Special Events Next Week

Monday 15th February
Hockey Clinic—Grade 1-6

Wednesday 17th February
Prep Rest Day
School Swimming Sports Gr 3-6

STUDENT LEADERS

Alice Davidson & Kobey Allsop
Thank you for your work as Student Leaders.

Our School Values

Respect—having regard for self, others and the environment
Inclusion—sense of belonging
Integrity—being honest and fair
Responsibility—being responsible for your actions & words
Personal Best—striving for excellence
In Term 1 our focus is on Inclusion.

STUDENT ACTION GROUP NEWS

This week Liam Hamilton and Alice Davidson were interviewed on our local radio. They were there with Mark from Echuca Glass and Aluminium and our Chaplain Mrs Mansfield who was representing Kiwanis, who are helping with the building of the new chicken coop. They were being interviewed about the new chicken coop that we are building at school. The Student Action Group wrote letters to local service groups asking for donations of money, supplies and help to build the coop. The chicken coop will be built on the 28th February and will house 8 chickens. Students will tend to the chickens and eggs will be used in cooking and will also be for sale.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

If anyone is interest in becoming a member of school council, all you have to do is arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself. A nomination form can be collected from the front office or emailed by request. These forms must be lodged by 4.00pm on Monday 22nd February. The term of office for elected members is two years. We have two vacant positions that need to be filled.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE, AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOLS

Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport cost. Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.
**STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD**

**Grade Prep A**—Molly Rix You are always ready to try something new Molly and you do your work carefully and quickly. You are an excellent classroom helper and always ready to help without being asked to. Well done Molly, for always doing your best.

**Grade 1B—Jack Mundie** Jack I am loving your organisation skills. Each morning, you greet me with that big smile of yours and have your reader changed and ready to read to me. You organise yourself well in class, use great manners and complete your work to the best of your ability. I appreciated all your help too. What a fantastic start to Grade One. You are our Star of the Week!

**Grade 2C—Brandon Hall Rosendale** for always displaying a positive attitude in the classroom and your concentration and focus on all classroom activities. Keep up the great work! Well Done!

**Grade 3D—Moana Broughton** for the enthusiasm you bring to every class discussion, particularly in maths, and the way that you apply effort to every task set, no matter what the challenge. Well done!

**Grade 4E—Aliyah Rankin** for the fantastic start you have had this year. I have really noticed how enthusiastic you are about learning and how confident you have become. Great work Aliyah, keep it up!

**Grade 5F—Chloe Schultze** for showing a great attitude, enthusiasm and willingness to learn and want to improve in her addition and subtraction understanding. Well done!

**Grade 6G—Liam Hamilton** for his kind and caring nature. He is extremely helpful to all students and has been very helpful both in the classroom and in the school yard. Liam you are an excellent role model for others. Well done!

**Kiralee Macumber** for being an independent self motivated learner. She always tries her personal best and has a positive attitude in the classroom. Kiralee you have had a fabulous week. Keep up the great work!

**CLASS OF THE WEEK**

This week’s Class of the Week is **Grade Prep**: for making a fantastic start at school and quickly learning new rules and routines.

**SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Dael Buntine** for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, teamwork and serving skills in volleyball. Well done Dael!

**MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Paul Scott** for showing great enthusiasm when playing the instruments in music. Well done, from Mrs Devlin.
CONVEYANCE

Families who transport their children to school may be eligible for a conveyance allowance. To receive this, students must attend their nearest government school and must reside more than 4.8km from that school or 4.8km from the nearest bus stop to school. For the first time this year parents of new children to the school need to also hold a healthcare card to be eligible for conveyance. Eligible parents need to fill out an application form at the office.

Applications are due Feb 26th.

Parents who have previously applied and have not changed their residence do not need to reapply.

This allowance does not apply to families who live in the city of Echuca.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be: $125 for primary school students.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26th February 2016. Healthcare/pension cards will need to be sighted by the school office. For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

PREP REST DAY

Next Wednesday 17th 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.

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.
We would like to wish a happy birthday to Mrs Mansfield, Cora Wilson, Alanna McKee, Luke Steele and Shyloh Chique who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We hope they have 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.**

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**FUTURE DATES**

- **Monday 22nd February**
  - Prep/One/Two Information Night
- **Tuesday 23rd February**
  - Grade 5/6 Information Night
- **Wednesday 24th February**
  - Prep Rest Day
  - Grade 3/4 Information Night
- **Friday 26th February**
  - Interschool Swimming Sports
- **Tuesday 1st March**
  - 5/6 Swimming Program
- **Friday 4th March**
  - Geelong Footballers visit
- **Wednesday 9th March**
  - School Council Annual General Meeting 7.00pm
- **Thursday 17th March**
  - Regional Swimming Carnival—Swan Hill
- **Friday 18th March**
  - Family BBQ
- **Wednesday 23rd March**
  - Grade 6 Leadership Day at Moama Bowling Club
- **Thursday 24th March**
  - School Photos
  - Last Day Term 1

