



Principal's Report

'Diversity Our Strength'

It was great to see members of the College community at the three ANZAC Day services in the Echuca/Moama area on ANZAC Day. While we commemorate ANZAC Day for the sacrifices made by men, women and families involved in conflicts during our country's history, it also provides us with an opportunity to reflect on why we live in such a wonderful country. The answer to the question becomes obvious as the ANZAC Day services take place across the country. Each year we see hundreds of thousands of Australians attend ANZAC services; people from all walks of life, but all come to remember and to say thanks. In Echuca/Moama, as in all communities, the wreath laying ceremony reveals a vast array of voluntary service personnel and community based groups paying their respects to the fallen. These groups by their very existence reflect and perpetuate the traits portrayed by the very first ANZACS and clearly add to the fibre of our communities and country. The involvement of our young people in the ceremony ensures that important links to the past are passed on to the next generation. This year our College was represented at the services by our four College Captains, Amelia Denson, Josh Patten, Sarah McCluskey and Angus Fraser.

Each year in early May the College provides an opportunity for our community to visit the College as part of our 'Discovery Night' program. While the evening is designed to provide perspective students and their parents with a chance to talk to teachers, view programs and facilities; it also gives us an opportunity to demonstrate what is happening at our College. It was great to see so many attend the evening given the cooler weather. There were many questions asked about our ICT Laptop program at Year 7 and the introduction of the Ultranet. Extra curricula areas in the Performing and Visual Arts, Technology (Energy Breakthrough) and Physical Education/Health and Outdoor Education also attracted a lot of interest. The introduction of the National Curriculum in 2012 has highlighted the importance of History, Geography and Commerce subjects in our students' development and at Discovery Night our Humanities Domain provided students and parents with a great insight as to how these subjects are taught across years 7-12. Echuca College has a strong LOTE (Indonesian) program with students studying LOTE through to Year 12. Our LOTE teachers and students studying LOTE demonstrated lessons and activities used in the teaching of LOTE as part of their provision of information to our community on the evening. While the study of English is a given and literacy development the responsibility of all areas of study at Echuca College, students and parents were also provided with an outline of the study of English across years 7-12. Importantly our Discovery Evening was supported by our students, many of whom have worked over the last few weeks to prepare displays and activities that helped perspective students to have a better understanding of what Echuca College has to offer. Well done to all involved and a special thank you to our Transition Coordinator Ms Adams.

Those who couldn't attend our Discovery Evening can contact the College at any time to arrange an appointment to visit our College or we can arrange to have an information package sent out to you. Our main orientation program will start in June/July, providing prospective students and their parents with another opportunity to visit our school. Echuca College takes pride in the fact that we are Echuca's College and that we allow families the time to make one of the most important decisions in their child's life. At this stage of the year, we would like families to consider Echuca College as a possible option for the future but we also appreciate and respect that this decision needs due consideration. We would however, like parents to know that at Echuca College we are preparing our students for the future, today.

Important Dates

MAY:

10th -
Yr 8 Excursion
Kryal Castle

10th - 12th
Naplan Testing
Yr 7 & 9

12th -
VCE Top Arts
Top Design
&
Legal Studies
Excursion

Rock Eisteddfod
Movie Night
Fundraiser
6pm

13th -
Cross Country

Would you like to receive the newsletter via email?

Simply go to www.echucacollege.vic.edu.au/newsletter/ and subscribe.

Just a reminder that examinations for Unit Three VCE subjects start on the 14th June with Biology, Physics and Accounting followed by Psychology and Chemistry. These are the only subjects examined at our College at half year. The examinations are Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority set examinations. On Thursday 16th June, all students studying a Unit 3&4 subject or 2nd Year of a Scored VET Certificate this year will be required to sit the General Achievement Test (GAT). If parents or students require any further information about the examination period or individual exams, please don't hesitate to contact either Mr Stenning or Ms Costin at the College.

