The Immigration Museum
Grade 2-3 and 4
Echuca West Primary School
Personal Best at the West

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principal’s report

grade structure and staffing for next year
I am excited to announce that we have appointed three new teachers to our school and together they will bring a wide variety of skills that will complement our existing staff. The three new appointments are as follows:
- Ryan Cole - Ryan is a keen sportsman and has been involved with the Kyneton Soccer Club for the last five years.
- Justin Minchin - Justin enjoys music and can play piano and guitar.
- Darcy Taberner - Darcy is interested in fishing, football and cricket.

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) – Mr Justin Minchin
- One Grade Three class (12 students) – Mr Ryan Cole
- One Grade 4 class (14 students) - Ms Judith Martin
- One Grade 5 class (21 students) – Mr Darcy Taberner
- One Grade 6 class (23 students) – Mrs Rebecca Irving

step up morning
On Tuesday 8th December, we will be conducting a step up session from 11:30am to 1:30pm to provide students with the opportunity to ‘Step Up’ one grade level and find out some things about next year. We have chosen this date because our new Prep will be here for their final transition day and our current Grade 6’s will be visiting the schools they are going to next year. All of our new teachers will be here for this day.

Hamper for Doherty Family
I would like to take this opportunity to thank our school community and the local community as a whole for generously supporting our idea to put together a food hamper for the Doherty family. The Parents & Friends Committee has been delighted by the response. The cut-off date for donations is next Thursday Morning at 9.00am.

School Council Mini Working Bee
Last Friday evening School Council Grounds and Buildings Sub-Committee organised a mini working bee. A number of jobs were completed including rehanging shade sails, repairing plinth boards, cleaning air conditioner filters, installing signs and fixing broken boards on the fort. Thank you to the following people for completing this work: Matt & Liam Hamilton; Kyle, Kim & Josh Moss; Troy Millen; Udo, Tanner & Caiden Kerber; and Denise, Jake & Olivia McKay.

Report Writing Day
I would like to remind parents that this Monday 30th November is a report writing day. Students are not required to attend school on this day.
Last Day of School
Friday the 18th December is the last day of school for 2015. We will be finishing at 12:30pm on this day so all students will need to be picked up. There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS on this day. Buses will run as normal in the morning. We will conduct a whole school assembly at 12:15pm.

First Day of School Next Year
Thursday 28th January is the first day of school for all students at Echuca West Primary School.

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD

**Grade Prep A - Dakoda Mills Firebrace**—We have really liked the way you have been sounding out all the sounds that you hear in your words and then writing each one down. This has made your stories easier to read. Keep working hard, Dakoda.

**Grade 1B – Tanner Kerber** for his great work with writing an acrostic name poem this week. Tanner, I was very impressed with the detailed language you used to make your writing more interesting. You are this weeks STAR OF THE WEEK.

**Grade 2/3 C – Aliyah Rankin** for the great attitude you have developed towards all aspects of learning. You give everything a go and I am really proud of the progress you are making. Great job Aliyah.

**Grade 4D - Dakota Monigatti** for working hard to improve your handwriting and being so helpful and responsible when there is a job to be done. Congratulations Dakota.

**Grade 5E - Sean Tuckerman** for the time and effort you put into your business. I like how you stuck with your idea as it was something you were passionate about. Well done Sean!

**Grade 6F - Kody Davison** for your positive attitude towards our unit ‘Think it, Make it, Market it’. You stuck it out this term and put a lot of effort in to create a successful business, and on market day you never left your stall. Great job!

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CLASS OF THE WEEK

This week’s Class of the Week is Grade 2/3: for displaying excellent behaviour at school and on school excursions.

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HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Stratton is House of the Week. Well done.

**Points:**

- Stratton – 4340
- Millewa – 3310
- Watson – 2910

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MY SCHOOL TOO

**Kloey Mitchell** for always having a really positive attitude, encouraging others and regularly making “put ups” not put downs.

**Mia Mills Firebrace** for trying to help some younger students work out a problem, then calling on a teacher to help her out when the problem wasn’t resolved.
**SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK**

**Kobey Allsop** for remaining on task, working efficiently with others and producing work of a very pleasing standard in every science lesson. Great work Kobey!

