TRAINING FOR THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

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**Special Events Next Week**

**Thursday 30th July**
- Regional Sports—Soccer & Netball

**Friday 31st July**
- Interschool Sports Grand Final
- Parent Opinion Survey Due back at school

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**STUDENT LEADERS**

Billie Tobias & Patrick Kervin
Patrick Kervin & Billie Tobias are our Student Leaders for week one and two—Term 3.

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**Our School Values**
- **Respect**-having regard for self, others and the environment
- **Inclusion**-sense of belonging
- **Integrity**-being honest and fair
- **Responsibility**-being responsible for your actions & words
- **Personal Best**-striving for excellence

In Term 3 our focus is on **Responsibility**.

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**Principal’s Report**

**Centenary Book Ready to Publish**
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jody and Matt Wilson for researching and developing our 2015 Centenary Book. Both Jody and Matt have donated countless hours of their time to research information, interview people, collect photographs and format the book. The book picks up from where the last book ‘Echuca West 1915-1990’ left off and focuses on the time frame of 1990-2015. The book is being published in A5 size this week and is on sale now for $20. At this stage, we are only printing a limited number of books. Orders can be placed at the office.

**Success at Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Project**
On Sunday, I attended the Lions Club Public Speaking Project at Echuca College. Our representatives were Ryan Griffiths from Grade 4 and Caleb Millen from Grade 6. Ryan presented a 3 minute speech on the topic ‘Our Helpers’ and Caleb presented a 4 minute speech on ‘A Major Natural Disaster’. Caleb then presented a one minute impromptu speech on the person he admired the most in the world. Both boys did an outstanding job and should be very proud of their efforts. Ryan was judged the winner of the Grade 3/4 division and will now travel to Tongala to compete in the next stage of the competition. He received a Guinness World Records book for his efforts which he has kindly donated to the school.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (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.

Our school finished the data collection this week and parents will be notified if their child has been included in the count. Please note that student names are not submitted.

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.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

As part of our annual evaluation process, we survey a random selection of parents in relation to the school. This is your opportunity to have your say. The Questionnaires are returned in a sealed envelope and then forwarded on to the department unopened.

Parent Questionnaires will be posted out today to a random selection of families. Please complete the questionnaire, place in the envelope provided, seal the envelope, write the name and year level of their child on the back of the envelope and return it to school by next Friday 31st July.

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD

Grade Prep A - Parkar Zeven for trying hard to be co-operative and willing to have a go at most of his work. Well done Parkar, keep it up.

Grade 1B - Abbey Collins for being a conscientious worker in the classroom who always tries her best. Abbey, you are always organised, ready to learn with that great big, cheery smile of yours. Thanks for being such a great classroom helper too. You are our STAR of the week.

Grade 2/3 C – Emma Judd for the fantastic progress you are making with your reading comprehension. I am very proud of how hard you have worked on this. Well done Emma!

Grade 4D - Ryan Griffiths for preparing and delivering a very entertaining speech at the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition, for winning the Grade 3-4 section, and for being a fantastic representative of our school. Congratulations, Ryan.

Grade 5E - Imogen Tall for her positive attitude and willingness to give everything a go. She put herself out of her comfort zone in girls footy on Tuesday, and was willing to get in and try to get the ball. Well done Imogen!

Grade 6F - Nemesha Collins for always being a conscientious student at school. You were also very vigilant of your suspected hairline fracture this week but you still managed to participate in all class activities.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

This week’s Class of the Week is Grade 5: for enjoying recess and lunchtimes and displaying a positive attitude.
**HOUSE OF THE WEEK**

Watson is House of the Week. Well done.

**Points:**
- Stratton - 400
- Millewa – 490
- Watson – 560

**SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK**

The Bayley Family for taking such great care of Priscilla and Boris over the school holidays. Thank you for all your help.

**MUSIC/INDONESIAN WORKER OF THE WEEK**

Miley Wiltshire for joining in all of the Indonesian and music activities and dressing up as an Indonesian dancer. Well done.

**SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK**

Erin Blachford for her great style and expertise during high jump practice. Also, for sharing her technique with the grade 2,3 and 4’s. Well Done.

