Principal’s Report

‘Power of One - One College, One Team’

This week has seen a number of our students feature in the local newspaper for various achievements, some related to school and others connected to hobbies and sports. The College would like to congratulate Luke Hubbard for being awarded ‘Australian Diver of the Year’ in the 16-18 year old category. Luke continues to achieve at the highest levels within his sport and we look forward to watching his achievements in the future. Congratulations to Kacey Heywood for receiving a golf scholarship to go to the Metropolitan Golf Club in Melbourne. Over the next 12 months Kacey will be able to develop her skills through access to golf professionals at the Metropolitan Club. We have also had Year 9 students participate in a clay target shooting competition at the Echuca Clay Target Club. Congratulations to Lucas McBain, Mitchell McMullan and Zoe Keele in winning the competition and they could possibly give their teachers a few lessons in the sport of clay targets given their scores compared to the students scores. I would like to thank the Echuca Clay Target Club for allowing the students to be instructed in the sport and for allowing use to the club’s facilities.

It is with great pleasure that the Echuca College community congratulates Mr. Paul Hon on his provisional appointment to the position of Principal of Echuca Primary School 208. Paul has made a great contribution to education in Echuca and with other members of our College community was a leading figure in the establishment of Echuca College. Paul’s leadership as Campus Principal at College Drive over the last three years has enabled the College to develop a challenging curriculum, introduce new approaches to teaching and learning that have been supported by state of the art facilities. Paul has also dedicated much of his time to supporting students outside of school hours through working with various sporting teams in the community and while Echuca College has lost direct access to work in this area, it is great that he will still be in our community. From all the staff, students and College community we wish Paul all the best in his new appointment at 208.

With every door that closes, a new one opens and this is the case at our College with three staff members being provisionally appointed to the positions of Assistant Principals for 2010. I would like to congratulate Ms Robyn MacLean, Mr Karl Strachan and Mr Rob Strachan. All three staff members have many years of experience in education in various roles and this will hold them in good stead for their roles as APs at the new College site next year. Although in leadership roles at the moment, they will not officially take up their positions until consolidation is completed and the 2010 school year begins.

Mr Paul Challis is also leaving at the end of term to take up a position at Wangaratta High School as an Assistant Principal. Mr Challis has been in Echuca for over twenty years and is passionate about state education and improving the educational experiences of our students. Paul has held many positions at Echuca Secondary College and the new Echuca College. He has been Year Level Co-ordinator, Key Learning Area Manager and for the last two years has been Year 9 Team Leader. He was instrumental in getting the Furnishings Vocational Education and Training program up and running in Echuca. Paul has always dedicated many hours to his school, whether attending working bees or organising information nights for students and parents. On behalf the College community I would like to also congratulate Paul on his appointment and thank him for his contribution to the development of the young people of our community.
This week has been very busy with examinations at Year 10, 11 and 12 and the GAT for students studying Unit 3 subject. Our students have been very positive in the approach they have taken towards their exams and it has been great to look across the gym and see the ‘sea of purple’ concentrating on the examination paper in front of them. At the moment staff are working on final assessments in preparation for half year reports and they will be issued to students on the last day of term. As usual, reports will not be ready until after lunch on the last day.

Stage 2 of our building program is now completed and over the next few months we will be slowly moving equipment and materials into the new facilities. We hope to have the administration back in its old location and our new canteen operational by the start of term 3. Areas such as Research and Resources (library), Health and Hospitality and Maths Science Precinct take a little longer as some equipment will need to be released from Crofton Street before these facilities are fully furnished and ready to go.

Chris Eeles
College Principal

Beacon Pledge Day
Last Wednesday all of our Year 10 students attended the Pledge Day at Moama Bowling Club where they signed the pledge boards to make a commitment to staying at school, training and work. Once again our students were great ambassadors for our College. A big thank you to our Pathways team, Mr. Webb and Ms. Roberts for helping organise the day.

