Principal’s Report

Tom McQuillan of Year 12 was one of fifty country students in Victoria to receive the Pierre de Coubertin Award; a most prestigious award presented by the Victorian Olympic Council and DEECD. The award recognises students who demonstrate sporting behaviour consistent with Olympic ideals. Tom is a great role model for all students in sport as he has participated in a range of sports at a high level and he shows fairness and respect at all times for his teammates and opposition. Tom also wrote an outstanding piece that focused on the meaning of and importance of Olympic values in the 21st century. Congratulations Tom. Congratulations also to Jack Wilson. Jack Wilson has been informed he will be part of the State Golf team to play in Yeppoon QLD in August. A great effort!

By the time our newsletter arrives home this week I will be in China with a delegation from the Shire of Campaspe and other business, government and education representatives from across rural Victoria. The delegation is travelling to Yunnan Province, called Dian for short. It is situated in the South-Western part of the People’s Republic of China. It is a mountainous province with a varied altitude of 76 metres to 7,500 metres, a mild climate all year (15-25°C), adequate rainfall, long frost-free periods and plenty of sunshine. The province has a population of 44 million with Kunming being its capital city. The focus of my tour is to visit a number of educational institutions, both tertiary and secondary. Our tour will start in Kunming, provincial capital and move (for me) to Shangri-La in Tibet. I will be visiting Yunnan University, Yunnan Agricultural University, Yunnan Local Middle School, Lijiang Number 1 Middle School and five Local Middle Schools in Shangri-La. Last year when the Chinese delegation visited Echuca College they were impressed by our facilities, technology and teaching and learning programs.

The delegation wanted to establish a cultural exchange for students and teachers. I hope to establish those important links through my visit and to start the process of an educational and cultural exchange between Echuca College and schools in Yunnan and Shangri-La. I’m also keen to promote Echuca College as a valuable option for senior (Years 11 & 12) Chinese students wishing to study in Australia. I believe we have much to offer but also believe our students will benefit from the establishment of links with Chinese schools through language programs and possibly in vocational areas in the future.

On Wednesday, May 21st the Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class worked with Conservation Volunteers Australia and Parks Victoria on a project, designed to protect the natural environment near the Murray River. The students assisted Parks Victoria in establishing new fencing infrastructure which would protect the river bank along the broken creek, near Picola, and also at the Gulf on the Murray River. Conservation Volunteers Australia’s project Team Leader Brian commented on how well the students represented our College and the community. For the Outdoor and Environmental Studies group, it was a great practical experience to work with both organisations, and one in which they will be able to draw on in their assessment tasks.

Another important event this week was our Year 11/12 Drama students’ performance held in our new our new performing arts centre. The style of performances is prescribed by VCAA and represents 65% of the assessment for Unit 3 of the course. This year our Drama class consists of Year 11 and Year 12 students and thus assessment for various performances differs. Much of our students’ focus has been on preparing technically correct pieces rather than developing an entertaining performance with mass appeal. The program involved 4 different ensemble performances around the theme of ‘Stereo-Ultypical’. Each performance averaged 30 minutes each. I would like to congratulate our Drama students and Mr Muller (and his support team) on their performance. It was also great to see our students supported by family, friends and the community.

Our Year 9 students have had a very busy couple of week with work continuing on the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Careers Pathway seminar last week and Red Cross ‘save-a-mate’ this Friday. The Careers Pathways seminar involved eight workshops all providing information on various career options, how to prepare for the future and information on the various entry levels into the workforce. Students in Year 9 will be making some very important subject selections in term three for 2009 and beyond and we know that our Pathways seminar will assist them in their choices. I would like to thank business, employment groups, education providers and other members of the Echuca Community that participated in the seminar. Thanks to Mr Challis and his team for the organisation of the day and our VCAL students for their great catering skills.

Chris Eeles
Echuca College Principal
Mid-Year Examinations
Mid-Year exams commence this week for all students in Year 10 and 11 and for a number of Year 12 students as well. Year 10 and 11 exams commence on Thursday 5th June and finish on Thursday 12th June. The GAT for some Year 11 students and all Year 12 students is on Friday 13th June. The GAT is 3 hours in length and it is the expectation of our College, that all students sit this exam and do not leave early. Students not siting the GAT or leaving early will be interviewed by a panel from the College.

Year 12 exams commence on Wednesday 11th June and finish on Thursday 12th June.

