**Principal’s Report**

*‘Power of One - One College, One Team’*

Echuca College will be holding its ‘Students Information and Discovery Evening’ for prospective students on Wednesday 6th May at 7pm in the new Resource Centre at College Drive (just beyond the Year 7 Neighbourhood). The evening will begin with brief introductory session, followed by an opportunity for students and their parents to tour our College. The tour allows students and their parents to experience various components of the Year 7 program and to view our new facilities.

An information brochure is being delivered to our partner primary schools for circulation as part of our school visits leading up to the evening. Later in the year students in Grade 6 who have elected to come to Echuca College will be involved in a familiarisation program in term three and our main orientation day will be held in December. If prospective students and their families need any additional information about our College, please don’t hesitate to phone College Drive or make an appointment with Mr Hon, Ms Kelly or Mr Trewella. We look forward to seeing you at our information evening on the 6th May.

It was great to see so many members of the College community at the three ANZAC Day services in the Echuca/Moama area on Saturday. 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, all coming to remember and to give 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 handed on to the next generation. Our College was given an opportunity to play a lead role in the ceremonies this year with College Captains, Nicole O’Brien and Jacob Campbell, representing Echuca College at the Echuca ceremonies. Our College Drive Campus Captains, Larni Williams and Sean Hon, participated in the wreath laying ceremonies at the Moama service, while Molly Flett and Matthew Scott (from Year 9 ‘Aussies at War’ class) read a tribute to the ANZACS and recited the poem, ‘In Flanders Fields’.

The College also had a good representation of students and staff in the march at 11am. Echuca College would like to thank the Echuca/Moama RSL sub branches for the invitation to participate in the ANZAC Day services and we would like to congratulate the RSL sub branches on their organisation of the day.

Continued..........
At the end of last term the College held our Parent/Teacher interview evening. While the evening was a great success and most teachers were busy all evening, quite a few of our students failed to collect their Interim Reports. These reports can be collected from the general office at their respective campuses, Years 7-9 at College Drive and Years 10-12 at Crofton Street. Parents can collect these reports or we require students to have a note from their parents requesting the report. These reports do contain important information about your student’s progress.

After three years of planning and construction, the first stage of our consolidation onto one site draws closer with the completion of all building by mid May. The remainder of this term will be spent organising and purchasing furniture and equipment for the new facilities. We expect that Years 7-9 will have full access to the new facilities in term three and we hope that classes from Crofton Street will also be able to access the new facilities from time to time during the second semester. We still plan to move Years 10 and 11 students across from Crofton Street in November in preparation for the 2010 school year.

Chris Eeles
College Principal

Welcome back to an exciting term.

There is a lot activity in the classrooms. Year 8 students have commenced a new theme in MESSH – Back to the Future. Year 9 students have completed the “Save a Mate” program with the Red Cross, and a new choices program has commenced for a group of students each Wednesday.

We welcome back Ms Stokie who replaces Mrs Case for a 4 week period. Mrs Case was successful in gaining a scholarship with Rotary Victoria to go to Turkey and attend the dawn service at Gallipoli along with a study tour of Turkey, visiting Turkish schools with educators from across Victoria.

This term we will finally finish our building program and be able to move into the new resource centre, health and hospitality facilities, fabrics room and newly renovated administration building.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The NAPLAN tests for Year 7 and Year 9 students will be held on May 12th, 13th and 14th. These tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA).

On May 12th, students will complete tests on language conventions. On May 13th reading will be tested and on May 14th, numeracy. Each of the tests will go for between 40 to 65 minutes. Students will be required to take a calculator to the second numeracy testing held on Thursday May 14th.

The results of these tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in literacy and numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs to improve student achievement.

Later in the year you will receive your child’s personal report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show you how your child performed in relation to national benchmark standards.

For more information about the tests please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

Uniform

With the change in the weather we have ongoing concerns with uniform. A reminder to all students and parents that students must be in full school uniform when attending school. A note from parents must be supplied if students are out of uniform.

Paul Hon and Karl Stenning
Campus Principals’

From Left: Jacob Campbell (College Captain), Nicole O’Brien (College Captain)

KABAR UNTUK BAHASA INDONESIA

Selama akhir pekan pertama liburan, lima Echuca College Tahun 7 dan 8 orang mahasiswa LOTE membawa sebagian di Morwell. Mereka melawan knodisi cuaca sulit dan tim, tetapi mereka tidak pernah menyerah .... di samping cat penutup akhir pekan mereka mempunyai banyak kemenangan, membuktikan juara sejati yang mana mereka benar-benar ialah. Baik dilakukan!!!

