ECHUCA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2015
Echuca West Primary School
Personal Best at the West

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Special Events Next Week
BOOK WEEK
Monday 24th August
Sporting Schools—Softball
Athletics Working Bee
Tuesday 25th August
11/12 y.o. Athletics
Wednesday 26th August
9/10 y.o. Athletics
Sporting Schools—Touch Football
Book Club Orders & Money Due
Thursday 27th August
Book Week Parade 9.15am
Book Fair
Friday 28th August
Author Visit—Susan Berran
Pie Drive Orders Due

STUDENT LEADERS

Lara Urbaniak & Kody Davison
Congratulations to Kody Davison & Lara Urbaniak who are our Student Leaders for week five and six—Term 3.

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.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Centenary Celebration
On the weekend we celebrated 100 years of education at Echuca West Primary School. Over 200 people attended the event and lots of positive remarks were made about how well the school was presented. They were particularly impressed by the bunting (flags) made by the Grade 2, 3 & 4 students, the table runners covered in student hand prints made by the Prep & Grade One students and the paper flower centre pieces made by the Grade 5 & 6 students.

The highlight of the day was the cutting of the centenary cake with the protocol being to ask the youngest current pupil and the oldest former pupil to perform this honour. Working out the youngest student currently enrolled at the school was easy but finding out who the oldest former student was proved to be a bit more of a challenge. In the end, two 88 year old past students (Nancy Taylor nee O’Sullivan & Thelma Hicks nee Brown) happily accepted an invitation to cut the cake with Miley Wiltshire from Prep.

Another crowd pleasing moment was when former student Michael Dobson was identified as being the owner of a very small Echuca West Primary School t-shirt that had been discovered in the time capsule.

The interest and engagement of our current students in the centenary celebration was also recognised by many of the visitors who attended the day. A special mention needs to be given to Caleb Millen and Lara Urbaniak for reading out a letter written by Cherrill Johnson (nee Yeaman), a former student, to her 8 year old grandson about her school days and Kody Davison for reading out the names on the 1990 school roll (based on a photo found in the time capsule).

I would like to thank all of the students who sang in the musical performance, the Student Action Group for serving the cake, the Parents and Friends Committee and all of the staff for making the day such a memorable occasion. I would particularly like to thank Vikki Hannasky for all of the work she did to organise the day and the Wilson family for producing the Centenary Book.

Time Chest
Over the last month, students have been busily preparing work to be placed into a time chest. A special assembly will be conducted on Friday 4th September so that we can ceremoniously fill the chest with important mementos. The time chest will then be padlocked and stored in the library until the Year 2040.
New Mats for Undercover Area

I would like to thank Suzy Lenne for organising the replacement of the mats in the undercover area. Four new mats purchased by the Parents & Friends Committee arrived last week. Our hard working committee are also planning to purchase a new PA system and a shade sail for the sand pit in the near future.

Michael Dobson and his T-shirt from the Time Capsule and Miley Wiltshire, Nancy Taylor and Thelma Hicks cutting the Centenary cake.

**STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD**

**Grade 2/3 C – Moana Broughton** for the wonderful enthusiasm you show in all areas of learning, and especially in our Backyard Buddies unit where you have made a great effort to make and share things from home. Well done Moana!

**Grade 4D - Noah Mundie** for the conscientious way you go about your work and your very positive attitude to learning. You love a challenge, and you participate in school activities with enthusiasm and energy. Congratulations, Noah!

**Grade 5E - Lucy Williams** for positive and caring nature. She is working hard to manage the supermarket as part of our ‘Earn and Learn’ program ensuring she is fair and kind while leading others.

**Grade 6F - Thomas Draicchio** for being a model student in the classroom. You are a compassionate student who consistently displays all five of our school values.
This week’s Class of the Week is Grade Five: for displaying a responsible attitude in the playground and interacting positively with the Grade 6’s.

Kobey Allsop for showing excellent integrity in a difficult situation.
Noah Mundie for stepping up to help solve a problem.
Dael Buntine, Chloe Schultze and Seb Mitchell for helping to make a student feel included.

Watson is House of the Week. Well done.
Points:
Stratton - 950
Millewa – 1210
Watson – 1360

Natalia Williams for always participating enthusiastically in the Indonesian and music activities and showing a mature interest in the world around her. Well done.