Work Placement
Late in Term 3 we are planning 20 places for our students to do work placement in Melbourne. The aim of this program is for our students to experience Melbourne life and working in Melbourne. Mr. Rick Reid, President of Echuca-Moama Rotary, has been working tirelessly for our College in arranging contacts for our students in Melbourne. Last Friday Mr. Webb and myself met with Rick Reid and Doug Robertson from Central Melbourne Rotary Club to discuss the work placement program in more detail. A big thank you to Rick and Doug for their planning for our program.

Semester 2
All students in Year 10, 11 and 12 will be commencing semester 2 subjects on Monday 15th June.

Exams
Our mid-year exams finished this week and they all ran very smoothly thanks to our Year 10, 11 and 12 teams. Students realised the importance of preparation when completing the exams over the last two weeks.

Year 10 Camps
Over the next few weeks a number of Year 10 students will have the opportunity to go to Bogong for a snow skiing camp and go to the Gold Coast to enjoy some warmer weather. I would like to wish all staff and students all the best on these camps in the next couple of weeks.

Chris Eeles
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Year 7 News

With the end of term approaching we are finding that there are a lot of students away because they are ill. It would be appreciated if parents could call the school if students are away ill. If away for other reasons, a note before the student is away would be appreciated.

A written note for parent approved absences is required in all instances.

We are still having a large number of school jumpers being left around the neighbourhood without names. Please check that your student’s clothing items are all named clearly.

All students have finished their research projects on Ancient Egypt. The effort and enthusiasm of the students was fantastic. There was lots of discovering and sharing of information.

Do you know that it was farmers, not slaves, that built the pyramids and that Egyptians drank lots of beer because the Nile water was too dirty?

Tracey Burton
Year 7 Team Leader

Year 8 News

Some of the Year 8 class captains have recently been meeting to discuss aspects of Year 8 and act as a student voice for their peers. They have come up with some great ideas, and even begun implementing them. It’s fantastic to see students displaying initiative.

Students in Year 8 will begin their ‘Medieval Project Tasks’ next week. They have been asked to begin considering which of the four areas they would like to pursue which consist of Arts, Construction, Research and Performing Arts. Under one of these areas they will research, plan, design, produce and present a chosen task. Your child may need your support to gather materials for their project, this could include: cardboard, fabric, empty containers, wood, beads, nails/screws.

If you have any old magazines we would love to take them off your hands!

Year 9 News

School For Student Leadership - Snowy River Campus

The six students involved in the leadership program 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. These students have elected to become involved in the Relay for Life fundraising event held at Moama football ground to raise funds for cancer research. Other fundraising activities are: A Movie night, BBQ, a raffle, organising a guess the baby competition, wet sponge throw and a crazy hair day.

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.

Uniform

Most of our students are wearing the uniform with pride and are following the guidelines in their organisers. As we are now in winter, we encourage some forward planning for jumpers, etc. We have been pleased with the parent support in relation to our drive to have students in full uniform. If assistance is needed with uniform, please contact Paul Robinson, The Student Counsellor at the College.

Paul Challis
Year 9 Team Leader

WELLBEING

WALKING CLUB COMMENCED AT COLLEGE DRIVE

Walking Club commenced last week with 32 enthusiastic and energetic walkers participating. Quite a few students earned bonus kilometres for bringing friends, staff and even Rosie the dog. Reaching milestones (or should it be kilometerstones?) earns rewards for effort. Parents are encouraged to attend as this also earns bonus points.

The Student Council has been particularly supportive making fabulous posters and promoting the program within the school community.

An additional competition is currently running for the tutorial group that has the most walkers and the tutorial group that walks the longest distance.

Walking Club is held on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes and leaves from the Gym at 1o’clock promptly. Registration occurs at 12.55pm.