Students in Years 10 and 12 are expected at school at all times during the exam period and Year 11 students are only expected at school when they have an exam.

Report Writing Day
Students are not required at school on Friday 13th June. This day is set aside for report writing. A reminder that Year 12 and some Year 11 students will be doing the GAT on this day.

Uniform
A special thank you to all parents and students, who have supported our College, with uniform for students over the last few weeks. Uniform is looking great at the moment.

School BBQ’s
This week we have had BBQ’s for students in Year 10, 11 and 12. They have been very popular and I would personally like to thank Ms. Sandy Roberts and her VCAL students who have assisted with the BBQ’s each day.

Karl Stenning

Even Start Program
Last week letters were sent out to eligible parents of current Year 8 students regarding the federal government’s Evenstart Program. This program offers eligible students $700 worth of tuition in the areas of literacy or numeracy. Students have been identified through the results of the 2007 Achievement Improvement Monitor (AIM) tests.

If you have received such a letter you will be able to engage a tutor to assist your child. Tuition will include pre and post testing as well as at least 12 sessions of tuition. Parents are required to complete the return sheet and forward it to the school. Parents can opt for Echuca College to arrange tuition, or to go on line to arrange tuition through private providers.

If you have any questions about the Evenstart Program, please contact Toni Denson or Paul Hon at the College.

Stage 2 Capital Works
The successful tender for the $5.2 million stage 2 of works has been granted to Melbourne Construction and Coatings. It is expected that builders will be on site by the start of July. At this stage, works will continue to well into 2009.

Student Counsellor
Parents and students are reminded that our campus has Paul Robinson as a student counsellor. Mr Robinson is available to meet with students and parents over a range of issues. Mr Robinson is also available to assist with issues relating to school uniform.

Paul Hon

Go Dance Winter School
Echuca July 2nd

Gouibum Ovono institute of Tafe is holding a one day dance workshop involving jazz, tap, hip hop, ballet and voice for first timers or experienced dancers. For more information phone 5833 2605

2008 Echuca College Talent Show

Paramount Cinema and Performing Arts Centre
Thursday the 4th of September

Anyone from the College can enter. So get an act together because auditions commence at the start of term 3.

Sing, dance, act, stand up comedy, skitz, anything to show off your talent.

Cheryl Watson

Model United Nations Assembly - MUNA

Ali Farrell and Carissa Crammond attended the conference on Saturday May 31st and Sunday June 1st at Lake Burnbrae, Bacchus Marsh. The students acted as representatives of the country of Japan and they had to debate problems and issues of international concern.

Carissa and Ali were also required to dress in appropriate costume for their designated country and research the issues specific to Japan prior to attending. Hopefully in the next newsletter we will be able to include a report from them.

Cheryl Watson
**YEAR 7 NEWS**

In the last fortnight we have had students participating in sports teams, the Science competition and a visiting maths performance.

The grand final for the lunchtime soccer tournament was held last week with 7M2 winning over 7W1. Player of the tournament was Brent McGrath.

Many students are taking a day or two off school for illness. If this happens please let the school know and send a note along to school when they return.

All year 7 students are now working on a research project about Ancient China.

Please remember that we welcome parents to come up and meet the teachers to discuss your child’s progress.

Have a good week.

Tracey Burton

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**YEAR 9 NEWS**

**Year 9 Pathways Workshop day – Report from Hanna Deighton, 9T7**

On Wednesday 28th May, all Year 9 students participated in a challenge program from periods 3 – 6.

The aim of the day’s activities was to educate and inform us on some of the options and pathways that we, as young adults, can take after finishing school.

We rotated through eight different information sessions such as: hair and beauty, CVGT, VET (Vocational Education and Training), an AFL career pathway and more.

I thought this was a very worthwhile day as I am still not entirely sure on what I would like to do when I leave school myself. The day’s program informed me on some of the career options I could take and has really made me think about what I would like to do, as it is not that far off until some of us could be placing in our University applications or taking a TAFE course.

**Rubicon Camp Camp One (Sarah’s Report)**

On the 19th of May 47 excited students and 4 teachers left for the Rubicon Outdoor Centre. When we arrived at the camp it was raining. We unpacked the bus and met the Rubicon staff who then showed us to our rooms and put us in groups either A, B, C or D. After that we went on a bush walk. We had dinner and then we did some challenging puzzles in our groups. After that we had a quick supper and lights out by 10pm. The next day my group, Group A, went on the high ropes course with a flying fox. Then we went mountain biking for the rest of the day. After tea we played table tennis and just relaxed in the games room and then went to bed.