**GRADE REPORTS**

**Grade Prep A:** Thank you to the Parents who had Prep interviews last Wednesday for coming along. We made a bit of a start on the testing and it is nice to chat and find out a bit more about your child. We have been looking at the letter/sound ‘t’ and revising ‘s’. After reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears we drew who was in the story, where it was set and yesterday drew about the problems in the story. We are using the Three Bears to do some Maths with, comparing different sizes and quantities. We played a game called Building Towers to help us recognise numbers and count carefully by moving each block. We read with our Grade 5 Buddies today and finished off our ‘All About Me’ Booklet. Enjoy your weekend and the sounds and sights of the Southern 80.
Grade 1B: It is hard to believe another week is over already. Our classroom routine is off and running and it feels like we have been in grade one for much longer than just a few weeks. Already our room is starting to take shape with our own work on display. Skip counting has been a focus this week in Maths and we enjoyed creating 2D shape pictures with our Grade 2 mentors. We are enjoying our new reward ‘Dojo’ system, where we can gain points by following our classroom rules and making good choices. Brain Breaks via Go Noodle are also a daily highlight as we enjoy the opportunity to energise ourselves between lessons. Remember that every Wednesday is Library day. Students enjoy visiting the library and it would be great to have library bags come along for borrowing purposes. Take care this Southern 80 weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone next week. Mrs Bourke and her Fabulous First Graders.

Grade 2C: This week has been a fantastic week in grade two. It has been great to see so many of you reading at home each night, keep it up! I am also very pleased to see everybody entering the room each morning with a smile on their face and a positive attitude. We are doing an excellent job with our morning reading routine which is great to see. We look forward to our big book reading session with the grade one class every morning and we have been enjoying our book this week “The Kings Cat”. This week in maths we have had a focus on modelling numbers. We have been learning place value through some great hands on activities and have put our skills into practice in some place value games. During Art we made some very creative cut outs of our hands to be displayed in the classroom. The grade ones and twos demonstrated some fantastic singing whilst Mr Minchin played the guitar this week during our time together, we have some great singers amongst us! I look forward to another fantastic week. Have a great weekend everybody.

Grade 3D: Hi everyone, our second full week of the school year has continued on a great path. Every student is continuing to grow and adapt to being back into a process of a full school week. As a class we have spent further time getting to know each other more, and ensure that we have a great classroom environment for 2016. In Literacy, we have revised what our ‘Readers Voice’ sounds like, and how this can help and adapt ourselves as a developing reader. It has been a pleasure to hear around 6 to 7 students read each day, as we continue to strive to improve our reading stamina. It has been great to see so many students continuing to read at home every night and marking it in their reading log. In Maths we have been continuing to focus on ourselves, but moved onto collecting information on each other via data collection techniques and then graphing our results in the classroom. This week has continued a great start to the year and the view is that it will only continue to improve. Well done Grade 3!

Grade 4E: I can’t believe we are at the end of week 3 already! We have had another great week of learning in Grade 4. In Literacy we have been listening to the “reader’s voice” inside our head when we read, and we are learning to identify the kind of thinking we are doing, such as visualising or predicting. We have been writing every day in our writer’s notebooks, as we know that the key to becoming better writers is to practise. We also finished our first class novel this week. We read Michael Morpurgo’s “Cool!” and everyone was very relieved that it was a happy ending, when Robbie (the main character) came out of his coma. In Maths we have been taking a closer look at data. We have learnt how to ask the right questions in order to get the information we need and we have learnt how to accurately display our information in a graph. Great work everyone; have a good weekend!
Grade 5F & 6G—Grade 5/6 have been busily working away continuing developing new relationships and working collaboratively in new and exciting learning experiences. In Literacy students have started their narrative writing and our schools literacy program “The Daily 5”. In Maths we have enjoyed learning about addition and subtraction, playing warm up games and using our numeracy computer program “Mathletics” to great success. Students have eagerly continued their passion projects and are now beginning to research information for their designated passion. Have a great weekend.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Echuca United Football Netball Club

UNDER 12’s FOOTBALL TRAINING
WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY
4.30pm
Echuca East Recreation Reserve
(Sutton Street)
All Past, Present and New Players welcome
Enquiries to Daryl Poole 0418 992 056 or Thorro Collins 0418 341 785

2016 TRAINING STARTS
Wednesday 10th February

Time:
Under 7s: 4.30pm to 5.30 pm
Under 9s: 5.00pm to 6.00 pm
Under 11/13s: 5.30pm to 6.30 pm
Under 15/16s: 6.00pm to 7.00 pm
Place: Jack Eddy Oval, Moama.

New Players Welcome!

For further information contact
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The online tutors are Australian teachers or university students, located across the country.
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