Enquiries to School Nurse

GREED REHEARSALS

SUNDAY REHEARSALS
WILL BE FROM 10-2.30 AT CROFTON STREET ON July 19, July 26 and August 2nd

WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS
ARE AT CROFTON STREET FROM 4-6 ON JULY 15, 22, 29 AND AUGUST 12 (Public performance August 6th)
SPORT NEWS

Badminton Report

On Tuesday June 2nd, Echuca College yr 7 and yr 8 students competed in the CSSSA badminton competition. We played against Rochester, Nathalia and Kyabram. The teams from Echuca College were:

Yr 7 Girls – finished in 3rd place.
Kassidy Flight, Jaclyn Middlebrook, Jesse Munzel, Emily Begley - MVP, and Alyssa Stephens.

Yr 8 Girls – finished in 2nd place.
They defeated Rochester but lost to Nathalia.
Gemma Rowley, Makayla O’Callaghan, Ashleigh Vasic, Chloe Shortland, Ashlee Shead - MVP

Yr 8 Boys – finished in 4th place
Daniel Bell, Joel Lehman, Ryan Rudeforth - MVP and Brodie Warren.

It was a great day and we all had lots of fun. It was good to stay active and play a great game. All teams played extremely well and demonstrated good sportsmanship.

Gemma and the Year 8 girls

CSSSA NETBALL AT KYABRAM - SENIOR NETBALL

The A team had a successful day at Kyabram, beating KSC in a closely fought match by two goals. Emily Pellegrino was rebounding strongly, while Sarah Vevers came on at half time to ably support her in the ring. Our second match saw us take on a tall Rochy team. Olivia Bish and Nicole O’Brien combined strongly in the defensive end, rebounding strongly with a never say die attitude. Jami Lee Haigh drove powerfully down the centre, capitalising on the defenders’ work. EC went on to win the match by 2 goals. In our third match, Ky was always going to come out strong. Libby Pellegrino dominated the centre court taking a number of great intercepts, and Tess O’Reilly helping out tight in defence. Echuca’s next opponents were the in form Rochester. Rochy were too good running away victors 20 – 7. Jess Naughton played well in the centre court. Kyabram were next on the list again. The first game was tight and the first half continued the same way. Ky picked up the pace in the second half and finished on top 16 -7. Tess, Jess and Libby all worked well with tight defence all the way down the court. The last game was against Rochy, who unfortunately found some more form winning 29 -9. All girls played well. Most Valuable player for the day Libby Pellegrino.

The B team played Nathalia first and narrowly went down by two goals in a tough match 6 -8. Nikki Mahnke played a fantastic first half in defence, with Jaklyn Crilly and Brittany Prendergast finding form in the second half. Echuca’s second match was against Rochy and won 11 -4. Jaklyn and Rachel Binnie combined well to play their first match in goals, pulling out some fantastic moves and great shooting in windy conditions. Their final game was against Kyabram. Another excellent game played by all, defeating Ky 16-9. Bec Larcombe and Sarah McClusky put some great pressure on the opposition, with some great intercepts. Rachel once again performed well in goals. Most valuable player for the day Rachel Binnie.

Overall the girls played extremely well as a team in some tough windy conditions. Thanks to Miss Ferrier and Bri for another great day of Netball.

COACH- CARLIE JONES

INTERMEDIATES

On Monday 25th May, Echuca College Intermediate A & B Team travelled to Kyabram to play Netball in somewhat windy conditions. The A Team came up against Kyabram and Rochester, with the B also playing these two teams but also came up against Nathalia. The girls came up against some very tough opposition throughout the day. The A Team came up against Ky first. Echuca girls played well with a quick spur in the second half but ended up being defeated 10 – 15. Libby Pellegrino dominated the centre court taking a number of great intercepts, and Tess O’Reilly helping out tight in defence. Echuca’s next opponents were the in form Rochester. Rochy were too good running away victors 20 – 7. Jess Naughton played well in the centre court. Kyabram were next on the list again. The first game was tight and the first half continued the same way. Ky picked up the pace in the second half and finished on top 16 -7. Tess, Jess and Libby all worked well with tight defence all the way down the court. The last game was against Rochy, who unfortunately found some more form winning 29 -9. All girls played well. Most Valuable player for the day Libby Pellegrino.

