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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Student Reports
Next Friday 19th June, student reports will be sent home with students in a sealed envelope. Please take the time to read over these reports and do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted afterschool from Monday 22nd June to Thursday 25th June. Classroom teachers are organising their own interview times and booking forms were sent home on Thursday. If you did not receive this form, please contact your child’s teacher so another form can be sent home.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)
Please note that the following information is a ‘Collection Notice’ to inform parents that our school will be involved in the NCCD.

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD

Grade Prep A - Dakoda Mills Firebrace for having a red hot go at his story writing and trying hard to stretch out his words when spelling. We all enjoy Dakoda’s friendly personality and we love the way he always helps to clean up our class room. Great job, Dakoda.

Grade 1B - Jake McKay for being an enthusiastic learner in the classroom. Jake, I was very impressed with how quickly you picked up the concept of simple fact families this week. Well done, you are our STAR!
**Grade 2/3 C – Cora Wilson** for the fabulous progress you are making in spelling. You have been working really hard on your sporting activities. Well done Cora!

**Grade 4D - Halle Gray** for striving to achieve her personal best whether it is outside at the tennis clinic or inside the classroom in a maths lesson! You love a challenge. Congratulations, Halle.

**Grade 5E - Jarred Spedding** for his effort in maths lessons this week. He has made really good choices about where he sits in class and has worked hard on improving his knowledge of decimals. Well done Jarred!

**Grade 6F - Emily Bray** for showing her creative flair when completing her homework this week. Your descriptive writing of a letter home from Botany Bay was very visual and the coffee stained letter really topped it off.

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**CLASS OF THE WEEK**

This week’s Class of the Week is Grade Prep: for consistently displaying good manners.

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**MY SCHOOL TOO**

Abbey Collins for helping two students sort out a problem. Well done for giving it a go!

Hayley Rankin for regularly supporting younger students and helping them sort out problems.

Tegan Lenne for always jumping in to offer support when friends need help.

Liam Hamilton, Logan Monro and Jarred Spedding for trying their best to sort out a problem on the footy field.

Kloey Mitchell for taking ownership of her problem in the playground, seeking help and being proactive about solving it. Fabulous effort Kloey.

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**HOUSE OF THE WEEK**

Stratton is House of the Week. Well done.

Points:

- Stratton - 970
- Millewa – 750
- Watson – 645

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**MUSIC/INDONESIAN WORKER OF THE WEEK**

Parkar Zeven for his enthusiasm in all the Indonesian and music activities. Well done.

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**SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK**

Seth Blade for always making a super effort in PE and leading us in stretches.

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**SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK**

Jayda Golding for taking such great care and responsibility, ensuring Priscilla and Boris have plenty of greens to eat this week.
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 CSEF. 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. Healthcare/pension cards will need to be sighted by the school office. For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

FUNDRAISING: SNAP FITNESS ECHUCA

Snap Fitness Echuca are offering a pass with 10 visits for $10. The first visit on the pass can include a booked session for half an hour with an instructor. The 10 visits must be used within 30 days of the redemption date. This is very good value as a casual visit usually costs $10 for one visit and half an hour with an instructor costs $40. The passes are available from the office and the school receives $10 profit from each card.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Students have been busy learning new skipping skills this term. We would like to invite parents and friends along to our jump off day on Thursday 18th of June from 9:15 - 11am. Students will rotate around different skipping stations in multi-age groups. To conclude the jump off Grade 5/6 will perform some fantastic skipping routines to showcase their skills. To raise money for the heart foundation we are asking that all students bring in a gold coin donation on this day. We hope to see you there!

