As the end of term approaches the College is in full swing in preparation for term 4 and 2010. Before we get into this next period we have had our very important Parent/Teacher interviews last Wednesday evening. It was great to see so many parents attend this event and with only a term to go it is important that all students continue to work hard in preparation for next year. Term 3 Interim Reports were also available at the interviews and if you have not collected those reports they are available from the general offices (7-9 College Drive/10-12 Crofton Street). Years 7 and 9 students will also get there NAPLAN (National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy) results in the mail over the holiday period. The NAPLAN assessments were conducted during term 2 and are benchmark at a national level. The NAPLAN data, along with other assessment tools used at the College, help us to plan our students’ learning in the future and to also identify areas for improvement or extension. If parents/guardians have any question about the report or would like to speak to teachers about their report, please don’t hesitate to contact us at College Drive.

Last Tuesday evening Echuca College in partnership with St Josephs College, Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning Employment Network (CCLLEN), Careers Connections and the Beacon Foundation, hosted an Industry/Education evening where local employers were able to meet with schools to talk about career and employment options in our community. It is envisaged that young people will gain a greater awareness of local businesses and the career opportunities that are available if schools have stronger links with local employers. The forum also provided an opportunity for local employers to gain a greater understanding of the programs being offered by school in the post compulsory years of education that are directly linked to preparing students for the workforce. Many exciting programs are developing in schools and we would like the opportunity to have some informal discussion with employers regarding some of the issues around employment and training in our community. Young people need to be more informed about businesses and opportunities that exist within our region, and how they can create pathways to access these opportunities. The evening was well attended with over 35 local employers participating in the forum along with staff from the schools. Congratulations to the Year 11 Food Students and Sandy Roberts on the fantastic catering for the evening.

Over the holiday period we have quite an extensive program in place to support our senior students who are studying Units 3/4 in the VCE. Most of these students are of course our Year 12 students. The first week of the holidays has been set aside for some rest for the students but we did have to schedule a couple of exam support activities in the first week. Ross Huggard, renowned English teacher and author will be presenting a revision lecture for Year 12 English students on Wednesday the 23rd of September at our College Drive campus. Pleasingly, we have had an excellent response from our students who realise what a fantastic opportunity this is to have a lecturer of Ross’ calibre present in their home town. Students who have not yet paid their $5 can do so at the Crofton Street general office. In the second week we have revision classes and some practice exams each day. There is a copy of the schedule in the newsletter. Next term the Year 12 students only have three weeks of formal classes before breaking for the examination period. The last day for classes for the Year 12 students will be the Thursday 22nd and with a celebration ceremony on the Friday 23rd October.

Last term is by nature a very business term but this year more so than ever before. The College will be consolidating onto the College Drive site on 23rd of November. The College will conduct it’s last classes at the Crofton Street campus on Wednesday 18th November and all students will be located at College Drive on the 23rd. Our Step Up program will start on the Monday 23rd November and run for a fortnight for all 2010 students in years 10, 11 and 12.
Students in Year 7 and 8 will continue with their 2009 program. The region have approved the 19th and 20th of November as pupil free days for the consolidation process but the College will offer alternative programs for any students who want to attend school on those days. We have considerable work to do before the 23rd November but we are confident that everything will be in place for the start of our Step Up program.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and safe holiday break and I hope your sporting teams (local and national) do well if they are in the finals. Go CATS!!!

Chris Eeles
College Principal

“Snowy River Campus of the School For Student Leadership”

For the last nine weeks, six of our students have been attending the Snowy River Campus of the School For Student Leadership. Shaun Hon, Jayde Isley, Ashley Williams, Brandon Stacey, Sarah Head and Aidan Milne have been fantastic representatives of Echuca College. They have been working on leadership skills such as public speaking, working in a team and personal development. They have also participated in activities such as surfing, bush walking, kayaking and caving.

Another task was to develop a community project. Our students thought carefully about this and decided to participate in the “Relay For Life” and raise money for the Victorian Cancer Council. Over the last nine weeks they have planned fund-raising events including a sausage sizzle outside ‘Safeway’ and a film screening at the Paramount on Tuesday, November 24th. They are hoping that everyone will support them when the film “New Moon” screens at the Paramount.

On Saturday, September 5th I was very privileged to be in the audience when our students (along with students from seven other schools at the Snowy River Campus) did a presentation of their community project. I can sincerely say that I was so proud of our students as they told the audience, using role play, music and a power point presentation, how cancer had touched their lives and how they wanted to raise money for cancer research and victims of cancer.

