**Special Events Next Week**

**Monday 14th March**  
Labour Day—School Closed

**Thursday 17th March**  
Regional Swimming Carnival—Swan Hill

**Friday 18th March**  
Family BBQ—6.00p.m.

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**STUDENT LEADERS**

Gabriella Carmelotti & Liam Hamilton  
Thank you for your work as Student Leaders.

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**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.

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Family BBQ**

Don’t forget our family BBQ next Friday 18th March. It will be held at Apex Park in Echuca and start at 6:00pm. Sausages, burgers (vege or meat), onions, coleslaw and an icy-pole will be provided. Please BYO chair, blanket and drinks. The cost will be $15 a family or $5 per person.

**School Photos**

School photos will be taken on the last day of term, Thursday 24th March, starting at 9.00am. Please make sure your child is dressed in full school uniform (white & navy, not house colours).

**Easter Bonnet Parade**

On the last day of term, we will also be conducting our Easter Bonnet Parade. The parade will start at 1:40pm and go for approximately 20 minutes. We will have a short assembly after the parade before the students are dismissed at 2:10pm. The bonnets have all been made at school during Art classes.

**Guess the Easter Eggs in the Jar Competition**

The Parents and Friends Committee have organised a Guess the Eggs in the Jar competition. The winner of this competition will be announced straight after our Easter Bonnet Parade. The cost to enter the competition is $1 a guess or 3 guesses for $2.

**Grade 6 Leadership Day**

Our Grade Six Leadership Day will be conducted on Wednesday, 23rd March at the Moama Bowling Club. The purpose of the day is to build team spirit amongst the Grade 6 group and to inspire them to be positive leaders in 2016 and beyond. Some of the key messages that will be promoted include:

- The importance of team work
- There are many ways to demonstrate leadership
- Sometimes you will be a team leader and other times you will be a team member
- Leadership can lead to opportunities

Three Year 11 Beacon Leadership students from Echuca College, St. Joseph’s College and Moama Anglican Grammar School will each conduct a presentation on the day. Local doctor, Mrs Clare Goodman, will then speak to the group about aspirations, achieving your goals, keeping motivated, etc.
Geelong Footballers Visit
Last Friday, Geelong footballers Zac Bates and Lincoln McCarthy visited our school and provided us with some fantastic insights into the life of a professional footballer. While they were here, they answered a long list of challenging questions and participated in a goal kicking competition. Both players presented as fine role models and were a credit to their club.

Student leaders Kiralee Macumber and Max Childs with Zac Bates and Lincoln McCarthy.

World’s Greatest Shave
I would like to congratulate two of our Grade 5 students who have been raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation by participating in the World’s Greatest Shave. Jake Underwood, who had his head shaved at Bunnings last night, and Noah Mundie, who will have his head shaved at school on Friday 15th April, have both done an amazing job helping to beat blood cancer. Well done boys.

This week’s Class of the Week is Grade Two: for displaying a responsible attitude in the playground and not running in the quiet areas.
**STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD**

**Grade Prep A— Alanna McKee** Wow, Alanna, you are reading like a rocket! You are zooming through the books like a shooting star. I am very proud of the way you take on board the reading goals that I give you to make your reading even better. What a sensational start you have had to school. Well done!

**Grade 1B— Taylor Clarke** Taylor you have really lifted your game in the classroom this week. When we meet on the floor, I can see you working hard to make sure you are listening and responding at the right times. I love that you are starting to follow directions more quickly and with less teacher prompting. Keep up your fantastic efforts. You are this week’s STAR!

**Grade 2C— Tegan Stone** It is great seeing you enter the classroom with a big smile on your face and a positive attitude each and every morning. You make great choices in the classroom and you are always respectful to everyone around you. Keep up the great work. Well done Tegan.

**Grade 3D— Zoey Marr** for the way she has settled into a new school, the enthusiasm she brings to all class discussion, and the great attitude she has shown towards her maths work in the last week. Well done Zoey!

**Grade 4E— Archie Childs** for the fantastic approach you have to all aspects of Maths. You show great enthusiasm for every task, no matter how tough the question. You are able to work really well on your own and in a team to solve challenging word problems. Well don Archie!