On Wednesday we went horse riding for half the day and rock climbing and abseiling for the other half. After dinner we went on a night walk through the bush. That night we also had selections for what we wanted to do for the next day. We could do either rock climbing, bush walking, water activities, mountain bike riding or horse riding; I chose mountain bike riding. The next day we all set out for our activities. Our group rode about 33km on the bikes up and down slopes that seemed to go on forever and there was plenty of beautiful scenery to see as well. After that we had dinner and did some creative photo activities.

On Friday we went rogaining for the morning. We had lunch and waited for the bus. We said goodbye to Rubicon and its staff with a song we had learnt and we left for home. We reached the school very tired at 5:00pm and went home. It was an amazing, challenging and worthwhile experience and we had so much fun. Thank you to Mr Challis, Mr Morgan and the Rubicon staff for organizing it. Also a big thank you to the teachers that came to the camp Miss Dannatt, Mr Morgan, Ms Case and Lee.

By Sarah McCluskey

**Brad’s Report**

It was Monday the 19th of May when 47 students of our school were going off to the Rubicon camp near Alexandra. Everyone knew it was going to be cold so we had our bags packed to the max. We arrived there and to our surprise it was actually not that cold at all. The following day we started our activities in the 4 groups we were put in.

Our first activity was horse riding which was a big challenge for a few (me) but very easy for most people. The next activity was rock climbing many people faced their fears by having a go.

The next day we did mountain bike riding which had some challenges but was a lot of fun. The last activity we did in our groups was going on a high ropes course with a flying fox, and it was also really fun.

On Thursday we could pick to do a whole day activity from were rock climbing, mountain bike riding, bush walking, horse riding and white water rafting. All activities were a lot of fun with some groups finding snow. Other activities or games involved a night walk, rogaining, real life guess who and more.

The camp was really great and we would all like to thank Mr Morgan, Ms. Case, Ms Dannatt and Lee Grownow for coming along to the camp with us and Mr. Challis, Ms. Balnaves and Mr. Jennings for organising the camp.

By Brad Mellington.

Paul Challis, Rhoana Balnaves & Chris Jennings

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**The school canteen needs you!**

If you grow you own fruit or vegetables then you may be able to help. With the rising costs of food and transport the school canteens are seeking contributions to assist with the provision of fresh, healthy food for our students.

If you can help or for further information please contact Jeanette Fabry at College Drive on 5482 1133 or Sue Teasdale at Crofton Street on 5482 3366.

Thank you to everyone who has already generously donated produce.
On Tuesday the 27th of May, Miss Roberts and the VCAL class took a bus and train to Melbourne and attended the RACV Transmission semi-final workshop at the Telstra Dome.

At the start, we sat down in a room with other schools (350 students) that are competing to make a Community Service Announcement and were given a talk about the tips and statistics on the three topics: Drink Driving, Manage your mates and don’t drive tired. The TAC then spoke to us about another competition MAFMAD – Make a film. Make a difference and last years winner showed us the film she made and spoken about her concept. The prize was worth $20,000, pretty impressive!

We were then spoken to by Rebecca Smith – RACV Education Officer, Peter Mitchell who reads the news for Channel 7 and John Deeks who is the voice of Channel 7.

After our morning tea break (huge muffins!) we were split into groups and completed 4 workshops. The first workshop was with a lady representing WIN TV and she spoke to us about last years winner and what production staff are looking for. We then got to pitch our idea at the RACV staff who gave input and feedback about what we could do differently.

After lunch we watched a make-up artist who works for Dancing with the Stars create a bruise on a students face in make-up. It was amazing to see how real it looked. We then had a guest speaker talk to us about producing a CSA and why it should be kept simple.

It was an interesting day and we now have a few weeks to re-do our script and storyboard for final judging. Here is a photo of us at the workshop.

By Michelle Toll

VCAL and the Year Level BBQ’s

I would personally like to thank several students for their hard work in cooking and serving, at the Year Level BBQ’s. Thanks to Alex Geier, Melinda Ashwell, Hayley Bennett, Josh Garbutt, Will Buchanan, Michelle Toll and Georgina Marsh. Well done guys and girls!

RACV Transmission – Semi-Final Workshop!

