2015 Echuca Cup Fashions
Tuesday, 3rd of November
Remembrance Day
On Wednesday 11th November, Grade 6 students will be conducting a Remembrance Day Ceremony to remember the members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty. The service will commence at 10:40am and conclude just after 11:00am. Parents are welcome to attend. I will be attending the Echuca RSL Remembrance Day Service with our school leaders. We are also selling poppies, badges and wristbands at the front office to support the ANZAC Day Appeal.

Pupil Free Day – 30th November
On Monday, 30th November we will be having a pupil free day. This day will be a report writing day.

School Concert on Thursday 17th December
As previously mentioned in the newsletter, we will once again be holding a whole school concert on Thursday 17th December. The concert is being organised by Mrs. Devlin and will be held at the Rich River Golf Club in Moama. The concert will start at 7:00 pm but students will be expected to arrive at 6:30 pm so they can set up and get ready. This year Sean Irving has agreed to video the concert so I am hoping it will be third time lucky to achieve our goal of producing and selling a DVD.

Bus Etiquette Program
This week a letter about our new bus etiquette program was sent home to all families. This program is designed to support students travelling to and from school by bus and when on school excursions. Ms Martin, our Student Well-Being and Engagement Coordinator, has been leading this program and we now have clear and consistent strategies in place across the school to address student concerns and encourage positive behaviours.
**STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD**

**Grade Prep A - Jack Mundie** for working hard to improve your handwriting style and neatness. You listen to advice given and then work hard to achieve what is asked of you. Well done Jack.

**Grade 1B – Will Millen** for his positive outlook and attitude in the classroom. Thank you for being such a great grade one role model. You really do SHINE in our classroom.

**Grade 2/3 C – Moana Broughton** for the wonderful enthusiasm you are showing towards our “In My Suitcase” unit work. It was fantastic to see all the great things that represent your family’s culture. Well done Moana.

**Grade 4D - Jacob Collins** You have a very positive attitude towards learning and set yourself high standards. It is wonderful to see the effort you are putting into your work in class as well as your homework and home reading. Well done Jacob.

**Grade 5E - Chloe Peterson** for the increased effort you are putting towards your learning. You have also greatly improved your organisation by logging and submitting nightly reading. Well done Chloe!

**Grade 6F - Kale Bayley** for your impressive results from your On Demand and George Booker testing. You have shown great improvement Kale and should be proud of yourself. Well done!

**CLASS OF THE WEEK**

This week’s Class of the Week is Grade Four: for showing integrity (being honest and fair) when playing games at recess and lunchtime.

**HOUSE OF THE WEEK**

Stratton is House of the Week. Well done.

**Points:**

- Stratton - 2320
- Millewa – 1980
- Watson – 1610

**SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK**

**Dakoda Mills Firebrace** for making excellent learning decisions and following instruction without reminders in Science. Keep up the great work!!

**SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

**Sporting Schools Program in Term 4** We are running sessions between 3.30pm and 4.30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Activities Include:**

- Monday 9th November — Cricket—Session 4
- Wednesday 11th November — Basketball—Session 4

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.
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.

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 6:30pm 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.

We have various Remembrance Day Poppies for sale in the school office for $1, $2 and $3 if you or your children would like to purchase one.
FUTURE DATES

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

Monday 23rd November
  Prep Transition Day 2—9am-11.30am
  Sporting Schools—Cricket—Session 6

Wednesday 25th November
  Grade 5/6 Market Day
  Sporting Schools—Basketball—Session 6

Monday 30th November
  Pupil Free Day—Report Writing Day

Wednesday 2nd December
  Prep Transition Day 3—1.30pm-3.10pm
  Sporting Schools—Basketball—Session 7 (last session)

Monday 7th December
  Sporting Schools—Cricket—Session 7 (last session)

Tuesday 8th December
  Prep Transition Day 4—9.00am-3.10pm

Orientation Day—Grade 6

Wednesday 9th December
  School Council Meeting

Monday 14th December
  Prep/1 Celebration Day Out

Tuesday 15th December
  Grade 6 Graduation

Wednesday 16th December
  Grade 2/3/4 End of Year Excursion
  Grade 5/6 Celebration Day

Thursday 17th December
  Whole School Concert—6.30pm for 7pm start

Friday 18th December
  Last day of Term 4

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.

BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Mrs Engstrom and Jamie Stone who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We hope they have a great day.
Grade Prep A: As you can see from the front cover of the newsletter, the fashions on the field at Echuca West were magnificent. The Preps and Grade One buddied with Grade Five and Six to make wonderful paper dresses, jockey silks, ties and fascinators. The winners were hard to pick from the high quality sticky taping. The paper horse races were also hotly contested and a fun time was had. We have continued our reading and writing despite the short week. We are spending time on High Frequency words now so they become automatic in reading and writing. Subtraction has been a focus in Maths as well as statistics and probability involving games of chance. Swimming begins Monday for two weeks and usually this tires the younger students out so you have been warned! Please make sure bathers, towels and goggles are clearly named. It will be a bit of rush getting changed at the end of the school day but we will fine tune it as the days go on. Enjoy your weekend.

