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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Grade Structure and Staffing for Next Year
The classroom structure for next year will be as follows:

- One Prep class (13 students) – Mrs Phyllis Engstrom
- One Grade One class (16 students) – Mrs Mel Bourke
- One Grade Two class (21 students) – New Teacher
- One Grade Three class (12 students) – New Teacher
- One Grade 4 class (14 students) - Mrs Judith Martin
- One Grade 5 class (21 students) – New Teacher
- One Grade 6 class (23 students) – Mrs Rebecca Irving

Specialist teachers working at the school next year include:
- Anthea Mathers (2 days a week) – Science, Health
- Leila Campbell (2 days a week) – Physical Education, Grade 6
- Rosie Devlin (2 days a week) - Music, Indonesian
- Julie Mansfield (2 days a week) – Welfare (chaplain) and Early Intervention

There have been a number of significant developments over the last 6 weeks which have changed our school staffing profile considerably for 2016.

The first being a new funding announcement by the state government to provide $747 million of extra funds over four years for Victorian schools as part of its Education State initiative. In 2016 our school will receive $98000 in extra funding. This money will be used to help us improve student outcomes and we have selected the following two state-wide initiatives to focus on:

- Excellence in teaching and learning
- Professional leadership

More details around how this funding will be spent will be outlined in the 2016 Annual Implementation Plan.

The second development is the retirement of Mrs. Pam Chandler. Pam will officially retire on the 27th January 2016 but will continue to work at the school each morning as a reading recovery teacher, coach and mentor.

The third development is the departure of Mr. Troy Watson. Troy is moving back to Ballarat to be closer to family and friends. He accepted a position at Lismore Primary School last week.
Consequently, I have advertised three new teaching positions and the first of these positions has already been filled. The successful candidate was Mr. Darcy Taberner. Darcy is a graduate teacher from Horsham and was over the moon when I phoned him to give him the news. He is delighted about moving to Echuca and is interested in fishing, football and cricket. The other two positions will be filled in the near future.

**Condolesences to Hayden Pevitt Rowe**

On behalf of the school, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Grade 6 student Hayden Pevitt Rowe and his family. Hayden’s mum passed away unexpectedly in the early hours of Monday morning.

**Working Bee on Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} November at 5.30pm**

On Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} November, we are conducting a working bee. Grounds and Buildings convenor, Matt Hamilton, will be coordinating the work to be completed and needs about 10 volunteers to help him out. Jobs to be completed include rehanging shade sails, spraying for spiders, repairing plinth boards, cleaning air conditioner filters, repairing broken boards on the fort, general tidying up and spraying weeds. Please add your name to the list in the front office if you can help out.

**Remembrance Day**

On Wednesday, I attended the Echuca RSL Remembrance Day Ceremony with school leaders Lara Urbaniak and Gabe Gallimore. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Lara and Gabe placed a wreath at the foot of the cenotaph on behalf of our school. I would like thank Wes Davison for making the wreath. A ceremony was also conducted at school by Grade 6 students and I would like to thank Mr. Watson for organising this ceremony.

**School Friendly Business Lunch**

Last Friday, I attended a School Friendly Business Lunch with school leaders Nemesha Collins and Caleb Millen. At the lunch we listened to presentations from local schools and business leaders on the topic ‘highlights of the year and looking towards 2016.’

**School Hats**

On Wednesday night at school council, a decision was made to encourage all parents to have their child’s Christian name embroidered onto new hats purchased through the school. The embroidery will cost approximately $5. This decision was made to help stop issues such as students losing hats or students wearing someone else’s hat because they can’t find their own.
**HOUSE OF THE WEEK**

Millewa is House of the Week. Well done.

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**CLASS OF THE WEEK**

This week’s Class of the Week is Grade One: For having a great time outside and including everyone in activities.

**STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD**

**Grade Prep A - Serena Monigatti** for practising her reading and having a go at chapter books. I also love how you have made an effort to neaten your handwriting. Good job.