Last week interim reports were mailed home for students and parents to review. The College would encourage our students and parents to read the comments made on the interim report very carefully and if further information is needed about your student's progress, please don't hesitate to contact the College. Semester one reports are only eight weeks away and as we approach mid semester, staff and students are working towards the completion of semester one's work in preparation for midyear reports. It is important that students don't leave assignments or tasks to the last minute and consequently have to rush their work to get it completed. Leaving assignments and set tasks to the last minute will result in students not working to their full potential and thus producing work below their standard. When reports are distributed, it is important to remember that they are collated to provide feedback to students on their development and progress within a subject and for parents to monitor their child's development and support them where necessary.

Chris Eeles
College Principal

REMINDER TO FAMILIES:

Student Resource Structure payments are due NOW.

We would ask parent/guardians to please pay the \$85 Excursion Levy ASAP to enable your student to participate in excursions.

Students that have not paid this levy will NOT be able to attend any excursions throughout the year.

For further enquiries please contact the administration at the College on 03 5482 1133.

CENTREPAY:

Centrepay is now available for use at the College. It enables anyone who has a valid Centrelink card who currently receives payments to allocate a portion of their payment to fees/camps/excursions. When set up, the deduction comes out of your fortnightly payment before it gets to your bank. For more information or for a form to set up Centrepay deductions, please contact the office on 03 5482 1133.



The College has recently activated B-Pay for all families to access. You will receive your B-Pay details on the statement that will be sent to families in the coming weeks. This service is available for immediate use.

For further information please contact the College on 03 5482 1133.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 8th May Leanne Treacy
Tues 9th Lynda Reid
Wed 10th Kelly Robbins
Thurs 11th Sue Cummins
Fri 12th Anita Anderson, Barbro Holt-Crossman
Mon 15th Michelle Haw, Simone Hore
Tues 16th Julie Hogan
Wed 17th Rosa Maher
Thurs 18th Genevieve Ham
Fri 19th Kerry Tyler, Lisa Radley

If any parents are able to help at anytime please contact Jeanette on 03 54821133.

Careers & Pathways

Nursing and Health Expo

The Royal College of Nursing, Australia will be holding the **Nursing and Health Expo in Melbourne on Sunday 15 May 2011** at the Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton from 10am to 3pm.

This is a great opportunity for students to explore future career possibilities. There will be over 130 exhibitors ranging from universities and TAFE, hospitals, health & related services and specialty nursing groups.

Entry to the expo is by gold coin donation with all proceeds going to charity.

For more information go to www.rcna.org.au

Careers in Sports Medicine and Science Seminar

Sports Medicine Australia will be conducting the Careers in Sports Medicine and Science Seminar (CISM) for senior secondary students. The Seminar is being held at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre (MSAC) – Champions Room, Albert Park on **Sunday 29 May 2011** from 9:30am – 1:30pm.

The seminar aims to inform prospective students of Sports Medicine and Sports Science career paths, through presentations given by prominent Sports Medicine and Science professionals.

A number of universities will be in attendance to provide information on course entry requirements/prerequisites and insight into life at their educational institution.

Seven sports medicine professionals will also provide presentations on the following professions:

- Podiatry**
- Exercise Science/Human Movement**
- Physiotherapy**
- Medicine**
- Psychology**
- Dietetics**
- Osteopathy**

Sports Medicine Australia is providing this seminar (including light refreshments) at a cost of \$40 per student and \$25 per parent. Bookings are available via online registration at vic.sma.org.au

Year 12 Melbourne Trip

Fifty- four Year 12 students will be travelling to Melbourne on Thursday the 5th of May to spend two days investigating future study and career options. Students will have a tour of Swinburne University of Technology and attend the Age VCE and Careers Expo on Friday the 6th of May.

