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

Week 6, Term 4, 22nd November, 2019

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DIARY DATES

Mon 25 Nov—Assembly 2.30pm

Tues 26 Nov—Lorikeet
Enterprise 2.30pm

Wed Dec 4—End of Year
Concert

Fri 6 Dec—Tarnanthi Excursion

Mon 9 Dec—Governing Council
Meeting 6pm

Tues 10 Dec—Year 7 Excursion
and Graduation Dinner

Fri 13 Dec—Last Day of Term 4

Early dismissal 2.20pm

OSHC closes at 5.30pm

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

Our children have been wonderful ambassadors and representatives of our school over the last few weeks. I was very proud of our students who participated in the Arbury Park Camp. They showed great manners, were respectful to staff at the camp and to each other, and demonstrated many of our learner dispositions and school values. All of our students attended the Remembrance Day service at Echunga RSL Memorial Gardens. Our students showed great respect at the service and Finley & Tabitha did a great job laying the wreath. Lorikeet have also participated in a whole day photography workshop with some amazing results. Well done everyone!

Premier's Reading Challenge

We are so proud of our students this year. 100% of our students completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. On Monday morning Josh Teague, Member for Heysen, presented all students with their PRC awards. In the afternoon, Sue Little and I took 2 of our students, Riley and Hayley, to a special reception with the premier and Minister for Education at the Sanctuary at Adelaide Zoo. They even got to meet a few residents of the zoo. What a wonderful acknowledgement of the effort our children are putting into their reading and the encouragement and support provided by our teachers and SSOs. Great work everyone!



Transition

Our 2019 Reception students have started their transition visits to the Rosella class. They have now had 2 visits and it is lovely to see them so settled and engaged. Next week they will stay until 1:30pm. At 12:00pm all students will be spending a lesson in their next year level class.

Bushfire Season

It is now bushfire season and Wednesday was a real wake-up call for residents of the Hills. Please make sure your children are aware of risks and your bushfire plans. It is very important that your child/ren brings a drink bottle with them every day.

SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Survey 2019

Thank you to the 19 parents who have completed the parent survey. This is less than last year but will still provide us with valuable information moving forward. There are 4 surveys not completed so these responses are not able to be accessed.

Looking for Christmas ideas to do with your children?

The DECD Great Start website has some ideas for Christmas activities.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parenting-and-child-care/parenting/learning-your-child-greatstart/celebrations>

End of year Celebration and Community Tea

The end of year celebration will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 6:00pm in Alluvial Hall. This will also include the Year 7 graduation. We anticipate finishing by about 7:15pm when we are inviting families to stay for a shared community tea. A list has been put on classroom doors for families to add their contribution to the tea. Please bring a plate of food sufficient for the amount of people attending the celebration. If you aren't staying for the tea just note that on the list.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Pam

Footsteps Dance Lessons

Just a taste of what you will see at the end of year celebration. Don't miss it!



SCHOOL NEWS

Lorikeet News

Wow what a year it has been! We have had a jam packed Term 4 so far with Sports Day, camp to Arbury park, a photography workshop, Remembrance Day Ceremony, Footsteps and the Premier's Reading Challenge assembly. We are not done yet, with Enterprise happening on Tuesday of week 7, end of year whole school concert and Tarnanthi excursion in week 8, and our Year 7 excursion to Latitude, followed by the Year 7 graduation dinner in week 9.

The camp to Arbury Park was certainly a highlight with a focus on sustainability, water-care and team building. We learned about the web of life, how contours in the land affect water catchment, what creatures live in our water system (most invisible without the use of a microscope), strategies to become better team players and so much more.

Our photography workshop was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about using cameras effectively to capture images and emotions. We were each given a camera to use for the day and were able to print off our 5 favourite photos.

The Remembrance Day Ceremony was very special too, as we remembered those who fought for our country. All classes contributed to making a wreath which our school captain's laid at the ceremony.



SCHOOL NEWS



ECHUNGA PRIMARY AND PRESCHOOL

ARE JOINING IN THE

MOUNT BARKER CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

WITH A FLOAT

December 7th

(finer details to come out in December)

If your child would like to be on the float please
sign up in the front office or at the Rosella
noticeboard.

(Students will need an adult present at the parade)



See Kayla or Jackie with any questions



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 - DECEMBER 12TH

ECHUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL

LORIKEET ENTERPRISE

WE HAVE BEEN BUSY MAKING
ITEMS TO SELL
EARRINGS, CLOUD SLIME,
BOOKMARKS, AUSSIE POPS,
CHOC-CHIP COOKIES, CUPCAKES,
GINGERBREAD
& CHOC TARTS

TUESDAY 26TH NOV.
OUTSIDE THE HALL
2:30PM AND ONWARDS

Remember to bring your money

PASTORAL CARE WORKER NEWS

Empathy, what it is and why it's important

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all pulled up ok after our extreme weather on Wednesday. This week I wanted to talk about empathy, the art of connecting with another person and understanding what they're feeling. So what does an empathic response look like? Theresa Wiseman says to connect and understand another person's feelings we need:

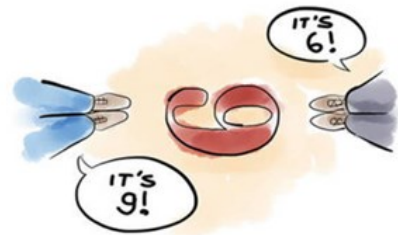
1. Perspective taking or putting yourself in someone else's shoes.
2. Staying out of judgement and listening.
3. Recognising emotion in another person that you have maybe felt before.
4. Communicating that you can recognise that emotion.

