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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

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## DIARY DATES

Tues 1 Sept—Lorikeet  
Class playing golf  
Tues 1—Tues 8 Sept—  
Scholastic Book Fair  
Mon 7 Sept—School and  
Preschool Photos  
Tues 8 Sept—6:00pm  
Governing Council Meeting  
Mon 14 Sept—2:30pm  
Assembly  
Fri 25 Sept—Echunga's  
Got Talent  
End of Term 3  
2:20 Early Dismissal

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

I want to thank those of you who have sent in a plant with your child/ren to help enhance our learning environment by maintaining the right levels of carbon dioxide. We have some delightful pots and some very proud owners! We were also fortunate in receiving a donation from Mt Barker Bunnings in the form of a plant for each learning and working area in the school. These were selected especially for their propagation potential so we are looking forward to seeing these multiply in the future!

On our Student Free Day, our teaching staff attended Professional Development on Student Engagement and Positive Mindsets in Mathematics. It was a challenging and stimulating day where our own perceptions of ourselves as mathematicians were challenged and our conceptual understandings explored. Following this we have worked together to establish some Whole School Actions related to the way we teach Mathematics. Our first focus is having a Growth Mindset specifically in Mathematics - the notion that whilst we haven't been successful, this is a temporary and valuable state; it becomes we haven't been successful YET. We also have a focus on the 6 strategies for solving problems with emphasis on the process and effort, not just the answer. Each of the classes has this 6 step process displayed and will work through with teachers leading initially at age appropriate levels. Finally, we have all adopted the teaching process that begins with concrete materials, pictorial representation and then abstract recording. If we imagine this when thinking about fractions, it becomes clearer (especially if we begin with a chocolate bar). We begin with the chocolate and the language (we will cut this in half), then draw what is being learned, then convert our conceptual understanding to numbers. I feel it is very important to share these parts of learning and teaching with you as you may like to engage your child/ren in conversations about their learning in mathematics.

Later this term we will be holding Parent/Teacher Interviews. These were not held in Term 1 due to COVID restrictions. We would like to extend this invitation to you, whilst it is not compulsory, it is insightful and valuable. You will receive information from class teachers regarding schedules and times. I urge you to take this opportunity if possible as it serves as a strong demonstration to children that school is important and that a positive and progressive relationship exists between us.

Kind regards  
Chan

View the newsletter on  
our website at  
[www.echungaps.sa.edu.au](http://www.echungaps.sa.edu.au)

# SCHOOL NEWS

## SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder to those families who still owe for this year's school fees. Fees were due at the end of Term 1. A Final Notice and statement will be sent home early next week seeking payment within the next 30 days.

It would be appreciated if all outstanding debts could be paid as soon as possible.

Please speak to Chan or Merridee in the office if you are having trouble meeting this debt.

## SPARE CLOTHES

We are currently looking for spare navy pants in reasonable condition from size 4 to about size 8. Due to the wet weather the grounds are quite muddy and slippery and children are constantly falling over and needing a change of clothes.

If your children have grown out of their pants and you no longer need them we would be grateful if you could donate them to the school. Please leave any donations at the Front Office.

## LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property box in the corridor of the red brick building if your child has lost any items of clothing. The box is currently over-flowing with jumpers.

## FROM GOVERNING COUNCIL



Hi, I'm Carly Rosser.

I am the secretary on Governing Council in 2020.

I have 3 children Zoe, Angus and Emily. Two of our children attend Echunga Primary and are in the Rosella and Kingfisher classes.

I have enjoyed being part of the Echunga Governing Council for a few years now and have seen the school develop in that time. Over the years we have put fundraising money towards a 3D printer, contributing to the running costs of playgroup, the purchase of new iPads and laptops, helping to boost funds to finish the Aboriginal garden grant, fixing the backboards and nets of the basketball rings and continue raising money for new playgroup equipment along with many other smaller projects.

Being part of governing council has allowed me the chance to meet other parents within our school and be part of a great school community.

Please come and introduce yourself to me and ask any questions.