**GARDEN GURUS OF THE WEEK**

Lila Rix for confidently describing the difference between a fruit and a vegetable.

Grade 5/6 boys for working together as a team and doing such a marvellous job clearing up the long grass. A mighty fine effort boys.

**MASTERCHEF OF THE MONTH**

Jacob Collins for working cooperatively with his cooking team and volunteering to wash everyone’s dishes without complaint. Well done Jacob.

**MY SCHOOL TOO**

Zoe Irving for being a very supportive friend, helping to sort out any problems.
**YOGHURT, BERRY AND WHITE CHOCOLATE MUFFINS**

**EQUIPMENT**
- Mixing bowl
- Wooden spoon
- Measuring Cups
- Measuring spoons
- Muffin tin
- Patty papers to line muffin tin
- 2 spoons

**INGREDIENTS**
- ¾ cup of self-raising flour
- ¼ cup of caster sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon of oil or melted butter
- ½ cup of natural yoghurt
- Frozen berries
- White chocolate melts

**METHOD**
Preheat the oven to 180 degrees
Line the muffin tin with patty papers
In a bowl gently mix all the ingredients together until combined. Then add the berries and mix leaving the berries intact.
Divide the mixture evenly into 6 muffin tins.
Place in the oven and cook for 25 mins.
Dust some icing sugar over the top if desired.
# Best served warm.

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**SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM (formerly known as Active After Schools Program)**

**Sporting Schools Program in Term 3**  Our Sporting Schools Program will commence on Monday 3rd August and run for 7 weeks. We are running sessions between 3.30pm and 4.30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Activities include:**
- Monday 3rd August—Softball—Session 1
- Wednesday 5th August—Touch Football—Session 1

Interested children can pick up an enrolment form from the office.
Children will be given a snack straight after school. Please make sure that you pick your child up at 4.30pm. School policy requires students to be picked up at the front of the school after finishing the Sporting Schools Program.
I would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU and WELL DONE to the SAG members for Terms 1 and 2. They were wonderful members and worked very well together to represent their fellow students. Well done Nemesha Collins, Jayde Evans, Raya Gallimore, Alice Davidson, Kirsty Nichol, Dakota Monigatti, Mason Jenkins Golding, Emma Judd and Roxi Clarke.

I would also like to introduce the SAG members for the remainder of the year. They are: Lara Urbaniak, Emily Bray, Sophie Peterson, Abbey Brooks, Asha Gray, Kiara Mills, Ryan Griffiths, Tegan Lenne and Shyloh Chique.

Judith Martin

FUNDRAISING

**EARN AND LEARN: WOOLWORTHS:** Earn and Learn has started and will run until Tuesday 8th September. When you shop at Woolworths you can collect Earn & Learn stickers from the checkout operator and place them on an Earn & Learn sticker sheet. You get one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards) Once completed simply place the sticker sheet in the collection box at Echuca Woolworths. It’s easy to earn valuable resources to help your local school, so start collecting your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers today.

**BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK**

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Mrs Devlin, and Alice Davidson 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**

**Monday 3rd August**
Sporting Schools begin—Softball 3.30p.m.
Centenary Dinner RSVP due

**Tuesday 4th August**
Regional Sports—Football & Hockey

**Wednesday 5th August**
Sporting Schools—Touch Football 3.30p.m.

**Thursday 6th August**
Echuca West Athletics

**Tuesday 11th August**
Grade 2-6 Tennis

**Wednesday 12th August**

**GRADE REPORTS**

**Grade Prep A:** Please return School Nurse Forms ASAP. Debbie Hughes will be here on the 4th & 5th of August. If you have any concerns, please see me. We are working hard on our Book Week entries this week. In Maths we have started subtraction, studied coins, discussed cheap and expensive and some work on mapping and giving good directions. The Athletic sports are creeping up quickly and we have had a go at high jump now the big mat has arrived. I am looking for someone nice and kind who would be willing to marshall the Preps on Athletics day. This prestigious job involves making sure the Preps arrive at each event as a group and assist with score card marking.

