



# THE ECHIDNA

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Term 3, Week 7 Thursday 3rd September 2020



## Important Dates Term 3

### Week 8

Energy Safety Week

Week 9 COLOURSS Cultural Day  
Cancelled

COLOURSS Interspeak—postponed to  
Term 4

Last day of Term 3—Friday 25th Sept

## Term 4

### First Day—MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Week 1 Book Fair

Week 5 Wed 11th Nov—Photos

## From the Principal's Desk

### Staff additions

Shane Robinson will be joining us on Fridays Term 3. Shane also works regularly at Kyogle High School as an SLSO which is great for our Year 6 boys to have another friendly familiar face for next year. Tim Martin will be team teaching with Jessica Fish on Thursdays during Term 4, bringing his Technology expertise into our Stem project.

### 10 Days Intensive Swimming Lessons Term 4 Cancelled

This year, unfortunately we are not able to attend Intensive Swimming as it is cancelled. Traditionally every year in Term 4 we have attended the Intensive 10 days swimming program. Hopefully parents may still be able to book private swimming lessons with a Swimming Instructor after school and during holidays, or simply take children to the school to swim if Kyogle pool is open. Last year in Term 4, we had disruptions with bush fires and smoke and this year the COVID-19 pandemic. Swimming is a skill that saves lives and Afterlee School strongly encourages parents to take an active roll in supporting swimming lessons for their children.

## Newsletter Survey

Thank you to everyone for filling in the newsletter survey, this builds a clearer picture for future directions for our newsletter. Term 4 we will be trialling a fortnightly newsletter. We will also send any important school communications as they arise prior to the fortnightly newsletters home with students to make sure there are no time delays with correspondence.

## Building Works

School improvements will continue with quotes being finalised for concrete additions. This work will hopefully happen in the school holidays to minimize disruption to school. Works include:

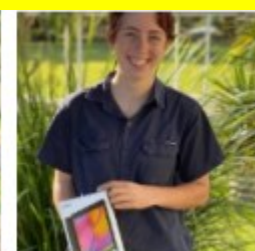
- concreting the courtyard eating area,
- extension of a path between the office and toilet block,
- extension of concrete in dirt area next to COLA and demountable classroom,
- small slab for another additional animal enclosure.

Another exciting project on the go is the addition of a slippery slide and cubby house to our playground equipment.

## Regards Kirsty Kelly

**P&C Street Stall**— Kyogle Council has informed the P&C that we are not permitted to go ahead with the planned Street Stall fund-raiser on the 9th October due to restrictions. We may be able to have a market stall at the Saturday Farmer's Markets as an alternative. We will keep you posted with updates.

The Nolan family raffle was drawn last week and raised just over \$2000 which will be a great help to them. Thank you to all who supported this raffle or donated funds. Greg and Leanne are very grateful.





### Science Term 3 - Electricity

This term, in Science, the Echidnas have been studying electricity.

They have been really enjoying the hands-on learning on how to create their own simple circuits using batteries, switches, bulbs and wires. They are developing an understanding of how a torch works and exploring how electricity is conducted.

They will discuss sources of electrical energy, renewable options and research the history of electrical breakthroughs.





## Science and Technology Term 4

In Term 1, our school was lucky enough to borrow the Stem Robotics Kit which was a wonderful learning experience about coding and robotics. Term 4, Afterlee School has secured the loan of the filming kit from Stem T4L which gives us access to expensive equipment and resources we would not normally be able to afford. This Stem Kit will allow Afterlee students to create something special, the opportunities are exciting. To get the most of this filming kit we will have Mr Tim Martin on Thursdays who's special interest is Technology and will lead this project in conjunction with Miss Fish.

We will be able to find out about apps and programs including Touchcast Studio, iMovie and the Student Filmmaker resource.



Filming



## School Psychologist

We have a new School Psychologist Bronwyn McNulty. She will be visiting Afterlee once a month. She is a local to the Northern Rivers and is excited to work with our students.

As part of the school's educational program, teachers may refer children to the school psychologist for assessment. This assessment may involve the administration of test to determine a child's learning ability, areas of strength and weakness, present levels of attainment in literacy and numeracy, and behavioural and or emotional difficulties.

Such assessment provides class teachers with additional information about your child, which facilitates our ability to provide effective educational support. This information may, as appropriate, be provided to other members of school staff involved in supporting your child. It may also indicate that referrals to outside agencies, such as speech therapists, may further assist your child.

Finally, it may indicate that your child has general or specific learning difficulties which may require additional support.

You will be involved throughout this process and the psychologist will contact you and give feedback about information gained during testing. Bronwyn will be pleased to talk to you if you have any questions or concerns. You may correct any personal information provided at any time, by contacting the school or school psychologist.

**We wish all of our Fathers a  
very safe and happy  
Father's Day this  
weekend!**



**Happy  
Father's  
Day**