



3rd December 2020

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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| SUN PROTECTION NOT REQUIRED | | SUN PROTECTION REQUIRED | | | | | | | | |
| Unless outdoors for extended periods, or near reflective surfaces such as snow or water. | | Wear sun-protective clothing, a broad-brimmed hat and sunglasses. Apply SPF30+ sunscreen to any unprotected skin. Seek shade. | | | | | | | | |



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.





Miss Tamryn enjoying her Physio session

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.




Happy 18TH Birthday to our graduating students



SOW & PB

Week 7 & 8

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



CONNECTING futures

YOUR Plan

YOUR Goals

YOUR Life

Connecting Futures Australia Career Mentoring Support

If you are looking for support to work towards employment, then Connecting Futures Career Mentors are here to help you achieve your goals.

Connecting Futures is a local NDIS registered provider focused on working with NDIS participants to help them achieve their life and career goals through our Career Mentoring Service:

- School Leavers Employment Support 18 – 21 years (year 12 school leavers)
- Individual Employment Support for 18 Years plus
- Innovative community participation employment programs

Connecting Futures provides a tailored approach that includes:

- One on One mentoring on both soft skills and hands on employment experience
- Integrated online training – employment, soft skills and mindset
- Individual and small group programs, both face to face and online
- Ongoing access to a Career Mentor to support you while you work towards achieving your career goals
- 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 a Career Mentor at Connecting Futures Australia or want support to understand your NDIS employment funding, Call Sophie on 0492 875 725 or email sophie@connectingfutures.com.au

Connecting Futures Australia
NDIS Provider No: 6000047413

- Registered Provider:
- Find and keep a job
 - School Leavers Employment Support
 - Individual Employment Support
- Innovative community participation

Community News

Echuca Moama Community Projects & Echuca Moama Uniting Church Christmas Toy Appeal



ECHUCA MOAMA COMMUNITY PROJECTS



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

Echuca Christmas Storytimes

Baby Rhymetime (Under 18 months)
Thursday 10 December, 11am
Thursday 17 December, 11am

Rhymetime (18 months - 3 years)
Monday 7 December, 10.30am
Monday 14 December, 10.30am
Monday 21 December, 10.30am

Storytime (3 - 5 years)
Friday 4 December 10.30am
Friday 11 December 10.30am
Friday 18 December 10.30am

Cost Free!

COVID Safe arrangements will be in place.

Sessions outside. Sessions will be cancelled if weather is to be inclement. Notification sent via email to booked families.

Bookings Absolutely Essential
www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library
#echucaxmas2020
Limited numbers



Campaspe Library | 03 5481 2400 | www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library



ALL ABILITIES CRICKET PROGRAM

BAMAWM LOCKINGTON UNITED CRICKET CLUB

- Week 1 Sun 15th 10am Nov: Come and try
- Week 2 Thu 19th Nov 4pm:
- Week 3 Thu 26th Nov 4pm:
- Week 4 Thu 3rd Dec 4pm:
- Week 5 Thu 10th Dec 4pm:
- Week 6 Sun 13th 10am Dec: Final Gala Day

Participate Feel Great



Come and join the fun and excitement of cricket in Bamawm. Register your interest for our 6 week All Abilities Cricket Program. Register by November 8th to below contact. Limited Spots due to covid regulations

Contact: Jo Holloway: 0400 950 046 Where: 714 Bamawm Hall Road, Bamawm Recreation Reserve, Bamawm Vic
Cost: \$0 joseph.holloway@semex.com.au



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