The big storm through the week motivated the Preps to do some wonderful writing. Here are a few samples. The common thread throughout the stories was the storm was big and they were scared.

**Norah wrote:** Last night there was a storm. Me and Tegan saw something flash. I slept in Mum’s bed. The storm was scary. The flash was thunder. I accidently jumped out of bed. I got out to see what was there. It was a storm. I went back to bed.

**Jack wrote:** Last night there was a big storm and my bed shook. I saw lightning. Lightning is cool. I heard rain. I heard thunder. I did not hear the wind. I did not hear the boys. I nearly fell out of bed. I went back to sleep.

**Loxley wrote:** I was scared of the storm. I woke up and got out of my bed. My brother was scared. I was really scared. I heard the lightning. I screamed. I hopped back into my bed.

**Dakoda wrote:** Last night there was a storm. It was too scary. I jumped into Nan’s bed. Nan kicked me out of her bed. Then I jumped in my bed but I could still hear the lightning so I put a pillow on my head and slept.

Enjoy the Winter Blues Festival.

**School Council**
Friday 14th August
Student Free Day

**Saturday 15th August**
Echuca West PS Centenary

**Monday 24th August-Friday 28th August**

**BOOK WEEK**

**Monday 24th August**
Athletics Working Bee

**Tuesday 25th August**
11/12 y.o. Athletics

**Wednesday 26th August**
9/10 y.o. Athletics
Grade 4 Library Visit

**Thursday 27th August**
Book Week Parade

**Friday 28th August**
Author Visit—Susan Berran

**Wednesday 2nd September**
Prep/1 Fathers Day Craft
Grade 4D: It’s been fun turning our classroom into an environmental sanctuary this week, full of gum trees and animals! Thanks everyone for sending along all of the Australian animal soft toys to add to the atmosphere. We each selected a different Australian animal to write about and we have really been enjoying researching for information on the topic. In Maths we looked at 2D shapes and worked out if they were regular or irregular shapes. Regular shapes need to have identical angles and all sides must be the same length. We also found out about polygons and quadrilaterals. It was great to have the high jump mat at school this week, and we are all improving our skills. We loved House Shuffle last week, which was run by the Grade 6 students. They took us through skills practice for events that will be in the Athletics. In Art, our Sidney Nolan inspired Ned Kelly paintings are coming along well. It is very exciting to report that Ryan Griffiths won the Grade 3-4 section in the Echuca Lions Public Speaking Competition and will now compete at the next level. S.A.G announced that we will be having a West factor later in the term. Everyone is thrilled with the news and we are all busily trying to work out acts to perform for the auditions. Have a great weekend, everyone!

Grade 5E: Grade 5 are back in to the full swing of their routine this week. Daily 5 is going well and students are enjoying reading a new text in their literacy circle groups. We have been focusing on descriptive writing this week and looking at how to better describe the main character in our stories. We have continued to use the words their way program in spelling and have sorted and discussed the different meanings of our words. Maths has had us looking at different angles, using protractors and identifying missing angles. Earn and learn has continued to be exciting however students have learnt about all the deductions that will come out of their weekly wage. We also budgeted a meal plan for a week to find our weekly grocery cost. The High Jump mat arrived this week so we have had fun practising this skill in PE. The girls had a fabulous day on Tuesday at the girls footy day at the Jack Eddy Oval. We played our last round of interschool sports today.

Grade 6F: This week in grade 6 the students have been busy preparing themselves for their first pay cheque. We have talked and learnt about all of the fun things about getting paid like paying tax, superannuation, health insurance and others like paying rent and groceries each week. But aside from all of the deductions, the students are very excited to get their pay at the end of next week and earn extra money for extra jobs they can pick up, (hopefully no one gets fired). In Maths this week we have been learning about angles. In particular, using a protractor to measure angles and finding missing angles within shapes. We have also started our descriptive writing literacy unit, so that when the grade 5/6s write their stories for book week, they are very visual and fun to read. Grade 5/6 have their last match of Interschool Sport today, let’s hope some teams make it to the finals next week!