Tahun 7 – Chris Dunstan, Tahun 8 – James Delighton, Tyler Lethlean, Brent McGrath dan Mitchell Oliver

Dianne Dunstan
LOTE
Keeper For a Day @ Healesville Sanctuary - by Zoe Keele, 9T1 (My experience)

My trip started early in the morning at 5:00am when Mum, Zac and I started our three hour long trip to Healesville. When we arrived we were instructed to meet our guides at 9:15 for a 9:30 start.

When we all met, we walked into the theatrette and they handed out a few information booklets on animal studies, then we began to talk to one of the reptile keepers. He explained how he got a job at the sanctuary, although now people don’t usually get in the way he did, and explained what they are looking for in people to employ these days.

After the talk we walked to the food room. While we were in there we collected kangaroo and wallaby food; learnt how to make artificial echidna food; looked in the freezer at all the meat products; fed the rats and mice and caught crickets and flies from the fly breeding room.

At 10:40 we went and made artificial emu eggs for the buzzard, a bird being presented during the birds of prey presentation, to break. The keepers had already made the moulds of the egg but we had to glue them together, sand them then spray paint them.

We then had morning tea and went out to train the wallabies, feed them, check their feet and eyes and clean their enclosure.

We walked to the birds of prey arena and watched a presentation with an owl, a kite, a buzzard and a wedge tailed eagle. During that presentation we saw an unusual unplanned display: the wedge tailed eagle that they were showing us had a rival within the area and started to protect his territory. We were able to witness a mid air fight between the two eagles, the rival then flew away and that was the end of the show.

We had an hour break for lunch after the presentation, then came back and went off the sanctuary grounds to where they grow many different types of eucalyptus trees for the koalas. This was followed by a tour of “off limit areas” where the endangered animals, such as the helmeted honeyeater (Victoria’s bird emblem), and got to meet and pat two of the sanctuary’s dingos and talk to their keepers.

After we were finished talking to the keepers we went to the discovery centre where we were all able to give the frogs, shingleback skinks and possums a health check then changed the browse (leaves) for the stick insects whilst making sure there were no escapees. All up we had to count 35 insects!

At the end of the day we all assembled in the theatrette and were presented with a certificate each for participating in the day, giving us more experience and more of a chance of getting work experience in one of the zoos.

It was an all round great day that I learnt heaps from and has definately given me a feeling of what it would be like as a keeper. I would strongly recommend it to anyone that wants to have a career involving animals.

Maths Tutorial for Year 9

The Year 9 maths teachers are running tutorial sessions for Year 9 students on Thursday and Friday lunchtime. This is designed to assist students who want to improve and develop their maths further or those who are having difficulties. It would be great to see students taking advantage of this opportunity.

Paul Challis
Year 9 Team Leader

PRODUCTION ARTS

Production Arts is a great new subject at Year 7 and 8 level. It allows students to choose between Drama, Music and Media for a specialist core study.

They then combine elements of those subjects to create a Major Project.

Those Projects will be on display for the public at Production nights in May and June:

- 8T5 Production – Tues 26th May.
- 8T1 & 2 Production – Wed 27th May
- 7T1 & 5 Production – Wed 10th June
- 7T3 & 8 Production – Thurs. 11th June.

The Production nights will include live performances and dance, as well as films made by students and slideshows.

The main idea has been to allow students to choose their own projects and therefore be largely responsible for their progress and outcomes.

There is some outstanding work being created by students and we invite family members, friends and community members to come and see students’ work on the most suitable date above.

Doors will open at 7.30pm. A gold coin donation will be appreciated.

Terry Muller, Paul Robinson & Barry Jones
Ricky Tinetti was selected to attend the Rotary Murray Darling School of Freshwater Research at Albury / Wodonga from April the 14th to the 19th. This is a prestigious event and attending the School is a unique experience and provides Year 11 students with the opportunities for research and learning in the environmental sciences. Students are given the opportunity to work with scientists and lecturers in laboratories and in the field and to meet and work with other students from New South Wales, Queensland and ACT. Congratulations Ricky and thanks to the Rotary Club of Echuca /Moama for their sponsorship.

Reflections of the Rotary Murray Darling School of Freshwater Research.

After arriving at the school, we went through an introduction of the program that we were to complete over the 5 days and we were placed into groups that we would be working in for the entire time.