**Grade 1B – Brandon Hall Rosendale** for being a SUPER FISH in the pool this week. Brandon, it is great to see you at the pool each day with your big smile ready for your swimming instructor. I can see how hard you are working in your lessons, giving everything your personal best. You are our STAR OF THE WEEK!

**Grade 2/3 C – Mason Bayley** for the amazing effort you put into the “reader response” you wrote about your favourite picture story book, “The Little Refugee”. Great job Mason.

**Grade 4D - Noah Mundie** It was great to see how excited you were to be playing in the Kanga Cricket Carnival, and the determination, teamwork and sportsmanship you displayed on the day. You are so enthusiastic in class as well and you demonstrated initiative in researching and displaying information about your ancestors. Well done Noah!

**Grade 5E - Logan Monro** for his increased effort with his nightly reading and recording in his diary to earn class dojo points. Well done Logan!

**Grade 6F - All of Grade 6** for their improvement on their behaviour in the yard. There are no more put downs and you follow the rules you make and keep them fair for everyone—which is Integrity down to a tee!

**SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK**

**Grade Prep** for carrying out their first experiment in their science groups with such success. They worked cooperatively, tested all the materials responsibly and did a fabulous job of cleaning and packing up. Sensational work Preppies!!!

**MUSIC/INDONESIAN WORKER OF THE WEEK**

**Loxley Hudson** for always listening in class and working so hard on the song and dance ‘Pearly Shells’. Great work.
SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Ben Martin for listening in PE and showing great determination when trying to improve your dribbling skill! Well done.

GARDEN GURU OF THE WEEK

Abbey Collins for working methodically in the garden, watering, weeding and tending to our garden with such care and enthusiasm. Well done Abbey.

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 16th November—Cricket—Session 5
Wednesday 18th November—Basketball—Session 5

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.

GRADE 5/6 MARKET DAY

Echuca West Primary School Market Day- Wednesday 25th of November – 9:00am – 11am

Grade 5/6 students have been busy learning the ins and outs of running a successful business this term. Students have worked hard to create unique business ideas and are working to make these ideas come to life. We are having a market morning to showcase all of our wonderful businesses on Wednesday the 25th of November. Please come along to the 5/6 classroom and show your support to these wonderful market based businesses.

Below are some of the businesses that will operating on the day.

INSPIRED

Sweet AND SOUR
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.

**WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT**

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.

**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club brochures went home this week with the children. This will be the last book club for the year. Please have orders and money back to school by Wednesday 18th November.
**Dear Parents/Guardians**

On Friday the 27th of November, Echuca West will be having a casual clothes/crazy hair day. It will be a gold coin donation which will be donated to the Royal Children’s Hospital. Kid’s clothes must be sun smart. Please don’t bring hairspray cans to school.

From the Student Action Group

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**BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK**

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Taylor Clarke, Mia Clarke, Ryder Johnson, Mia Mills Firebrace, Serena Monigatti, Alicia Callander and Kody Davison who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We hope they have a great day.

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**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.

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Grade Prep A: The Preps have had a wonderful time swimming this week. Here are some of their thoughts:

I like pin diving
I like going under water
I like diving and backstroke
I like getting the fish
Blowing bubbles is good

I like to learn backstroke
I like kicking up my legs on the kick board
I like putting my face under the water
I like swimming under water
I am good at practicing going backwards
I am better at going under water

Grade 1B: It has been all about the swimming this week. Safe entries, floating, ear and bubbles, kick, kick, kick. I’ve really enjoyed seeing all those happy little faces enjoying their first week of the program. We still have another week to go of our two week program. It certainly is a valuable and worthwhile experience for our junior children.

In the classroom, we have been focusing on visualisation techniques as part of our comprehension strategy. We’ve been reading Hey Jack and visualising how we feel when we are in the same mood as Jack. One of our other reading focuses has been fluency. We’ve been exploring how to improve our fluency via singing along to the Seasons song (which is one of our Science songs). Rest up on the weekend and have that swimming bag packed and ready to go again for Monday. Mrs Bourke and her fabulous first graders.