**Grade 5F— Mason Golding** for always trying you’re hardest and simply having a go. I love your approach to learning. You’re a quiet achiever but it’s always very noticeable the way you apply yourself and work to a high standard. Keep up the fantastic work. Well done!

**Grade 6G— Eden McInnes.** Eden has had a fantastic week. She is always willing to help others. She also has a fantastic attitude to learning. Well done Eden!

**Natalia Williams.** Natalia has had an excellent week. The time and effort she has been putting into her writing is pleasing to see and she has made fantastic progress. Well done Natalia!

**SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK**

**Jamie Stone** I really admire your enthusiasm to ‘have a go’ and your great persistence when learning to dig the volleyball. Your positive and respectful attitude makes you a real asset to any team.

**MUSIC/INDONESIAN WORKER OF THE WEEK**

**Sophie McKee** for making such a great effort to learn Indonesian and being so awesome at playing the instruments. Great work.

**SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM (formerly known as Active After Schools Program)**

**Sporting Schools Program in Term 1** Our Sporting Schools Program has commenced and will run for 6 weeks. We are running sessions between 3.30pm and 4.30pm on Mondays. This term the activity is Martial Arts.

**Monda 14th March—Martial Arts—School Closed—NO SESSION**

Because of the late start and a long weekend this term Martial Arts will continue into next term. Interested children can pick up 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.
Our School Photos are being taken on the last day of this Term Thursday 24th March from 9am. Order forms have been sent home. As orders can now be placed online, each envelope is now personalized with student name and unique ordering code. If you wish to hand in an order on Photo Day, orders and correct money are to be given to the photographer on the day. No change will be given on the day. Each child needs his/her own envelope if ordering. Family Photo envelopes are available at the office. Credit card orders are now strictly online.

School Photo Help Station:

1. If you are placing an order please ensure each child has their own envelope.
2. Do not place another child’s envelope inside their siblings envelope.
3. Please collect a family envelope from the school office if you wish to have a family photo taken.
4. All children are photographed regardless if you are paying or not. This is for the schools records.
5. When the photos are returned to school, those who did not place an order on the day will be given a second chance to order via a new form distributed when photos are returned to school.
6. The school does not give change nor do the photographers. Please ensure the correct money is enclosed.
7. If you lose your envelope the photographers and the school carry spares.
8. Only parents who are paying on the day and requesting it will have a family photo taken.
9. Ordering online is the only way you can pay with credit cards.
10. We do not have control over the way your child’s name appears in the photo—any changes or requests are strictly handled by the school.
11. For more information FREECALL: 1800 750 586 or www.leadingimage.com.au

STUDENT ACTION GROUP 2016

Our Student Action Group (SAG) members were elected recently and each member was allocated a Grade that they will look after. Well done!

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Grade 6  Imogen Tall
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Grade 5  Kiara Mills
         Jacob Collins
Grade 4  Tegan Lenne
         Roxi Clarke
Grade 3  Moana Broughton
         Cora Wilson

Grade 2  Mason Golding
Grade 1  Dael Buntine
Prep    Kirsty Nichol
Mrs Devlin
Mrs Mathers
Mrs Chandler

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING—TERM 1

NO MORE LOST PROPERTY!!!

‘That’s Mine’ Label orders are due back today. If you have forgotten, please drop your order form into school next Tuesday. All orders will be collated and delivered to you before end of term.

It is also easy to order online and still support our fundraiser: www.thatsmine.com.au

At the checkout, when you select your payment option, please click where it says ‘FUNDRAISER CODE’ and type Echuca West Primary School VIC into the box. Online orders will be sent directly to your home address.

Thank you for supporting our school fundraiser!

GUESS THE EASTER EGGS IN THE JAR COMPETITION.

We are holding another Easter Egg guessing competition. The jar of Easter Eggs is in the school office and you can have a guess for $1 or 3 guesses for $2. This will be drawn on the last day of term at the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Thank you for your support
BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Miley Wiltshire, Jacey Nilbett, Mason Golding and Kiara Mills 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.
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 21st March
Cake Stall

Wednesday 23rd March
Grade 6 Leadership Day at Moama Bowling Club
Grade 3/4 Special School Buddies

Thursday 24th March
Easter Bonnet Parade 1.45p.m.
Easter Egg Competition draw
School Photos
Last Day Term 1—dismissal 2.10p.m.

