**Principal’s Report**

‘Power of One - One College, One Team’

Echuca College is committed to ensuring our students have the best possible opportunities to reach their potential. To this end we will be conducting our ‘Step Up’ Program for students currently in years 9, 10 and 11 and this will be the commencement of their academic year for 2010 on the 23rd of November. The ‘Step Up’ program will run from Monday the 23rd of November to Friday the 4th of December. Students will be placed in their 2010 subjects and classes will be delivered by their 2010 teachers. This program is compulsory and is a key element in our students’ preparation for 2010. Monday the 23rd November will be a very significant date because the College will be located on the College Drive site for the first time. We therefore seek the community’s support for this very worthwhile program.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who ensure their students attend school regularly. Education is a sequential process. Absences often mean students miss important stages in the development of topics, causing them to find ‘catching up’ difficult. Recent research shows that students who miss more than 8 days of a school year are at risk. The Loddon Campaspe Educational Region has set as one of its main goals for 2009/2010 the reduction of unnecessary student absences. It is important to note that while the 3rd of November is a public holiday we would like to reinforce that MONDAY THE 2nd OF NOVEMBER IS NOT a holiday for Government Schools in the Shire of Campaspe.

Considerable effort has gone into ensuring that our End of Year activities for our Year 12s were safe and coordinated. Our Year 12s celebrated the completion of formal classes last Friday at a breakfast held at the Echuca Hotel, followed by a farewell assembly at the Crofton Street gym. The assembly was great fun and the highlight was a 45 minute DVD produced by the students on a range of very funny events around the College and local community. The assembly provided the students with an opportunity to say farewell to the College, teachers and fellow students. It was great to see so many parents attend the assembly and this added to positive atmosphere of and the celebratory nature of the assembly. VCE examinations start this Friday with the three hour English exam starting at 9 am. The College staff would like to wish our Year 12s all the best with their exams and all the very best for the future.

Although the examination period is getting closer for our senior students, the rest of the College still has a considerable way to go before the end of the year. The calendar is full of important events and this week saw our Year 10 complete their Beacon Program with the ‘Big Day In’ held at the Echuca Fontana Sports and Entertainment Centre. The program began with guest speaker David Wadge, Adventurer and Motivational Speaker and was followed by four workshop times feature 15 different presentations. The focus of the program and the presentations was around personal development, health and wellbeing. Another major event that students are preparing for is the ‘RACV 24 Hour Energy Breakthrough Endurance Race’ held at Maryborough on the 20th, 21st and 22nd November. Echuca College will enter two teams this year, a junior and senior team.

**REMEMBER**

Tuesday 3rd November (Melbourne / Echuca Cup) is a holiday for Government Schools in the Shire of Campaspe.
Training for the event has started and we will watch their progress over the next month with much interest.

Last week saw our junior debtors participate in a workshop conducted by the Debaters Association of Victoria, congratulations to all involved, see a full report from Nicole Case later in the newsletter.

Our move from Crofton Street to College Drive will officially take place on the 19th and 20th November with all students being located at College Drive from the 23rd November. On the 19th and 20th, no formal classes will be conducted and it is not compulsory for students to attend school while we move from Crofton Street. If students do attend school on those days, they will be supervised. The 23rd November is a significant day because all students will be located on the College Drive Campus. Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 in 2010 will start their two week ‘Step Up’ program and students in this Year’s 7 and 8 classes will continue with their normal program. On Wednesday the 18th November, students at Crofton Street will leave the campus at 2.30 and walk to College as a symbolic gesture of moving forward into the new College. All Buses will leave from College Drive for the first time.

Chris Eeles
College Principal

Year 12 Celebration Day
Last Friday we farewelled our Year 12 students at a special assembly for students, parents and staff. Students presented a very funny DVD to the assembly and praised the work of our Year 12 Team led by Mrs. Gould and her assistants Mrs. Jones and Mr. Ridge. It was great to see so many of our Year 12 students’ families attend the assembly. We had over 100 guests at the assembly on Friday. We wish our Year 12 students all the best for their exams in the next few weeks.

Examinations
Exam time is nearly upon us. Year 12 exams commence on Friday 30th October, Year 11 commence on the 9th November and Year 10 commence on the 12th November. Year level team leaders will be handing out timetables for exams to all students over the next week.

Relocation of Crofton Street Campus
The shifting of Crofton St to College Drive is approaching quickly. Removalists will be in on the weekends November 14th & 15th and November 21st & 22nd. Students will have pupil free days on November 19th & 20th to allow staff to move from Crofton St to College Drive.

Lockers
To assist in the relocation of lockers to College Drive, students will need to empty their lockers completely by the dates listed below. Any books left in lockers after these dates will be donated to Rotary for distribution to those in need.

Celebrating Crofton Street Campus
The weekend of the 14th and 15th November is set aside to celebrate the closing of our Crofton Street Campus. On Saturday 14th November a dinner is planned for all staff that attended Echuca College and Echuca High School over the years. The night will be held out on the front lawn at Crofton Street with catering provided by LG Catering. The cost for the evening is $28.00 per person to cover cost of meal. Please pass this information onto any previous staff member you may be aware of.

On Sunday 15th November we will be conducting the final roll call for Crofton Street. This will take place at 10am at Crofton Street. This is open to all students and staff that have attended Echuca College and Echuca High School.