On Wednesday morning we toured LaTrobe University and then we went to the Wonga Wetlands. We were given a task to complete during the week. Our team’s task was to formulate a hypothesis on why two parts of the same branch of the Murray River were so different. One section was basically dead looking with barely any signs of life; the other was lush and green.

After brainstorming, we came up with a hypothesis that we had to test by sampling five different parameters – birds, fish, macro invertebrates, water quality and vegetation.

Our sampling continued throughout the afternoon and at night we went spotlighting. The following day was devoted entirely to sampling, apart from the evening when we watched a movie.

On Friday, we went to two places; the first which was in the morning was to Norske Skog a paper mill and in the afternoon to the Hume dam.

On Saturday we went to the Charles Sturt University where we were given a tour of the university and its facilities. It was very interesting because just about everything there was there to save energy and was working. In the afternoon, we visited LaTrobe University. We continued finalising our hypotheses and finalised our presentation.

The final day arrived. We again worked on our hypothesis in the morning and then we presented our findings to our fellow students and parents.

The Rotary Murray Darling School of Freshwater Research was an amazing experience and I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the school. One of the best things was making many new friends and the team building activities. I thoroughly enjoyed researching the Wonga wetlands.

By Ricky Tinetti Year 11

EQUESTRIAN NEWS

On the last weekend of the school holidays, Echuca College entered two teams of four riders into the Bendigo Interschool Equestrian Team Challenge. A great weekend was had by all with plaiting and make up on horses, making them all look absolutely wonderful in their purple and white. The riders were Javais Ham, Taylah Chandler, Jess Naughton, Eleisha Catalano, Brooke Nuttall and Amy Munzel. Unfortunately Jade Donald was unable to compete on her horse who was suffering from a leg injury but still managed to help out with the girls and their horses.

Results:

Javais - 1st Best Educated, 2nd YR8 Rider, 5th Smartest on Parade, 1st & Champion Dressage, 1st & Champion Games
Taylah - 4th Games
Jess - 1st 2nd 4th & Champion Dressage, 6th Combined Training
Eleisha - 1st Led Class, 3rd Smartest on Parade, 5th Handymount
Brooke - 2nd Combined Training, 4th Show Jumping, 6th Dressage, 1st Best Educated, 2nd Smartest on Parade, 2nd YR10 Rider
Amy - 2nd Games

Echuca College Team 1 came 6th and Team 2 came 8th out of 43 teams.

All the girls did a wonderful job (and of course the Mums and Dads) as there was some good competition out there. Amy Munzel was competing for the first time in an English saddle (after only being used to Western) and she did a superb job. Well done girls!

Jenny Donald

CAREERS NEWS

Beacon Foundation Year 10 Students

The first of the Beacon Foundation events will take place on Wednesday 13th May at the Fronterra Centre. All Students will participate in 4 Workshops where they will gain a greater insight into a range of careers.

Students may bring their own lunch or purchase food from the fundraising BBQ. Students will be bussed from school at 10.30am and bus travellers will return to school at the end of the day. Students who are leaving directly from the Fronterra Centre must bring a note, and all students must be in full school uniform.


A seminar will take place at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Sunday 24th May, from 9.15am - 12.40am. Seven Sports Medicine Professionals will provide presentations on the following professions; Podiatry, Exercise Science, Physiotherapy, Medicine, Psychology, Dietetics, Osteopathy. For costs involved and further information contact Glenn Webb or Sandy Roberts.

Glenn Webb
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

ECHUCA & DISTRICT SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY 25th ANNIVERSARY

The Echuca and District School Chaplaincy Committee invites you to celebrate their 25th Anniversary and contribute to their 2009 Launch Appeal.

Date: 22nd May 2009
Time: 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start
RSVP: 8th May 2009 to;
Email: edscc@live.com.au
Phone: 03 5482 4123 (Gwenn Barrett)

CANTEEN REQUEST

Any one with a Veggie Patch who has excess fruit and veggies is welcome to donate them to the school Canteen! Your donation can be dropped off at the office at either campus.

EMA CHEQUES

EMA Cheques are now available for collection at College Drive Campus.

INTERIM REPORTS

A number of Interim Reports still need to be collected from both the College Drive and Crofton Street offices. Could parents please send a note accompanying their student to collect the reports or alternatively come in and collect them.