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COACH- YANA FERRIER
YEAR 8

The Year 8 Netball Teams had a wonderful day at the C.S.S.S.A tournament held in Kyabram. All girls tried their best and displayed some wonderful skills and team work.

The A team of Gemma Rowley, Kassidy Sellings, Rachael Conlan, Mia Childs, Jaimi Elgar, Chloe Shorland, Megan Fusti, Stef McKee and Alyce Townsend played well together and produced had a good win against Rochester. MVP was Mia Childs, who worked hard in Centre for most of the day.

The B team of Kayla Hore, Ash Vasic, Briah Chapman, Maddy Steel, Deanne Buckley, Katrina Wagner, Brigitte Griffiths, Jess O’Connell and Jacinda Williams had a great day, narrowly missing out on top spot by a 2 goal loss to Nathalia. MVP was Kayla Hore, who shot magnificently in the windy weather.

All girls should be congratulated on, and be extremely proud of, their efforts!

COACH- LAUREN MENZ

YEAR 7

The day began well with the group discovering that Miss McGurk was unaware both teams were required to bring skirts. Luckily most girls had bought black tracksuit pants or shorts! The A team played Kyabram first game and found themselves up against some tough opposition. Ky moved the ball well through the mid-court, however had trouble converting in the first half due to the fantastic defence of Isabella Reid and Greta Pearson. In the second half, Nathalia was the team to beat. The girls had it all together and with Georgia Sims and Zosie Rosato gaining many turn overs feeding it to Lee Hardie-Bruns to bring down the court, wasn’t enough to pull a win. The team had a great day despite the loss and all showed great sportsmanship.

The second game against Rochester was a little easier and Echuca were off to a flying start. Kayla Walker was in fine form in wing defence and Maddie McKellar starred in goal attack, mesmerising opposition with her quick movement around the court and accurate goaling. The girls were leading at half time so Miss McGurk insisted that they remain focused and a few positional changes were made. Having previously been in goal shooter, Amy Haw was thrown up the other end into goal keeper. Amy proved that she is an extremely versatile player and made her opponent earn every one of her possessions. In the end, the Echuca girls ran away with a win, 16 - 8.

After a short lunch break (and some energy-boosting oranges and lollies), the girls were back on against Rochester. Again the girls combined well together and came away with another good win. Tessa Mellington proved far too good for her opponent and shot accurately, scoring at a rate of 92%. After a 3 day weekend of netball Bryeny Lowndes showed no sign of fatigue and was well supported by her ‘twin sister’ Dayna Martin in wing attack.

Having had 2 wins and a draw, the final game of the day against Kyabram was going to be a ripper. The girls started very slowly and the Kyabram defenders were applying good pressure to our goalers, who despite this, showed great persistence. Echuca seemed a little rattled in the beginning but slowly began to work their way back into the game. Greta ‘the great’ Pearson stood tall and led by example, dominating in goal defence. This inspired her team mates and in the last half, Echuca fought their way back to be within only a couple of goals away from the Kyabram girls. With Miss McGurk jumping up and down on the side lines, the girls steadied with a couple of great goals to come even with Kyabram with only seconds to spare. Unfortunately, the Kyabram girls got a quick break and goggled before Echuca had the opportunity to respond. They won the game, and the tournament by a goal.

Well done and congratulations to all of the girls who participated. It was a fantastic day, with all girls representing Echuca College with pride, showing great sportsmanship at all times. Greta Pearson was voted MVP of the day, however it was a team effort and everyone contributed and tried their hardest. Well done girls!

