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Echuca West Primary School
Personal Best at the West

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Art Show
This year I am excited to announce that our Art Show will be held at the Rich River Golf Club prior to the school concert. All students will be displaying their favourite two pieces of work. The doors will open at 6.00pm before the concert starts at 7.00pm.

Step Up
As mentioned last week, we are having a step up session on Tuesday 8th December 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. All of our new teachers will be here for this day.

Hamper for Doherty Family
Thank you to everyone who contributed to our hamper for the Doherty family. Thank you also to our Parents & Friends Committee for organising numerous businesses in the local community to donate to this very worthy cause. The response was humbling and the family was overcome by the generosity. A card was given to school with the following words “We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts the love and care you have given to us all at this sad time. Words cannot express how much appreciated this is. From Hayden and all his family.”

New Website
Our website has recently been upgraded by Emma Chandler from Roar Creations. The address is echucawestps.vic.edu.au. Key policies, general information and the latest news can all be found on this site.

End of Year Reports
End of year reports will be given to students to take home on Wednesday 16th December.

Last Day of School
Friday the 18th December is the last day of school for 2015. We will be finishing at 12:30pm so all students will need to be picked up. Buses will run as normal in the morning. We will conduct a whole school assembly at 12:15pm. Student awards and presentations to departing staff will be made at this assembly. There will be no lunch orders on the last day.

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

**Grade Prep A - Zahli Fleming** You are a caring and friendly member of our class. We like the way you help other students and co-operate with your classmates. Miss Kingston has liked the way you get on with your work and are always trying your best.

**Grade 1B – Ryder Johnson** for his fantastic concentration and focus during concert practice with Mrs Devlin. Ryder, you are our STAR of the week.

**Grade 2/3 C – Tom Evans** for the great attitude you have towards learning. You listen well to teacher advice and use it to continue to improve. A great quality to have. Well done Tom!

**Grade 4D - Jamie Stone** You have such a positive attitude to your learning and you have shown great independent work habits this week in Maths and Literacy.

**Grade 5E - Kirsty Nichol** Kirsty always has a positive attitude and a friendly smile on her face. She has worked really hard this week to ensure she has finished her portfolio to the best of her ability. Well done Kirsty!

**Grade 6F - Billy Barnes** for social roaming at lunch. You have been going to many different groups and joining in on many different games and have been both fair and respectful. You are becoming a great role model!

CLASS OF THE WEEK

This week’s Class of the Week is Grade Prep: For being awesome buddies for the new Preps during transition.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Watson is House of the Week. Well done.

Points:
- Stratton: 1010
- Millewa: 1080
- Watson: 1660

MUSIC/INDONESIAN WORKER OF THE WEEK

Olivia McKay for always being so helpful in class and working so hard during concert practice. You are setting a great example for the song and dance. Great work.

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

William Kervin for participating with enthusiasm during PE and showing a big improvement in your basketball skills! Well done.
Thank You

The Echuca West Primary School Community would like to take this opportunity to thank the many local businesses, parents & friends who donated goods & vouchers towards our food hamper for the “Doherty” family.

Staff @ BIG W
Chemist Warehouse
MHACS
SPC Ardmona
Simplot
Coles
Fonterra
Cadell

Thanks also goes to local businesses “Under the Gable & Bunnings” for their generous donations towards our Christmas Raffle!
SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Sporting Schools Program in Term 4

Activities include:
Monday 7th December — Cricket — Session 7 (Last Session)

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 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.

BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Beau Trahar, Zahli Fleming and Natalia Williams who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We hope they have a great day.
Dear Parents

Unfortunately our Summer dresses that we ordered have been delayed and we won’t receive them until the start of the school year in 2016.

We are expecting a delivery of school hats late next week which will have the school logo embroidered on them. When you purchase them from school for $15 (the same as this year) you can take them to Hip Pocket in Pakenham St to have your son/daughter’s name embroidered on the back at no extra cost.

We still have hats in stock NOW so why not purchase one for Xmas and have your child’s name embroidered on it which will cost around $3.50, thus preventing the hat from going AWOL & we won’t have to give out spares which seem to have a habit of going AWOL.