SCIENCE NOTICE TO PARENTS

The Australian Science Competition will be held on the 10th of June at the College. Entry is open to all students in years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 students. Students interested in entering this competition must obtain a note from their science teacher.

IMMUNISATIONS

In March the Shire of Campaspe visited the School to provide FREE Hepatitis B and Chickenpox vaccinations to year 7 students, Tetanus / Diptheria and Whooping Cough vaccinations to year 10 students, and HPV to female students in year 7.

Any student who was away from the school on the day of the visit can obtain these immunisations from the Shire of Campaspe at their monthly immunisation sessions. Session times for Echuca are below, and a full list of session held throughout the Shire are available from the School Office, or by contacting the Shire on 1300 666 535.

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* SESSION VENUE: Function Room, Campaspe Shire
* SESSION TIMES: 9 - 10.30am
* Evening Sessions, 3rd Thursday of each Month 6 - 7pm

Design Experts Art Wear Awards

Saturday 23rd May, 2009
Radcliffe’s Restaurant & Function Centre, Radcliffe Street, Echuca

Free Wine Tasting from 7-7.30pm then drinks at bar prices.
Parade starts 7.30pm

Ticket includes entry, wine tasting, scrumptious meal, seating for the show and a great night of entertainment.

ENTERTAINMENT

• Exhibition Parade of Ag Art Wear Revisited from the previous 8 years
  Presented by Lorraine Trewhick from Oenore Field Days Committee

• ArtWear Award Parade
  • Open Avant Garde Bridal
  • NEW! NEW! NEW! DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND! OPEN BraArt Golden Scissors Award
  • Young Creatives BraArt Awards
  • Viewer’s Choice Award - Young Creatives BraArt
  $1.00 bids with all proceeds to go to Breast Cancer Research

Prizes include a Lady Valet Dressmakers Mannequin, Magazine Subscription, Husqvarna Sewing Machine, Trophies and more!

Tickets $35. Available from R&J’s Leading Edge, 162 Hare St, Echuca.

For more information contact Helen Williams on 0418 590 705 or info@artwearawards.org.au or visit www.artwearawards.org.au
**BASKETBALL**

*Come and try Junior Basketball*

**2009 Winter Season**

Starts Monday April 27th for all new and returning players

Boys & Girls Under 10, 12, 14 16 and boys under 18

Call Echuca Basketball Association on 54806903 for more details

**TERM 2 AUSSIE HOOPS**

For all boys & girls aged between 5 - 7

Registration Wednesday April 29th from 4pm at Echuca FONTERRA Centre, High Street Echuca (Next to south footy oval)

For more details please call Adam Tarr on 54806903

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**FREE DYSLEXIA INFORMATION SESSION**

Is your child experiencing difficulty learning?

Did you know that 15-20% of children have Irlen Syndrome, or Perceptual Dyslexia, which can cause significant reading, learning, attention, comprehension, spelling and light sensitivity problems?

So what is Irlen Syndrome? How does it affect children and adults? How does it affect learning? How can you identify children with this learning difficulty?

Fiona Baudinette, Director of the Irlen Dyslexia Centre Bayside (Melbourne), will be conducting a Parent Information session on Irlen Syndrome (Perceptual Dyslexia).

Fiona will explain how and why the use of coloured overlays, coloured paper and Irlen Tinted Lenses can help some children to learn more effectively.

**Date:** Tuesday 5th May, 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.

**Echuca East Primary School Library**

If you are interested in attending this Information Session, please contact Echuca East Primary School on 54822588 or email anglin.janelle.k@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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**CALL FOR UMPIRES**

The Rochester and Echuca Football and solace are looking for umpires to officiate in weekend games of the Heathcote, Loddon Valley and Central Murray Football Leagues.

Males and females of ages 14 and above, are all welcome to join the Association and earn some extra money.

Training is held on Wednesday nights at 6pm at the Echuca United Oval.

For further details contact Daniel Butcher of year 12, or Mrs Jones.

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**INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT**

Open a door to other countries! Expose your family to another culture and extend your family unit on an international level.

World Education Program (WEP) is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in July 2009.

Students from Belgium, Italy, Brazil, France, and Germany are looking for families that are prepared to welcome them into their homes as a family member.

These young ambassadors are looking for life long friends and a place to call home during their stay. If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact our National Office.

World Education Program

Toll Free: 1300 884 733
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Fax:(03) 9598 4233
Email:wep@wep.org.au

An information pack can be sent on request.

It’s easier than you think & a fantastic experience for all!