Grade 2 and 3 had GOLD FEVER at Sovereign Hill.
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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Report Writing Day
I would like to remind parents that Monday June 1st is a report writing day. Students are not required to attend school on this day.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund
Parents who hold a current health care card or pension card are eligible to apply for $125 allowance per primary school student to help cover the costs of camps and excursions. Important information about this Victorian Government financial assistance program has been included in this edition of our newsletter. Application forms can be collected from the front office or sent home on request.

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
The Parents and Friends Committee have organised our school to run the BBQ at Bunnings on Sunday 7th June. Many hands make light work so if you are able to help out for an hour it would be much appreciated. The BBQ will run from 8.30am to 4.00pm. Please let the office know if you can help.

Somers Camp
In November this year, a group of Grade 5 and 6 students from schools in the Campaspe Network will have the opportunity to participate in Somers Camp. The cost will be $250 per student. The camp is heavily subsidised by the Department of Education and Training and offers a unique nine-day experience. A brochure has been attached to this week’s newsletter and expressions of interest can be registered at the office.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD

Grade 2 - For being respectful and well mannered wherever we went and displaying excellent behaviour while on excursion at Sovereign Hill. Well Done Grade 2!

Grade 2/3 C – Roxi Clarke for the amazing job you are doing of adding interesting words and detail to your writing. You wrote a great Sovereign Hill recount. Well done Roxi!

Grade 3 - For being respectful and well mannered wherever we went and displaying excellent behaviour while on excursion at Sovereign Hill. Well Done Grade 3!

Grade 4 Campers - For being respectful and well mannered wherever we went and generally displaying excellent behaviour while on camp at Sovereign Hill. Well done, Grade 4!
Grade 4 D-Jake Underwood for being so very enthusiastic about the books he is reading and making a commitment to read nightly at home. Keep up the good work, Jake!

Grade 5 E-Jarryd Taylor for his positive attitude towards maths this week. He has been trying hard to improve his ability and learn all he can about fractions and percentages. Well done Jarryd!

Grade 6 F-Patrick Kervin for being really enthusiastic about our speech writing. You got straight to work on researching your topic ready for your draft writing.

Millewa is House of the Week. Well done.

Points:
Stratton - 1080
Millewa – 1770
Watson – 900

MUSIC/INDONESIAN WORKER OF THE WEEK

Sean Tuckerman for his enthusiasm in all the Indonesian and Music activities. Well done.

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Jett Fleming for making a super effort in PE and improving his skipping skills so much.

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK

Dakota Monigatti for working exceptionally well with her buddy and making excellent connections between her water erosion experiment and how river systems are created. Great detective work Dakota!

GARDEN GURU OF THE WEEK

Shaun Darlacey for doing such a great job spreading mulch and ensuring all the garden tools were put away at the end of the session. Keep it up Shaun!

FUNDRAISING

Thanks to everyone who donated the yummy cakes and slices for our cake stall and also to the helpers on the day. We raised $215 which was fantastic.
KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

FUNNY FACE PIZZAS

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METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees
2. Split the muffin in half
3. Spread the muffin with tomato sauce
4. Sprinkle the muffin with cheese
5. Add chopped vegetables to create a funny face on your pizza.
6. Place the pizzas on the tray and bake for 10–15 minutes
7. Remove from the oven using the oven mitts
8. Enjoy your yummy pizza face.

Below are some photos of the children enjoying tasting the snow peas that were grown in our garden and eating the Funny Face Pizzas that they made.
CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for SCEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be: $125 for primary school students.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26th June 2015. For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

GREAT ECHUCA WEST P.S. PAPER PLANE COMPETITION

What a wonderful paper plane competition we had last Friday. There was some fierce competition and excellent examples of symmetry to celebrate Education Week. The winners of the EWPS Paper Plane Fly Off were presented with their medals by David Wearne:

- Prep—Olivia McKay
- Grade 1—Kym Underwood
- Grade 2—Mason Bayley
- Grade 5—Beau Trahar
- Grade 6—Billy Barnes
**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club brochures have been given to the children. Please have orders and money back to the school by Tuesday 2nd June.

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**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Our school is participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program this term. Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is an exciting and non-competitive program which encourages children to become more active through skipping, learning new skills and raising vital funds for heart research and community health programs. Skipping is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. Over the next few weeks, your child(ren) will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. We will emphasise the importance of regular physical activity and the importance of healthy eating for a healthy lifestyle. At the end of the program we will be holding a Jump Off. This year we will be simply asking students to make a gold coin donation on Jump Off day, which will go to the Heart Foundation. This will be held on Thursday 18th of June. The Jump Off day is a great opportunity for you to witness how much fun skipping can be. You are more than welcome to come along and pick up a rope! Grade 5/6 students will also be showcasing their skills through a skipping routine performance. More details on the Jump off will follow in future newsletters.

Rebecca Irving
Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator

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**ECHUCA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY—SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST**

Save the date in your calendars—Saturday 15th August, 2015 for our Centenary Celebrations. The day will begin with the opening of the Time Capsule at 10.00am. There will be displays of memorabilia throughout the school, a BBQ lunch and more. Gates will close at 2.00p.m. Celebrations will continue with a dinner at Rich River Golf Club on the night. We will be producing a School Book continuing on from the 1990 75th Anniversary Book up until 2015. We are seeking past students and teachers who would like to join us to celebrate the Centenary. If you would like to register your interest in purchasing the book or attending the Centenary or if you have old school memorabilia to go on display please contact Echuca West Primary School on 03 54822263 or by email on Echuca.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK**

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Tyler Williams who is celebrating his birthday this week. We hope he has a great day.
REMINDERS
Lunch Orders are Monday, Wednesday & Friday.
Lost Property Box is in the Undercover area.
Student Banking Day is Thursday.