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**MUSIC/INDONESIAN WORKER OF THE WEEK**

**Emily Bray** for always giving 110% effort in class and working so hard during concert practice. Great work.

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**SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Charli Griffiths** for listening intently during PE and showing a big improvement in your basketball skills! Well done.

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**GARDEN GURU OF THE WEEK**

**Raya Gallimore** and **Alice Davidson** for unperturbed persistence when scrubbing the frypans to a sparkling shine. It was an arduous task but you achieved an impeccable finish! Well done and thank you.

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**FUNDRAISING—PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE**

**Cake Stall.**

Thanks to everyone who donated the delicious goodies for our cake stall on Monday/Tuesday this week. The cake stall raised a total of $268. Fantastic.

**Christmas Raffle.**

This year the first prize for the Christmas Raffle will be a 4.5kg Toblerone Chocolate, 2nd Prize: Bunnings Voucher and 3rd Prize: Wave Glass Platter from Under the Gable. Raffle tickets have gone home this week. This raffle will be drawn at the school concert on Thursday 17th December.
PREMIES READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge 2015. What a fantastic job they have done reading lots of books to complete the challenge. Those children who completed the challenge are listed below and will receive a Certificate of Achievement at assembly today.

Tegan Lenne
Noah Mundie
Jacob Collins
Alice Davidson
Shyloh Chique
Mason Jenkins Golding
Emma Judd
Raya Gallimore
Jed Buntine
Dakota Monigatti
Riley Hutton
Jamie Stone
Cora Wilson

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge Honour Roll can be viewed at the website below:

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 30th November—No Sporting Schools—Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 2nd December—Basketball—Session 7 (Last Session)

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 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.
We would like to wish a happy birthday to Kobey Allsop and Kale Bayley who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We hope they have a great day.

BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

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 7th December
Sporting Schools—Cricket—Session 7 (last session)
Tuesday 8th December
Prep Transition Day 4—9.00am-3.10pm
Orientation Day—Grade 6
Step up morning
Wednesday 9th December
School Council Meeting
Friday 11th December
Prep/1 Sleepover

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
Assembly 12.15p.m.
Dismissal 12.30p.m.
NO LUNCH ORDERS
NO PM BUSES
Thursday 28th January
First day of School 2016 (All students)
**Grade Prep A:** Miss Kingston has been doing lots of wonderful teaching this week and the Preps have enjoyed having two teachers on their case. We have been tracking the main idea, looking for characters, setting, problem and solution while listening to Rumplestiltskin. Our final word sort has been ch and sh and we have been practising our familiar words every day. We had a fantastic time at Grade 5 & 6 Market Day on Wednesday, spending our pretend money. The Preps have been looking at number patterns, counting to 100, addition, subtraction and shapes in Maths. The Preps have also completed some Maths assessment and it is great to see how much they have achieved this year. We made Cat’s eyes by weaving around two bamboo skewers. It was the quietest the Preps have ever been as they concentrated so hard to weave. Monday is Report Writing day so there is no school for the students. Enjoy your weekend.

**Grade 1B:** This week we had a monster theme in our classroom. We read ‘Monster’s don’t eat broccoli’ and created our own oil pastel monsters in a city landscape. Our monsters were very creative. We have been revising addition in our class and all the strategies that we can use when we want to work out the answer to a particular problem. We also revised our friends of ten through playing a variety of games. 1-2-3 snap was one of our favourites. In Science we explored sound vibrations using music and balloons. This was very interesting and entertaining. We are enjoying crazy hair day today and casual clothes day. Please check Tiqbiz and home school journals early next week for our sleep over details. Happy weekend. Mrs Bourke and her fabulous first graders.

**Grade 2/3C:** It has been another terrific week in Grade 2/3. In Literacy we have been practising how to use a dictionary efficiently. We learnt that there are lots of different features of a dictionary that help to make it easier to find words. Through our inquiry unit we have been learning about refugees. We have read true stories of why people had to leave their country and the difficult journeys they faced along the way. We used this information to create our own imaginative stories about being a refugee. In Maths we have been extending our knowledge of number patterns, and have learnt how to look for the pattern rule to help us to work them out. Well done for all your hard work all week Grade 2/3. Don’t forget that Monday is a student-free day. See you on Tuesday.

