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working within a positive culture that promotes the pursuit of excellence and the understanding of others

Week 6, Term 3, 30th August, 2019

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DIARY DATES

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

Mon 16th Sept—2:30 Assembly

Mon 2 Sept, 10 Sept, 17 Sept—Gymnastics

Wed 18 Sept—7:00pm Governing Council Meeting

Fri 27 Sept—End of Term 2:20 Early dismissal

Mon 14 Oct—Term 4 begins

Sat 26 Oct—Working Bee

Wed 30 Oct—7:00pm Governing Council Meeting

Fri 1 Nov—Sports Day

Mon 4-Wed 6 Nov—Arbury Park Camp

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.

REMINDER

Friday 6th September is a School Closure Day for the Royal Adelaide Show. OSHC will also be closed.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

How quickly is this term flying by? There has been a lot happening so we are keeping very busy!

Class Plays

What an amazing job all of our students did in their class performances! We were very proud of the confidence they showed in acting in a play in front of an audience for the first time. A lot of time and effort went into the plays with students having to memorise their lines, use expressions and actions, choose costumes and design and construct sets and props. Well done to all of our students and a big thank you to Georgie for making them happen.

Staffing

As mentioned in the last newsletter Sue Melville has decided to retire from her position as preschool teacher. We will be planning a farewell for Sue in the near future so watch this space for a further announcement!

Libby Thornton has been appointed to Echunga Preschool as the permanent preschool teacher as of January 2020. Libby comes with vast experience in both stand alone and school-based preschools and is currently Acting Director at the Carol Murray Children's Centre in Bordertown.

We are very appreciative of the hard work Julie Griggs has put in as our preschool teacher this year. Julie has developed wonderful relationships with our preschool children and their parents and provided an engaging and rich learning environment and we have been very lucky to have her at our preschool this year.

Helen has been away travelling in Europe but will be back with us in Week 8. We are looking forward to hearing all about her exciting adventures. Sam has done a great job at the preschool in Helen's absence. Thank you, Sam.

SSO Week

This week we celebrated SSO Week with a morning tea and some surprise gifts from our students. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team of SSOs at our school. Thank you to Merridee, Sue, Rob, Amanda, Jo, Amy, Helen & Sam for all that you do to make our school run smoothly and improve the learning outcomes of our children.

SCHOOL NEWS

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 may affect the planning. If you know of anyone planning to enrol their children at Echunga PS please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend – enjoy the sunshine ☺

Pam

Hahndorf Winter Lantern Festival

Our Lorikeet students worked hard with Tony and his colleagues to design and create some great lanterns. A lot of creative thinking went into the design of the lanterns and Jackie and I were very proud to see some of the Lorikeet students participate in the parade and carry their lanterns. Well done everyone!



Special Persons' Morning

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents, family members etc join our classes for some shared learning this week. Our students were so happy to have their special people working with them on some challenging learning tasks.

Our morning tea also raised \$140.30 for the Cancer Council.



Rosella's Writing

The Rosellas have been working hard on developing their writing. This for some has meant focusing on sounding out words, remembering finger spaces and using correct letter formation. For others it has been about extending our writing and including detail, juicy vocabulary and hooking in the reader. Below are some of the Rosellas' most recent writing.



~~There~~ There was one was
a Snake Kaled
light. He was a
All type of Snake
Kaled a Pit Viper.
This type of Pit Viper
is called a Rattle snake.
But one Teigish day
a Poisonis Toad came
by the snakes home.
The Snake tried
to eat the toad
but the Snake
got Poisoned instead
The mice gave
him some medicine
and it worked!
Then they were
celebrating!

By Oscar

A asteroid was a bout
to hit On top of ~~scopman~~
it hit but ~~scopman~~ didn't
get hurt. He was no fitting
sick Batman can they helped.
Eechuther a big storm came
~~scopman~~ told Batman to go he
will dig his can way out.
Batman went ~~scopman~~ diged his
way out. He went to the Batcave
Batman had sum medsin Batman
gaive sum medsin ~~scopman~~ went,

By Angus

~~was~~ Non a
tim d dog dig
d hole a n
mused he got
the dog the dog
Pugh the musd
the musd
dth

By Eddy

By Oliver

a fox is in a row
end He luv meet
but ~~he~~ was
a Figgane cumd
and the fix
men got the
fixe the a
x senew ~~the~~ fox
n and he was
thea pe

SCHOOL NEWS

Rosella and Fairy Wren session

Tuesday of Week 4, the Rosella and Fairy Wren classes buddied up to do an early Book Week celebration activity. Fairy Wren came over to school and together with the Rosella students listened to the story 'Rainbow Bear', and then created their own rainbow bears which are now being displayed in the library.



