Welcome back for the start of a new school year. We are looking forward to a really exciting 2016. It is great to welcome some new families to our school:

- Timothy & Krystal Murray (Piper—Prep)
- Joel & Emma Randall (Jaida—Prep)
- Stephen & Sarah McKee (Alanna—Prep)
- Matthew Nilbett & Sara Hickey (Jacey—Prep)
- Mark Geltch (William—Grade 6)
- Matthew & Victoria Carmellotti (Gabriella—Grade 6)
- Kate Duncan (Hamish—Grade 5, Rebekah (Becky)—Grade 4 and Belinda (Bessie)—Grade 3)
- Zaden Marr (Zoey—Grade 3)
- William Parry (Christopher Scott—Grade 1)
- Lucy & Tim Crosbie (Maddi McConnell—Grade 5)

Please make yourselves known to our new families.

Welcome to 2016

I would like to welcome everyone back to the start of another school year. Over the holidays all of our classrooms had a facelift and are looking incredible. It is a real credit to our dedicated teachers who spent time over the break painting, decorating and setting up their rooms in readiness for their students first day.

Thank you to Jodie Blachford

I would like to thank Jodie for maintaining the watering system over the holidays and keeping the garden watered. Unbeknown to me, our channel water pipeline was damaged during the underground cabling works taking place along Stratton Road and our tanks were completely dry. Fortunately, Jodie discovered this during a visit to water the vegie garden and with the help of a few well-credentialed recruits (Shaun Blachford and Colin McKee) managed to get everything fixed and working again.

Traffic Conditions during Drop Off and Pick Up Times

I would like to remind everyone to be extremely careful when dropping off and picking up children before and after school. Our policy is that no child is allowed to leave the school premises without being accompanied by an adult. This means that parents will need to get out of their cars and collect their children from the school gates.
Please observe traffic signs to help keep everyone safe and avoid parking in the bus turn around zone or beside the school mailbox. Please do not assume that vehicles travelling North or South along Echuca West School Road will give way. We have had a number of near misses in recent times.

Bell Times

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Parents are asked to have their children at school by approximately 8.50 am so that they can be settled and in the class ready to start at 9.00am. Independent reading will commence at this time. Children should not be dropped off at school before 8.00am.

Lunch Orders

Café Worx, located at 11 Murray Valley Hwy, will once again be providing lunch orders this year. A menu is attached to this newsletter and is also available on Tiqbiz. Lunch order days will still be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Back to School Working Bee

Thank you to the Blachford, Judd and Wilson families for tidying up the school grounds and washing all of the outside tables on Australia Day.

TiqBiz App

Our school uses a communication app called Tiqbiz. Details on how to download this app were sent home today along with a password to unlock the class information you would like to receive. You only need to unlock the ‘Whole School Box’ and your child’s grade box otherwise you will be overloaded with information. All parents will need to untick last year’s class box and tick this year’s class box.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

All students have been given the supplies that they will need in the classroom throughout the year. These supplies are to remain in the classroom. **Parents do not need to purchase extra items or send things from home.**

We also have class sets of art smocks. Children have been given a plastic cup for water, a reader bag, and Home School Journal (Diary in Grs 5 & 6).

The only thing that we ask that you supply from home is a bag for library book borrowing. Prep children can use their new school start bag which they will receive soon.

BUSES

Country Bus Service:

In the morning country bus travellers are dropped off at our school. In the afternoon the Woods bus picks up all of the country bus travellers and takes them into the college where they connect with their country bus.

If a child misses any connecting bus at the college they must go to the office at the college. There are also bus supervisors helping our students at the College.

Town Bus Service:

The town bus departs the school at approx. 3.15pm each day. All bus travellers must let Clare or Vikki in the office know if they are not travelling on the bus after school. The buses are delayed if we are looking for children who are on the list but are not travelling that day.
TAKE HOME RUBBISH POLICY

Our school is an accredited ‘Go for Your Life Healthy School’. As part of this program we have a policy to reduce and recycle rubbish.

To this end all children **must have a lunch box**. Lunches are packed in this lunch box with a minimum of wrappings and any rubbish is put back in the box and taken home each day. This allows for parents to monitor what their children are eating. Lunch boxes are also brought to school on lunch order days so children can take home rubbish.

TIQBIZ

**Tiqbiz App**
Information regarding this communication app was included in Home School Journals today. Please read carefully.

FAMILY DETAILS

Just a reminder to parents to let the school office know if there have been any changes to family details e.g. phone number, address, medical information etc. This is so we are able to have up to date information for the students at school. We have attached a change of details form for your convenience. Please fill in and return to the school office asap. Thanks.

PREP REST DAY

Next Wednesday 3rd February is PREP rest day. Preps will have a rest day each Wednesday during February.

SCHOOL CONCERT DVD’S

We have DVD’s of our School Concert from last year for sale in the office for $10 each. If you would like to purchase a copy please see the office staff. We would like to thank Shaun Irving for videoing and producing the DVD for us.

SPECIALIST DAYS

**Library**
All children have the opportunity to borrow from our library. Library borrowing days will be Wednesdays or Thursdays. Your child will be advised of their Library day by their class teacher. In February Preps will be able to borrow on Thursdays. Library sessions will begin on Wednesday 10th February.

**Music/Indonesian**
Mrs Devlin will be working with all grades on Tuesday or Thursday.

**Science**
Mrs Mathers will be working with all grades on Tuesday and Thursday.

**Physical Education/Health**
Mrs Mathers and Mrs Devlin will be conducting these classes on Tuesday and Thursday.
STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking will continue on Thursdays. Please have bank books at the office by 9a.m. at the latest.