Grade 2/3C: Lots of things have been happening in our Grade again this week. A few of our highlights were: Colleen teaching us more of our dance for the concert, working as a team to create a beautiful wreath for the Remembrance Day service and the Grade 3s having a great day at the Jack Eddy oval competing in a cricket tournament. Well done to Grade 3 for showing such great sportsmanship throughout the day. In Grade 2 we planned to have our own mini tournament back at school, but a big storm stopped that. We have re-scheduled this for next week instead. A big thank you to Max, Bodhi, Kobey, Liam and Patrick from Grade 5/6 for their help with the cricket. These are some of Grade 2s own highlights from the week:

I really liked learning about money. Mia
Playing the T20 game of cricket was the best! Charlie M
I loved having a bank and using the money. Kloey
I learnt how to play cricket. It was fun. Moana
I enjoyed doing my maths test! Charlette
I learnt to bowl in cricket. Mason
Doing fractions in maths was great. Charli G
Learning to play cricket was great. Jett
I enjoyed playing games with money. Cora
Getting better at batting was good. Luke
We learnt about money and I learnt a lot. Jayda
**Grade 4D:** What a sporty week we have had! On Monday we had a clinic at school run by Cricket Victoria. This helped us brush up on our cricket knowledge. We practised our skills again on Wednesday and played a practise game, in preparation for the MILO T20 Blast School Cup at Moama yesterday. This day was great. It was a friendly and inclusive competition. Each student had a turn at bowling, batting and wicket keeping in each game. Although it was very hot, our students gave everything to their games. They played competitively, and showed great team work and sportsmanship. There were a lot of personal bests achieved and it was terrific to see how their skills improved over the course of the day. We were very proud of them. Wednesday was Remembrance Day. We enjoyed constructing poppies which we made into a wreath. This was laid at the flagpole during our school ceremony at 11 am. Colleen came today to teach us more of our dance that we will perform at the school concert. It’s a lot of fun at these sessions. Next week we have tennis with David on Tuesday and we are very excited to be heading to Melbourne to visit the Immigration Museum on Wednesday. Have a great weekend, everyone.

**Grade 5E & 6F:** Cricket has been on the agenda this week with all of grade 5/6 receiving a refresher course to learn the rules and learning to score. Our cricket day today was a great success and all students had some fun playing together. We have looked at cause and effect in reading this week and had a go at finding different causes and effects from our class novel “Hatchet”. Our information reports are almost ready to be submitted and we are really pleased with how they are looking and we will certainly be informed about a wide variety of topics as we read through these. Mean, Mode and Median has been our Maths focus and we enjoyed finding our own data and analysing this data to work out the mean, mode, median and range. In ‘Think it, make it, market it’ we are ensuring we have all the play money ready. We are setting up our own cash draws and ensuring we have enough change to give to all our customers. We enjoyed watching Behind the News and learning about all the things that are currently happening around the world.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**BAMAWM EXTENSION CHRISTMAS TREE**

**ALL WELCOME.**

When: Friday 18th December at 6.30p.m.

Where: Bamawm Extension Hall

What: BBQ provided for a gold coin donation, Santa arrives 8pm. Tea, coffee and cordial provided. All families to bring a small plate of supper to share.

Cost 0-1 year $10
1 year-Grade 6 $15
Includes present, icy pole and lollies. Payment due Monday 30th November, in an envelope with child’s name, age and grade on the back! If you can help in any way before or on the night please let us know asap. Our next meeting is 2nd of December at the Bamawm Extension Hall at 7pm. All welcome. Your help will keep this fantastic community event running and smiles on kids faces. Contact Janelle Elgar—0400 574 752, Nicole Scurr—0439 596 576 or Jodie Blachford—0400 005 129

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