

From our Principal

Term 1, 2020 is certainly going to be a term to remember... thanks to the Coronavirus outbreak! We have seen events postponed or cancelled, supermarket shelves emptied, toilet paper rolls missing in action and hand sanitiser, now our best friend! All the while, our students, staff and families have taken it all in their stride. Hygiene has been our number one message throughout the school and our kids have responded to this responsibly and diligently

Of course, we have all been inundated with COVID-19 news by the media - what seems like every minute of the day, all containing an abundance of information and predictions. Quite simply, our school's directions come from DET (Department of Education and Training). The school receives daily updates of the latest bans and actions and we will continue to keep you all updated as new information comes to hand. The advice of the Chief Health Officer remains at present that our schools should stay open, except in the case of a confirmed case of COVID-19 (coronavirus disease).

The school must be notified if a student or staff member is:

- a person who has a confirmed case of COVID-19
- a person who has had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days.

The school will initially close for 24hrs after the notification to ensure a 'deep clean' of the school and further assessment of the situation.

I am aware some parents have made the decision to keep their child/children at home as a precautionary measure and I completely understand this course of action. If this is what you intend to do please be sure to notify the office, so appropriate arrangements can be made regarding the provision of work. Likewise, if your child is unwell, it is important to keep them at home until the symptoms of their illness have passed. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Hopefully you have all received a letter this week (sent home yesterday with the eldest of the family) requesting an update of your contact details. Accurate details are vital, especially if we do need to contact you promptly. Please return these forms to the office as soon as possible.

We also have some staff changes starting term 2. It will be great to have our Principal, Lyn Strachan return after being on carer's leave this term. I would like to thank Ben Holmfield for stepping up into the Acting Assistant Principal role for the last 4 weeks of this term. He has done a great job reinforcing the power of our school values. Jodie Maiden will be taking unexpected leave as of the end of this term and will not be returning this year. We wish Jodie all the best during her time away. Deena Pridham will be replacing Jodie for the remainder of the year. Of course, Deena has extensive experience teaching in Level 3, but will be missed in Level 2. We are currently advertising for a teacher, 2 days a week to replace Deena in level 2. We aim to have this position filled during the first week of the holidays. Stay tuned!

As this is our last newsletter for the term, I thank you all for your ongoing support while in the Acting Principal role this term and wish you all a safe and healthy term break. Recharge and see you all back here for term 2!

I leave you with one very important message...

relax refresh recharge

Lindy Burke
Acting Principal

COVID-19 Update

Information is being communicated from DET to schools daily and is constantly changing. This is the most current information available at this time.

Cleaning DET has arranged for the provision of additional cleaning for the remainder of the term. We met with our cleaning contractor this morning, and beginning today, our cleaners are now coming through the school during the lunch break to disinfect and clean high touch areas and toilets. Our daily clean has been pushed back to commence at 5.00pm (previously 2.30pm) to avoid cross contamination. Hand wash has also been provided to each classroom.

Water As of today we have disconnected the bubble taps as a further recommended hygiene measure. Students can fill their drink bottles from the taps in their classrooms. We have purchased bottled water for each double class space to cater for those students who have not brought their drink bottle to school. These will be named and students encouraged to reuse. We strongly encourage students to bring their own drink bottle to school.

Social Distancing One of the recommendations from health authorities is that people should endeavour to keep a distance of 1.5 metres between themselves and others. This can be implemented by staff in schools, however it is not always practical for this advice to be applied to interactions with students, especially young students.

From today students lining up outside at the end of breaks are positioned 1.5m apart. We had a practice run this morning and the kids then did an awesome job at the end of the lunch break.

Classrooms have been rearranged to increase the space between tables, grouped tables have been broken up and floor time is being discouraged. Our classrooms certainly look very different and our staff are doing an amazing job of adapting their teaching style at very short notice. We are sure the kids will tell you all about this crazy day for themselves!



Practising 'social distancing' when lining up 😊



One of our 'new look' classrooms

SAFETY IN AND AROUND SCHOOL

We ask that all parents please remind their children to use the provided crossings, Sutton Street can be a very dangerous place to cross with parked cars and buses moving in and out, children can not be seen until it is too late and we ask that you remind your children to walk to the crossing and use it at all times.

Please note that the Staff Carpark (blue stone) is not be used as a walkway to get to classrooms or be used to park in to drop off or collect students, this area needs to remain free from traffic for staff, emergency services and tradepersons use. We thank-you in advance.

CHILD SAFE

Echuca East Primary School is committed to Child safety. The safety and wellbeing of our students is a primary concern. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. To ensure the safety and best interests of all students, we take into account the needs of those with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage and those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

20th Young Leaders CANCELLED

27th Last Day Term 1

1.25pm dismissal



SHAVE FOR A CURE

Another big thank-you to everyone for supporting Reef and Olivia in total we raised \$428.10, this takes their overall tally to \$1498.90.