G. Webb-Pathways

Discovery Night

Discovery evening was a huge success with many families attending this evening. The evening was full of students showcasing what the college has to offer, with a range of year levels represented. The formal introduction was delivered by year 7 student leader Maegan Johnson and year 12 student Andrew Koster. Both Maegan and Andrew spoke on the various opportunities that are provided at Echuca College which was only the beginning of students impressing the guests. The formal tour visited many facilities in the school surrounds, including the Dance and Drama rooms, Food Technology and the year 7 neighbourhood. We also had Rod Pearl from Peat's Office Equipment available to speak to parents and students about the laptop program the College runs with his organisation. Peat's have been in the Echuca Community for 35 years this year. We would like to thank Rod and the staff at Peats for their support over the past 35 years to our College and look forward to continuing our association with his business. A big thank you must go to all students who assisted on the night and to staff for arranging the many fantastic displays.

Krysten Adams Transition Coordinator



Tour of Turkey 2012

There have been several students enquire about attending a Tour of Turkey in 2012. The trip will take place at the end of term three. Students will be exposed to many historical, geographical and cultural activities; gaining many new skills and memories.

If you would like further information please contact Ms Case.

Year 7 News

Year 7 Dance.

In dance we do jazz and we have just started hip hop. At the end of the semester we are doing a performance. I think everyone can do it. I love the music. Keisha Cuthbertson, 7T6.



Year 8 News

This term is off to a great start, our driver is "Back to the Future". We are learning about medieval times with Normans, Saxons and Vikings. We've done some fun activities such as making stained glass windows and creating family crests. We are also looking forward to the up and coming excursion to Kryal Castle where we can learn a lot more about medieval history in a real castle.

Reporter: Jack Lees 8T8 Tute group representative

Year 9 News

Wow! Term 2 already?! Hope everyone had a lovely, long Easter break...personally it would've been nice to score another couple of days break!!

STICKER PROGRAM PRIZE WINNERS – Congratulations to Grace Day who was the Term 1 Major Prize winner. Grace won a \$30 Cotton On clothing voucher. Keep on cashing in those stickers for the end of term 2 draw!!

UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT SURVEY WINNERS – Congratulations to the following Year 9 girls who won prizes through UB's Girls and Physical Activity survey: Kayla Walker (iTunes voucher); Emily McCluskey (Melbourne Victory signed soccer ball); Tracey Ogden; Linda Youd; Jaclyn Middlebrook; Zosie Rosato; Christa Higgins (YMCA Vouchers). Well done!

YEAR 9 BBQ – Many thanks to Mr Davidson and his band of merry helpers who organised and catered for the Year 9 BBQ last week. I think the parents who attended and all students appreciated and enjoyed seeing what is happening in other classes. It was also a terrific way to celebrate term 1 and kick off term 2!

COMMUNITY PROJECTS – Well done to all students who have recently been completing their Community volunteering projects. There has been some extremely positive feedback coming in from the wider community! Well done to all!

NAPLAN – Testing commences on Tuesday 10 May and concludes Thursday 12 May. Students have been asked to ensure that they bring a pencil, sharpener, eraser and water bottle for the tests. They are also encouraged to bring a novel or magazine to read should they finish early. Students **MUST** bring a calculator for Thursday's testing. It is encouraged that students eat breakfast and a snack at recess to best prepare them for the tests. Parents or students with any questions should see one of the Year 9 Team.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS UMPIRING – Thank you to all students who have volunteered to umpire at the primary school sporting carnivals. These tournaments will kick off shortly. Anyone seeking more information should speak to Mrs Jones.

COURAGE TO CARE – In a couple of weeks the whole of Year 9 will be attending a seminar based around the Holocaust and Making a Difference. In line with the College's new excursion policy, students must have paid (or organised a payment plan) the annual, compulsory excursion levy of \$85 to attend. The excursion's costs will be deducted from this levy. Parents with concerns should contact the College office.

