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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Regional Athletic Sports

I would like to congratulate Alicia Callander, Lara Urbaniak and Patrick Kervin who travelled to Bendigo on Monday to compete in the Regional Athletics Championships. They all performed admirably and achieved outstanding results. Alicia came fifth in the 10 Year Old Girl’s Shot Put, Lara came fifth in the 12/13 Year Old Girl’s Triple Jump and Patrick came 3rd (and received a bronze medal) in the 12/13 Year Old Boys Hurdles.

Sun Smart Reminder

Our Sun Smart Policy has been developed to ensure that all school members receive a healthy balance of exposure to the sun’s ultraviolet radiation. Students will be protected from overexposure through pro-active sun smart measures. These measures will be implemented throughout the year.

From September to May, Echuca West Primary School members:

- will be required to wear hats whenever they are outside (e.g. recess, lunch, sport, excursions and camps) between the 1st of September and the 1st of May. Hats do not need to be worn during May, June, July and August
- will be encouraged to wear elbow length shirts with collars, dresses with sleeves and knee length shorts.
- are encouraged to wear a broad spectrum 30+ sunscreen to school.
- are encouraged to bring sunscreen from home for personal use.
- will be encouraged to apply sunscreen before any outdoor activity.
- will implement a hot day timetable on days of 36 degrees and over where students are engaged in alternative activities.
- will encourage the use of available shade areas for outdoor activities.
- will encourage parents to act as role models by practicing Sun Smart behaviours e.g. wearing hats, sunglasses and using sunscreen while outside at school events.
- are encouraged to wear approved sunglasses.

NB: Children failing to wear a hat whilst outside will be restricted to designated shaded areas i.e. under cover area.
STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD

**Grade Prep A - Olivia McKay** for organising a game of down ball at recess and lunch time. You have included lots of other Preps and you have taken the time to explain how to play the game to the others. Good job.

**Grade 1B – Caitlin McKee** for always thinking about the world around her and making great connections to the classroom. Well done Caitlin, you are our STAR OF THE WEEK!

**Grade 2/3 C – Harley Moore** for the wonderful attitude you are developing towards learning. You are making great choices about how you learn and are giving everything a go. Well done and keep up the fantastic work Harley!

**Grade 4D - Will Kervin** for your determination to complete work to the best of your ability and the enthusiasm you show for new challenges in the classroom. You have a positive effect on those around you. Congratulations, Will!

**Grade 5E - Abbey Brooks** for always getting straight to learning. She makes sure she is focused on her work and works hard to get everything done to the best of her ability. Well done Abbey, you are a star!

**Grade 6F - Erin Blachford** for her willingness to help others, including giving up her lunch times to work on concert props. There is never a time when you are not prepared to lend a hand and it is a great trait to have.

CLASS OF THE WEEK

This week’s Class of the Week is Grade 2/3: For showing integrity (being honest and fair) when playing games and not inventing rules to avoid going out.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Stratton is House of the Week. Well done.

Points:
- Stratton - 6090
- Millewa – 3410
- Watson – 5900

MY SCHOOL TOO

Bailey Brown for seeking a teachers help when they couldn’t sort out a playground issue.

MUSIC/INDONESIAN WORKER OF THE WEEK

Zoe Irving for enthusiastically practicing all the songs for the concert. Well done.

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Jake Underwood for displaying great concentration and patience when learning how to swing a 7 iron during golf.
ECHUCA MOAMA SHOW

Echuca Moama 139th Annual Show is approaching and we are encouraging our students to submit art work, home-made items including cookery, floral arrangements or fresh produce. The Show will be held on the 6th, 7th and 8th of November. All entries for our students are free and can be brought into school. They will be delivered by Mrs Mathers on the 5th of November. More information about the categories will be posted on the noticeboard at the school’s entrance. Let’s support our Show and promote the wonderful talents of our children at Echuca West Primary.

Scarecrow Donations needed. We would like to renew our School Scarecrow so if anyone has any spare clothes or hay for stuffing the scarecrow could you please drop them into the school.

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM—Starting Monday 19th October

Sporting Schools Program in Term 4 Our Sporting Schools Program will commence this Monday 19th October and run for 7 weeks. We are running sessions between 3.30pm and 4.30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Activities include:

Monday 19th October—Cricket—Session 1
Wednesday 21st October—Basketball—Session 1

Interested children can get 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.

PREP TRANSITION 2016

Not long now for all those preschool children waiting to start school. As part of our transition program we email the weekly newsletter to new families. This will help you keep up to date with what’s happening.

Birth Certificate and Immunisation Details. If you have not already done so please bring to the school on the first orientation day a copy of your child’s Birth Certificate and Immunisation details. These are a requirement for enrolment.