Hayden Pevitt Rowe for his great determination while playing netball.

Sporting Schools Program in Term 3 Our Sporting Schools Program has commenced. We are running sessions between 3.30pm and 4.30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Activities include:
Monday 24th August—Softball—Session
Wednesday 26th August—Touch Football—Session
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.
This year, Book Week will run from Monday 24th – Friday 28th August and there are lots of interesting things happening at school that week.

**MONDAY**

From Monday, there will be a display of the student’s books in their own classrooms all week.

Parents, family and friends are welcome to view books before and after school throughout the week.

**WEDNESDAY**

On Wednesday the students will vote for their favourite Book Week book during their library session.

**THURSDAY**

The Book Week Parade will be on Thursday 27th at 9.15am in the undercover area. Parents are more than welcome to attend (and even dress up if you want to!)

Students are encouraged to dress up that day as a character from a book; however we do discourage dressing up as movie or T.V. characters. They may bring the book they got their character from with them if they want to. Please remember that the parade will be outside and so it might be a good idea to wear a costume that is warm! The students may stay in their costume for the remainder of the day or change back into their uniforms at recess if they wish to.

Collins Booksellers will also be holding a Book Fair on the same day, so please come in and have a look. *STUDENTS will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during the day and MAY BRING UP TO $10 TO SPEND IF YOU WISH. IT SHOULD BE IN A SEALED AND NAMED ENVELOPE. (THIS IS COMPLETELY OPTIONAL) The Book Fair will also be open from 8.00am before school and until 4.00pm after school, for the convenience of families wishing to purchase books.

**FRIDAY**

Author/Illustrator Susan Berran will be here to run workshops with all the students.

It should be lots of fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

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**FUNDRAISING**

**CAKE STALL**

Thanks to everyone who donated the delicious cakes and slices for our cake stall on Wednesday. We raised $135.

**CENTENARY BBQ**

We raised at total of $316 at our Centenary Barbeque on Saturday.

**PIE DRIVE**

Order forms went home last week. Don’t forget to order some yummy pies from our Pie Drive. Orders and money need to be back at school by Friday 28th August. Pies will be delivered to school on Wednesday 9th September.

**EARN AND LEARN: WOOLWORTHS:** We have been getting lots of Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers in so keep them coming and thank you. This weekend Woolworths are holding a big **Double Sticker Weekend** this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only.
AUTHOR / ILLUSTRATOR TOUR … FREAKY Series By Susan Berran

Victorian author / illustrator, Susan Berran is visiting schools to help ignite & encourage the enjoyment that reading can give. Susan served 10 yrs in the Aust’ Army before becoming a Mum and returning to writing. Published by ‘Jojo Publishing’ Melbourne, the series is great fun with plenty of action, humour and ‘gross stuff’ to get kids reading. Exceeding all expectations these books have proven particularly successful with ‘reluctant readers’. For primary age.

“These are absolutely fantastic! Well constructed and so amazingly humorous, I’m still chuckling over many of the situations the boys found themselves in. And the domino effect of destruction was brilliant! Susan has a great and unique style which I can see kids would love.”

Alan Bowater : Teacher & Author of ‘A Pig Called Peta’ series

Sam’s life was heading down the toilet since his little sister, ‘Smelly Melly Prissy Pants’ was born. But in the ‘stick’ of Agrath he found a friend, Jared, a tall skinny red-head with a gazillion freckles. When they discover tunnels right below them, Sam encounters the deadly inhabitants. Between using Mum’s leg razor to shave the dog’s butt, sending frogs into outer space by jet-propelled butt & other crazy adventures SPLINTERZ entertains readers more than once.

In TOE JAMMY Sam & Jared are at it again. Sam’s been building up months worth of slug-slime & sweat to create the world’s largest, smelliest ball of ‘toe-jam’. But when he uses Melly’s toothbrush to dig out the huge dob of mouldy, smelly muck from between his toes, well … it’s not too happy about the move.

LICK’D another extremely gross but tremendous adventure. Share the true life of pet? Why would the cute, cuddly pets that get to lay around all day with their food stopped out right in front of them, want to get their masters into trouble. Were they evil, stupid … were they even from this world? Would you dress up in a polka dot dress and high heels to avoid discovery?