In Term 1 next year, another six of our Year 9 students will be selected to attend the Dinner Plain campus of the School For Student Leadership. This campus, located in the Victorian high country, will also challenge our students and hopefully develop their leadership skills. The selection process for students hoping to attend this school will occur over the next few weeks.

Kevin Morgan
(School liaison teacher)

IMMUNISATIONS

Immunisations for students in Year 7
The 2010 School Based Immunisation Program will be offered at your school by the Shire of Campaspe Nurse Immunisation Team on Wednesday 21st October 2009.
Administering the following Vaccines:
Second Dose of Hep. B for Year 7 Students
Third Dose HPV for female students in Year 7.
Year 7 News

All students have been working on research about an environmental issue. A wide range of topics have been covered and the students have been required to define the issue, identify government rules and regulations relating to this issue, look at how people have made this problem worse and discuss possible solutions. Please ask your child about their issue.

Interviews are a great way for families, students and teachers to work together so that the students can succeed both socially and academically whilst at Echuca College. Thanks to all families able to attend but if you were unable to attend, the year 7 staff are always willing to meet at other times that suit. Call and talk to the teachers if you wish to organise another time to talk with teachers.

If anyone is aware of a 2010 year 7 student who has still not received an enrolment package please ask them to contact the office to arrange delivery.

With only one term to go it is great to see the confidence and growth in the year 7 students.

Tracey Burton
Team Leader.

Year 8 News

Firstly, congratulations to all the students involved in the inter school athletics last week. They all did a great job! Well done to all the people who made it to the next stage.

Year 8 students are currently studying ‘footprints’ which looks at environmental issues and how we can change them. Students have been working very hard on their footprints projects. On Thursday students in year 8 north will be working on their projects; parents are invited to come and see what their child has been working on.

Many Year 8 students are involved in the Rock Eisteddfod, students have rehearsed on Tuesday for an extra hour to make the performance perfect for the grand final in Melbourne at Hisense arena this Friday. It has been a very busy week for the year 8’s and they are proud of what they have achieved so far.

By Mitchell Spiers, Mia Childs, Tyler Lethlean, Jess O’Connell and Brooke Thomson. (year 8 reporters and editors)

Year 12 News

The end of the year is approaching very quickly and our students have had a very busy term three. The majority of Year 12 students have completed their VTAC applications for tertiary entry next year or the year after and many have written early entry applications to their chosen Universities. The closing date for VTAC is the 30th of September. Most students will have completed their final SACs for the majority of their subjects and should now be fully focussed upon exam preparation and revision. In order to facilitate this revision many teachers are offering revision sessions, holiday classes or are available during the study break to assist students.

Below is a calendar outlining all the sessions being conducted. On Wednesday the 23rd of September Mr Ross Huggard an English Consultant and Guru will be conducting a lecture for the benefit of our students and all students are encouraged to attend. On the following Wednesday all students will be given the opportunity to complete a full English exam under exam conditions starting at 9:00 o’clock. Students have also been given the opportunity to nominate for individual tutorial times with teachers. Many students seized this opportunity and teachers will be approaching them to make a set time for these appointments in the first week of term 4.

Term 4 only has three weeks of structured school for Year 12 students. It is imperative that all students attend all classes during this time. Some of our students begin their exams the first week back with our Indonesian students having their Oral Exam in Shepparton on the 7th of October. Our Dance, Drama Solo, Music Solo and Music Group Performance students will also have performance exams shortly after the start of Term 4.

As leaders of our school it is the expectation that all students will be dressed in full school uniform including their hats during Term 4. The final day for of school for Year 12 students will be on the 23rd of October. Please contact the Year 12 Team if you have any questions about processes over the coming weeks or if you have concerns in regards to your student.

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‘Echuca College Quiz: Terrific Trivia’

It’s Friday afternoon when most students are in class counting the minutes until the weekend is to begin. Not on Friday 4th September for the Echuca College Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) Personal Development students who have headed down to the Echuca Workers and Services Club to decorate the function room for their ‘Hollywood’ themed Trivia Night.

In the words of the ‘Jersey Boys’, ‘Oh, what a night!’ There were around 100 in attendance in a diverse range of ‘Hollywood’ regalia ready for a night of fun and frivolity.

The VCAL students had begun preparations months earlier, writing letters to various organizations and businesses to raise both awareness and support for the fundraiser. They designed advertising posters, tickets, quiz questions, the venue, sponsors’ invitations, a wealth of prizes from a huge range of generous local businesses, and decorated the function room. They even had a hand in planning the catering and acted as hosts for the evening! What an admirable performance!