**Grade 4D:** On Monday, Colleen came to work with us again on our concert dance. We have been practising the routine in class as well as with Mrs Devlin, and Colleen was impressed with how well we performed it. In Literacy this week, we had a program of activities that we were responsible for completing, but we could do them in any order. Our goal was to stay on task and focus on strengthening our work habits and making good decisions. It was fun. We all did a great job and we surprised ourselves by the amount of work we got through! In Maths we have been looking at number patterns and trying to work out the rule that they follow. Some of them were easy, like skip counting, but others were quite complicated and a challenge to solve. Going to Market Day in the Grade 5-6 room on Wednesday was an amazing experience! We were each given $20 to spend on the different businesses the 5-6 students were operating as part of their Earn and Learn project. They had all put so much effort into setting up their stalls and we had so much fun experiencing it all! Thank you Grades 5-6! We can’t wait to participate in that program when we are in Grade 6! Today was Crazy Hair Day and the school was buzzing with excitement as more and more unusual hair styles arrived at school. We all enjoyed it. It was a happy day and everyone seemed to have a smile on their face. Have a great weekend, everyone.
**Grade 5E & 6F:** The Grade 5/6 rooms were a hive of activity on Wednesday morning. Our Market day was a huge success and was enjoyed by parents, students and teachers alike. Students should be very proud of themselves and a special mention to all the parents for helping their child’s business come to life. Here is some of the reflections from students on their feelings about the morning.

‘I loved seeing everyone’s face light up when they won the game they were playing.’ Billie

‘It was all a huge success. We got a lot of customers and everyone loved what we did.’ Raya

‘I liked how it related to the real world.’ Imogen

‘I liked working together and running the market.’ Natalia

‘I enjoyed making and designing products for our market on the computer.’ Gabe

‘I enjoyed the open day as we got lots of customers and we were always busy.’ Alice

‘There were a lot of people wanting their nails done and a tattoo.’ Kirsty

‘Our business was a success because we all worked together.’ Sophie

‘I think my business was a success because I sold out of lemonade!’ Bailey

‘I think our business was a success because we worked together...and because of the air hockey table!’ Erin

‘It was easy to get kids to come to our store because we sold treats.’ Beau

‘Our business was a success because we worked together and we had lots of stock.’ Hayley

‘I enjoyed face painting all the younger kids faces.’ Asha

‘We made a good profit and sold 21 cups with seeds.’ Hayden

‘Market day was the best because I liked seeing the smile on little kids faces!’ Eden

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**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—0400574752, Nicole Scurrah—0439596576 or Jodie Blachford—0400005129

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**CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT**

**THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 6 pm - 8 pm**

Bring the family along for a great night of fun

- Santa’s little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping service
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

Plus more great activities in store including:

- Jumping Castle
- Animal Petting Zoo
- Face Painting
- Clown
- Heaps of Kids DIY Craft
- SANTA!!!

REMEMBER
IT’S ALL FREE!!!

Bunnings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in store or visit www.bunnings.com.au

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Healthy Eating this Christmas – avoid the weight gain.

When we consider Christmas one of the first things that we think of is food. This can include Christmas Lunch, Christmas Dinner, work functions, Christmas drinks and other Christmas get-togethers. Christmas can be a tough time for those trying to lose weight or maintain weight due to the range and quantity of food available. Most Australians can relate to increasing the link on their belt buckle when the New Year rolls around. On average Australians gain 0.8-1.5kg over the Christmas period. One to two kilograms might not sound like much but researchers have identified that weight gained over the holiday period is rarely lost.

However, Christmas mustn’t be the end of your great progress, come along to the Echuca Moama Family Medical Practice and learn from Dietitian Amy ways to avoid the possible weight gain, whilst having a great Christmas. In a small supported group environment Amy will discuss practical ideas and give you some recipe suggestions to take with you to help make this Christmas one to remember.

Call 5480 6001 to secure your spot – if demand is high we will look at another session.

Cost: $5 per person
Time: 10am
Date: 8th December 2015
Location: Echuca Moama Family Medical Practice