Grade 1B: What a fantastic day we had on Monday with our grade five and six buddies. We thought that the bespoke fashions they designed for us to wear, were perfect for our fashions on the field experience. An afternoon session saw us work once again with our buddies to create our own Melbourne Cup winners that we gallantly raced around the oval with. Smiles and laughter said it all. We are all getting very excited about our upcoming swimming program. We start this coming Monday (9th November) so if you haven’t already, check Tiqbiz and home school journals for all your swimming news. Have a great weekend, Mrs Bourke and her fabulous first graders.

Grade 2/3C: This week we opened up a huge suitcase from the Immigration Museum. There were lots of interesting things inside which told us stories of people who have come from another country to live in Australia. We also read the book “The Little Refugee” written by comedian Anh Do. It was fascinating, as it tells the story of how, when he was a little boy, Anh and his family left Vietnam to come to Australia. In Literacy, we looked at digital texts and how we can use the features of a website to access information. We learnt about things like hyperlinks and drop down menus. We went onto the Immigration Museum website and found out about things we will see on our excursion. Another great week in Grade 2/3. Well done everyone.

Grade 4D: This short week we have been exploring the special suitcase borrowed from the Immigration Museum in Melbourne, as part of our ‘In my Suitcase’ unit. The suitcase contains stories, objects and photographs that tell about the lives of people who have migrated to Australia. It is very interesting. We have also started researching for facts about one of the countries that our own ancestors came from. It is not long until we head off to Melbourne for our excursion to the Immigration Museum, so remember to return the 2 permission forms. This week in Literacy we are looking at rhyming poetry, with a focus on limericks. Limericks are a lot of fun to write once you work out which lines rhyme! There was an opportunity for some of our budding actors to shine when a group of students performed a very funny play, called the Three Billy Goats Tough, it was an hilarious send up of the traditional story. Today we started brushing up on our cricket skills, because on Monday we are having a cricket clinic and on Thursday we will be out all day at the MILO T20 Blast School Cup, run by Cricket Victoria and School Sport Victoria. This is a modified version of cricket that maximises the involvement of all students in a 16-over game.
Grade 5E & 6F: Monday was a fun filled day this week. Students loved completing a range of fun cup day activities with their Prep/One buddies. We dressed our buddy up for fashion on the fields and then made our own hobby horses for an official cup race. We also learned more about the history of Melbourne cup and why it has the title ‘The race that stops the nation’. Everyone had a wonderful relaxing day off on Tuesday. Wednesday saw grade 5/6 back and ready to learn. We completed our 3 on demand tests and we are really looking forward to sitting down with each student next week to go through their scores and to look at their growth throughout the year. Our information reports are almost finished and we learnt how to write a conclusion to sum up all our main points. Coordinates and grid reference points was our focus in Maths and we had lots of practice making our own coordinates in our maths books. Our slogans and logos have been created and you may notice some market advertising popping up around the school. Crazy Camels are officially finished and they look fantastic! We started looking at T20 cricket in PE and discussing the rules. Our T20 cricket blast is on next Friday!

COMMUNITY NEWS

ECHUCA MOAMA TRIATHLON CLUB JUNIOR TRIATHLON TRAINING

Tri’s are available to children of all abilities and ages...
Our club emphasis is fitness, family and fun...
Each Wednesday at 6.00pm we offer a timed training course consisting of:
- 200m sandy river bank supervised swim (close to sand bar)
- 3.5km marshalled ride course (no open roads)
- 1.5 run course
Requirements are you must be capable of swimming 200m, own a BMX or mountain bike with working brakes and your own helmet life jackets allowed. The EMTC invites juniors to come along and give the tri’s a try...we’d love to see you
Contact Steven Loader on 0408380858 or email sloader@pgamember.org.au or Scott Milburn on 0418599345
Why consistency improves kids’ behaviour
One of the simplest ways to improve a child’s behaviour is to be more consistent.

Consistency is often sacrificed by busy parents and put in the ‘too-hard basket’. When parents are tired, stretched and overworked the last thing we want to do is engage in a battle with a strong-willed child over what are sometimes petty issues. Besides, consistency can make a well-meaning parent who values relationships feel downright awful.

But giving in rather than holding your ground is not a smart long-term strategy. If you give in occasionally kids will learn that if they push hard enough, or give that winning smile, you will eventually give in. Consistency is about being strong. It takes some backbone to be consistent.

Here are some ideas to help you be consistent with your kids:

1. Focus on priority behaviours. It’s difficult to be consistent with every single misbehaviour, but it’s easy to focus on one or two. When you are consistent with one or two priority behaviours it has a positive impact on other behaviours.

2. Give yourself a tangible reminder about the behaviour you want to follow up. Leave a note somewhere telling yourself that you need to “Walk away when a child whines. Don’t give in.” Or “Catch your kids doing the right thing when they resolve a problem without arguing.”

3. Check your routines. Make sure you have simple routines for troublesome times of the day such as bedtime or mealtimes.

4. Act rather than overtalk or repeat yourself when kids misbehave. Sometimes it’s really inconvenient to set a consequence, as you may have to battle a tantrum that follows. But the stand-firm approach pays off in the long-term as kids learn eventually that you mean what you say, and say what you mean. That’s what firm, consistent discipline requires.

5. Agree to a joint position with your partner about a range of parenting issues such as discipline methods, going out, the use of technology, alcohol, sexuality and other important areas.

For more practical ideas to help you raise happy confident kids subscribe to Happy Kids, Michael’s free email newsletter at Parentingideas.com.au. You’ll get a free Chores & Responsibilities Guide when you do.