The efforts of these dedicated students was handsomely rewarded as, together with support from our wonderful community, over $1600 was raised which will benefit the Beacon Foundation and therefore Year 10 students from all schools in Echuca/Moama.

MURRAY RIVER CULINARY CHALLENGE 2009

On Monday this week I had the pleasure of watching two chefs of the future display their talents at the 2009 Murray River Culinary Challenge Grand Final held in Mildura. Matt Brazier and Sarah Hore are Year 1 VET Hospitality students with brilliant potential. From 175 students across the region Matt and Sarah made it to final list of 10 students.

Our students came a very creditable 3rd to the team from Swan Hill SC who won on the day, there was only 1 point separating 2nd & 3rd!! The competition was very intense, so much so that the judges completed their judging behind closed doors which is the first time that this has happened in the 4 years of the competition. The decision came down to the very tiniest of details to get the final result. The judging team consisted of 4 chefs (1 who is a well regarded international chef) the 5th judge was a highly renowned food critic

The menu was a difficult one which needed a lot time (3 hours) and careful planning & our students did that perfectly, the menu consisted of:

Entrée: King Prawn and seared scallop salad

Main: Fillet steak with béarnaise sauce
Marquise Potatoes
Tomato Concasse
Beans in butter

Dessert: Apple crumble with crème Chantilly

The competition was based on the students VET Hospitality studies and the tasks in the competition reflected the standards and conditions of the Regional WorldSkills competition event. The competitors were assessed and tested on: Work plans, benchwork, workflow and management, OH&S, Hygiene, Methods and principles of cookery, preparation of the three menus and creative presentation.

Over the past 3 months the students have put in a lot of hours practice with this competition. A special thanks must go to the VET trainer Rick Smolenaars from BRIT who worked incredibly hard to help Matt and Sarah achieve this fantastic result, with valuable input from Dean Oberin of “Oscar W’s” and Judy Gillson from “Coriander”. Both Dean and Judy have employed students from the VET program in the past!

This is something that they can be very proud of and is a valuable inclusion on their resumes for potential employers. The students had incredible support from family and friends who made the trip up to Mildura, so it doesn’t only involve the students but the whole family too and that was wonderful to see.

Sharon van de Zand
VET Coordinator – Echuca College

PS: Unfortunately we didn’t get to taste their wonderful creations!
Chloe Shorland: 3rd in Down the Line State School Championships

Congratulations to Chloe Shorland of Year 8 who came 3rd in the Down the Line State School Championships on Monday the 7th of September. Chloe secured her position in the team with a 3rd in the Echuca Zone School Championships back in August. She is now ranked 3rd in the state for Junior Girls. Well done Chloe for your outstanding efforts! A big thank you to Chris Shorland who accompanies Chloe to every school shooting event and is always on hand to help out any of our shooters. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Year 10 Girls Footy Report

Two weeks ago the Year 10 girls football team travelled to Rochester. A very skillful side selected by David Monaghan and Kyle Forge were very excited to get procedures underway. The team played Kyabram and Rochelle Daley had the honours of being the Captain for the day showing good form at training, and team work. Although she lost the toss, Echuca kicked with the wind, with a bit of a mix up at the start of the match. The girls ran away in the second half of the match kicking away, best players were Brit Prendergast, Rochelle Daly and Renee Smith.

CSSSA Athletics

Last Thursday September 10th our College competed at the CSSSA Athletics Carnival. It was a great day but we weren’t lucky enough to pull away with the shield. It was a close result with only a 20 point margin between 1st (Ky) and 3rd (us).

Four stand outs on the day were Mia Childs, Kieryn McKemmish and Jordan Glenville who were age Champions and Emily Pellegrino who broke the u/21 200m record and also was Age Champion.

Good luck to those students who will be competing at Northern Zone on the 8th of October.

Girls Soccer

On the 28th of August 14 year 9 and 10 girls went to Melbourne to play in the State Soccer Competition. Our team was made up of fit, enthusiastic soccer players who stood a real chance against the Melbourne teams. Their first game was against the “to be winners” of the comp Mentone Girls College. Resulting in a loss 0-1. We entered the second game, with hopes still very high, against Keilor where we drew 1-1. Lastly and against Cobram, both teams were yet to have a win for the day, resulting in a 0-0 draw. Over all in both A and B draws our girls where equal 3rd with several other teams. Player of the day was Mel Vanzetta, who scored our only goal for the day. Well done girls, we look forward to you all coming together again in 2011 in the Senior Soccer Team.
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

We have our annual girls “Brunch” coming up on October 10th 2009 at Radcliffe’s Restaurant 10am - 12:30pm.

