

Innovative Schools Winner 2019

EA Southee Public School is honoured to be one of 44 schools in Australia to be awarded 2019 Innovative Schools Award.



BREAKING NEWS...

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Revealed: Innovative Schools 2019 winners

The Educator has announced the top 44 Australian schools demonstrating exceptional leadership in change and innovation

The Educator's fifth annual Innovative Schools list has revealed the schools at the cutting edge of change and innovation in Australia. Organisers indicated the volume and quality of the entries received made compiling this list an arduous, but exciting, task.

E A Southee's Neoteric Innovative Learning Environment Project is one of the inspirational programs and initiatives showcased in the report and proves that quality teaching is alive and well in Australian schools and especially Cootamundra.

It should be noted that the link (below) only offers a small snapshot of the ground-breaking work being done at EA Southee Public School to improve the educational outcomes and wellbeing of our young people.

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rankings/innovative-schools-
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We are very proud to be honoured with this award to acknowledge the most profound and exciting impact in K-12 education today.



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Up Coming Events

- Data skills training for staff—12/11
- EA Southee Tech visit to Cootamundra Preschool — 14/11
- Years 3 and 4 local excursion—14/11
- Kinder Transition—15/11
- Kinder and 1/2D Excursion to Junee—15/11
- Year 6 Excursion to Canberra —15/11

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50th Anniversary

Former E A Southee School Principal, Barry Cant and his organising committee worked tirelessly for the last 6 months planning and implementing a weekend to celebrate the 50 year anniversary of EA Southee Public School.

The Celebrations commenced Friday afternoon with a whole school assembly hosted by school leaders, Halley Walsh and Riley Meale. Mrs Marshman daughter of Mr E A Southee and granddaughters Bev Tucker and Judy Brady, former school captain Tina Wales, former staff and former school principal Barry Cant along with the organising committee joined our students in their celebrations. Mr Southee's family cut a 50 Year Anniversary cake and joined the students and families in afternoon tea.



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50th Anniversary Cont..

On Saturday evening a dinner was held at the Cootamundra Ex-Serviceman's Club with 114 guests attending. Guests travelled from far and wide, with former staff, parents and students joining current staff and parents to enjoy the evening's proceedings and the opportunity to reconnect.

On Sunday, a large gathering of visitors attended an EA Southee Open School. There was a wonderful atmosphere with former staff and students reminiscing about their time at EA Southee and embracing the changes for the

students of the 21st century.

It was a terrific weekend of celebrations enjoyed by all.



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Preschool Tech Visits

EA Southee staff Miss Grace Morris and Mr Luke Dabin have been visiting some of our local preschools over the past few weeks. Students have been introduced to coding with robots such as Ozobot and BeeBot. The pre-schoolers have had a fantastic time interacting with Ozobot as it follows coding sequences for stories we have shared with the students. These have included “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt” and “The Very Hungry Caterpillar.” Students have very quickly developed their skills at building algorithms to code the BeeBot around the space mats.

EA Southee would like to thank the Cootamundra Early Learning Centre and Creekside Kids for allowing us to come and share our fabulous technology with their students. We look forward to our visit to Cootamundra Preschool this week.



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Information for Families

Our school is committed to building a safe and happy environment for students, staff, parents and the broader community.

We encourage parents and carers to advocate strongly on their child's behalf and, as part of this, expect them to raise concerns about their child.

Sometimes these concerns may relate to the way a child may have been treated by another student at this school.

It is natural for parents and carers to feel protective of their children.

However you must not raise any concerns you have about the behaviour of another child directly with that child (or his or her parents while they are at school) but should instead report your concerns to the principal or a member of the executive team.

Your concerns will be taken seriously and responded to promptly.

If a parent, carer or other community member raises their concerns directly with a child (or their parents while they are at school) this may result in the access that person has to the school site being restricted or withdrawn.

We greatly value the contribution parents, carers and other community members make to the school community and do not wish to take any action that impacts on their participation in school activities.

Please let us know if you have concerns about the behaviour of another person's child while they are at school or on school related activities.

Raising your concerns directly with the child (or his or her parents while they are at school) could result in your access to the school site being restricted or withdrawn.

Hold My Hand

EA Southee Public School is proud to be partnering with Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council in supporting the Hold My Hand campaign. Council representatives including Mayor Mr Abb McAlister visited EA Southee on Thursday the 7th November to unveil the new sign.