All new families are invited to attend any programs that are planned in term 4. Transition sessions will be held for children who are enrolled in Prep for 2016 on the following days:

Day 1: Tuesday 17th November 9am-11am
Students will spend this time participating in normal classroom activities and parents are welcome to stay until children are settled. It is useful to gently ease children into staying at school on their own and gradually becoming more independent. Parents can pick their children up in the classroom before 11.00am.

Day 2: Monday 23rd November 9am-11.30am
On this morning students will be in class from 9.00 to 11.00 and then spend recess with the rest of the school. They can bring along a snack for morning tea. Parents can pick up their children from the playground any time between 11.00 and 11.30a.m.

Day 3: Wednesday 2nd December 1.30pm-3.10pm
On the third day students will be in the class for the whole afternoon. They will need to bring some lunch. They will eat lunch in the undercover area and then have a short play before going back into class. Parents can pick up their children at 3.10pm.

Day 4: Tuesday 8th December 9am-3.10pm
On the fourth day students will be in the class for the whole day. They will need to bring a small snack for morning tea and some lunch. They will eat lunch in the undercover area. Parents can then pick up their children at the end of the day at 3.10pm.
CRAZY CAMEL ART FUNDRAISER

During these first few weeks of term, the students are very busy in Art creating artwork which you will be able to buy. The work will be available to order as calendars, gift cards, iphone covers and/or desk diaries. This is done in association with the company CRAZY CAMEL CALENDARS (www.crazycamel.com.au). You can also have photographs made into calendars, gift cards or diaries if you prefer.

The prices are as follows:
- Art & Photo calendars $13
- Gift cards (pack of 8) $14
- Desk Diaries $18
- Iphone cases $15
- Notebooks
- Family Planners $15 (New)
- Pillow Cases $22 (New)

Order forms have been given out to each child and are also available in the office. You may also order and pay online. If you wish to view your child’s artwork before ordering, please see your child’s class teacher.

WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT & SINGALONG

Hi everyone. In Music we have already begun practicing for our grand concert at the end of the year. The children are very excited. It is in the same venue as last year; Rich River Golf Club, Tatalia Room, on Thursday 17th December at 6:30 for a 7pm start. If your child is not able to participate please let me know as soon as possible. At the moment I am looking for some props. If anyone is able to lend me anything from the list below it would be great. I will send grade notes home as I finalise details for each act.

- **Pirate gear:** Jolly Roger flag, treasure chest (or large wooden box), thick rope, large anchor etc
- **Children’s Ukulele.** I need about 4 of these. Apparently Aldi sold them a few years ago.

**Count Us In. October 29th, 12:30pm**

We will be having a special singalong with the Echuca Special School. Music Australia organise this special day where children from all over Australia sing the same song at exactly the same time (12:30, Oct. 29). Please feel free to come along and sing!

Thank you,

Mrs Devlin
PORTSEA CAMP

APEX CLUB OF ECHUCA/MOAMA INC. PORTSEA CAMP

The Apex Club are organising this year’s Portsea Camp on the Mornington Peninsula from January 11th to January 17th 2016. The camp is available to all children aged 9-12 at a cost of $330 per child ($5 of this fee goes towards the children stopping for a meal on the way home). Application forms are available from the school office. As there are limited spaces and to avoid disappointment you MUST fill in the reply slip on application form and enclose booking fee and return to address on form.

BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Montana Davies, Aliyah Rankin, Mason Bayley and Thomas Draicchio who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We hope they have a great day.

REMARKS
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 26th October
Sporting Schools—Cricket—Session 2

Tuesday 27th October
Tennis Grades 2-6

Wednesday 28th October
Sporting Schools—Basketball—Session 2

Thursday 29th October
Count us in Singalong 12.30p.m.

Friday 30th October
Regional Sports—Swan Hill

Monday 2nd November
Sporting Schools—Cricket—Session 3

Tuesday 3rd November
Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 4th November
Sporting Schools—Basketball—Session 3