COACH- ERIN MCGURK

The B girls were ready and raring to go as we went up against Ky in our first match. Maddie Naismith and Teagan Milne were keen in defence but unfortunately the girls were defeated. In our second match the girls went in with a winning attitude up against Rochester. Kayla Walker and Tarni Dunstan were on a roll in the goals and worked wonders around their defence although the ball just wouldn’t go in the ring, even with Ash Sellings and Taree Stephenson feeding the ball down the court with their quick moves we went down again by 10. Our third and final match Nathalia was the team to beat. The girls had it all together and with Georgia Sims and Zosie Rosato gaining many turn overs feeding it to Lee Hardie-Bruns to bring down the court, wasn’t enough to pull a win. The team had a great day despite the loss and all showed great sportsmanship.

COACH- BRI BENNETT
NORTHERN ZONE INTERMEDIATE SOCCER

Blasted Close in Bendigo!!
A mild day in May at the Zone Finals in Bendigo for the Intermediate Boys and Girls Soccer teams saw the Echuca College contingent undefeated on the day!! A terrific effort!! unfortunately, the boys were not able to score enough goals to cement a place in the State Finals but not for lack of shots! The girls will however, fly the flag for the College at Melbourne in August!

We then went into the match against Maryborough needing to score heavily to assure a place in Melbourne. Following match statistics of 25 attempts at goal and a 90% possession domination we were, unfortunately only able to hit the back of the net on 2 occasions and come away with an honourable but inadequate 2–0 victory. The lads played all over the opposition yet their radar was definitely out of ‘synch’ which cost us dearly as we did not score heavily enough to win the group. Dare we say it? There’s always next year! At least the boys provided solid support for the girls in their successful day!

Best on the day were Keeper Hon who boasted 2 clean sheets; Josh at the back making some crucial tackles; Alister sound at the back but ‘offline’ at the front; Harri Ennis and the creative Cam Hay. Goalscorers were Cam and Adam with a penalty. ‘Congrats’ guys, you did your best!

Coach Chealy

The girls, wow what a team of soccer players! They went into the first game against Flora Hill with nervous energy knowing this was probably the match to get them to Melbourne. With a goal in the first 10 minutes from our favourite purple team the girls spirits lifted and after a Allen’s party mix sugar kick, proceeded to hold the game to 1-0. After supporting the boys and listening to some great tunes the girls played Red Cliffs with the aim to annihilate them. Red Cliffs put up a fight but when our goalie starts taking corner kicks and still makes it back to her end to save a goal you get the picture of what kind of game it was. Congratulations girls Melbourne; here we come!

Coach Dannatt

CSSSA YEAR 8 AND INTERMEDIATE BOYS FOOTBALL

The year 8 football team competed against Kyabram and Rochester on Tuesday the 2nd of June. Although the conditions were wet and wintery the boys acquitted themselves with enthusiasm. In the first game against Kyabram the boys were always under pressure against a skilful and quick opposition. In the second match against Rochester the team played a better brand of football and were more competitive. Although losing both games it was pleasing to see a spirited effort from all of the boys.

Best player on the day was Jesse Hill.

Coaches Scott Trewella / Paul Hon

EUCHUCA COLLEGE ON TARGET

Echuca Clay Target Club was visited by three classes of year nine, students, from Echuca College. All were eager to try their hand at the sport of clay target shooting. In total, ninety individual student coached visits happened, during the last week of May, and the first week of June 2009. Each student had two visits and shot at ten targets, single barrel, on each occasion. Under the watchful eye, and intensive coaching, from the much appreciated, volunteer members, from the Echuca Clay Target Club, and the Mathoura Gun Club, most Students achieved some broken targets, and certainly posted some excellent scores. With only one cartridge in the gun, and almost all never having shot before, the results were very pleasing for the coaches, proving that the students were not only listening to them, but were really trying their best.

