



3rd December

Newsletter

Echuca Specialist School acknowledges the history, culture, diversity, and value of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and pays respect to their elders past and present, as well as acknowledging future generations.



Principals message:



Merry Christmas

This will be my final newsletter before the end of the year. I will be taking leave from Thursday 3rd December. I would like to wish all of our families, staff and extended school community a Merry Christmas. I hope that you all have a wonderful and relaxing time catching up with family that you may not have seen for quite some time. I look forward to seeing you all in 2021.



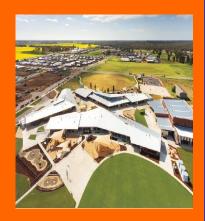
Graduates

We will be holding our graduation ceremony on Friday 11th December at 9:30am. This will be live streamed due to Covid-19. However, with easing of restrictions we are pleased to now have immediate family participate in the ceremony as well. We have 6 graduates this year. They are Jack, Zack, Toby, Zach, Chris and Troy. I have known all of these students throughout their entire time at the specialist school. I feel proud of the outcomes they have achieved and how we have been able to support them to grow into valued members of the community. We congratulate them and wish them all the best in their future. This will also be the last day for all VCAL students for 2021.



Our Vision:

To provide inclusive and engaging learning that empowers all students for life



Dates to Remember: DECEMBER

2nd-School Council

18th—Last day of Term 4—Early dismissal time 12:30

JANUARY

27th-28th - Teachers return

29th—Students return



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Step up

The students completed their first step up into 2021 on Tuesday 1st December. This is when the students spend time with their classmates and staff for 2021. The students were very excited to see their new rooms, meet the new staff and spend some time with their new classmates. The final step up will take place on Tuesday 8th December.

Front doors open

We are excited to announce that due to Covid-19 restrictions easing a bit more, we have re-opened the front door to the school. Although the front door will



be unlocked, visitors are still required to make appointments and sign in at the front desk. Parents are still not able to enter the classrooms, without an appointment. The same drop off/pick up procedures will apply. The Café will be open to the public at the start of 2021.(Unless there are increased Covid-19 restrictions)

Final day of school

The VCAL students will finish on Friday 11th December at the normal time. All other students will have their last day on Friday 18th December. School will finish at 12:30pm on that day. Staff use the rest of the afternoon to complete the final moves and tidy up ready for 2021.

2021 return date

Staff return on Wednesday and Thursday 27th and 28th January, with **students returning on Friday 29th January**. The staff will use the first two days to complete professional learning and set up classrooms for the year. We are excited to spend one of the days with Twin Rivers Primary School.

Beacon Board meeting

Last week we celebrated the final Beacon activity for the year with the Beacon board meeting. Our Beacon leaders, Jack and Toby, welcomed guests, handed out awards and shared dinner with the other Beacon leaders. Although it was a very different year for our Beacon leaders, they still managed to grow personally and learn new skills. They both did an amazing job and the school community is proud of their achievements.



PBS Targeted Behaviour

Inclusion in the Yard



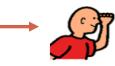






I share equipment

I help others to feel safe







HOW THINGS WORK

ROOM 8 STUDENTS WORKING ON BUBBLE MAKING, SNAKE BUBBLES, MAKING & FLOATING BOATS, MILK & FOOD DYE EXPERIMENT & MAKING LAVA LAMPS.





Congratulation to Connor in Room 9 on winning a gold medal in 200m and 100m sprint and long jump and silver in discus at his local Little Athletic meet.



Miss Tamryn enjoying her Physio session

Happy 18TH Birthday to our graduating students



SOW & PB

	Name	Primary	
6	Levi	Helping others when they need it.	
	Ashtyn	Using an appropriate voice and moving safely around the classroom most of the time	
8	Mkye Supporting others by sharing equipment		
	Elijah	Always using appropriate voice during circle time everyday	
	Shaun	Walking safely to and from the art & music room	
9	Daniel	Helping others when moving in and out of Room 9	
	Mondy	Using an appropriate voice in the classroom with his class members	
	Name	Secondary	
12	Jaelee	Helping another student when they need it	
15	Aiden	Coming up with great strategies to help others when they need it	
	Jade	Using an appropriate voice with in the classroom and moving safely from one program to another	
VCAL 1	Tyler	Helping others when they need it	
VCAL 2	Caitlin	Helping others when they need it in the classroom	



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 Support to work towards the career you want
 Access to industry networks and interview preparation

Most importantly, we listen to you and what you want in your career and work alongside you to make it happen.

If you would like to discuss how to access an Career Mentor at Connecting Futures Australia o support to understand your NDIS employment funding, Call Sophie on 0492 875 725 or email sophie@connectingfutures.com.au





Community News





Collecting November until December 22, 2020

Drop off at Twin Rivers School Reception between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon Mon to Fri Distribution dates: 9,16,23 December: Uniting Church Hall 10:00 am to 1:00 pm



