

assembly, during which the transition students

The program ran so successfully due to successful experience at school.



births

■ Ella Jane were the names chosen by Rebecca and Scott Johnson for their daughter, born at Armadale Hospital, Perth, on August 2. Weighing 3.24 kilograms and measuring 52 centimetres at birth, Ella is a grandchild for Wayne Johnson, and Joy Attwood, of Lake Cargelligo.

degrees Celsius.  
Thursday's forecast is for another sunny day, with winds tending southerly and light, and a top of 28 degrees.  
Friday is likely to remain mostly sunny, with light winds and a maximum of 33 degrees.  
According to the Bureau of Meteorology, overnight minimums for the next few mornings are expected to range between eight and 11 degrees.

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# Euabalong residents want more spent on local roads

The state of the local road network was the main concern raised by Euabalong residents, during a recent Cobarr Shire Council meeting at the village.

More than 40 local residents attended the meeting, held at Euabalong Hall last Thursday week.

The purpose of the meeting was to highlight to residents the financial issues affecting Council, the strategies being undertaken to once again achieve a balanced budget, and to gather feedback on the options that Council is considering.

"This is part of a broader community consultation process that is underway, Council's Special Projects Officer, Angela Shepherd, told the Lake News.

"All feedback collected will be used to inform Council, which will make a decision on December 13 on whether or not to apply for a special rate variation - an increase in rates above the 3.4 per cent rate peg - and if so, what form it would take.

"The main concern of those attending was the state of their roads.

Cobar is a roads-based council, and there was much discussion on the methods Council employs for road maintenance and who undertakes it.

"However, it is very important to remember that, at the end of the day, the condition of the roads is all about the cost of road maintenance and repair, and the

amount of income Council has.  
"Council has an annual asset management shortfall of over \$8 million and, as a result, there is always going to be issues with road maintenance.

"Council tries to undertake the maximum amount of road works to the highest standard possible, given the funding we have available.

"At the end of the day, around one fifth of our rates income comes from the rural ratepayers, and around one fifth of Council's budget is spent on road works," she added.

The overwhelming response from attendees at the Euabalong meeting was that they did not support a rate rise. They also called for improved roads and for Council to maintain the local parks and gardens services at current levels.

"The other main service valued by Euabalong area residents was the provision of tourism services," Ms Shepherd said.

"It is proposed to use the majority of any increase in rates for road maintenance.

"Residents also want to see further reductions in Council's costs - a strategy that continues to be undertaken by Council.

"The feedback provided at the meeting will be considered by Council, and also by IPART should a rate variation application be made," she said.

# Students enjoy a multicultural meal

Monday this week was the Feast Day of St Francis Xavier, giving the St Francis Xavier's Primary School community an opportunity to celebrate in style.

The school hosted a multicultural feast for the students, staff, parents and grandparents, along with Father Mayne Murphy.

For the special luncheon, the children were treated to a variety of foods from a variety of cultures.

Catholic missionary born in the Kingdom of Navarre and co-founder of the Society of Jesus," explained school principal, Jacinta Elwin.

"He was a student of Ignatius of Loyola and one of the first seven Jesuits, dedicated at Montmartre in 1534. He led an extensive mission into Asia, mainly in the Portuguese Empire.

"He was influential in the spreading and upkeep of Catholicism most notably in the Philippines.