After shooting at a total of twenty targets, two boys were tied on the score of 15/20. Lucas McBain and Mitchell McMullan were the two sharpshooters and a shoot off was held to determine 1st and 2nd place. It was to be the best score out of five but at the end of the five, both were equal on three. So again another five targets; both this time equal on four, with both Students trying so hard and coming up equal twice it was decided to present both with Certificates for being the Overall Boy Winner. Well shot boys, congratulations!

At the total of twenty targets, the girls had an Overall Girl Winner in Zoe Keele, easily leading everyone with her score of 13/20. Zoe deserved her well shot Overall Win. Two girls were left to decide 2nd place and they had both shot a 10/20 score. After a five target shoot off, Michelle Russell, narrowly beat Tess O’Reilly to collect her 2nd place recognition; good shooting Michelle! Some girls were wary of handling and shooting the heavy 12 gauge shotguns, but with the quality of the guns used, combined with the special low energy cartridges the club had acquired for the girls, recoil was virtually a non existent thing as most girls found out after actually firing the guns in competition. Thanks must go to the Echuca College for taking an interest in the sport, and to the teachers involved: Yana Ferrier, Angela Pope, and Scott Trewella. They also shoot the twenty targets in competition, with Scott easily winning 1st place on an excellent 16/20, Angela taking 2nd place with her 8/20 score, and Yana Ferreir 3rd on a 6/20.
Upstream with a Paddle Program
An initiative of the Inland Outrigger Canoe Club

What is the Program all about?
The Inland Outrigger Canoe Club, in partnership with the Echuca Police, Echuca Regional Health and various other local community groups, has initiated an exciting Program to be known as ‘Upstream with a Paddle’.

This program has been developed in response to a growing community need which has been identified by members of the local police force, those at Echuca Regional Health and teachers at our local schools. It has become evident that there is a significant increase in the number of youth in our region who are either disadvantaged or have become disengaged from education, skills training or employment. The Upstream with a Paddle program will aim to assist these youth and re-engage them with mainstream society before they slip through the cracks.

Who will the Program target?
Specifically, the Program will target local disadvantaged and disengaged youth aged between 12 and 17 who need some support to get their lives back on track. As part of the Program, participants will have the opportunity to become part of an exciting sporting club where they will be trained in outrigger canoeing and assessed on their swimming and canoeing ability, all in preparation for the renowned annual YNCA Murray Marathon.

The Marathon has been running for some 40 years and is a 5 day, 404km canoe race along the Murray River. The experience of being involved in the Marathon is both challenging and empowering, and by getting some of our local youth involved, we are giving them a task to focus on that will teach them some invaluable life skills along the way.

What will participants learn?
At any one time, there will be six paddlers in each canoe, all learning how to work as a team. Each paddler must learn the different positions of the canoe, of which each has a different function, role and responsibility to the success of the team. Participants will learn important skills such as leadership, sportsmanship, teamwork and respect for others.

All participants will also have the opportunity to paddle alongside some very respected members of the local community, including police, those in the health services industry and teachers, all of whom can mentor these youth to ensure they do make the most of the opportunity given to them. This networking opportunity will also serve them well in the future when the participants are seeking training or employment positions.

As an added bonus, all participants will have the opportunity to train and compete in outrigger canoeing, improving their health, wellbeing and fitness levels.

Who is involved in the Program?
The Program is an initiative of the Inland Outrigger Canoe Club, in partnership with the Echuca Police and Echuca Regional Health. It is also hoped that other community orientated organisations such as yours will provide support for the Program to ensure that it can get off the ground.

What does the project involve?
Before the Inland Outrigger Canoe Club can commence the Upstream with a Paddle Program, some crucial equipment must be purchased, including a customised lightweight 6 person canoe, life jackets, paddles, a canoe trailer, camping gear and funds to contribute to the entry costs involved in competing in the Murray Marathon. Applications for funding for these items are currently being made, but require your support!

How can you help?
By providing us with a letter of support for the Upstream with a Paddle Program to include with our applications for funding! If you are able to provide any other form of support that would also be greatly appreciated!

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.