It sounds so simple to do and yet for most adults and kids, being empathic is not our first response. Why is this so? This is because we often want to make the situation better, to add a silver lining to their situation rather than to sit with the friend, our child, our sibling in the pain. Brene Brown states that rarely can any response make a situation better, what makes it better is connection. The power of empathy is sitting in the pain with someone and showing them you understand what they're going through and that they're not alone.

However it can be so hard when we are busy, distracted or going through our own stuff. Too easily I can say to a friend who had a hard day at work, "It's ok don't worry about it, it will be better tomorrow" which is failing to take their perspective, or "Why are you upset it's not that big a deal, buck up" which is judging them and their feelings. Sometimes when I'm distracted I can misunderstand what they're feeling or after they have shared I can just jump straight to my day rather than giving them space to debrief and letting them know I have understood where they are at. We won't always get it right but that's ok, the more we practise the better we will get.

Being empathic is time consuming and requires us to be present and in the moment, which in our fast-paced digital world can be a fight in itself. However, empathy is a cornerstone to building strong relationships. It is a skill I am constantly working on, and invite you to do the same. How great would it be if we had a school and community full of people who aimed for their first response to always be understanding, non-judgmental, listening and comforting? What kind of community could we build? This thought excites me and encourages me and I hope it does the same for you.

Rachel



Ibis News

What an exciting and busy term we have had so far! We have had Footsteps dance lessons in preparation for the End of Year Concert, Sports Day, a whole school camp to Arbury Park Outdoor School, Outdoor Classroom Day and lots of enjoyable activities in class as well.



Nature Art

On Outdoor Classroom day it was pouring with rain, so we did some activities inside. We used things we found outside to make nature art.

'I made a wall hanger from leaves, string and bamboo.'

- Levi

'Nature art is where you use objects from nature to make a piece of artwork. I had fun making my creation.'

- Ruby T

Spanish

In Spanish we built habitats for the plasticine animals that we made and learnt the names in Spanish.

'La selva means rainforest. Komodo de dragon means komodo dragon. My rainforest has 18 animals in it.'

- Bennett

'El mar means 'the sea'. My habitat has turtles, a baby shark, 6 piranhas, coral and shells.'



La Selva by
bennett

SCHOOL NEWS

ARBURY PARK OUTDOOR SCHOOL CAMP

What an amazing experience we had at Arbury Park Outdoor School in Week 4. Our students showed resilience, independence, risk-taking and were a credit to our school.



SCHOOL NEWS

Photography Workshop with Moran Foundation

Thank you to Sally, from the Moran Arts Foundation which provides **free photographic workshops** in city, country and remote schools across all corners of Australia. Each student received a digital camera to use for the day. The workshop explores the art and technique of photography, a form of visual storytelling. Have a look at some of the great photos they took!



COMMUNITY NEWS



ECHUNGA HEART of GOLD presents...



Friday 20th Dec 5-8pm

BYO PICNIC - BAR OPEN

Santa arrives at 6pm

PLUS Bouncy Castle with Slide

Face painting & Kids' Games

PARENTS - PLEASE BRING A WRAPPED PRESENT
FOR YOUR CHILD - UPTO \$10 VALUE (B4 6pm)

Everyone Welcome!



Christmas Extravaganza

Wednesday 18 December 2019

Ticklish
Allsorts Show

10.30am
Mount Barker
Town Hall

Street Party

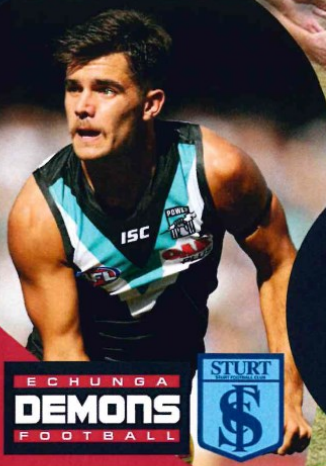
12.00noon
Stephen Street
Laneway

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

For more details about this event and to book in, go to
mbcl-eventbrite.com.au or phone the library on 8393 6400

ECHUNGA FOOTBALL CLUB

FAMILY FUN DAY & MEET THE COACHES



24.11.2019
11AM-3PM
ECHUNGA
FOOTBALL OVAL



Join us for a Family Fun Day at the
Echunga Football Club on
Sunday 24 November, 11am-3pm,
Echunga Football Oval - ONLY a 5 minute
drive from Mt Barker.

- FREE Sausage Sizzle
- Ice Blocks
- Miss Marianna Coffee & Milkshake Bar
- Skills session & photo opportunity with AFL Star - Riley Bonner of the Port Adelaide Football Club
- Sturt FC Representatives Q&A - What does it take to get into a Junior Development Squad & play SANFL level footy?
- Competitions & Prizes
- Activities & Giveaways
- Music

So much more...

Meet our newly appointed coaches for Season 2020, from Moddies through to U14, U16, U18, Reserves & A Grade Coaches.

ALL WELCOME!

Past, current, new & interested players & families!

Present this flyer for \$50 off subs for all new junior players - 18 years and under.

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