Did you know? Rosella and Fairy Wren have 2-3 sessions like this a term, in preparation for our transition from Preschool to School in Term 4.

Rosella's Technology Learning

Rosella are currently learning about Food and Fibre, looking at the question "where does our food come from?" The students have lead our learning to focus at the moment on farms and farm animals, exploring the weather and features of a farm. We were lucky enough to have a visit from some of Eddy's animals from his farm. Thanks Eddy and Renae for supporting our conversations around caring for farm animals.



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From the Library...

Book Week

Reading is my Secret Power

What a great week we had celebrating Book Week.

In their library visits, the children made insect crafts such as dragonflies, bugs, spiders and cicadas from the winning Book Week books.

Our Book Week Parade is a highlight of the school year with children and staff making costumes from their favourite books. So on Tuesday, each class took to the stage to show us their finest costumes and then parade around the room to their favourite song.

It was really nice to see so many families joining us and thank you to everyone who helped make it a special morning for the children.



Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has now closed and awards and medals will be handed out in the middle of Term 4 at a special assembly.

New Family Library

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

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 

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CLASS DRAMA PERFORMANCES



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ECHUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2019



LORIKEET STUDENTS INVITE YOU TO ATTEND OUR

SUSTAINABILITY SHOWCASE

Preparing for a world yet to be imagined
knowing our impact will last forever.
Come and discover how we are making a difference.



ALLUVIAL HALL
MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2019
1 - 2PM - SHOWCASE
2PM - AFTERNOON TEA
2:30PM - ASSEMBLY

For more details please speak to Jackie

SCHOOL NEWS

South Australian Association of School Parents Communities (SAASPC)
invitation to attend our annual parent conference

Speaker: Andrew Fuller **Shifting to excellence:** **connecting – protecting – respecting your kids**

Saturday 14 September
10.00am – 4.00pm
including SAASPC annual general meeting

Where
Australian Education Union Building
163a Greenhill Rd, Parkside

Cost
*For those from SAASPC affiliated
preschools and schools - free*
*For those from non affiliated preschools
and schools - \$50.00 per person*
Morning tea and lunch will be provided

We appreciate the financial assistance of
the Minister for Education which
enables us to meet many of the costs of
conference and to provide
accommodation for our country
affiliates

Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist
who has worked with many schools
and communities in Australia and
internationally, specialising in the
wellbeing of young people and their
families.

He has recently been described as an
'interesting mixture of Billy Connolly,
Tim Winton and Frasier Crane' and as
someone who puts the heart back into
psychology.

This is also an opportunity to meet
and talk with parents from other
preschools and schools

For more information
telephone 1800 724 640
email info@saaspc.org.au

Accommodation

Limited free accommodation is
available on Friday 13 September for
parents attending from *affiliated
country preschools/ schools*. It does not
include meals or other expenses
incurred.

If you do not belong to an affiliated
preschool/school or you wish to extend
your stay you will need to make your
own arrangements for accommodation,
although we are happy to assist you in
any way.

Childcare

While we are unable to provide
childcare ourselves, for parents
attending from *affiliated
preschools/schools* we are able to
reimburse you, so your costs are
covered.

Registration form / tax invoice

Please photocopy this form for multiple registrations

Register by 2 September if accommodation
is required, otherwise by 9 September to
SAASPC GPO Box 2126 Adelaide 5001
email info@saaspc.org.au
or via website www.saaspc.org.au



ABN 60 901 906 615

*Confirmation of registration and
accommodation will be emailed or
posted to your home address*

Name _____

Home address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Preschool/School _____

☐ My preschool/school is affiliated with SAASPC – no charge
Please contact us if unsure about affiliation 1800 724 640

☐ My preschool/school is NOT affiliated with SAASPC - \$50.00

My payment

☐ By cheque - payable to SAASPC

☐ By EFT - SA Association of School Parent Communities BSB 105-900 Account 950562040

Please indicate if required

☐ Accommodation on Friday 13 September

☐ Special needs (eg dietary, wheelchair facilities) _____

☐ Reimbursement of childcare costs

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PARENT SURVEY

Classification of movies and digital games 2019: Does Australia's classification system suit your family's needs?

