‘Power of One - One College, One Team’

Yesterday Echuca College was informed that we would receive $200,000 under the ‘National Schools Pride’ building program. Over two months ago schools across the country submitted facilities projects that would support and enhance the educational experience of our students. Echuca College focused on the development of outdoor learning areas within our new science precinct and our new senior learning area. Both areas will provide considerable space for classes and in the case of the senior learning area, excellent private study space. The development of outdoor learning areas is important for classes to access. The beauty of the design of our new buildings at College Drive is that cover between the buildings reinforces the neighbourhood concept that is so strongly portrayed by our Year 7 and 8 Learning Neighbourhoods. The new areas developed with this funding will add to this concept, and the areas will also provide important shade during the summer months.

Last week we held our annual Public Speaking competition organised by Mr. Mark Bailey and Ms Janine Watson. The competition provides students from all year levels with an opportunity to practice their public speaking in preparation for a bigger stage. The students’ presentations showed great maturity and courage and all speakers encouraged and supported their peers during the competition. Congratulations to all involved, see Mark Bailey’s report for a full update including results.

On Saturday evening, College Council Parent member Mrs. Helen Williams launched the first ‘Design Experts Art Wear Awards’. The evening was held at Radcliffe’s Restaurant and featured three categories of design, Open Avant Garde Bridal, BraArt Golden Scissors Award and Young Creative BraArt Award. Each section attracted local designs and in the open sections, entries from interstate. The audience was also treated to a display of garments from the Elmore Field Days’ Ag Art Collection, this was presented by Lorraine Trewick. The evening was a great success and it allowed some of our local designers, both young and experienced to showcase their work. This competition will now become a regular part of the College’s extra curricula program. Thank you to Helen Williams and Jenni Candy, back stage ladies, models and staff who supported the evening, for more images and a full list of finalists see page 4.

Last weekend was a very busy time for the College. On Friday evening the Echuca College and broader community, helped the Chaplaincy Committee celebrate 25 years of service to the Echuca Schools. The evening saw many of our past chaplains return for the event including Mr Geoff Scott the first chaplain in Echuca schools. Part of the evening’s entertainment saw a panel consisting of staff from the College and past and chaplains answering questions from the audience. The work that chaplains do in schools was the focus of many of the questions. The Chaplaincy Committee support schools in the maintenance of the Chaplaincy program and while this may consume much of the committee’s time, the chaplaincy committee is very involved in support young people in our community. As a committee they are very interested in the day to day programs that exist at our College and always are there to support in any way they can. Echuca College congratulates the Chaplaincy Committee on 25 years of service to the schools, community and our young people.
Just a reminder that examinations for Unit Three VCE subjects start on the 9th June with Biology, Physics and Accounting followed by Psychology and Chemistry on the 10th June. These are the only subjects examined at our College at half year. The examinations are Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority set examinations. On Thursday 11th June, all students studying a Unit 3&4 subject 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 Crofton Street Campus.

As we approach mid term, staff and students are working towards the completion of semester one’s work in preparation for mid year 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

Echuca College Public Speaking Competition (2009)

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Echuca College Public Speaking Competition on Wednesday last week.

On the day, a selection of students from all year levels presented speeches on a variety of topics, ranging from famous people such as Britney Spears and Helen Keller, to serious issues such as bullying, eating disorders and the impact of technology on today’s youth. This year’s speeches were of a particularly high quality, demonstrating a high level of skill and confidence in the art of public speaking and, yet again, showcasing the immense talent that students at Echuca College possess in this area.

All students were judged and received valuable feedback from a panel of 3 adjudicators, including: Janine Watson, Robyn MacLean, and Shelby Huggett (in the Junior and Intermediate divisions); as well as Chris Kelly, Mark Bailey and Alan Corby (in the Senior division). Scores from these judges were tallied (with thanks to the assistance of year 7 students: Jencie, Zoe, Teegan and Whitney), and winners for the three divisions were as follows:

Junior Division (yrs 7 & 8):
- Best Speaker Award: Amelia Down (yr 8)
- Runner Up: Eleanor Denson (yr 8)
- Encouragement Award: Gemma Rowley (yr 8)

Intermediate Division (yrs 9 & 10):
- Best Speaker Award: Madeline McCluskey (yr 9)
- Runner Up: Andrew Koster (yr 10) and Keely Hartshorn (yr 9)
- Encouragement Award: Hannah Deighton (yr 10)

Senior Division (yrs 11 & 12):
- Best Speaker Award: Shelby Huggett (yr 12)
- Runner Up: Ella Givney (yr 12)
- Encouragement Award: Jessica Thompson (yr 11)

Whilst trophies, medallions and certificates for all competitors will be awarded at the next assembly, a special thank you needs to go out to all those competitors and officials who sacrificed their time and energy to make this day a success. Well done to all involved and good luck in future competitions.

Mark Bailey

REMINDER
Deb Money, is due by Friday 5th June, and can be paid to the Crofton St Office!
Year 8 News

On Tuesday the 12th of May, Echuca College year 8’s took an excursion to Kryal Castle in Ballarat.