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
BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Olivia McKay, Caleb Millen, Emma Judd, Dakota Monigatti, Mrs Bourke, Mrs Mathers, Norah Lenne, Kirsty Nichol and Caiden Kerber who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We hope they have 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
Wednesday 24th June
Lunchtime Chess
Friday 26th June
Last Day Term 2 — dismissal 2.10pm

GRADE REPORTS

Grade Prep A: Carlton player Mark Whiley was great with the Preps on Wednesday and he chatted about his life in Finley before heading to the AFL. He kicked the ball a long way which was also impressive if you are a Prep. Our other working days have been busy with writing about insects and spiders this week as well as working on what makes a sentence. We have started Athletic Training and the Preps now know what hurdling should look like in theory! Next week we will tackle long jump and triple jump so we should be experts at that soon too. In Maths we rolled spheres and cylinders with play dough and cut them in half to see what faces that made. We are counting, collecting and naming groups between 10 and 20. The dominoes helped us make a great number of addition sums. Today we pulled boxes apart to see what shapes make up their nets; so busy! The Preps are reading like champions so keep up the good work at home by hearing them every night. Enjoy your weekend.

Carlton player: Mark Whiley

Grade 1B: We have been reading and learning all about insects this week. We found out that insects have three body parts, which are the head, thorax and abdomen. They have six legs and two antennae. It was fun creating our own new species of insect and we showed what vivid imaginations we have. We wrote instructions for how to play beetle and then tried following our instructions by playing in small groups. In maths we have been exploring fact families, 3D shapes and money. Next Thursday morning (June 18th) is our Jump Rope for Heart Day. Feel free to come along and join in from 9am. Please check your child’s home school journal as their interview note went home yesterday. Have a great weekend, Mrs B and her fabulous first graders.

Grade 2/3C: Lots of things happening in Grade 2/3 again this week. On Tuesday we had our last tennis session for the term with our tennis coach, David. There were lots of great rallies happening in our partner games. On Wednesday, Mark Whiley from Carlton Football Club came to visit the school. He talked to our grade about how he became an AFL player and showed us how high he could kick the ball. We painted our models in art, and next week we will make their faces using wool and fabric scraps. (If anyone has any spare fabric scraps to help with this activity, then we would really appreciate it). We also played more of our Gold game. The businesses are running well and we have a thriving town. Some people are even having lots of luck mining for gold. Well done Grade 2/3.
**Grade 4D:** It was another short week but once again we packed a lot into it! Our speeches are coming along well and we are working on making them sound really interesting so we can get the attention of the audience when we perform them next week. Our Gold role play game is keeping us very busy. Life is really tough on the gold fields and even though most of us are finding a bit of gold, it is not always enough to buy all the things you need to survive. Not many of us are getting rich at all! We had a great time at the tennis clinic with David on Tuesday, where we enjoyed playing a doubles tournament. The highlight of the week was probably when the AFL player from Carlton came to our school. He was really interesting. He came into our classroom and chatted to us and answered all of our questions. Then we went outside and had a bit of a kick of the footy. Mark kicked the ball really high. We thought it was fantastic meeting him.

Have a great weekend, everyone.

**Grade 5E:** Grade 5/6 have had a busy four day week. We had tennis with David on Tuesday and it is pleasing to see our skills improving. We looked more closely at visualising in reading and made a visualisation from our class novel 'Two Wolves'. We have also nearly finished our speeches, typing up our work to then create cue cards to help with our presentations. We have looked at contractions in spelling and were challenged to use a contraction correctly in a sentence. Our Skipping routines look fantastic and we are looking forward to finally performing them next week. In Art, we started an art competition creating a drawing for Google. We enjoyed a visit from Mark Whiley from Carlton and had a kick off competition. Our Australia projects are almost finished and students have been reminded to add up the points they have earned, remembering the goal of 25 points. Students have filmed their videos for their Movies Matter task and we will look at editing these movies next week. We also had fun participating in Round 3 of interschool sports today.

**Grade 6F:** Another short week in Grade 6! On Tuesday we were very lucky and had a surprise ‘hot chip’ recess for all the hard work we did with testing the week before. In Literacy we have been continuing our reading of ‘Two Wolves’ which is starting to get very interesting. We are also finishing off our speeches, ready to present them in week 11. In maths we have been learning new mapping and direction skills. In pairs, we have created courses around the school using compasses for other teams to navigate. In Art we have been finishing out contour portraits, and in PE our skipping routines are coming close to an end!
Author Helene Young will visit Rochester Library, Mackay St on Wednesday 17th June, 11.00am. Helene will talk about her books followed by a light luncheon. Books for sale on the day, with Helene signing her books.

Free Event, bookings essential on www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library or Phone 54812400