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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 9, Term 3, 20th September, 2019

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DIARY DATES

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, news-letters and other school info. Search Echunga Primary School in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

REMINDER

On Friday 27th September school finishes at 2:20pm and OSHC closes at 5:30pm.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Wow, here we are at the end of Term 3! Where has the time gone? You know what they say about time flying when you're having fun!

Lorikeet students have been extremely busy working on their sustainability projects. They researched what sustainability means and how they can make a difference to our world. All of the students did a great job and presented their learning at an exhibition on Monday. Well done Lorikeet students and Jackie!

Three of our Year 5 and 6 students spent a day at Mount Barker High School last week participating in a Visual Arts Enrichment program. They all had a great day and were very positive about their experience at the school.

Staffing

Unfortunately, David Schubert has decided to leave us at the end of term due to personal and family commitments. We thank David for his work teaching science at Echunga PS this term and wish him all the best for his future in teaching. Mathew Betcher will be teaching science for Term 4.

Toys

Another reminder for your children not to bring toys or collectibles to school. We are still seeing lots of these coming to school and it is becoming a problem, which is spilling over into class time. Please talk to your children about leaving these toys at home.

Hats

Although the weather is still very unpredictable and pretty chilly on some days the UV rating is getting higher and the period during the day when it is above 3 is lengthening so please make sure your children have a broad-brimmed hat at school. If they do not have a hat to wear then they will be expected to sit in the shade under the veranda next to the courts during recess and lunch. Please note that caps are not accepted as sun safe.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sports Day

Sports Day is rapidly approaching – let's hope the weather will be kinder to us this time! Sports Day will take place on Friday 1st November. A note with more detail will be sent home shortly. Families are asked to bring a piece of fruit for a shared fruit platter at recess and a plate of food for a shared lunch. This worked really well last year so we have decided to go with the same format this year. We are planning to also have a coffee van here on the day. It is vital that students still wear appropriate sun safe clothing (**no** sleeveless or thin strapped tops, broad brimmed or bucket hats, closed in shoes) so that they can take part in all activities. Please also ensure your child has sunscreen applied before 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 can affect our planning.** If you know of anyone planning to enrol their children at Echunga PS please encourage them to contact us as soon as possible.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday. See you in Term 4.

Pam

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

The football club dinners were a huge success with the school making a profit of \$1064.10. This is a huge contribution to improving the school grounds.

The year 5/6 students are fundraising for their Canberra trip in 2020. This is separate from the school fundraising and is run by students and parents going on the trip.

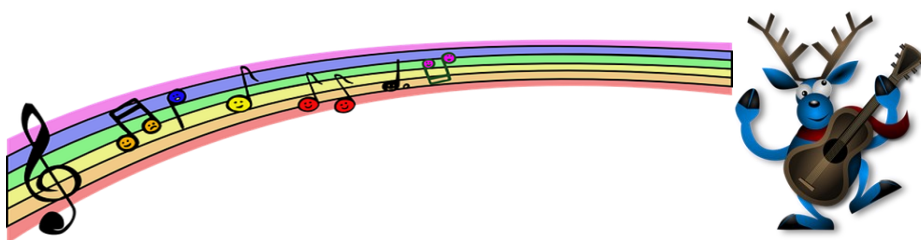
Thursday the 24th of October the Governing Council will be having a clean up morning after school drop off. Any parents who can help with some odd jobs would be greatly appreciated.

Any parents who would like to join the Governing Council are welcome. Please speak to any of the Governing Council members or Pam.

Carly Rosser

Echunga's Got Talent

Next Friday we will be celebrating the end of term with Echunga's Got Talent. This year it will be a showcase of talent rather than a competition. We are planning to start at approximately 12:15pm. There will be a break for lunch and then we will resume the entertainment, aiming to finish up at 2:10pm just before the bell. You are more than welcome to come and see the great talents and skills our students will be sharing with us.



SCHOOL NEWS

KINGFISHER

We are lucky enough to have Michelle Garner, a local church member and Trees For Life employee, volunteering her time while she is on maternity leave, to help create a native garden next door to the vegetable garden and work with children in the veggie patch.

With her father's help, they collected the garden soil for us and then the Kingfisher children spent the afternoon shovelling the soil and planting some bush tucker plants and bird attracting flowers.

The garden is an ongoing project with more plants to be added.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out, with gardening and/or cooking, or in classrooms.

We recently submitted a grant application, thanks to Landcare and Woolworths, for a sustainability project up to \$1000. If we are successful, the plan is to install two wicking beds in the veggie garden which will allow us to grow plants throughout the hot, summer months and school holidays more successfully than in the past.

Our Special Person day was a big success, even though our helpers were enlisted to get their hands very gooey making papier mache planets with the children. All of the adults got stuck in and now we are able to paint each planet for a display for the Library for the anniversary of the Space Mission.