We left Echuca College at 7.30 and arrived at 10.30. When we arrived we were greeted by a man dressed as a knight. He took us around the castle and introduced us to three more tour guides, a medieval woman, a jester and a sword maker. Our group went with the medieval women first.

The medieval woman told us how women and children did most of the work depending on which group you belonged to in society. There were peasants, who were the poorest, the commoners, who were middle class, and nobles who didn’t have to work laboriously and were wealthy.

We also learnt about armoury and protection in combat. We saw the effectiveness of chainmail suits and metal plate armour, and this was shown during a battle re-enactment. We were also shown how a knight’s helmet could protect against swords, axes and maces while students wore the 30 kg outfit.

Before we returned to the bus, we were given afternoon tea while being entertained by the castle jester. The ladies made us a traditional medieval meal that consisted of soup served in a hallowed bun. It was simply delicious!

Kryal Castle had great activities and we learnt a lot. We particularly enjoyed the food and the re-enactments.

Mia Childs and Brooke Thomson

Year 9 News

Pathways Day

On May the 22nd during period 3 to period 6 all year 9 students were involved in a pathways day that provided them with information about career opportunities and options for year 10 next year. Career advice was provided by Mr Webb, Mr Eeles and Pedro Eberbach from BRIT. Rob Tyrrell shared information relating to VET programs and the variety that we offer. David O’Rourke and Peter Kirk from the Defence, force shared their perspective on jobs in the Defence force. It was a successful and informative day.

Thankyou!

A big thank you to the VCAL students that organised and cooked the BBQ lunch for the year 9 students and the workshop presenters.

Well done Loren Sinclair, Natasha James, Dillon O’Connell, Matt James, William Buchanan and a special mention to Nathan Maloney for leading the team. Picture is Natasha James and Loren Sinclair.

School For Student Leadership

Snowy River Campus

Last Monday evening (18th. May) a presentation was given to our six students (and their parents), who were selected to attend the School For Student Leadership at Marlo, on the Snowy River. The six students are Ashley Williams, Brandon Stacey, Aiden Milne, Shaun Hon, Jayde Ilsley and Sarah Head. The Snowy River Campus is a Victorian Department of Education school specialising in leadership and personal development education for students in Year 9. Last year our Year 8 students were given the opportunity to apply to attend the school. After a selection process including interviews, these six students were successful and for the entire third term this year will be staying at the Snowy River Campus.

Monday evening’s presentation was given by Jennifer Beck, the Health and Wellbeing Coordinator at the Snowy River Campus. She talked about the aims of the school, its curriculum, the activities the students would be involved in, the rules for students, and the environment that surrounds the school. Some of the exciting outdoor activities students will participate in included kayaking, bike riding, surfing, bushwalking and exploring caves. In the classroom, emphasis will be on personal development and leadership skills.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation given by three of our students who attended the School For Leadership Gnurad-Gundidj campus at Glenormiston in Victoria’s western district, last term. Rachel Whelan, Jackson Wentworth and Mitchell McMullan entertained us for almost an hour with their adventures and gave us a real insight into life at a School For Student Leadership. They gave tips to our future participants on how to survive, hints to parents on how to support their kids, ideas to our school on how to stay connected with our students and how to help them return to Echuca College when their nine weeks at the Snowy River Campus is over.

The maturity and confidence with which Rachel, Jackson and Mitchell spoke to the audience was ample proof of the effectiveness of the Schools For Student Leadership. Parents went home convinced that the hardship of separation from their kids for the nine weeks of the school would be well and truly paid back.

I would like to thank Jennifer Beck for driving all the way from Marlo (way over on the east coast of Victoria past Lakes Entrance) to tell us about the Snowy River Campus. Parents went home satisfied that their kids would be taken care of. The parents are also looking forward to the middle of term 3 when they are allowed to visit and spend the weekend with their children.

I would also like to thank Rachel Whelan, Mitchell McMullan and Jackson Wentworth for giving up their time to come and talk to us about the School For Student Leadership. Thankyou to the parents who attended and brought students to the presentation and finally thankyou to Mrs. Jeanette Fabry for providing supper for everyone who attended the evening.

Kevin Morgan
Liaison Teacher (who is also lucky enough to go and visit the students during their stay at the Snowy River Campus.)
Psychology Excursion

Last week the Year 11 Psychology classes had an excursion to Echuca East Primary School. As a part of Unit One, students in Psychology study the development of individual’s cognitive abilities. Specifically students focus on Piaget’s “Four Stage of Cognitive Abilities” looking at the different cognitive stages that infants progress through until adulthood.

To help demonstrate these different cognitive stages the Year 11’s spent a morning in the Prep classroom doing a variety of activities with Echuca East students to test their cognitive abilities. The results from these activities is being used to complete a research report as part of the student’s third outcome (assessment).

I would like to thank Echuca East Primary School for their hospitality and for allowing our students a chance to investigate and apply their knowledge outside the classroom.