You can still donate at the following link-

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=117799&fbclid=IwAR3OLsSyGgPmKkuhsmzAm5Pe3TSdzEmYByNe4PoVV3YcTjXpVOmM3YY1BT0>



Students of the week

Friday 13th March

00A Weggie Lucy Mc For her awesome positive attitude towards her schoolwork.		00B Zari Hansen Anna F Always being ready to learn and showing the 5 L's.	
1/2A Kirsty Gebbie/Deena Pridham Brayden M For working hard to improve his learning.		1/2B Janine Hill/Sarah Taylor Archee M Having a great attitude towards all his learning and a red hot go at writing.	
1/2C Julie Pocklington Kiara Mc Having a red hot go in all areas of her learning.		1/2D Chelsea Tucker Ava H For always being a positive & bubbly classmate.	
3/4A Jodie Maiden		3/4B Josh Molluso Charli O'D Having an excellent attitude towards all aspects of her learning	
3/4C Sarah Williams/Asher Arnel Montana S A wonderful class member who follows our whole school PAL values		3/4 D Alysha Wilson Sophie B For having great enthusiasm, wonderful listening and being a kind class member.	
5/6A Fleur Gilmour Bianca R For always having a 'can do' attitude		5/6B Alyssa Godfrey Munyari J Completing all tasks to an extremely high standard.	
5/6 C Emily Gusman Layla B Trying her best in all learning tasks and showing pleasing results across all areas		5/6D Naomi Hamilton Blake H Showing your resilience by improving your behaviour and attitude	

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKS AWARD WINNERS

BRONZE PAL AWARDS



LITERACY LEGEND OF THE WEEK



Daniel B.



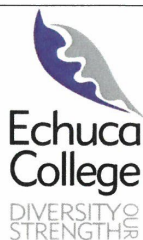
Arnika L, Jake C, Jorja Mc & Harper M.

MATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Evie P, Alicia D, Jaxson P & Anthony C

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Discovery Evening
Year 7, 2021

Current Grade 4-6 students and prospective students of other year levels

Wednesday 25th March

It is with great regret I inform all incoming students and parents of the decision to postpone our Discovery Night.

As you may be aware the evening provides an excellent opportunity for parents and prospective students to meet key members of staff, tour the college facilities, observe students at work and gain an insight into the curriculum and extra-curricular activities available at the college.

Thanks to all the families who had registered for the evening, we will continue to work towards having our Discovery Night next term when the seriousness of the situation around COVID-19 will have hopefully eased.

If you have any enquiries about enrolment at Echuca College for 2021 or into the future, please contact the college on 5482 1133.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS



MARCH 2020

JOIN THE #1 SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CAMPS IN AUSTRALIA THESE HOLIDAYS

CAMP #1 BOX HILL

WHEN: Mon 30th, Tues 31st Mar 2020
WHERE: Aquatic Box Hill - Surrey Drive, Box Hill VIC
TIME: 9am-3pm daily
AGE: 9yrs-14yrs
GENDER: Mixed
SKILL: Beginner, intermediate, advanced
CAPACITY: 150
DURATION: 2 Days
FREE: Limited Edition TSB Kobe Bryant T-shirt & Drink Bottle
PRICE: Regular: \$180.00
Early Bird Discount: \$170.00
Sibling Discount: \$170.00

CAMP #2 PAKENHAM

WHEN: Wed 1st, Thurs 2nd Apr 2020
WHERE: Centria Life 364 Olympic Way, Pakenham VIC
TIME: 9am-3pm daily
AGE: 9yrs-14yrs
GENDER: Mixed
SKILL: Beginner, intermediate, advanced
CAPACITY: 90
DURATION: 2 Days
FREE: Limited Edition TSB Kobe Bryant T-shirt & Drink Bottle
PRICE: Regular: \$180.00
Early Bird Discount: \$170.00
Sibling Discount: \$170.00

CAMP #3 ECHUCA

WHEN: Sat 4th, Sun 5th Apr 2020
WHERE: Echuca Basketball Stadium - 244 High St, Echuca VIC
TIME: 9am-3pm
AGE: 9yrs-14yrs
GENDER: Mixed
SKILL: Beginner, intermediate, advanced
CAPACITY: 150
DURATION: 2 Days
FREE: Limited Edition TSB Kobe Bryant T-shirt & Drink Bottle
PRICE: Regular: \$180.00
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CAMP #4 BOX HILL

WHEN: Mon 6th, Tues 7th Apr 2020
WHERE: Aquatic Box Hill - Surrey Drive, Box Hill VIC
TIME: 9am-3pm daily
AGE: 9yrs-14yrs
GENDER: Mixed
SKILL: Beginner, intermediate, advanced
CAPACITY: 90
DURATION: 2 Days
FREE: Limited Edition TSB Kobe Bryant T-shirt & Drink Bottle
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CAMP #5 NTH MELB

WHEN: Wednesday 8th April 2020
WHERE: Nth Melbourne Rec Centre - Arden Street, North Melbourne VIC
TIME: 9am-3pm daily
AGE: 9yrs-14yrs
GENDER: Mixed
SKILL: Beginner, intermediate, advanced
CAPACITY: 30
DURATION: 1 Day
FREE: Limited Edition TSB Kobe Bryant T-shirt & Drink Bottle
PRICE: Regular: \$180.00
Early Bird Discount: \$170.00
Sibling Discount: \$170.00

FREE KOBE BRYANT T-SHIRT & DRINK BOTTLE



EARLY BIRD & SIBLING
DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE, \$AVE NOW!

