 9 Dec—7:30 Governing Council Meeting

Tues 10 Dec—Year 7 excursion and graduation dinner

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 great start to Term 4.

Welcome to Mathew Bettcher who is teaching Science this term. Mat has already begun to make really positive relationships with our students and engage them in science lessons.

World Teacher's Day

Last week we celebrated our wonderful teachers who work so hard to inspire and motivate our children to become lifelong learners. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and committed teachers at Echunga Primary School.

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 affects our planning for classes and staffing. If you know of anyone planning to enrol their children at Echunga PS please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible.

Bushfire season and Skoolbag

As we are approaching bushfire season we are reviewing our procedures. Please ensure that your child has a drink bottle with them at school every day.

Could all families please make sure that they have downloaded the Skoolbag app to their phones? The app is available on the Google Play Store or on the iTunes app store. Just search for Skoolbag. Once you have downloaded the app you can choose the school to connect to. It would be very helpful if you could let us know that you have installed the app. Notifications from school as well as newsletters are sent out via Skoolbag.

Arbury Park Camp

This week the majority of our students will be attending Arbury Park Outdoor School for 3 days – Monday to Wednesday. Arbury Park staff have put together a great program covering a variety of learning activities on the environment. We are all looking forward to the camp. Watch this space for an update on camp happenings!

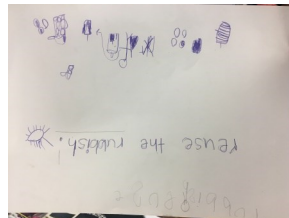
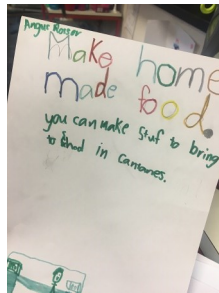
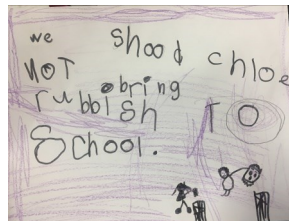
Footsteps dance lessons

On Wednesday we had our first dance lessons with Anna from footsteps. There were 2 sessions – R-2 and 3-7. I was really impressed with how much our students learned in just 1 lesson! I saw a lot of enthusiasm, children coming out of their comfort zone and showing great resilience and, even better, lots of smiles! I'm really looking forward to seeing the next lesson in Week 5.

Pam

Rosella's News

The Rosella students went on a litter walk and were disappointed to see so much rubbish flying around in the environment. They decided that they needed to do something about it. They have taken to creating posters and writing persuasive texts to inform people of the effects of rubbish on our environment.



Rosella would like to welcome Ella and her family to Echunga Primary School.

Rosella are learning about computational thinking (thinking about problems in a way that allows computers to solve them) and to do this, spent some time exploring what makes a computer.





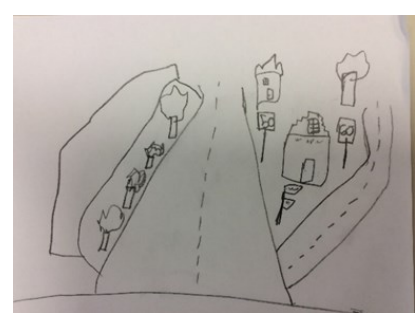
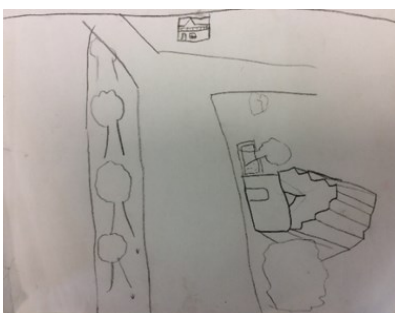
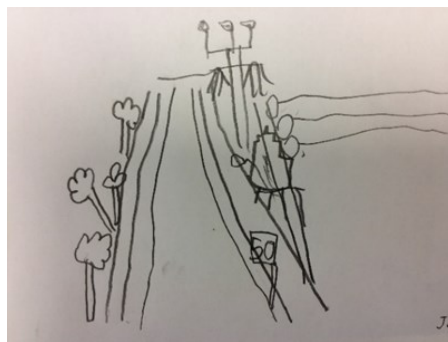
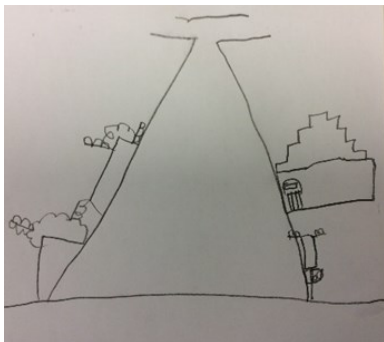
Kingfisher

Year 1/2

The class has been studying old photos of the area, in particular, the main street. They have been forming fantastic questions about the buildings along the street and proposing theories about the use of some of them in the past as well as now.

We then took a walk along the main street, stopping to examine the monument and the gum tree planted across the road from the school, with its plaque that explains where the seed came from and when it was planted.

The children drew a field sketch of the main street view from the CFS and we were able to compare some of the old photos with the existing buildings to see the changes that have occurred over the years.



From the Library...



Over 131,700 children across the State completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year.

On Monday 18th November at 9am, please join us in the hall for the presentation of the PRC certificates and medals by MP Josh Teague.