The end of Unit 3 and the exams arrive,
Our Year 12’s set their sights, much for which to strive,
All working hard, students, parents and staff as a team,
The results should bring some reality to our young peoples’ dream!

It has been a celebratory couple of weeks for our Year 12s, collectively and individually. The Crofton Street Assembly held last week was a triumph for the whole College, especially the large numbers of our most senior of students on stage.

Tom McQuillan has earned the Pierre de Coubertin Olympic Award which will be formally presented at a ceremony in a few weeks (more from Mr. Pearson on this one). Tom had already been on stage for his 2nd Place in the Cross Country – quite a day! Mitch Pearson and Bri Bennett collected the coveted Cross Country Shield on behalf of Kanyapella, a tri-fecta I believe.

Nicole Horaburgh and Jodie Gregory were congratulated for the semi-final berth in the State Tennis Finals whilst Jayden Rosin was applauded for his 6th appearance in the State Swimming Finals and Jack Wilson for his Golf prowess.

But wait! There’s more! Before this happened we were entertained by the lovely vocal chords of our own Stevee Elliot and at the conclusion of the Assembly the dance group, including Monica White, Charlee Ralph and Bri Bennett, dazzled us with their dexterity and skill to the lively sounds of Aretha Franklin. In between this most professional of entertainment our Tute Leaders (and Year 12 Management Team), were presented with certificates for their leadership roles. This team has already been at work with a recent Cake Stall initiative funding a microwave and toaster for the Study Centre following on from their successful organization of the Year 12 polo tops.

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YEAR 11 NEWS

Year 11 Camp: Monday June 16th to Wednesday June 18th

Final preparations are being made in the itinerary for the year 11 camp to Melbourne. Almost 100 students and staff will be travelling by V-Line to Melbourne from June 16th to 18th. Our trip includes a tour of the William Angliss College, RMIT and Melbourne universities, with some students also opting to visit the Elly Lukas School of Hair and Beauty.

Some of the highlights of the tour will include dining in Southbank one evening and Lygon St the next, a movie at IMAX Theatre, a tour of the Eureka Skydeck and visiting many other highlights of the city. There will also be time made available participate in a scavenger hunt around the city and also there will be opportunity to shop at the Queen Victoria Market, the Bourke St Mall and at DFO at Southern Cross Station.

The trip will be a welcome reward for students at the completion of the unit one exams.

Students not attending the camp are required to attend school. A special program will be running for these students.

Year 11 BBQ

A big thank you to Mr Eeles for providing a BBQ for all year 11’s on Monday. Also, a big thank you to Ms Roberts and Jane Marks for helping the BBQ, with the very capable assistance of Alex Geier, Melinda Ashwell, Hayley Bennett, Georgina Marsh and Michelle Toll.

Changes to Student programs

If any changes are required for unit 2 VCE studies, these need to be finalised by June 16th for the start of unit 2 studies. No changes will be made after the start of term 3.

'Twelve Titbits'

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**BADMINTON**

On Thursday the 29th of May, Pernelle Vo Dinh, Georgie Chandler, Aleisha Turner and Allie Sims represented Echuca College at the Northern Zone Finals for Badminton, where they qualified them to enter the Victorian State Schools Final in Melbourne on Monday the 19th of May. The team adjusted well to the Fastennis format, going down to Warrnambool 4 sets to 2 and then defeating Mentone 4 sets to 2. Echuca then came up against the strong Box Hill team, Box Hill was too good for Echuca and went on to be the overall winners in the Senior girls competition as well as the Senior boys. Thanks very much to Trina and Peter Godfrey for transporting the girls and acting as team managers.

**STATE TENNIS**

After convincingly winning their way through to the Northern Zone Tennis Finals in Bendigo, the Echuca College Senior girls tennis team of Alyssa Godfrey, Kacey Heywood, Jess Godfrey and Nicole Horsburgh only dropped 3 of the 24 sets. This qualified them to enter the Victorian State Schools Final in Melbourne on Monday the 19th of May. The team adjusted well to the Fastennis format, going down to Warrnambool 4 sets to 2 and then defeating Mentone 4 sets to 2. Echuca then came up against the strong Box Hill team, Box Hill was too good for Echuca and went on to be the overall winners in the Senior girls competition as well as the Senior boys. Thanks very much to Trina and Peter Godfrey for transporting the girls and acting as team managers.

**ALL SCHOOLS DIVING**

Congratulations to Luke Hubbard who won the All Schools Diving championship in Melbourne recently. Luke has won the State title and is a certainty to be selected in the State team to compete in Queensland later in the year.