INTERIM REPORTS – By now Term 1 reports should have arrived home in the post over a week ago. Parents with concerns about their student's progress should contact either their child's classroom teacher or alternatively one of the Year 9 team. There were many lovely reports where students should be commended for a wonderful start to the year!

SCHOOL FOR LEADERSHIP – The application date for the Term 4 School for Leadership experience to Gnurad Gundidj (Glenorminston) closed Friday 6 May. Students who are interested were to write a letter of interest to Mrs Jones and Mr Strachan. Interviews will commence shortly.

The Year 9 Team

Year 10 News

Interim Reports – they were sent out last week and in Tute Group on Monday the students looked at their reports in light of their personal learning goals, which were completed at the beginning of the year.

Certificates to the high achievers and those whose work ethic and behaviour was first class in Term 1 will be presented at next Monday's year level meeting.

June will be a busy time with the Year 10's having exams in all subjects and semester 2 beginning two weeks prior to the holidays.

On Wednesday June 22nd a "Keys Please" presentation will be held in the Cafe Learning Area for all Year 10 students and any parents who wish to attend. This program will give students and Parents information about getting your "L's" and all matters about learning to drive.

Congratulations to Ms Roberts our OT3 tute teacher who was married in the holidays. She is now Mrs Morrison David Pearson - Year 10 Team Leader.

VCE/VCAL News

End of Term 1 Happenings

The last day of term was a memorable one, with many students dressing up as their favourite storybook/movie character to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital.



In the final week Year 12 students also enjoyed a morning tea of hot cross buns with the staff. It was a great way to finish off and reflect upon an eventful term 1.

Interim Reports

Parents should have received the interim reports written at the end of term 1. It is important that students and parents discuss these and focus on working on improving any areas where there are weaknesses.

Year 12 Jumpers and Shirts

The year 12 jumpers and shirts finally arrived and the students look fantastic. Thanks to Ms Menz for all her organisation and patience when dealing with the manufacturers.



Exams

It is important to remember that Semester 1 ends two weeks before the end of term 2. Students need to make sure that they are fully up to date with their work as exams are in approximately 5 ½ weeks!!

Year 12 students have mid-year exams in Biology, Physics, Accounting, Psychology and Chemistry on the 14th and 15th of June and the General Achievement Test (GAT) on Thursday 16th June.

Year 11 VCE students will have exams from the 8th-10th June. Timetables will be issued closer to the date. All students should plan to commence their revision as early as possible as regular study of the semesters' work will assist them in retaining the knowledge necessary to complete examinations.

Farewell Anna!!!

Last Friday we bid farewell to Anna Walldorf, who returned home to Sweden after spending nearly a year with us here at Echuca College. Anna was a diligent student, who participated in everything on offer and always gave her best. She forever had a smile on her face and she will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best for the future and look forward to hearing updates from her.

VCAL Pancake Day - 4th April

It was an enthusiastic turnout for the VCAL Pancake Day held on April 4th in the Piazza area at school. We had planned to host it as a kind of tribute to Shrove Tuesday, but only a few weeks later as we had all been on VCAL camp during that time.

Thanks to Mr Hall's organisation, the VCAL team was fortunate enough to be able to loan a fantastic, flash bbq from Rotary. With such great equipment we had no excuses but to make fabulous pancakes!

Our celebrity Masterchefs on the day were Jesse Green and Phillip Dryburgh who ended up making it a bit of a 'best pancake' competition. The two boys slaved over a hot bbq for an hour, turning out winning pancakes..... admittedly there were a few burnt numbers to begin with before the boys gained momentum and learnt the mood of the bbq. Topping choices were chocolate sauce or maple syrup, with maple syrup being the clear favourite among the crowd at Echuca College.

As we all know, behind every celebrity chef are often countless other people. Jesse and Phillip were supported by a great crew working on the till and in the service area dealing with the public.

Altogether it was a fun and satisfying day with many students going away well fed and happy.