Rachel Foy

Design Experts ArtWear Awards

Held on Saturday 23rd May, the first of what is hoped to be an Annual Event, ‘ArtWear Awards’ was held at Radcliffs Echuca. The evening was a huge success and the designs that were showcased on the night ranged from dresses made from flyscreen and crocheted wire, to the winner of the Open Bra Art with an ensemble made from old 45rpm records.

The top three finalists in each category were as follows;

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A huge thanks goes to the mums, Roey Williams, Andrea Cowan and Jenni Candy who did a fabulous job organising the girls backstage under the guidance of Jacqui Kornmann, Jess Candy (past student) who put together a great backing track, and to the wonderful models Teree Candy, Mikaela Cowan, Danica Kiely, Holly Kornmann, Marly Merlo, Claudia Rosenow, Emily Vanzetta and Larni Williams who acted with poise and dignity on the night.

Helen Williams.
**CAREERS**

**Year 12 UMAT – Test**

Students intending to study Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Optometry, Oral Health and Medical Laboratory Science must sit the UMAT test as part of their application. For more details students should go to the web site www.umat.acer.edu.au. Registration closes on Friday the 5th of June.

**Experience La Trobe -2009**

La Trobe university is offering Year 10, 11 and 12 students the opportunity to experience university life during the mid year holidays. Students can visit one or more campuses (Bendigo) and explore the programs available. Students will participate in workshops in their favourite subject areas, attend talks on careers, study pathways and student life at La Trobe. For more information and registration visit www.latrobe.edu.au/experience. Registration is essential as student places are limited.

**La Trobe- Bendigo Folio Preparation**

La Trobe university - Bendigo is running a Folio Preparation workshop for Year 11 and 12 students on June the 29th and 30th. For more details and a registration form visit www.latrobe.edu.au/visualarts/folioshop or phone 54447969.

**Work Experience**

Students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are encouraged to participate in work experience. Work experience gives students the opportunity to explore different careers. Students are expected to undertake work experience during the term holidays to avoid interruption to their school program. Students intending to complete work experience in the term two holidays in NSW must have the completed documentation to Mr Webb or Miss Roberts by Tuesday the 9th of June and for Victoria Friday the 19th of June.

**COMING EVENTS**

**Year 12 Film and Lecture.**

On Wednesday the 17th of June all year 12 English students will travel to Melbourne to the Australian Centre of Moving Images. Here they will watch their film text, Look Both Ways, on the big screen then listen to a lecture on the key elements of the film. This will provide them with vital information for their School Assessed Coursework on the text in the following week. Students have received their permission notes which need to be returned to the College, with the payment of $27, as soon as possible.

**WELL BEING**

**Important Parent Information about Swine Flu:**

You may be aware that the World Health Organisation has alerted all countries to the risk of a pandemic relating to an outbreak of A(H1N1) influenza, recently referred to as ‘swine flu’. Local media are regularly reporting on the Australian State and Federal government response to reducing the spread of the flu into Australia and managing any suspected cases promptly and effectively. Echuca college is monitoring the situation and revisiting its plans to respond to any further developments in this area. It is committed to working with external health authorities to ensure that appropriate actions are taken in cases of suspected swine flu or quarantine declarations. You can be assured that the College will take every step to ensure that students are kept informed and appropriate support is provided.

It is important that you ensure that your mobile number, address details and email and emergency contact information, held by the College is up to date as we may use some or all of these means to reach you in an emergency. You can update your details by calling the College Administration or by writing to us to update your family details.

To remain up to date with developments in this area, you may wish to visit: http://www.flupandemic.gov.au/internet/panflu/publishing.nsf/Content/protecting-1

Mrs Denise Richardson
Student Wellbeing Team Leader

**Values for Life**

On Thursday 7th and Friday 8th May, Concern Australia’s “Values for Life” education team made presentations to our years 7, 9 and 10. These seminars made use of video clips and music.

For year 7 the team dealt with issues such as, how we treat each other and bullying and to put onto practice the idea of treating others as we would wish to be treated.

While years 9 and 10 looked at how our culture influences our relationships and how this often causes our focus to be on the external and not on our character and the need to be building strong healthy relationships.

The team challenged and encouraged the students to think for themselves and be aware that here can be misleading information in the media.

The students responded positively to these messages and enjoyed the seminars. We would like to thank the School Focused Youth Service for the funding to make this program available in our school.

Alan Corby (Corbz)
Chaplain

**REMINDER**

Parents who paid a deposit for the Wicked Stage Show - can collect this money from College Drive. If you can’t pick it up, you can send a note with your child.
SPORT NEWS

CSSSA CROSS COUNTRY

Echuca College won the CSSSA Cross Country with ease against Kyabram, Nathalia and Rochester winning 4 out of the 5 age groups. There were numerous outstanding runs on the day especially from Shaun Atkins, Harrison Ennis, Brock Norwood, Tim Fitzpatrick, Rachel Binnie and Libby Pellegrino who were age champions on the day. All the students had a great day and we have 45 heading off to Northern Zone on the 16th of June. Well Done!

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