**Opening accounts for School Banking.**

School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for school banking. Take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate) and you will receive your Dollarmites wallet on the spot – it is that easy! If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with Netbank you have the option to open the account on line as well! For each deposit your child makes they receive points and once ten points are accumulated they are able to redeem a fantastic reward prize.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents and students are to be congratulated for the way in which they support our school uniform policy. Please make sure that you label all items of school uniform clearly and carefully as we don’t want to end up with a box full of lost property. “Sew On” labels are best as they don’t get torn off like tags. Also label lunch boxes and drink bottles.

Just a reminder:

- basketball shorts and netball skirts are not part of our school uniform.

Most school uniform items can be purchased at the school. Just call into the office and see Clare or Vikki for an order form.

CENTREPAY FOR SCHOOL PAYMENTS

CentrePay is a free direct bill paying service available to customers who receive a Centrelink payment. The deductions can be used to pay school charges, camps, swimming, uniform etc. The minimum amount you can have deducted is $10 per fortnight. A one off payment or fortnightly deductions can be selected. If interested, application forms can be obtained at the front office.

BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Brodie Millen who is celebrating his birthday this week. We hope he has a great day.

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.

TERM DATES FOR 2016

Term 1—Thursday 28th January to Thursday 24th March
Term 2—Monday 11th April to Friday 24th June
Term 3—Monday 11th July to Friday 16th September
Term 4—Monday 3rd October to Tuesday 20th December
FUTURE DATES
Monday 15th February
Whole School Hockey Clinic

Wednesday 17th February
School Swimming Sports

Friday 26th February
Interschool Swimming Sports

COMMUNITY NEWS

DUNNIN SAYS
JUMP INTO IT!

REGISTER NOW AT AUSSIEHOOPS.COM.AU

Echuca Basketball Centre
Boys & Girls born 2009-2011
Starts Wednesday February 10th
4.15pm-5.00pm.

TAEKWONDO
Korean Martial Art, Olympic Sport, Technical Sport, Self Defence, Self Confidence, Fun and Fitness

Now at Echuca
Tuesdays 6 to 7PM
Apex Hall
211 Leichardt Street
(Cnr Leichardt & High Streets)
Beginners from 7 years welcome
Introductory Offer
Term 1 FREE

Instructors:
David Atkinson 6th Dan
Joshua McIntosh 2nd Dan

Contact us for more information:
Phone: 5448 4913
Email: bendigo@taekwondo.com.au for brochure
Facebook: BendigoTaekwondo
2016 Enrollments now being taken!!
Kyabram & Echuca Studios

• Vocal
• Guitar (acoustic, electric)
• Drums
• Bass
• Piano/Keyboard
• Theory
• Glee (singing & movement)
• Pre-school Music (4-5 yr olds)
• Tots n Tunes (2-3 yr olds)
• Performing arts/drama (prep-yr9)
• Dance (ages 5-18 yr old)

Dillmac Entertainment also takes lessons at the following schools: (not all instruments are available at all schools)

• Katunga Primary
• Echuca West School
• Kyabram P-12 College (primary campus)
  • Lockington Consolidated school
  • Nathalia Primary School
  • Nathalia Secondary college
• Sacred Heart Primary School
• St. Augustines College
• St.Francis Primary Nathalia
• St.Mary of the Angel’s Nathalia
  • St.Pat’s Tongala
• Tatura Primary School
  • Tongala Primary
  • Merrigum Primary
CHANGE OF DETAILS. (Please complete and return by Friday 12th February)

FAMILY NAME...........................................................................

ADDRESS..................................................................................

OCCUPATION – MOTHER................................................... WORK PHONE

OCCUPATION – FATHER..................................................... WORK PHONE

HOME PHONE NO..............................................................

MOBILE - MOTHER.............................................................

MOBILE - FATHER.............................................................

EMERGENCY CONTACT NO. 1 Name................................. PHONE No.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NO. 2 Name................................. PHONE No.

Email Address........................................................................

Would you like the newsletter emailed

Yes ☐  No ☐

IMPORTANT!!!!!

STUDENT MEDICAL INFORMATION

ASTHMA

If your child’s Asthma plan has been updated please attach current plan.

ANY OTHER MEDICAL DETAILS e.g. Allergies etc.

Please forward details of any changed/updated medical plans.

Office Use Only:
Cases 21____
SMS____
Emergency Sheets____
Grade Teacher notified by email____
Lunch Order Menu: Mon, Wed and Friday

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| CAKES & SNACKS                       | CHICKEN & GARDEN SALAD $3.90            |
|                                     | CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD $4.20              |
| ICED DONUT                           | $1.50 FRUIT SALAD $2.90                 |
| JAM DONUT                            | $1.80 SINGLE APPLE OR BANANA $1.20      |
| LAMINGTON                            | $1.90                                  |
| HEDGEHOG                             | $1.90 DRINKS                            |
| JJ’S LIGHT & CRISPY SNACKS 20g-PIZZA |                                        |
| SALT & VINEGAR OR CHICKEN            | $1.20 NIPPY’S DAIRY DRINK 250 ml        |
| BUTTERED ORIGINAL POPCORN 30g        | $1.20 CHOCOLATE OR STRAWBERRY $2.00     |
|                                     | NIPPY’S FRUIT DRINK 350 ml              |
|                                     | APPLE, ORANGE, APPLE & BLACKCURRANT $2.20|
|                                     | WATER 600ml $2.00                       |

WHERE SPECIFIC FLAVOURS OR VARIETIES ARE REQUESTED A SUBSTITUTE MAY BE GIVEN DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE ALL REQUESTS.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE WRITTEN ON A BROWN PAPER BAG INCLUDING NAME & GRADE. CORRECT MONEY MUST BE IN THE BAG AS NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN. THANK YOU.