Echuca College
Rock Eisteddfod

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Do you have any of these listed items just gathering dust or no longer need them, or maybe your mum, grandparent, aunt, neighbour or friend.

We are looking for:
Old overalls (blue / white),
50's dresses,
taffeta fabric, furs/hats/ gloves, rock n roll skirts/outfits,
70's clothing,
leotards or leg warmers

This is to help with the Broadway theme we have this year.

If you are able to help us with any of the above please contact

Melissa Scott
5482 3737 or
0409 280 993

School Swimming Titles

A group of our schools finest swimmers represented Echuca College at the School Swimming Titles at the end of last term. The students competed at the Melbourne Aquatic Centre against Victoria's best school student swimmers. Everyone that competed was in top form after summer and Echuca College presented a strong group. Everyone from Echuca College swam very well. Special mention goes to:

Brad Mellington who won Gold in the 50m and 100m Backstroke

Tessa Mellington who won Bronze in the 50m Backstroke and Brad Mellington, Wade McGrath, Bryce Keech and Mitchell Keech who won bronze in the 50m medal relay.

Congratulation to everyone from Echuca College, you did the school very proud.

Ben Hall



Tennis Report

In glorious sunshine in Bendigo last week, the Yr 8 boys performed very well against all teams they faced, with some outstanding results.

The boys started well, defeating Highview College of Maryborough 6 sets to 0 (36-10), then came up against a strong team from Catholic College Bendigo. In a tight tussle, the boys won on games (23-21), but 3 sets all. In another one sided affair, Echuca College proved too strong for Swan Hill, defeating them in a long but on-sided match 6 sets to 0 (36-10).

In the toughest match, Echuca College came up against St Joseph's College Mildura, with the day's results hinging on the outcome. With strong support from all the EC volleyballers on the sidelines, the boys fought right to the end. Erik and Jack won their doubles in a tiebreaker, Erik put on a top class display in his singles, whilst Charlie fought hard to win his singles. The overall result was even in sets 3-3, but down by 3 games 23-26.

In the ensuing countback, Echuca College, having lost only one match by three games, ended up finishing an unlucky 3rd overall on the games countback, with Mildura 1st and Bendigo 2nd. Only a handful of games separating all three schools. And the boys should feel proud of their efforts for a long and tiring day.



Year 7 Boys Volleyball

Last Thursday the Year 7 boys Volleyball Team lead by Jaidyn Kerr undertook the journey to Bendigo for the Zone Finals with mixed expectations. On seeing the size and quality of the opposition on arrival we were a little apprehensive it is fair to say but the lads, undaunted, were into some practice immediately. We firstly took on the might of Bendigo South-east Dragons and, with some accurate serving from Jonty, Cody and Ben along with excellent retrieval from Lachie we pulled off a stunning win in two sets!

Then the decider against Crusoe College, again a bigger and well-drilled team. At 14 – 8 in the third set we thought we were home but they managed to crawl back to 14 – 13 when, in an exciting finale we won 15 – 13! Jason on the net, Kyle scrambling around the court and Ash with plenty of verbal support, performed well in the thrilling finish. Now to the next level!!! Well done lads! Stewart Cheal (Coach)

Year 7 Girls Volleyball

The year 7 girls had two matches to play. The first against Bendigo South East College was close throughout the match and our girls came out victors 25-21, 25-20. The girls were enthusiastic about their 2nd match however nerves got to them and impacted on their return of serve. Having a slight comeback in the 2nd set was not enough going down 18-25, 16-25. Michaela Clark-Grundy was the most valuable player for the day.

Year 8 Girls Volleyball

On Thursday 28th of April, Echuca College students (including six year 8 girls) travelled to the Bendigo Sports and Entertainment Centre for volleyball. We played against Catholic College Bendigo. We were off to a shakey start but in the end we came through winning in two sets 25-22, 25-19. All girls played extremely well. The most valuable player went to Taylah Morris.