Proposed spot for the wicking beds



The new native garden

SCHOOL NEWS

LORIKEET NEWS

Sustainability showcase

We had a very successful sustainability showcase. We all put in lots of effort to set up, make and research our project. We were all very pleased with our finished product. Thank you to the parents, students and teachers for coming to have a look at our showcase.



Carly Ryan Foundation

3 people from the Carly Ryan Foundation came in to our school 2 weeks ago to talk with us about cyber safety. We learnt what to and what not to do when online.

by Kate, Maddi ,Ada, Mia and Tab

SCHOOL NEWS

NOTE FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING HEATHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL IN 2020

Entrepreneurial Specialisation at Heathfield High School

Thank you to all families who have registered an interest in the Entrepreneurial Specialist Program at Heathfield High School for Year 8 students, beginning in 2020.

Information from the Parent Evening held last Tuesday, 27 August is now available online at the School's Website. Please go to <https://www.hhs.sa.edu.au/curriculum/entrepreneurial> to view and read the following:

- Video – Why Entrepreneurial Education at Heathfield High School
- Video – How to Apply for the Specialist Program
- PDF – 'Application Guide' for students and families

Please note that Applications close on Friday, 11 October.

Applications are open to all students attending Year 8 at Heathfield in 2020.

We recommend students think creatively about responses to the questions posed in Section 6 of the Application. We are excited to receive applications that represent your child and their unique talents, passions and personalities.

Please note:

- Through this specialisation, students will cover all core subjects from the Australian Curriculum.

Students enrolled in the Music and / or Volleyball specialist programs can apply.

In the Entrepreneurial Specialist Program, students will:

- Learn to be problem finders as well as being problem solvers.
- Work with local industry to apply these solutions in a real-world setting.
- Develop the mindsets and dispositions of an entrepreneur.
- Participate in local, state and national challenges to develop and enhance their skills.
- **Most importantly students will learn to:**
 - o **find opportunity** amid change,
 - o **learn-by-doing** through engaging with authentic experiences,
 - o **make it happen** by leading and implementing new advances.

Kind Regards on behalf of

Luke Northcote

COMMUNITY NEWS

Keep your kids smiling

SA Dental Service



Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

Our specially trained staff provide comprehensive dental care to help prevent pain and tooth decay.

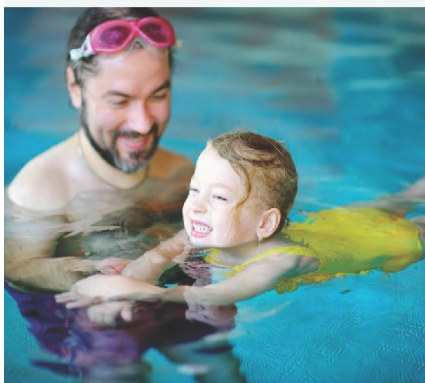
We will always talk to you about what your child needs before we provide any treatment. We have been a trusted government dental service for children since 1969 and bulk bill under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Mount Barker School Dental Clinic

Phone: 8391 0858 or use the link on our website to ask us to contact you.

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment



HAVE YOUR SAY



MOUNT BARKER
DISTRICT COUNCIL

REGIONAL INDOOR AQUATIC + LEISURE CENTRE

Want somewhere to take the family for water play and swimming all year round? We're planning a Regional Indoor Aquatic and Leisure Centre that will become a place to meet, relax, play and swim.

Find out more at mountbarker.sa.gov.au/aquatic



COMMUNITY NEWS



School Holiday Program

Full Pony Day
9am - 3pm
6 years +
30 Sept ~ 2 Oct ~ 4 Oct
~ 7 Oct ~ 8 Oct

Mini Pony Day
9am - 12pm
3+ years
~ 3 Oct ~

Come & Try
30-minute sessions
3 years +
~ 30 Sept-11 Oct ~

Equitation Science
for Children

www.e-s-c.com.au

0433 211 028

in Flaxley, SA



HILLS ATHLETICS Summer fun and fitness with friends!

If you're aged between 3 and 17, then Little Athletics is for you. Love to run, jump or throw? Want to keep fit over summer? Want to have fun with your mates? Then come along to Hills Little Athletics at Heathfield High on Sunday mornings at 9am. Season gets underway on the 13th Oct. Registrations now open!

Enquiries to info@hlac.org.au or
visit hlac.org.au



Kids Movie & Disco

SUPERVISED LOCK IN
MT BARKER

Friday 27th September 6.45 to 9.45pm.

\$17.50 per child 7-12 years old only.
Sorry No Adults Allowed.



ABOMINABLE

Please note: BlueLight & Wallis Cinemas
take no responsibility for any electronic items
taken into the cinema by attendees.



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**QUICK STIX
LACROSSE**

CATCH & THROW, GIVE LACROSSE A GO!

QUICK STIX INVOLVE

When: 4th October, 2019 @ 11:00AM

Where: City Mazda Stadium, 57 Milner Rd, Richmond, SA

Cost: FREE

Register: www.quickstixlacrosse.com.au/events

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