Australia's National Classification Scheme for movies, digital games and apps uses the classifications **G**, **PG**, **M**, **MA15+** and **R18+**.

The Australian Council on Children and the Media [ACCM] is seeking your help with its 2019 survey of parents' and carers' satisfaction with the Australian National Classification Scheme (NCS) for movies, digital games and apps. This survey will update information gathered in 2017, and takes between 5 and 10 minutes. Its URL is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y7CTFSR>

Your input will provide valuable data for ACCM's ongoing review of the usefulness of the NCS and levels of protection for children that it provides.

As ACCM is wanting to hear from as many parents and carers across Australia as possible over these next four weeks, it would be very grateful if you would circulate the survey amongst your own networks.

For more information on ACCM, visit its Movie Review service [[Know Before You Go](#)] and its App Review Service [[Know Before You Load](#)].

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COMMUNITY NEWS

ECHUNGA TENNIS CLUB

The Echunga Tennis Club are having a come and try/registration BBQ at the tennis courts on Friday the 6th September from 5-6pm.

Our coach will be there and happy to give tips and talk about tennis development for youngsters. Hope to see you there!

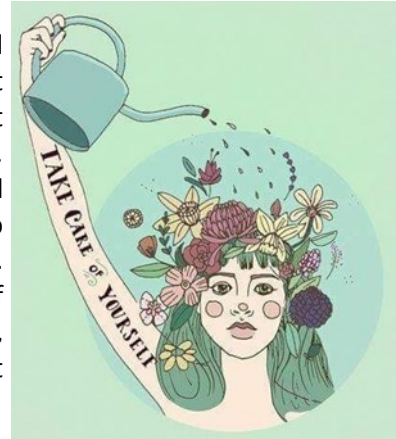
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PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

Hi Everyone,

I hope that you have had a good week so far. This week as we get into the second half of term, I am finding my energy start to fade and when this happens I am often more snippy, less patient and more likely to eat a whole block of chocolate....I wonder if I'm the only one?

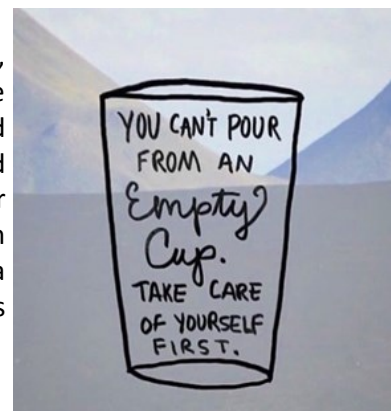
Sometimes I find I'm so busy that I struggle to have time for myself and self care...and when I do try and stop the shame gremlins come out and say "you're lazy", "you don't deserve a break", or "look at everything you have left to do! You can rest when you are done!". However, as Brene Brown, a shame and vulnerability researcher and author, says "You're never done, the to do list never finishes..." and so we need to learn how to take care of ourselves in the midst of life. Brene talks about how to do this in her book "The Gift of Vulnerability". She argues that finding time in our week to play, sing, dance, and spend quality time with family and friends is not selfish, but critical to being and giving others our best selves.



So my encouragement to you is if you're feeling worn out, tired and run down like I am at the moment, (my husband and I are moving house, I'm working full time and volunteering at my church), then stop, allow yourself some compassion and empathy and take some time out to care of yourself, and not just part of you but all of you, your brain, body, emotional health and your soul. For me this means I need to find some time to do some sewing, working my brain in a good way. I need to find time to cook some healthy meals...something which has been lacking at the moment, to make space to spend quality time with my husband and my puppy, and to find time to sit in a nature café (like Mylor Harvest café) and enjoy reading a book and watching the world go by for an hour. This restores my soul.



What does self-care look like for you? How can you care for your brain, your body, your heart and your soul? I have given you a sheet at the end of the newsletter which states some different ways you could destress and take some time out. Maybe you and your family could talk about ways you can implement some self-care practices in your own life. I have begun to take this more seriously and slowly I am beginning to feel more rested and peaceful making me a better me, a more patient, calm, present and less anxious person...there's always more work to do but hey, we all have to start somewhere!



From Rachel, Pastoral Care Worker

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