ADVERTISING SPACE
If you would like to sponsor our newsletter and advertise your business in this space we would love to hear from you. This will cost $20 each week to include your business card or logo in our weekly newsletter. If you are interested please contact the school on 54822263.

FUTURE DATES
Monday 8th June
Queen’s Birthday—Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June
Grade 2-6 Tennis

Wednesday 10th June
Lunchtime Chess
AFL Player visit (Carlton)
School Council

Friday 12th June
Interschool Sport

Wednesday 17th June
Lunchtime Chess

Thursday 18th June
Jump Rope for Heart Jump off day

Friday 19th June
Interschool Sport

Friday 26th June
Last Day Term 2—dismissal 2.10pm

GRADE REPORTS

Grade 2/3: It was lovely to see everyone back at school talking about our exciting time at Sovereign Hill last week. We had a wonderful time and we learnt lots and lots about the Australian Gold Rush. We have enjoyed writing recounts about some of our camp and excursion highlights and have created our own photo page for our Year Books. We have also been focusing on public speaking and what sorts of things make a good speech. Today, we started writing our own speeches that we will present to the class next week. In Maths, we finished our unit of work on telling the time. We have been learning to tell the time to the nearest minute on both analogue and digital clocks. This would be a good thing to practise at home. Have a great weekend.

Grade 4D: What an absolutely wonderful time we had at Sovereign Hill camp last week! Our accommodation was really nice, even though it was at the top of a very steep hill that we trudged up and down—too many times to count! We really enjoyed seeing all of the 1850s shops, businesses and mining equipment that we had been learning about in class, along with demonstrations such as making confectionery and pouring gold to make an ingot. The sound and light show, Blood on the Southern Cross was amazing, and brought the story of the Eureka Stockade to life with a bang! (Or two!) The tour of the Red Hill mine was interesting, as well as being very dark and a little eerie, while ten pin bowling, olden days style, was heaps of fun. Finding gold was definitely the highlight of the 3 days and most of us became quite skilled at panning for the elusive, shiny specks. On the last day it was exciting to plan our attack on the shops in Main Street and purchase some souvenirs of Sovereign Hill to take home to our families. What a great camp! Everyone was very well behaved and we all had so much fun. A big thank you to the parents—Belinda and Shaun—who gave up their time to come and help out on camp. We couldn’t have done it without you! Have a great weekend, everyone.
**Grade 5E:** Grade 5 have had another fabulous and busy week. Students have been working hard drafting their speeches for their oral presentations. We have worked on conjunctions in spelling this week. We have started a class novel titled "Two Wolves". We have been really engaged and eager to find out what happens next. In Maths, we have completed some George Booker testing to check on our understanding and development. We have also looked at percentages and how they link to fractions. Our skipping routines are coming together and our skipping skills are getting better each week. Grade 5 were excited to present their Art projects to the class. We are looking forward to a great day at our netball tournament today.

**Grade 6F:** Grade 6 has been busy this week with a whole range of things. In Literacy we have started our class novel called ‘Two Wolves’, a shortlisted book for this year’s Book Week. We are also researching our topic for our class speech in Writing. A new class set of novels also came in this week which has made independent reading a lot more exciting each morning. In Maths Mr Watson’s class has been learning about co-ordinates and mapping, and Mrs Irving’s class has been learning about Graphs, while both classes have been doing the George Booker testing. Our Art projects were presented this week and all students made very creative pieces based on an art element. On Friday the grade 5/6s attended the Interschool Netball competition where four teams competed and it was a great day!
Department of Education

SOMERS SCHOOL CAMP

A nine day residential outdoor and environmental experience for Year 5 & 6 students

- Archery
- Art
- Bike education
- Boating
- Campfire
- Challenge swing
- Dance
- Drama
- Environmental studies
- Flying fox
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- Indoor rock climbing
- Mini golf
- Night hike
- Orienteering
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FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT SOON

www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au
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**9-12 Years**

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**Echuca Primary School**

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**Creating Connections Australia**

We invite parents and guardians of children with Autism to attend the following workshops....

**Creating an ASD Friendly Environment**

**Date:** Wednesday, 24th June, 2015

**Time:** Registration: from 8.45am for a 9.15am start

Doors close at 9.15am

Finishes at 12.00 noon

**Venue:** Echuca Regional Health, Education Rooms, Leichhardt Street, Echuca

**RSVP:** By 12th June, 2015

Bendigo Health, Carer Support Services

Phone: (03) 5482 0808

**Creating and Using Visual Supports**

**Date:** Wednesday, 24th June, 2015

**Time:** Registration: from 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start

Doors close at 1.00pm

Finishes at 3.00pm

**Venue:** Echuca Regional Health, Education Rooms, Leichhardt Street, Echuca

**RSVP:** By 12th June, 2015

Bendigo Health, Carer Support Services

Phone: (03) 5482 0808

Places are limited. You are welcome to attend one or both of the sessions. Please book your workshop attendance by contacting:

Carer Support Services

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