For ages Sam and Jared had just thought of Agrath as the slimy green bogga of the country, the butt-crack of the world … until they found out about the ‘Lost Treasure’. So swallow your ‘Chocolate Dipped Goats Brain on a Stick’ and Cow Kidney Ice Cream and get ready for another gut-chucking, dung-splashing adventure. And just wait for the ‘freaky’ twist in BONEZ.

Gross, funny and smeller than ever. Another brilliantly twisted adventure with Sam, Jared and little Miss ‘dung daks’ Melly off on holidays to the most dangerous place on Earth. But is it really a holiday or a final resting place to get rid of kids? Poisonous pulse plants, ferocious farting ninnies, tree swinging hippies and Smelly Melly’s deadliest fungus growing, chucky-chuck-up nappies yet.

Sam has the suckiest week of his sucktacular life. Jared becomes sick and has to stay home from school for the week. Leaving Sam to face Abbey being crabby, Toffie tagging at his nostril tuffy, booga’s butt bugle and the rest of the cow cudding, sheep kissing kids on his own. It might be Jared that’s sick but by the end of this week it’s Sam who’s going to need the ‘puke bucket’. SUCK’D

SCHOOL AUTHOR VISIT DISCOUNT .. SIGNED BOOKS .. approx 1 WEEK ONLY

Hi everyone …
Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to visit your children’s school. I thoroughly enjoy the chance to engage with and hopefully excite children to reading and writing.

Students may also purchase Personally Signed book/s and receive a FREE Yoyo Ball & Bookmarks as my ‘Thankyou’
Available During & for Approx 1 week Before & After my visit. For a special ‘School Visit’ price.

* Web-Orders placed before my visit will be signed & given to the student on the day *
Cash or Cheque to Susan Berran will also be accepted on the day … see web-page for prices

** Please place your Order at : http://www.susanberran.com & goto Your School page **

Please don’t hesitate to email me should you have any queries …
Thankyou … Susan
samberran@bigpond.com

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Outside the Author Visit dates books can be purchased through the ‘Purchase a Book’ page
However I cannot offer the same ‘School price’ … Prices subject to change without notice … May 2015
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 31st August
Sporting Schools—Softball

Tuesday 1st September
Tennis Grade 2-6

Wednesday 2nd September
Prep/1 Fathers Day Craft
Sporting Schools—Touch Football

Friday 4th September
Father’s Day Breakfast
WEST FACTOR

Monday 7th September
Grade 2/3/4 Excursion to Kyabram Fauna Park
Sporting Schools—Softball

Wednesday 9th—11th September
Grade 5/6 Camp

Wednesday 9th September
Sporting Schools—Touch Football
School Council

Monday 14th September
Sporting Schools—Softball

Wednesday 16th September
Sporting Schools—Touch Football
Echuca AFL 9's Competition

Friday 18th September
NO LUNCH ORDERS
Footy Colours Day
Last Day of Term 3
Dismissal 2.10p.m

BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK
We would like to wish a happy birthday to Kloey Mitchell, Seb Mitchell, Bodhi Chique, Halle Gray, Eden McInnes, Chloe Peterson and Logan Monro who are celebrating their birthdays this week and last week. We hope they have a great day.
Prep A: It was so fantastic to see so many Preps attend and enjoy the School’s Centenary celebrations last Saturday. The atmosphere of the day was so positive and happy. Thanks for making the effort to ensure your child was part of this little bit of history. We also attended the Rochester Farm Safety Day on Tuesday and the Preps learned lots from the Emergency services and related farm safety awareness people. Today we had an excellent time at the Echuca College being immersed in Indonesian culture. The Preps watched a performance and made puppets and had a great time dancing. We did manage to fit in some normal school learning in this busy week which included subtraction, addition and volume. We were practicing our skills of estimation and then testing our guess. It was a very wet maths lesson. Book Week is next week so another busy, busy time. The Parade is Thursday. the Preps and Grade One will be attending a workshop by visiting author and illustrator Susan Berran on Friday morning. We may be quitting our day job of Preps and start writing books. You never know! Have a great weekend.

Grade 1B: Prep / One had a great day out this week at the Rochester Farm & Safety Expo.