REGISTER NOW
WWW.TSBASKETBALL.COM

Early bird & sibling discounts close 13th March at 11.59pm
Closing date for all camps is 27th March at 11.59pm if not sold out prior



**SEEKING UNDER 14
FOOTBALLERS**



**ARE YOU IN BETWEEN THE
AGES OF 12 -14?**

**WE INVITE ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED TO
COME JOIN US AT TIMBER CUTTER HQ
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
5:30PM
AND BE APART OF OUR GREAT FAMILY
ORIENTATED CLUB!**

**ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL ANDREW PRIDHAM
0428 192 870**

COMMUNITY NOTICES CONT.



Murray River Reserve and Terrick Terrick National Park

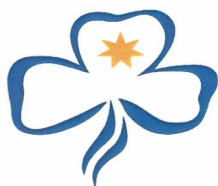
When	Details
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Wednesday 8 th of April 10:00am-11:00am	JUNIOR RANGER- MINIBEAST DISCOVERY Come and join the local rangers as we explore the world within a Murray River lagoon. You'll get a close view of some weird and wonderful creatures and learn what they tell us about river health. Location: Echuca Aquatic Reserve (behind the Information Centre) All Junior Ranger activities are free, and are suitable for children aged 6-12 years. Bookings are essential. Please visit www.juniorrangers.com.au



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We're for Girls



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
VICTORIA

Echuca Girl Guides

(age: 6 to 17 year olds)

Open Night

Thursday 16th April 2020

6pm to 8pm

Location: Stawell Street

3 Free Nights
Come and Try

Free
Sausage
Sizzle

First 10 registrations will
receive a Welcome Pack to
the value of \$25

Active Girls

Do you like going on camps or having a sleepover.
Do you like to achieve or challenge new things and get reward for it

Connected Girls

Do you like to connect with other girls in your area or around the world

Independent Girls

Do you like to make your own decisions and would like to do what you want to do

Girl Guide Girls

Are you Courageous, caring, smart, sassy, creative, determined, daring?
Do you want to explore what type of girl you want to be?
Do you want to make good long lasting friendships, try things you are afraid to do elsewhere, learn about the world

For any inquiries please contact Rachel on 0401 241 481

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ECHUCA & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC A000568P

SATURDAY NETBALL REGISTRATIONS

Net Set Go, Primary & Senior Registrations can be downloaded at edna.org.au.

Boys are eligible to play in appropriate section of competitions.

Age is up to 13yo, as at 31 /1/20.

Due date FRIDAY MARCH 27th.

All enquiries telephone

Netball Office 54801725.

Betty McCoomb

President.

Lockington & District Business Centre presents
THE INAUGURAL
KOTTA TO LOCKINGTON
RAIL TRAIL FUN RUN
Saturday March 28, 2020 Race time: 10AM
8km Fun Run / Walk Kotta to Lockington
1.6km Fun Run / Walk Strathallan Rd to Lockington
Entry: \$20 Adults
Fees: \$10 Children (Under 5 Free)
Teams of 4, or Individual Entry
Proceeds of the Fun Run go towards helping with the establishment of the Lockington/Kotta Rail Trail
Live entertainment provided by The Healers
Online Registration at
<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=37858>
Proudly Supported by Our Sponsors



ECHUCA FUTSAL IS NOW TAKING INTEREST FOR WINTER SEASON
FUTSAL COMPETITION
FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 4-16
TERM 2 AND TERM 3
ECHUCA STADIUM IN ECHUCA
PLAY FUTSAL
MAKE FRIENDS
HAVE FUN
FRIDAY NIGHTS INDOORS
SEASON FEE INCLUDING PLAYER INSURANCE
\$135
Registration must be done by 12th of April.
Please register interest ASAP
EMAIL corrine@centralvictorianfutsal.com
CALL 0431 368 631
Find Us on Facebook as ECHUCA FUTSAL
Website CENTRALVICTORIANFUTSAL.COM
Central Victorian Football Association

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			Term 1		
Mar W6	2	3	4 No Preps	5	6
Mar W7	9 Labor Day Public Holiday	10	11	12	13 Worlds Greatest Shave CRAZY HAIR DAY (Gold Coin Do- nation) Ride2 School Day
Mar W8	16	17	18	19 CANTEEN CLOSED	20 CANTEEN CLOSED Young Leaders Forum Melbourne
Mar W9	23	24	25	26	27 Last Day Term 1
April W1	13 Easter Monday	14 TERM 2 BEGINS TODAY	15	16	17
April W2	20	21	22	23 SCHOOL PHOTOS	24
April W3	27	28	29	30	1
May W4	4	5	6	7	8