Written by the year 8 girls volleyball team.



Senior Girls Volleyball

On the 28th of April the senior girls headed to Bendigo and played against three other schools.

The team included Bec Larcombe, Khysha Keil, Rochelle Daley, Tess O'Reilly, Amanda Carrington, Brittany Warren, Jade Donald, and Sammara Pascoe. The first game was against Sunraysia and in a hard fought game the girls went down 12-25 and 14-25. Bec and Rochelle were a great steadying influence as the team started to work together. The second game was against the Catholic College Bendigo and again the girls played well going down 17-25 and 9-25. Khysha's playing and serving was impressive. The third game against Cohuna, the girls' team work was outstanding and they won 25-22 and 25-18 and it was great to see Brittany come through to steady the team with some much needed serving skill. Over the day Bec was our MVP with her consistency, cool head and skills. The girls conducted themselves brilliantly and showed themselves to be great ambassadors to the school and themselves. We all had an excellent time representing the College.

Walking Club Sets Off At A Brisk Pace For 2011

Walking Club commenced at the end of last term with a keen turnout on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. A big thank you to staff that have participated and encouraged students through their attendance. This is a great opportunity for some pleasant exercise with lots of interesting conversation.

Points are awarded to all participants for walking and prizes are given when the following "milestones" are achieved.

10kms – Pen 30kms – Drink bottle 50kms – Pair of socks 75kms – Skins sports towel 100kms – Pedometer

Bonus points are awarded for bringing someone who hasn't walked previously and double points if you bring a teacher or a relative.

Everyone is welcome, please meet and sign in at the Gym at the start of lunchtime. If you would like more details, please see the School Nurse, Denise Leed.

Collingwood Comes to Play

Four Collingwood players visited Echuca college on Tuesday signing autographs and posing for photos. Ben Sinclair, Leigh Brown and Travis Cloke were first to arrive, during lunchtime, and entertained the students. When Dale "Daisy" Thomas arrived he was mobbed in the car park before he could even get to the Piazza Area.

After lunch the players spoke to about 100 students, and answered questions for 40 minutes on all topics related to being an AFL footballer. Special thanks to AFL Development Officer Trevor Mellington for coordinating the visit.

I was lucky enough to have my photo taken with Travis Cloke on Tuesday May 3rd which happened to be my birthday. We discussed football issues, I asked him if he had been approached by the new West Sydney team but he assured me he had just signed a new deal with the Collingwood F.C.

Martyn Lawrence Yr 12 Student



Community Notices

Echuca College Fundraising Initiative

Come & support Echuca College's Rock Eisteddfod!
Thursday 12th May @ 6pm for supper
Movie commences @ 6.45pm
\$17.00 per Person
Tickets are available through Echuca College

iDance

At Echuca College
Thursday Evenings

Jacqueline Kornmann -
B.Ed, Assoc (Dip)
Cecchetti, (First Aid
Training and
Assessment Cert).

8 week courses
Beginners to Advanced Students ages 3 +.

Jazz/Commercial/
Hip Hop/Contemporary
Classical/(Cecchetti) Ballet
Ladies Burlesque dance classes

Registration on Thursday, May 5, 2011, 4pm - 5pm at
Echuca College Administration.

For all enquiries please contact Echuca College
on (03) 5482 1133 Or echuca.co@edumail.vic.gov.au



