

Introducing Ms Terris

Echuca Twin Rivers Primary School Principal



What is your full name?

Brea Terris

What is your favourite fruit?

Strawberries

What attracted you to our school?

The ETRS values and vision aligned with mine as a Principal

What Football team do you support?

Melbourne Demons

Melbourne Storm

What do you like doing in your spare time?

Reading, watching sport and walking

If there was one thing in the world you could change what would it be?

Equal opportunity for all and to nurture that

Which school did you come from before our school?

Caledonian PS - Ballarat

What is your favourite colour?

Pink

What is your favourite food?

Thai food

Do you have any pets?

No pets

Questions compiled by our students and staff.



Brea Terris—Principal

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Term 4 - 11 Weeks

Monday 7th October to

Friday, 20th December

2019

OCTOBER - TERM 4

Friday 11th	<u>NO LUNCH ORDERS TODAY</u> Icy Poles for Sale @ 1.45pm
Monday 14th	Regional Athletics—Bendigo Coffee Club - 9am Parent Action Group Meeting - 9am
Wednesday 16th	Gr 3/4 Discovery Centre Visit School Council Meeting-6pm
Friday 18th	Gr 5-6 Basketball Tournament
Monday 21st	Coffee Club—9am
Thursday 24th	School Photos Day
Friday 25th	Gr 5-6 Softball Tournament Icy Poles for Sale @ 1.45pm
Monday 28th- Thursday 31st	Life Education Van visit
Monday 28th	Coffee Club—9am
NOVEMBER	
Monday 4th	School Closed—Professional Development Day
Tuesday 5th	School Closed—Public Holiday— Melbourne Cup
Thursday 7th	Grade 5 Major Excursion Icy Poles for Sale @ 1.45pm
Monday 11th	Coffee Club—9am
Wednesday 13th	School Council Meeting-6pm
Thursday 14th	Gr 3/4 T20 Blast Cricket
Friday 15th	Gr 5/6 T20 Blast Cricket
Wednesday 20th-	Grade 6 Melbourne Camp
Friday 22nd	
Friday 29th	Inflatable Obstacle Course

P principal's Report

Welcome back to school everyone. We have had a very positive start already and we are looking forward to another successful term ahead. We hope you and your children are feeling a little more rested, ready for the busy yet exciting times that Term 4 offers.

Welcome Ms Terris

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Ms Brea Terris to Echuca Twin Rivers School as our new appointed Principal. We are looking forward to working with her and she is very much looking forward to meeting everyone in our school community. Ms Terris farewelled the cold weather of Ballarat in exchange for the sunshine offered here in Echuca. Be sure to read through the interview led by the children, with Ms Terris in her first few days at our school. We are delighted to have her as part of our team. Please be sure to come and introduce yourselves to Ms Terris, she is very eager to meet the wonderful parents of our students here at Echuca Twin Rivers School.

Thank You

A special thank you to Mrs Lyn Strachan who was our Acting Principal for Term 3. Additionally, thank you to Mrs Harvey and Mrs Irving, our Acting Assistant Principals, who did a wonderful job filling in for Mrs Mathers while she was travelling down the West Coast of Australia with her family for the term. While she had magnificent time, she is very happy to be back.

Transition

Our Transition Program will officially begin in December, however for all our new Foundation students starting with us next year, they can join Mrs E and Mr Henderson each Friday afternoon from 2:30pm, commencing tomorrow, Friday 11th October. This is optional and is in addition to the formal transition days that are held in December.

Enrolment for 2020

We are currently looking towards staffing for 2020 and to do this, we use the current enrolment numbers plus the new Foundation Students, minus the Grade 6 students who are leaving us for Secondary school. If your circumstances have changed and you are aware that your children will not be attending our school next year, please let your child's classroom teacher or the Office staff know as soon as possible. Furthermore, if you know of any new families who are intending to enrol with us, please encourage them to ring the Office staff and complete the required enrolment forms as soon as possible. We are more than happy to assist with the process if required.

Attitudes to School Survey Results

Each year our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students complete a survey issued by the Department of Education asking for the student's opinion about their school. We were very pleased with the results this year showing improvement in nearly all areas. This survey addresses how our students feel about attending our school, the connectedness to their peers, academic stimulation, classroom behaviour, teacher concern, managing bullying and student agency. Resilience will continue to be a focus as this was the only area that we did not see an improvement.

The New Build

As you come to school each time, you will be greeted by the massive amount of building that is occurring on our site as well as next door. At this stage, the new hub of classrooms on the East side of the school will be ready for the beginning of the school year in 2020.