**NORTHERN ZONE SOCCER**

Echuca College should be justly proud of their terrific efforts in the Intermediate Boys and Girls and Senior Boys soccer at Bendigo on the 29th May. Often up against ‘hardened’, experienced players from the Bendigo League and Premier League, the Echuca teams were determined they would not be upstaged by their opposition, nor were they!

The girls, coached by Ms. Dannatt, had a 1 – 1 draw with Castlemaine and an unlucky loss to eventual winners Flora Hill. Milly Denson was MVP whilst goal scorer Toni Hardess, Erynn Flynn and Tayla Maloney had good days. In the Inter Boys the first game was played on an Under 11s pitch in a permanent melee which did not suit the highly skilled lads from the river. Alas, downed 2 – 3! Into the match against Weroona our boys battled gamely for a 1 – 1 draw with Honny’s free kick over the wall a decided highlight. Kyle Forge earned MVP with honourable mentions to Kieran McKemmish, Ryan Hon and James Milne.

The Senior Boys, with secret weapons Mick Maher (as coach) and Tom Wyatt the ‘wildcard’, earned our only outright win for the day, coming of a comprehensive defeat from Bendigo Senior to beat Castlemaine 1 – 0. The guys had to play 4 matches in a row, a tall order with only 1 ‘sub’, yet their stamina was admirable. Will O’Sullivan both on the pitch and in goal was a superb MVP on the day ably supported by Harley Richardson, Jac Campbell and Jayden Rosin. Well done to all!!!

**SENIOR FOOTBALL**

On Wednesday the 21st of May Echuca College took on their cross town rivals St Joseph’s College. The game was played at Vic Park in beautiful sunny conditions with a vocal crowd looking on. The game was entertaining and competitive. The first quarter, St Joe’s kicked off to an early lead before Echuca College pegged them back. The second quarter was a little spirited with a 50 meter penalty being paid to St Joe’s, then a reversal because of over zealous behaviour. Unfortunately Echuca College crowded the forward line making it very difficult for the forwards to lead and receive a pass. At the beginning of the fourth quarter Echuca College were only one point adrift. However St Joe’s rallied very early in the fourth term to eventually kick seven goals for the quarter. Unfortunately Echuca College ran out of legs and were unable to respond. The final scores: St Joseph’s 14 goals 9 points, 93 defeating Echuca College 7 goals, 4 points, 47.

The best players on the day were, John Hore, Trent Castles, Phillip Hubbard, Will O’Sullivan, Tom Wyatt, Keaton Male and Brad Sanderson. The mark of the day was taken by Will O’Sullivan which was a surprise as Will is better known for his soccer abilities.

Scoop Lawrence.

**NETBALL**

On Monday to participate in the Netball. The victorious Year 8 A team consisted of, Kalinda Bish, Emily Pascoe, Gemma Holmes, Chloe Mitchell, Steph Werner, Amber Pellegrino, Bri Rudeforth, Charlee Ralph, Bree Bennett, Amy Connors, Olivia Bish and Nicole O’Brien. The girls played 4 matches, winning one. Emily was great all over the court, but the Best On went to Amy for her great defensive work throughout the day. The Senior B team consisted of, Kiralee Pascoe, Gemma Holmes, Chloe Mitchell, Steph Werner, Amber Sullivan, Kloie Martin, Kate Teasdale and Marli Gorman. The girls played three matches winning two. Steph played a great defensive game all day, but the Best on goes to the two shooters, Gemma and Kiralee.

The year 9/10 A Team played four matches, winning their first three and unfortunately losing their last. Thanks to all girls, who played extremely well to move onto the Northern Zone on July 24th. The most valuable player on the day was shared between Zara Pearson and Jamili Lee Haigh. The year 9/10 B Team played three matches on the day and despite some very close score lines came away without a win. Few of the girls had played together before and the learning curve was substantial. Thanks to all the girls who tried really hard all day with the most valuable player of the day being Molly Edgar.

The Year 8 A and B Team girls travelled over to Kyabram on Monday to participate in the Netball. The victorious Year 8 A team from last year, continued their winning streak, securing a place in the Northern Zone Netball later on in the year. The team won three out of their four matches, displaying some smart netball Jayklin Crilly again impressive with her intercepts and Ellie Ralph in goals. Well done girls, a team effort. Most valuable player Jayklin Crilly. The B Team played 3 matches and unfortunately came away without a win. Well done to all girls, a good effort from everybody. Most valuable player: B Team- Melissa Vanzetta.