Last week I received a very exciting email from the Premier's Reading Challenge office.

Our school has been selected as one of 55 schools who have achieved outstanding participation in the challenge.

We have been invited to attend the Premier's Reading Challenge Reception at the Adelaide Zoo, to have photos taken with the Premier and Minister and to receive a framed certificate and bag of books for the library.

Congratulations to all our children and staff.

New Family Library

Drop into the library and have a look at our new Family Library.

It is located in the library foyer and there are 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



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Service 10:45am November 11th

Echunga RSL Memorial Garden

**Echunga Primary Students will be attending
the service and laying a wreath**

SPORTS DAY

The students really enjoyed Sports Day last Friday. We were very impressed with the sportsmanship, encouragement and support shown by all of our students. It was great to see so many parents and family members supporting their children's teams.

Two points was the difference between the first and second teams at the end of the day. The winning team was Battunga, with Jupiter second and Kuitpo third. Congratulations to the Battunga team who were very gracious winners.





IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Echunga Primary Schools Carols Group

Rehearsals Monday Lunch and Thursday Lunch
Starting Week 5

3 PERFORMANCES

END OF YEAR CONCERT - DECEMBER 4TH
ECHUNGA COMMUNITY CAROLS - DECEMBER 8TH
ST PAULS NURSING HOME VISIT - TBC WEEK 9

SCHOOL NEWS

PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

Hi everyone,

I hope you all had a good break. I don't know about you but coming back to school can bring mixed emotions. Like all situations, there are often good aspects and hard aspects, but it is so easy for us to focus on the bad ones.

Take a look at the image below - what first springs to mind? "That the car looks tired", "it's straining up hill", "the kids are screaming in the back", or maybe "they seem like they're struggling a lot". Are all of these real? For sure! When I was a kid I definitely fought with my sister about the fact she was looking out of MY window on car trips...but is this all we can see? It can be hard to see things to be thankful for but if we look hard, it is possible. I wonder if you had any thoughts like... "they could be grateful for being on a holiday", "the family being together" or even "that they have a car and a caravan". Things to be grateful for are there, but they are hard to see if we're not used to looking for them



It is not joy
that makes us
GRATEFUL.
it is gratitude
that makes us
JOYFUL.



Brene Brown, a researcher from the USA, states that in over 11,000 interviews she conducted she found that all people who experienced joy and happiness actively practiced daily gratitude. Moreover, she interviewed people from diverse backgrounds who were experiencing homelessness, had come out of domestic violence situations, had lost loved ones, had come from refugee backgrounds, inmates, and those who were living below the poverty line. Regardless of the circumstances there were joyous people and unhappy people in each group, the defining factor between them was if they practised gratitude. This is incredibly freeing because it means that we are in control of the amount of joy we can feel.

This seems simple, right? You might be thinking, like I did, that "I have attitude of gratitude", but this is not the same as practice. I have an attitude of pilates, I have weights, a balance ball, a pilates mat and DVDs for my chronic back pain, and yet it has been over 2 months since I did any pilates! I need a practice of getting up each morning and doing it, not think about it, but actually do it. The hard thing is building in practices that encourage us and our families to be grateful. But I have some simple ideas!

1. Have a gratitude jar where you write things you're grateful for each day.
2. At the dinner table have each person say one thing they're grateful for.
3. Write a note to one family member, friend or important person in your life about what you value about them and how they make your world better.
4. Before you go to bed list three things that you're thankful for.
5. Make an alphabet poster, with one thing you're thankful for for each letter. For example, I am thankful for: Andy (my husband), Brownies, Cars, Dogs (my dog Noah) etc...

However you do it, making gratitude a practice for you and your family can be a great way to increase joy in everyday life and help you to see the light in dark places. Remember that I am available to catch up and chat on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays—just call the front office and I will follow up next time I'm in. Hope you have a great week.

Rachel, your PCW



COMMUNITY NEWS



SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
DAVENPORT SQUARE

MACCLESFIELD
FROM 9.30AM



LIVE BAND—CROSSFIRE
AGILITY DOG PERFORMANCE
HISTORY DISPLAY—FLIGHT CENTENARY
FOOD AND STRAWBERRIES GALORE
LARGE VARIETY OF MARKET STALLS
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES,
ENGINE RESTORERS
CHEVY CLUB & MUCH MORE
FREE ADMISSION



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ECHUNGA UNITING CHURCH INVITES YOU TO
Saturday 23rd November
5pm—6pm start

BUSH STREET PARTY

64 Pocock Rd Jupiter Creek

Your St

My St

Come early
with the kids



★ Live Country Music

★ Bouncy Castle for the kids



Bring your own table, chairs, food & drinks
BBQs and Tea & Coffee provided

Invite Your Friends and don't forget your
hat and boots

BLUE LIGHT

Pool Party at
the Fleurieu
Aquatic Centre

AGES
10-17
YEARS



FRIDAY 15TH NOV 2019
6:30pm-8:30pm

Police supervised lock-in event
Parents to drop off and pick up at the door
Doors open at 6:15pm for a safety swim
prior to inflatable use

BEAT THE HEAT!

Featuring:

Games and Prizes / DJ Brad
Collins / New Inflatable

TICKETS \$10

Available to purchase NOW from Fleurieu
Aquatic Centre Customer Service. Pre-
purchase is encouraged to avoid missing out.
Ticket inclusive of entry, meal and drink.

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