Echuca & District School Chaplaincy Committee



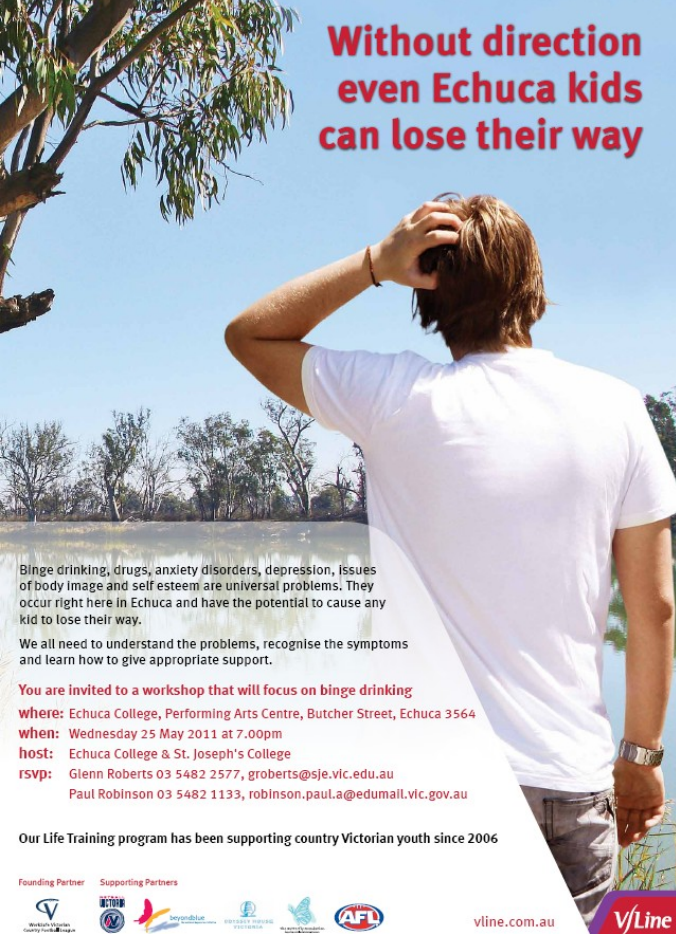
We Welcome You
to the
Chaplaincy Appeal Launch

Speaker : David Cummings
Trainer of Future Leaders in the Developing World
(Ex-President of Wycliffe International)

Venue : Rich River Golf Club Moama
Date : 13th May 2011
Time : 7:00pm
Cost : \$35.00 per head (Two Course Meal)
RSVP : 6th May

Contact : Brooke (0411694394) or Corbz (0439647039)

Without direction even Echuca kids can lose their way









Binge drinking, drugs, anxiety disorders, depression, issues of body image and self esteem are universal problems. They occur right here in Echuca and have the potential to cause any kid to lose their way.

We all need to understand the problems, recognise the symptoms and learn how to give appropriate support.