# SCHOOL NEWS



## PHOTO DAY IS MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

This year due to COVID19 restrictions all photos will be composite not traditional as in past years. Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office and need to be ordered before or on photography day. Please make sure your children are aware they are having a family photo and present the family envelope to the photographer on the day.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques, credit card and money orders also accepted.
- Why not give online ordering a go!! It's the safest and easiest way to order.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact MSP on 8391 3951 or email [admin.adelaidesouth@msp.com.au](mailto:admin.adelaidesouth@msp.com.au)

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Last week we commenced deconstructing old electrical appliances. Prior to this we learnt about how to work safely with the tools, and that this is only something to do at kindy and not at home. The children have been learning how to manipulate and create with our new Little Architect building set. Accepting and engaging with new learning opportunities assists children to take safe risks and challenge their thinking.

We are continuing with bookmaking. After completing a book, children read their story to an educator or peer. We learnt about personal space as part of the Child Protection Curriculum. Children have commenced their preliminary visits to the Rosella class.

The digging patch has been a hive of activity with countless loads of cement created and delivered. The children relished the opportunity to once again put on the onesies and splash in the puddles.



What's been happening lately in...

Rosella

## Bubble Wands

As a part of our ICT and Technology curriculum, the Rosella students have been exploring Makers Empire software.

Using the software students each had to learn about how to insert shapes, change the shapes size and to cut out the shapes. They also learnt what was needed to make something successfully print.

Before beginning our design process, students explored a variety of bubble wands; observing and analysing the different shapes and designs.



Students then created their designs on Makers Empire, before printing them and testing them out.



Below are some of the comments from our reflection upon the testing of our bubble wands:

Our bubble wands are different shapes (Ella)

And sizes (Eloise)

They all blew bubbles (Juniper)

The wands are different shapes but they all blew circle bubbles (Eddy)

If your bubbles didn't work, don't get upset, try again (Poppy)

Bubbles can be big and small (Sophie)

It is hard to see if the bubble mixture is there (Emily)

The bigger the bubble hole, the bigger the bubble (Anita)



What's been happening lately in...

Rosella

## Buddy Experiences

As a part of our transition to school program, Rosella and Fairy Wren are sharing fortnightly interactions. Each fortnight a group of Preschool students come over and join the Rosella class and students for some shared experiences, at the same time a small group of Rosella students join Preschool to build relationships and share play with the Pre-schoolers. Here are a few photos of our past two sessions. We have one more group rotation in Week 8, before a whole class experience in Week 10, and then our official transition program will begin in Term 4 (more information will be shared soon)



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Lorikeet News – by Samara and Madison

In Lorikeet we've been looking at an information report for talk 4 writing. Talk 4 writing is where we learn how to write more complex texts. We do this by pulling out information from a model text and look at its key features. We discuss the stories as a class to find out ways to write a good text and how to improve it. This term we studied information reports. Here are some examples of paragraphs we have written.

**Would you be able to recognise a gherkinana if you saw one? In fact, they are similar to the large majority of gherkins. Like most gherkins they have chicken legs, banana body and a head of a gherkin. In fact, the male and the female gerkinanas**

The Squidge is a gargantuan sized burger looking thing. It has four big eyes to see long distances, one small olive eye to see in the dark. It also has four long, thick heavy tentacles to rip apart and crush anything that comes near. By Kym

Female Brachiodactyls can be many shades of purple and pink. They have the body of a brachiosaurus, 4 legs and a long neck. They have the head and the wings of a pterodactyl. They have big blue, green or brown eyes. They have lump or scaly skin. Although female brachiodactyls are smaller than male brachiodactyls, they are similar in stature to the male brachiodactyl. By Samara

What is it? It's an octopus but also a kangaroo. The females have two eyes to scare of the little kid's parents, they can see in the dark, and play a special song to keep the child asleep. The females have scruffy, fluffy, and purple legs. It also has spots on its legs. You can see through there stomach they have 3 hearts to pump the blood through, and the 2 hearts bring oxygen. The males have legs that have brown spots and they are purple everywhere. By Madison

Males are smaller than females but have a bigger tail barb and have no wings and they are mostly desert colours. But the female however, has wings, horns and a small tail barb containing potent venom enough to kill 10 buffalo with one dose and can be black, purple, blue and a pale orangey yellow colour. By Savannah B.