The campaign strives to raise awareness about the importance of students holding an adult's hand when crossing the road. Children are yet to develop their full side vision, are not tall enough to see over obstacles, unable to discern where a vehicle may be coming from when there is a lot of noise and their brains are not yet fully developed meaning their judgments on speed and distance may not be accurate.



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Practicum Students

1/2D have welcomed Miss Maddison Baker into our class and school. Maddison is with us for 17 days completing a teaching practicum through Charles Sturt University. This week, Maddison is reading the story 'Flood' by Jackie French and the students have learned about using water colours to represent the illustrated cover of the book.



KM has welcomed Miss Emily Levett into their classroom at EA Southee this term. Miss Levett is on a teaching practicum experience for 20 days (4 weeks) from Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga. Throughout this experience Miss Levett has taught Literacy, Mathematics, Creative and Practical Arts, Physical Education and Health lessons. Both Miss Levett and EA Southee Public School are enjoying this teaching/learning experience together.



Term 4 Class Councillors

Congratulations to all our Term 4 class councillors on being elected by your peers to represent your class.



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Halloween

EA Southee students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to dress up in Halloween costumes on Wednesday 30th October to raise funds for the P & C. We were amazed by some of the very clever costumes and face paint the students had on.



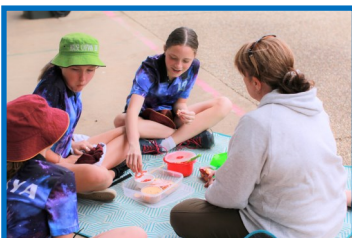
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PBL Picnic

On Friday 8th November, EA Southree Public School families and friends joined students for an orienteering afternoon tea picnic. The students enjoyed the opportunity to share some afternoon tea with their guests. Students then set out with their guests on a PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) orienteering quest. Armed with their clues, the students set off to locate the PBL signs which represented the values in each clue. This was a great opportunity for the students to show their family and friends our PBL values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience and what they represent.

PBL sets the foundations of expected values for students to follow to foster a positive learning and school environment. PBL has been a major contributor to the success of our students since its implementation in 2018.

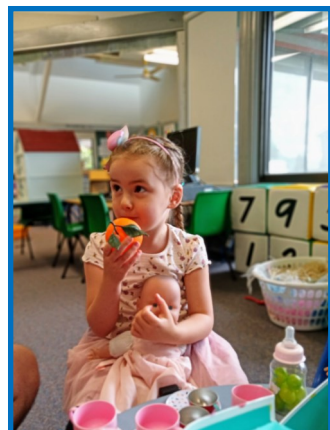
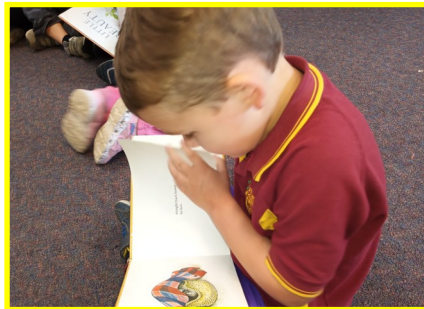
Thank you to everyone that came along.



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Kinder Transition

Our 2020 Kindergarten students have settled in to their full day transitions on Fridays. The students have been enjoying story time, craft and writing activities. The students have spent lunch and recess times with the rest of school making great friendships. These transitions provide a valuable experience for students to become comfortable at school in what is a very daunting time for these amazing little people.



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Remembrance Day

Lest We Forget

Students and staff gathered this morning to remember and honour Australians who have died in the line of duty during war and armed conflict.

Readings and the laying of a wreath and floral tributes expressed our respect for all who have given so much for Australia.



State Athletics

EA Southee student Halley Walsh had the amazing experience of competing in High Jump at the NSW Primary School Sports Australia Athletics Championships on 7th November. The athletic championships were held in Sydney at the Sydney Athletics Centre in the heart of Olympic Park.

The best of the best athletes from all over the state compete over two days in all track and field disciplines. For Halley to get to this stage, she has had to finish in the top three athletes at our school athletics carnival, district athletics carnival and Riverina athletics carnival.

Halley managed to make it through to the 4th round of jumps where she finished 29th in the state. Congratulations Halley on your great achievement.



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Team 3 News

In Team 3 we have been working on team building. Students were given a range of challenges in which they had to practise effective communication and collaboration with others. Students engaged in the challenges in a positive way and a lot of laughter could be heard during this time.

In Team 3's new learning space we are lucky enough to have had three large whiteboards installed on the walls. These whiteboards are used for collaborative group tasks and to share ideas with the whole class. We use them regularly for a range of Key Learning Areas.