Friday 6th November
Crazy Camel Orders & Money Due

Monday 9th November—Friday 13th November
Prep/1 Swimming 2-3pm

Monday 9th November
Sporting Schools—Cricket—Session 4

Wednesday 11th November
Sporting Schools—Basketball—Session 4

Thursday 12th November
Echuca Kanga 8’s Grade 3/4

Friday 13th November
Echuca Kanga 8’s Grade 5/6

Monday 16th November—Friday 20th November
Prep/1 Swimming 2-3pm

Monday 16th November
Sporting Schools—Cricket—Session 5

Tuesday 17th November
Prep Transition Day 1—9am-11am
Tennis Grade 2-6

Wednesday 18th November
Grade 2/3/4 Melbourne Excursion
Sporting Schools—Basketball—Session 5
**Grade Prep A:** The Preps have been writing lots of great stories. Yesterday they wrote a letter back home after pretending to go to the moon. There were many impressive pieces showing improvement in structure, spelling and handwriting. We have worked on the ‘sh’ in our word sorts. Maths has included measuring and discovering things in and out of the classroom that is the same, more or less than a metre. We used 4 metres of looped string to make different 2D shapes in teams of 4. We painted blobs and pressed the paper in half to make some discoveries about doubles. Mrs Devlin took the Preps for a hit of mini golf and they learnt about safety as well as golf techniques. We met Ben’s gorgeous new brother on Wednesday. Crazy Camel art has been the focus for Art with various degrees of success so we will keep working on this next week. Just another reminder to keep checking for headlice. There has been a few reported cases in the school. Enjoy the weather and the weekend.

**Grade 1B:** All Aboard! We have been passengers on the railways this week in our classroom learning about trains from days gone by, to trains of the future. I think many of us would now like to experience a holiday on The Ghan or Indian Pacific. In Writing we enjoyed writing about what we would do if we were the teacher. There were certainly some entertaining ideas and a lot of coffee, chocolate and doughnuts! For Spelling we have been reviewing blends and fine tuning our listening to hear some of those tricky sounds that arise when two letters are combined. We started exploring multiplication in Maths through the idea of groups of and continued to explore location and money. We enjoyed experiencing some golf skills in sport with Mrs Devlin. Remember to keep an eye on the weather forecast and have that drink bottle handy for those warmer days. Happy weekend, Mrs Bourke and her fabulous first graders.

**Grade 2/3C:** This week we welcomed Mrs Steenbuck into our classroom. Mrs Steenbuck is a student teacher and will be with us for the next 5 weeks. It is great to have another teacher to help support us with our learning. In Literacy we focused on “point of view” and we learnt that things can either be written in first or third person. We also explored the story of Cinderella and discussed whose point of view it is told from, and enjoyed watching a short video of the story being told from the step sister’s point of view. As you can imagine, it was very different! In our writing, we have been learning about the structure of formal and informal letters, and we made our feelings very clear when writing to the government to complain about the newspaper article we read about having to go to school on Saturdays. (It turned out that this was just a joke, thank goodness!) In Maths, we have been learning about fractions. We discovered lots of things such as what the top and bottom numbers mean and how to order fractions from smallest to biggest. We also started our “In My Suitcase” inquiry unit. Next week’s homework will be based on this. Have a great weekend everyone.
**Grade 5E & 6F:** Grade 5/6 worked hard yet again this week. We have been looking at grammar and in particular nouns this week. We have learnt about all the different types of nouns and how they are used in sentences. We are starting our information reports and have looked at research skills and how to make sure a website is relevant along with how to reference where our information has come from. Daily 5 is now back in full swing and its fantastic to see students so engaged in their reading. We are learning about negative numbers in maths and we have been challenged to use negative numbers when adding, subtracting and multiplying. We have discussed how negative numbers can affect our answers. Our digital portfolios are looking great and we are learning new skills such as making hyperlinks in our documents. We have started our business plans and students are realising the importance of team work and how to make decisions as a group. Our crazy camel calendars are coming along in Art. We hope you all have a great weekend and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again for week 3.

**Grade 4D:** This week we started our new unit titled: In My Suitcase. We started to think about countries that people have left to come and live in Australia. We discussed our understanding of Australian identity and drew a picture of how we think an Australian looks. In Computers, we liked the challenge of experimenting with Publisher to create a title page in our Unit Books. In Literacy we are looking at poetry and for shared reading we read the lyrics of ‘Hall of Fame’ by will.i.am. It’s interesting to realise that the words to songs are really poetry. It’s a good song to sing as well. For Writing we looked at Cinquain poems, which have five lines. Before we knew it, we were all having fun actually writing poetry, using the same model. We are working on equivalent fractions in Maths, and we are actually finding them quite easy. In Art we are creating some great pictures for the Crazy Camel Calendars. Mrs. Devlin has been demonstrating her golf skills in P.E. and we enjoyed practising our putting and driving yesterday. Have a great weekend, everyone.
Campaspe Carp Catch
Sunday 25 October 2015
12 noon – 4.00pm

Register on the day at one of five hubs and be eligible for prizes for the Best Catch and Biggest Bag.

For more details, contact North Central CMA on (03) 5448 7124.

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- 5:45pm - 6:45pm

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