# SCHOOL/OSHC NEWS

## FROM THE LIBRARY...

### Scholastic Book Fair



Join us in the Hall next week, from Tuesday after school, to browse a great selection of new books and novelty items.

The Book Fair runs from 1st to 8th September. See promotional flyers around the school for opening times.

Until next time, Happy Reading

Sue



### **Cancelling your children**

Please call OSHC on 83888563 or the school office on 83888306 if your children are not going to attend OSHC because you are able to pick them up on time from school or because they are ill. We spend a lot of time looking for children who are booked in and do not turn up, and we also have other families call up on the day who want to book in, but can't.

### **Invoices and accounts**

We have now put a link to Fullybooked on the Echunga Primary School Website in the OSHC section. Fullybooked is the software that we use for bookings, cancellations, invoices and for families to keep their own details up to date. Please ensure you fill in all the sections.

By clicking on this icon within the website, you will be able to get access to your account. Please use the original email that you gave to OSHC to log in. If you are unsure of which email you used, please let Jodie know and she will be able to help you.



We will be invoicing our families every second Friday (even weeks of this term).

Families can also set up Direct debit through their financial institution to help keep on top of their OSHC account.

Please pay the actual amount on the invoice (not less or extra) and quote the invoice number and your family name when paying by EFT.

### **October Holiday Program**

The children and staff are putting the finishing touches on the next holiday program. It will be available next Tuesday (week 7) September 1<sup>st</sup>.

In order to book in your account must be paid in full up to the end of week 6 (including the week 6 invoice).

### **Term 3 Program**

All children at OSHC have individual projects or activities put aside just for them. Our children work together with staff to plan what they want to do based on their interests. As a group, we are working on another mural of a mystical enchanted forest and learning some awesome magic card tricks. We are beginning to play outside a lot more (with our new sports equipment) now the weather is warming up.

### **Wool for pom poms for Dementia Awareness Month 2-30<sup>th</sup> September**

The Hahndorf Academy will be celebrating dementia awareness by displaying 1000's of POM POMS on their gallery walls. Echunga OSHC will be helping to make some POM POMS to add to their collection.

Why POM POMS? They are bright and colourful, positive and a great sensory experience for people living with dementia.

We are looking for donations of small (left over) balls of wool you no longer need to help with this wonderful community activity.

New Adelaide Hills

## Thongaphone Percussion Ensemble

Try - outs

Kids who are interested in performing music in public, outdoors

**Ages 10-16 please come along for a try-out!**



There are two try-out sessions so you can have a go in a supportive friendly atmosphere.

**Friday afternoon 4-5.15pm Sept 18 ....OR Saturday afternoon 2-3.15pm Sept 19.**

**S for Studio, 414 River Rd Mylor**

**No musical experience necessary. Sessions are free.**

You will learn a simple tune on several of our outdoor instruments. Large and small thongaphones. Large and small marimba Bass doof barrels and a metalophone

This is fun energetic music .....bring a friend.

Sessions are **free** but please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/BLDNG>

Ensemble leader/ tutor: **Max Tulysewski**

Max is the multi-instrumentalist, tutor / leader of Heathfields Renegades percussion ensemble.

Organiser: **Tony Hannan**, founder/director Hahndorf Winter Lantern Festival. Enquiries: Tony 0414558752

We need 10-15 girls and boys to make up the team. After the try-outs we will select the team. We will rehearse 4 -6 times in the next school holidays and then some Saturdays as necessary. The try-out and rehearsals are all free. Our goal is a **public performance at The Hahndorf Lantern Festival Saturday afternoon, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> in Hahndorf.**

If the team is keen we will seek a way to continue the group after November and perform at outdoor events in the Adelaide Hills.

For images/videos of a Thongaphone group playing see:

<https://www.facebook.com/hillsthongaphoneensemble>