I went to the Rochester Farm and Safety Expo. I enjoyed the police trucks, cars and dress ups. It was my favourite thing. I liked the pony. His name was Danny. I had an apple slinky. I learned that once you are 12, you can get your boat licence. I loved it. There were fire trucks and the SES too. (Emma)

Prep/One went to the Rochester Farm and Safety Expo. There were fire trucks, police and boats. On the bus I sat with Charlie. My favourite was the SES cutting the car open. There were mini police and a pony called Danny. (Tanner)

I went to the Rochester Farm and Safety Expo. I enjoyed dressing up and hopping into the police car. I enjoyed my sausage in bread. I enjoyed learning about water safety in boats. I enjoyed climbing through the fire truck. (Will N)

I went to the Rochester Farm and Safety Expo. I enjoyed having a pat of Danny the pony. Her mane was soft. I enjoyed having the slinky apples. We watched the animal puppet show. I saw the police. (Tegan)

Grade 2/3C: Preparations for Book Week are well under way. We are all busy creating our own information books about animals, using paper bags. They are nearly finished and hopefully they will be ready to share next week. We hope you will be able to come in sometime next week and read our stories with us. You are welcome to come in and have a look anytime. In Maths we have been learning how to multiply bigger numbers such as 72 x 2 and 254 x 3. At first everyone thought it would be really hard, but already we are starting to get the hang of it. We are learning lots about native Australian animals; this week we learnt more about habitats and the 4 things that are needed for an animal to survive in the wild. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Book Parade next Thursday.
**Grade 6F:** It feels like this term is flying by! A lot has happened in the past two weeks. We have been working hard on our story writing so that we have the best books ever. They will be on display all week next week for Book Week so come in and have a look before or after school throughout the week. Last week in Maths the grade 5/6s looked at 24 hour time and elapsed time, and this week we are looking at angles again and trying to construct our own dream mini golf course using a variety of angles. The major focus that has been on the student’s minds this week would have to be Earn and Learn. It has been almost impossible for it not to be brought up at all times. The students are enthralled in this unit of work and are loving every moment spent learning about starting up community businesses and earning money.

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**Grade 5E:** Another fantastic week in grade 5. We have worked really hard on completing and publishing our book week stories ready for Book Week next week. We also continued with our class novel the ‘Two Wolves’. We have almost completed this book and are really enjoying the climax at the end of the story. In Spelling we are looking at words with inflicted endings such as est, iest for example the word crummiest. We were challenged to use these words in grammatically correct sentences. Maths has been great fun this week as we have been challenged to use our knowledge of angles and lines to create our own mini golf course. Earn and Learn is going well with more and more businesses opening up. Mrs Irving issued our first electricity bill and she was surprised with how quickly and eagerly everyone paid this bill. Thursday was a highlight of the week with many students auditioning for our up and coming West Factor. Everyone that auditioned did a fantastic job. We hope everyone has a great weekend and are ready for Book Week and Interschool Athletics next week.

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**Grade 4D:** It’s been quite hectic in the Grade 4 classroom this week as we all worked busily to finish our books for the Book Week competition. And what fantastic books they are!! There are some really unique story lines and everyone has put a lot of effort into illustrating their work. They will be on display in our classroom from Monday. On Wednesday we went with Grade 2-3 to the Echuca Library. It was great! We listened to Karen, the librarian read one of the shortlisted books called ‘The Stone Lion’. We also made our own lion in a craft session, and had time to browse and borrow as well. Today we had our West Factor auditions. There’s a lot of talent in Grades 2-3 and 4 and we are all looking forward to our very own West Factor in a few weeks. Next Wednesday Grade 3 and 4 are off to compete at the district athletics. And as if that’s not enough excitement for one week, it’s the Book Parade on Thursday! We can’t wait to get dressed up as a book character and parade around. Next Friday we are also having a visit from Susan Berran, who is an Australian author/illustrator. That will be interesting. We love Book Week! A big thank you to the families who sent along cakes for the cake stall on Wednesday. We really appreciate your donations. Have a great weekend, everybody.
**GIRL GUIDES ECHUCA**

Girl Guides Echuca has just re-opened. We have new Guides, New leaders and a New attitude. Girl Guides is a great activity for Girls Aged 5 to 17 to get together and learn skills, Independence, Self Discipline and Success. We meet on a Wednesday night from 5pm - 6.30 pm at The Guides Hall, Stawell Street Echuca. Come down and have a try for 2 weeks to see if Girl Guides is for you. Contacts Sarah 0427 482 347 or Leanne 0488 272 504 or simply come down to the hall.