It’s going to be an amazing morning with a beautiful BRUNCH, yummy pastries, quiches, fruit platters, muffins, fresh juice, tea and coffee! We are going to be entertained by Samantha Ryan, who was the winner of the 2008 GV Voice competition, she has the most divine voice and has a great swing/jazz style!

Axis Dance Arena’s dance group have planned an inspiring version of “Amazing Grace” and we have Jo Webb, coordinator of Health Promotion at Echuca Regional Health, who is going to share from her life and experiences.

Please invite all your friends, workmates, Sisters, Mothers, Aunts etc.... To our amazing community event!!!

Most importantly..... We are going to start an ANNUAL tradition of honoring a “woman who shines” in her community.

The special lady will be contacted and invited to come and receive her award. We will shower her with beauty treatments from N8 Touch Massage and Body Pamper and Spa, a night away at Madison Spa, and Echuca’s River Gallery Inn, flowers from Lynn’s Florist, and the Wild Orchid Florist and her hair done at Mint Condition and Sizzarz... and much much more!

We are asking our community members to nominate a woman who “Shines” in her community, nominations can be made at Epicentre’s op shops and participating businesses Gloria Jeans, Body Pamper and Spa, and Old Port Cafe. Nominations close on September 29th 2009. Please feel free to email your nomination to me at brookebowles@iprimus.com.au

Don’t Forget!!! You can purchase tickets or nominate a “Woman Who Shines” at Epicentre’s 2 op shops, Gloria Jeans, Body Pamper and Spa, or the Old Port Cafe. $15 for Adults, $10 Students, or at the door $17 Adults $12 Students.

See you at the Brunch!

Brooke Bowles
Epicentre Church / Echuca College Chaplain
Mob. 0411 694 394

TEKNIQUE SUPPORTS LOCAL BANDS

Shire of Campaspe’s Tekniqe FReeZA are holding an all-ages, drug, alcohol and smoke-free event on Saturday, 19 September. The event will be held at Kyabram P-12 Fischer Campus Hall from 4pm to 10pm.

Performing at the event are The Storm Picturesque, State of East London, A Fallen Theory and The Werewolf of Wysteria, A Legion Defiled and Lagana Skies.

Lagana Skies are a Shepparton based band who has only recently popped up in the local music scene. Previously known as Dial M For Murder, they competed at the Tekniqe FReeZA Battle of the Bands in Rochester and impressed the crowd with their first live performance. The committee expect to see a lot more from Lagana Skies in the future.

Echuca based band, A Legion Defiled, have been around since the beginning of 2009. All members were previously with other local bands, and is now looking to push boundaries with their musical style and love sharing their music with their friends and fans.

The Tekniqe FReeZA Committee has been in operation since April 2008 and have since organised 12 events. These events include the Diversity Battle of the Bands, Theatre Boot Camp, Strobe Dance Party, Freestylin’ Hip Hop Workshops and the recent Push Start Battle of the Bands in Rochester. The committee consists of 10 young people who live in and around the Shire of Campaspe and volunteer their time to attend meetings and organise events outside of full time study or work.

FReeZA is a state government initiative giving young people the opportunity to plan, develop and implement drug, alcohol and smoke-free events. All events are organised “by young people for young people” in a fully supervised, safe environment.

Tickets for the event are available from all Customer Service Centres or Tekniqe FReeZA members at a cost of $10. Tickets will also be available on the day at $12.

For more information on this event or to become part of the Tekniqe FReeZA Committee contact Ellen Kirk on 1300 666 535, or visit the Shire of Campaspe at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au
Our communities are generally resilient however the challenges of long term drought and the effects of illness, financial stress and strained relationships can wear our resilience thin.

We can:

- manage our feelings more effectively
- respond rather than react to life’s challenges
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- improve our communication within relationships
- access our inner resources and innate wisdom to achieve mental, physical and spiritual health

Attend either Day 1, Day 2, or if possible, Both Days

Registration: 9:00am, Workshop: 9:30am - 4:00pm

Cost: $30 per day, $20 Concession (includes morning tea & lunch)

Booking is essential because of catering requirements

Petrea King, Quest for Life Foundation
Petrea is a well-known author, counsellor, inspirational speaker and workshop leader to over 70,000 people.

HEALTH & HAPPINESS

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DAY 1
explores how the patterns of our past influence how we live in the present. It includes a session on meditation and mindfulness and the keys to peace of mind.

DAY 2
applies the principles of Day 1 more deeply, exploring what triggers cause us to react, leading us to understand how we can actively change our life for the better. It includes meditation.

These workshops are brought to the Loddon Mallee Region by LMICS and associated partners. Enquiries 0413 05 7879