Monday 11th April
Term 2 starts
Monday 11th April—Wednesday 13th April
Grade 3/4 Camp
Wednesday 13th April
State Swimming
Tuesday 19th April
Grade 5/6 Twisted Science Excursion

GRADE REPORTS

Grade Prep A: Whoever said it was Autumn told me a big fib. The weather has been quite taxing on the Preps but they have managed quite well despite being inside for 3 days straight. We have completed some writing on bears in relation to our senses and the Preps completed a story map based on ‘We’re going on a Bear Hunt’. In Maths we have looked at different shapes and their orientation. We are looking at the different ways a number can be made so it can be recognised in different combinations. Mrs Devlin took the Preps for Art and made lovely Autumn pictures using oil pastels in the 40 degree heat (funny). Enjoy your long weekend.
**Grade 1B:** Today’s the day, the teddy bears have their picnic. What a lovely gathering this morning bringing our Prep, One and Two children together to celebrate a simple teddy bear picnic affair. Teddy’s joyfully flew to astounding heights from the parachute, they sang out loud and clear as Mr Minchin entertained us all on his guitar and everyone enjoyed a special teddy bear treat. Smiles guaranteed all around and of course a wonderful way to end a heat scorching week. Next week, we start exploring Easter and of course planning our Easter Bonnet designs for the lead up to the much loved parade in the last week. I hope that our families enjoy the Labour Day long weekend. Mrs Bourke and her fabulous first graders.

**Grade 2C:** This week the grade ones and twos were lucky to be visited by Coliban Water. The guest speakers helped us to understand the process of filtering water and making it clean and also how the water cycle works through some great hands on activities. Everyone was amazed to see the dirty water turning clear right before our eyes once the Aluminium Sulfate, known as ‘Alum” was added. The water turned from dirty to clear in just a few minutes! Students brought in dirty water samples and had them tested in a special device that identifies the quality of the water. It was a great experience and we thank Coliban Water for all their great work. We were also very excited to receive free drink bottles and sand timers at the end of the day! Looking forward to another fantastic week. Have a great weekend everybody.

**Grade 3D & 4E:** The weeks are just flying by at school at the moment! Everyone has handled the hot weather really well and we are very proud of how sensible everyone has been during our “hot day timetable” days when we were inside over the lunch breaks. Homework started this week, and most students have got themselves organised into a great routine of getting this done already. In Literacy, we started our reading groups rotations which are working really well and it is wonderful to see students applying the skills they have learnt so far this year to these tasks. Three dimensional shape has been the focus in Maths, and during this time we have learnt how to name parts of a shape such as edges and vertices as well as had a go at identifying and making nets. We also started to write to our “Special Buddies” at the Echuca Specialist School. By doing this, we will know a little bit about each other before we meet. Notes about the Specialist School buddy program were sent home on Wednesday, so please check Home School Journals for a note which needs to be signed. We hope you have a lovely long weekend. Ms Martin and Mr Cole.

**Grade 5F & 6G**—This week has been another busy week for the grade 5/6’s. It’s hard to believe where almost at the end of term 1. In Literacy students have started their persuasive writing with students generating some excellent topic ideas. A hot topic among students has included “country life is better than city life “. This week we’ve also wrapped up our swimming program which has been a huge success. Students have learnt the correct techniques for different swimming strokes, survival strategies and have participated in a range of water games. In Maths we have been working on decimals and fractions and have continued developing new knowledge and understandings. Students have excitedly continued working on their passion projects and are well on the way to finishing them. We can’t wait to share them with the rest of the school and the parents of our grade 5/6 students. Have a great weekend!
Students and families are invited to attend an open night at Echuca College. Students will be able to participate in a class of Design, Creativity and Technology – Woodwork, Food Technology, Physical Education or Science. Whilst students are enjoying working in our classrooms, parents and families can enjoy a tour of our school with a member of our Leadership Team.

**Bookings are essential—please call 0354821133**

**When:** Monday 21st of March

**Time:**
- Session 1 – 6pm
- Session 2 – 7pm

The classes are open to students from Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6.

If you require any further information, please contact Melissa Gould or Chris Jennings at Echuca College on 03 54821133.