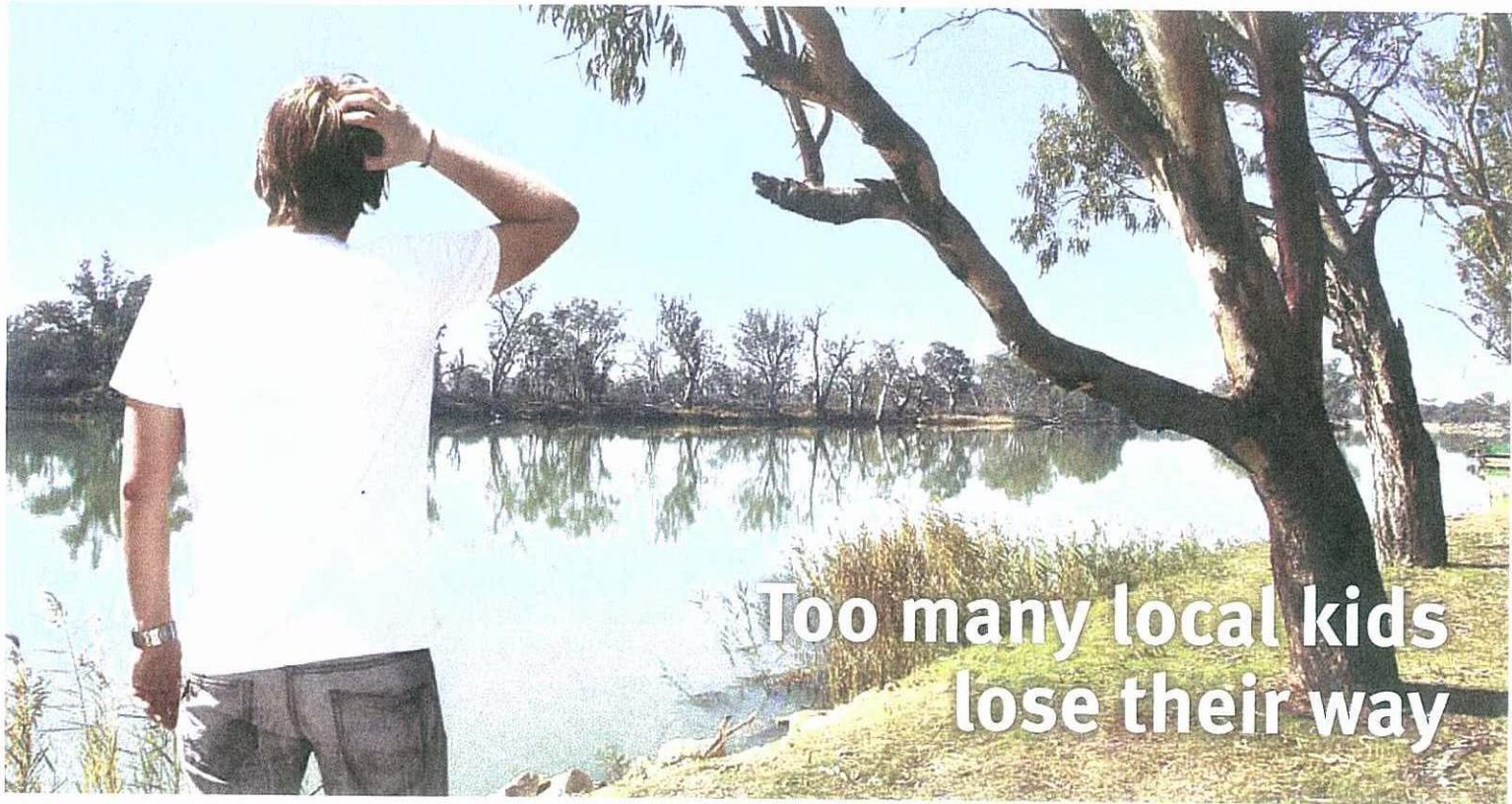
You are invited to a workshop that will focus on binge drinking
where: Echuca College, Performing Arts Centre, Butcher Street, Echuca 3564
when: Wednesday 25 May 2011 at 7.00pm
host: Echuca College & St. Joseph's College
rsvp: Glenn Roberts 03 5482 2577, groberts@sjc.vic.edu.au
Paul Robinson 03 5482 1133, robinson.paul.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Too many local kids
lose their way

Living in the country doesn't isolate you from
the issues that confront kids.

Binge drinking, drugs, anxiety disorders, depression, issues of body image and self esteem are universal problems.

They occur right here in Echuca and have the potential to cause any kid,
including your own, to lose their way.

And in losing their way they can lose a whole lot more – health, motivation, opportunity,
ambition, willpower, time, but most importantly they can lose touch with their family.

Don't pretend the problems don't exist here.

Join us for a workshop where binge drinking will be discussed openly.

It will be an interactive session led by industry experts aimed at giving everyone some
real insights into these problems so that they can make better informed decisions in the future.

where: Echuca College, Performing Arts Centre, Butcher Street, Echuca

when: Wednesday 25 May 2011 at 7.00pm **host:** Echuca College & St. Joseph's College

RSVP: Glenn Roberts groberts@sje.vic.edu.au 5482 2577 or Paul Robinson robinson.paul.a@edumail.vic.gov.au 5482 1133

Be there, because one kid lost in Echuca is one too many.

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