Year 7 A team played four games for the day, winning two. Overall the girls put in a tremendous effort for the day. They played as a team and were supportive of each other. They came second overall on percentage. Year 7 B team played three games for the day winning their last. The girls had a great day and put in 100% effort. They all tried their best and represented the school to the best of their ability. Thanks to all the umpires, coaches and players who help out on the day.

The girls did a great job representing the school and ended up coming 2nd, which is a great effort. MVP was Pernelle Vo Dinh.

**SPORT NEWS**
WELLBEING

GROWING OUT OF ASTHMA

Many people think that children can grow out of asthma, however this is not entirely correct.

Even though your child might not have asthma symptoms for hours, days or years, this does not mean they do not have asthma. Asthma may improve with age and attacks may become less frequent and/or severe, but the tendency is always there.

Some children can experience long periods of time without symptoms, typically during the teenage years. Nevertheless, it is not uncommon for children with asthma to not show symptoms for years and then have a recurrence of symptoms later in life. For very young children with asthma, improvement is generally due to increases in body size, overall improvement in health and fitness, muscle development etc. rather than a ‘cure’. However, asthma can return at any time including later in life. Even though they might not display recent asthma symptoms, a person who has had asthma should always carry their blue reliever medication. Although there is currently no cure for asthma, it can be controlled and managed.

If you would like more information or would like to speak to an Asthma Advisor, please call 1800 645 130 or visit www.asthma.org.au. For general information check out the Better Health Channel, www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Cheers!
Denise

EMA CHEQUES

There are still some EMA cheques to be collected from College Drive. Please call in to collect them as soon as possible.

ASTHMA AND MEDICAL CONDITION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Just a reminder to all parents who received letters last term regarding updating information about their child’s Emergency Asthma Management Plan or Medical Condition Emergency Management Plan, if you haven’t already done so, could you please complete this form with the relevant information and return it to the college as soon as convenient. Thanking you in anticipation

Denise Leed
College Nurse

CONGRATULATIONS – YOUR NAME IS NOW ON MARS!

Early in 2007 the names of students in the Echuca College Flight class were included on a very special DVD to be put aboard the NASA Phoenix spacecraft bound for planet Mars.

After launching on 25th May, 2007, Phoenix successfully landed in the northern polar regions of Mars at 0053 universal time on 26th May this year, having endured a nine-month, 1.093 billion kilometer journey and a tricky landing involving descent engines.

The unique DVD is made of silica glass and designed to last hundreds, if not thousands of years. It carries the names of our students and a message from our world to one centuries away, when humans will roam the Red Planet.

The students’ names are: Tara Behrens, Joshua Collier, Bill Craft, Scott Davies, Kiara Fox, Braiden Fry, Jordan Glanville, Judd Lanyon, Kayla Lethlean, Ashley McGill, Jackson Mahy, Riley Pearce, Harley Richardson, Mason Rowley, Chris Russell, Sarah Scott, Michael Scrimizzi, Alex Sellings, John Simpkin, Allie Sims, Lachlan Smith, April Thompson and Tyrone White.

EQUINE INTERSCHOOL NEWS!

Javais Ham recently attended the Ballarat Grammar Victorian Schools’ Dressage Championships held at Werribee. Javais placed 2nd in Novice 2.1 and 2.3 EFA tests and taking out the Championship for that level. Well done Javais.

Next inter school: Weroona College Interschool (Bendigo) will be the next event on the calendar. It is on the 26th – 27th July. For all those who are interested in this event, could you please leave your name with the office at either campus. Once I receive the program, I will then send them to you.

Echuca College is really keen on getting out and about with our budding equestrians. We have a supply of purple saddle blankets and ties for use at inter schools, which looks great. It would be great if we could enter two teams. If you have any further queries, come and see me or give me a call.

Jenny Donald

VET STUDENT WORKPLACE LEARNING

A reminder to all VET students that you should be thinking seriously about where you are going to do your workplace training now. Structured workplace learning allows students to gain hands on experience in an industry of their choice, while completing their academic studies.

This should be completed by the end of Term 3!

FOR SALE

- One VCE rugby jumper, size 24 in excellent condition. $50.00. Call 0419125688.
- Brand new sports polo top, size 14. $25.00. Call 54824910.