Walk, Ride or Scoot to School

The annual Walk to School Program is up and running for the month of October once again. We are encouraging all students, parents and grandparents to get on board. Children can ride, scoot or walk to school. This is then tallied up in the classroom with prizes to be won. Students who travel on the bus have the opportunity to participate by walking laps of the oval when they arrive at school. Students **are not** permitted to get off buses at either the College or St Mary's and walk to school.

We will be having a 'walking bus' starting at McSwains Road at 8:30am each Friday morning, from tomorrow, with Mrs Mathers. If you'd like to join us for the walk, please meet Mrs Mathers at the McSwains Rd crossing. Parents, siblings and grandparents are more than welcome to join us.

Glitter Gala Ball

Unfortunately the Glitter Gala Ball had to be cancelled due to lack of ticket sales at the end of term 3. The raffle however will be going ahead and will be drawn on Friday 18th of October. The prizes are sensational and the tickets are only \$2 each. This is a major fundraiser for our school.

1st Prize: 3 nights on a weekend or 4 nights midweek on a luxury houseboat. Valued at \$1650.

2nd Prize: Thomas Sabo sterling silver diamond set bracelet. Valued at \$500.

3rd Prize: \$300 fire pit voucher.

4th Prize: Signed AFL Richmond Jumper valued at \$200.

5th Prize: Scooter and Helmet valued at \$200.

Any unsold books can be returned to the office.

Brea Terris

Principal



We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays over the next week.

**Tegan, Alicia and
Jai**

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Late Arrivals at School

All students who arrive at school (after 9am) must report to the school office to sign in. Often these students are marked as absent when the Teachers mark the roll soon after 9am. This results in a text being sent to families to say the child is absent when they are actually at school but have arrived late. Please remind students to call in to the office and sign in if they are late.

School Uniform

We have noticed many of our older students, particularly those in Grade 6, are not wearing the correct school jumper. The navy blue jumper or jacket is a compulsory school uniform item. We ask parents to ensure their children do not wear other items of clothing to school.

WELLBEING WINNERS



Francheska,
Malachi and
Lucas

**Glitter Gala Raffle Tickets are
due back at school. The raffle is
being drawn on Friday 18th
October.**

GRADE 6 BOOK REVIEW

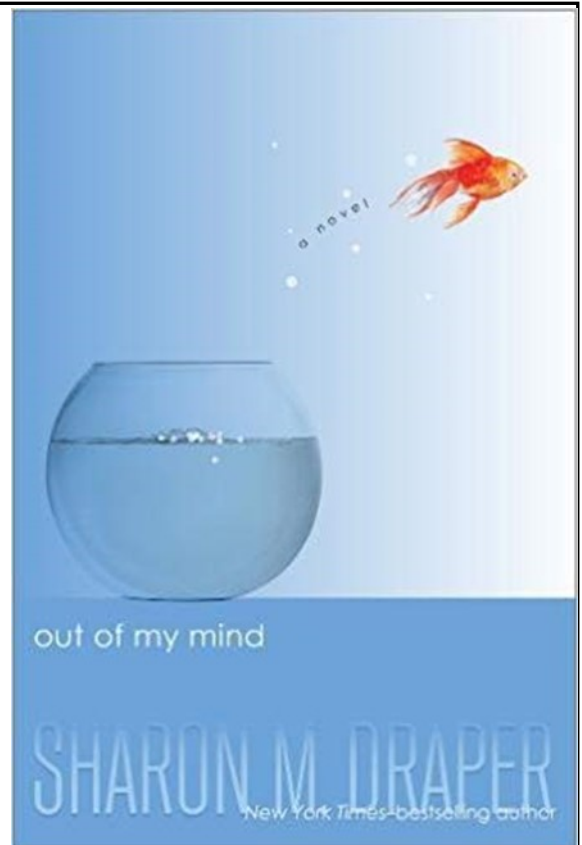
'Out of my mind' is about a ten year old girl named Melody, who can't walk or talk. She is extremely intelligent, but nobody knows it, until she receives something that will change her whole world.

This book taught me that everybody is different and unique in their own way and everyone has their own strengths. Melody also taught me that determination and strength is key to letting your voice be heard. This book may just be another book to other people, but to me it is something that will change my entire perspective on society.

So next time you see someone who may look or act differently to you, don't just stare. Make sure you smile, wave and say hello. Because for all you know, it may make them feel so much better and will make you feel better too.

I highly recommend reading this book, written by Sharon M Draper. It is truly amazing.

-Ellie Peterson Grade 6



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