Grade Prep A: Not many sleeps now. The Preps have been busy fine tuning their writing and reading skills, still practicing to the end. In Maths we have looked at sequencing days of the week and months of the year. We have been doing lots of revision of counting, adding and subtraction. We had the 2016 Preps in on Wednesday and we all painted Santa. That was an interesting adventure. Mrs Devlin has been practising the concert item with the Preps and they are sounding wonderful and look cute. There was a Tqibiz notice sent this morning with lots of important dates and information. We are looking forward to the Sleep Over and please make sure the permission note has been returned. The Prep and One celebration day will be on Monday 14th December. We will be travelling to Shepparton to visit the Art Gallery and take part in a clay workshop and then have a session at Jett’s Gymnasium. Enjoy your weekend.
**Grade 1B:** The year is drawing to a close with only a few weeks to go, however we are still working hard in our room. This week we’ve been reading ‘The worst sleepover’ from the Hey Jack series. We’ve written our student comments for reports and letters to Santa. In Maths we have been revisiting strategies to help when we are subtracting numbers from one another. We are looking forward to our sleep over next week, so please make sure all permission forms are returned ASAP. Happy weekend, Mrs Bourke and her fabulous first graders.

![Maths problems](image)

1 - 1 = 0
3 - 2 = 1
5 - 3 = 2

**Grade 2/3C:** This week we had a change to the way we run our daily Literacy program. Students have been choosing the tasks they wish to focus on from a list, as well as choosing the order in which they complete them. Everyone has enjoyed this independence, working really well on each of their tasks. In Maths we have been taking a closer look at problem solving. We have practised using the strategy “draw a picture”. We especially enjoyed the problem about the frog that was stuck in a well. We also had our last dance session with Colleen on Thursday. Our dance for the concert is coming along nicely, we just need to get it “audience ready” now! In Art, we finished our bears which were based on the funny story of “The Terrible Plop!” Next week we will each choose the two pieces of art that we would like to be displayed at our Art Show at the concert. Good work everyone!

**Grade 4D:** It’s been a short but busy week in Grade 4. In Science this week we made colourful salt and ice sculptures. The salt melts crevasses and tunnels through the ice and the food coloring helps make the tunnels more visible. It was really cool! We worked on our basketball skills in P.E. and we had our last dance practice with Colleen. We can’t wait to perform our special dance at the concert. It’s going to be great! In Computers we have been really enjoying making movie trailers in iMovie on the iPads. We were a bit unsure at the start, but now all of the groups are getting the hang of it. It’s a lot of fun and the completed trailers are clever and hilarious! We have been reading the novel Charlotte’s Web in class. We are about half way through so we are really starting to get to know the characters now. At the end of most chapters we have a quiz on what we have read, which is a lot of fun. We have 3 teams and if you are unsure of the answer to your question you can get help from someone else on your team. We have been discussing our end of year excursion to Go Jump in Shepparton. That’s going to be so much fun. So remember to send those signed permission forms back to school. Have a great weekend.

**Grade 4E & 6F:** Grade 5/6 have enjoyed a short week at school this week. We have been working really hard on finishing off all our work. The main focus has been finishing our digital portfolios and these are looking fantastic. Portfolios will be available for parents to view on Monday morning between 8:30-9:30am. Grade 6 students wrote and sent home graduation invites to their family members. We began a mini project on our Class novel ‘The Hatchet’. Students are working hard to select activities to complete. The more activities they complete the more dojo points they will earn. Revision has been our focus this week in maths, looking back and practising all the skills we have learnt over the past semester. Our Christmas tree is up and we have started to decorate the room with some Christmas cheer. The last 2 weeks of school is a busy time so please ensure you have read our end of year letter for these important dates. Have a great weekend.
SANTA CLAUS IS BACK FOR 2015 AT BIG W.

Dates: 10th-12th December, 17th-19th December and 21st - 24th December from 10am-4pm.

RED KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

are proud to present their
2ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LOLLY RUN

To be held on
Saturday 19th December
at Lockington Lions Park
Starting at 5.30pm

BBQ supplied by Lockington Lions Club
Raffles, games ....and lots of fun

There may even be a visit from Santa himself

All enquiries to Phil Gritty 0409 503 418

Parents – Santa has come Early !!!

Thanks to the Generosity of the Echuca Moama Community

We now have to distribute - Christmas Toys for Children

To Families in need during this Festive Season.

We will be at the Uniting Church Hall Every MONDAY and FRIDAY
1.00 pm to 4.00 pm from Dec 7th until Xmas Eve.

Phone Julie 0475 717 412 or Sheridan 0417 552 765 for further information.

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