Consider Volunteering or donating to keep this important community service afloat.

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**NEW ENTRANCE**

From Tuesday 25 August 2015 at 12 noon our main entrance and **EMERGENCY** will be located in Service St.

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**MOAMA CRICKET CLUB**

**Junior Registration Day**

Moama Cricket Club will hold a Registration Day for Milo Cricket, U12’s, U14’s and U16’s players.

All existing and new players are encouraged to register on this date as teams will be capped this season.

The Moama Cricket Club participates in the “Goulburn Murray Cricket Association” which means that players will be required to travel to Moama / Echuca / Kyabram / Tongala / Rochester / Lockington / Colbinabbin, and also to Stanhope – Rushworth.

**JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY:**

**Date:** Wednesday 2nd September 2015

**Time:** 4.30 pm – 6 pm

**Venue:** Moama Cricket Club [Moama Recreation Reserve, Per-ricoota Rd, Moama]

**Contacts:** Barry Moyle = 0428 709 903 OR by email leamoyle@bigpond.com.au

Megan Fawcett = 0438 104 986 OR by email fawcett5@internode.on.net

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**ECHUCA SOUTH CRICKET CLUB**

**JUNIOR REGISTRATION & TRAINING DAY**

Echuca South Cricket Club will hold a registration, training & BBQ day for the following junior cricket programs:

- Milo in2Cricket (Registration & BBQ only) U12, U14 and U16 Cricket.

**When:** Sunday 13th September

**Time:** From 10am to 12.30pm

**Where:** Echuca South Cricket Nets

Contact: Gary Williams - Junior Coordinator 0409 469 088

Registration form for all junior levels are available to print out on the club website.

www.echucasouthcc.com.au
ECHUCA CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR
REGISTRATION

Echuca Cricket Club will shortly hold registrations for the following junior cricket programs:
- MILO In2Cricket for 5-8 y.o’s
- T20 Blast Cricket for 8-10 y.o’s
- U12, U14 and U16 cricket.

GIRLS ARE MOST WELCOME TO BE INVOLVED AT ANY AGE LEVEL.
THIS MAY INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF ENTERING GIRLS
TEAMS PENDING NUMBERS.

When: Wednesday September 9th from 5.30-6.30pm

T20 Blast
T20 Blast is a competition/skills program involving teams from around the region who take part in a modified game of cricket with an emphasis on fun, participation and consolidating skills. It is designed as a stepping stone from In2Cricket to club Under 12 cricket. It was extremely successful last year and all indications are that it will continue to grow this year.

Contacts:
MILO In2Cricket/ T20 Blast: Adam Jones 0438 299 332
Under 12/14/16 Jon Varcoe 0427 848 015

Information, including downloadable registration forms for Under 12, 14 and 16 levels, is available on the club website at: http://echuca.vic.cricket.com.au (then click Junior cricket on the left hand menu)

DENILIQUIN NETBALL ASSOCIATION IS PLEASED TO HOST
CAPTAIN OF QUEENSLAND FIREBIRDS AND THE AUSTRALIAN NETBALL DIAMONDS—LAURA GEITZ.

When: Wednesday 9th September from 4pm
Where: Deniliquin Netball Courts, Memorial Park Drive, Deniliquin.

Strictly limited number at each session. Registrations close Monday 31st August, 2015. Open to all ages, 2 x 1 hour clinics from 4pm. Non-participants welcome to come and catch a glimpse of this superstar. For Registration form call into school office.

Learn to Swim
School Holiday Intensive
Monday 21st to Friday 25th September 2015

Venue: Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre
Cost: $67.50
Age: 4 years and above
The Program: 30 minute session each day for 5 days.
Closing date for enrolments: Thursday 17th September
All Teachers are Austswim qualified
Contact Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre
On: 5480 2994

Echuca College presents

Hey I’m Romeo

Family $25
Adult $10
Students/Children $5

Tickets at Echuca Paramount
Tuesday 1/9/15: Matinee 12.30pm
Wednesday 2/9/15: Matinee 11.00am
Wednesday Evening show 7.30pm
Thursday 3/9/15: Evening show 7.30pm
Friday 4/9/15: Evening show 7.30pm