2010 Step-Up Program
The 2010 Step-Up program commences on Monday 23rd November 2009 at College Drive for all students Years 10, 11 and 12 in 2010. Staff will be commencing work for 2010 during this program. The program finishes on Friday 4th December 2009.

Year 12 Graduation Dinner
Our Year 12 Graduation Dinner is on Sunday 22nd November 2009 commencing at 6.30pm at Rich River Golf Club. An invitation has been sent out to all Year 12 parents last week. Tickets can be obtained from the General Office at Crofton St. Campus. All Year 12 students and parents are invited to this evening. A total of 3 tickets per Year 12 student will be allocated.

Karl Stenning & Chris Kelly
Campus Principals

EMA CHEQUES
EMA CHEQUES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION ON WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER.

URGENT!!!
CANTEEN
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

Some days we struggle to get even 1 Parent helper in the Canteen! If you can help out please call Jeanette Fabry on 03 54821133. You could be a mum, dad, grandparent, aunty or uncle! Light lunch is supplied and a great day out can be had!
Year 8 News

This week in the Year 8 north area, we have started the real game and students have selected their occupations. In Humanities, we have learnt about budgeting and have been working out their income and figuring out what they can afford. In English this week we have been selecting job advertisements from the newspaper and working on job applications and resumes that can be used for when they get a job. We are currently studying blood, and the heart, we dissected a lambs heart in science and examined the different valves, arteries and veins.

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

Year 10 News

Year 10 Outdoor Education Trip

Last week a group of Year 10 Outdoor Education students took on the challenge of hiking the Razorback Track to Mt Feathertop, in the beautiful Alpine National Park. Day 1 was spent relaxing in Bright with an easy warm up walk, swimming in the river, fishing and ball games. On the second day the group hiked the 11km Razorback Track from Diamantina Hut (near Mt Hotham) to Federation Hut, our camping spot for the night. The weather was great and the scenery spectacular, with amazing panoramic views from the track. From Federation Hut most of the group made the extra 3km trek up to the peak of Mt Feathertop, which was still covered in snow and made for an interesting climb to the top and a fun snowball fight. The group worked extremely well together; helping and encouraging each other to complete the 5 hour journey. Day 3 saw the ultra fit head back along the Razorback Track to the bus, while the others descended along the Bungalow Spur Track to Harrietville. The bus ride home was slightly quieter than normal, with some exhausted bodies on board. All students should be congratulated on their efforts and spirit in completing the trek. A big thank you to Bri Bennett and Steve Abromovich for all their help in making the trip a success.

Lauren Menz (Year 10 Outdoor Education Teacher)

Debaters Association of Victoria Competition

On Friday 23rd October Echuca College hosted a Debaters Association of Victoria competition. Six schools from the local area participated. Many students new to debating partook in a workshop conducted by the DAV. The students then participated in a day of prepared and impromptu debating. Of the two junior teams that Echuca College entered the combination of Rowena Ilsley, Felicity Prendergast and Ellie Denson proved unstoppable, with the girls dominating the competition and finishing as the champions of the day. The second junior team of Gemma Rowley, Jessie Hardess and Makayla O’Callaghan finished closely behind, also proving to be a strong combination. The intermediate team of Harrison, Lawrence, Josh Berryman, Joy Bryson and researcher Alison Cardwell put in a commendable effort but were unsuccessful. Ellie Denson was awarded Best Junior Speaker of the day.

Nicole Case

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SPORTING NEWS

NORTHERN ZONE ATLETICS

After a rough start with the bus breaking down we finally made it Bendigo where our College performed to perfection.

Medal winners were Cam Valentine, Meghan Corby, Keiryn McKemmish, Libby Pellegrino, Brad Mellington and Mia Childs. We had three of our team make to the State final, Libby in the 200m, Keiryn in the 400m and Brad in the 1500m walk.

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STATE ATHLETICS

Well Done to Libby Pellegrino and Keiryan McKemmish who travelled down to Melbourne on the 20th of October to compete in the State Athletics. Both had fantastic results with Keiryn winning the 400m and Libby coming 3rd in the 200m.

INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

On Monday the 12th of October, a group of elite level basketballers ventured to Mildura to represent Echuca College in the Northern Zone Basketball Championship. Having enjoyed the delights of the accommodation provided by the Mildura and Deakin Caravan Park (and a rather friendly cat), both teams woke up Tuesday full of enthusiasm and eager to get to the stadium and begin the days competition. The intermediate girls team were the first game of the day, facing Maryborough. The Maryborough girls were an extremely well-drilled side and whilst our girls gave it their best, they lost 10-37. Jodie ‘Legs Eleven’ West and Tameka ‘Speedy Gonzales’ Branch were voted best on for this game. A special mention must also go to Jess Naughton, who not having played basketball before, came on to score a goal in the opening seconds of her debut. The intermediate boys were the next cab off the rank up against Castlemaine, a team whose reputation already had people talking in the streets of Mildura. To their credit, the Echuca College boys aka ‘EC Rep’, put plenty of pressure on their opposition and ensured that the Castlemaine team were pushed to their limits. Some fancy footwork from captain Angus ‘Twinkle-Toes’ Fraser was a highlight, along with Cameron ‘Velvet Cream’ Valentine’s continuous banter he shared with opposition players. The boys were down all game, and despite an all-inspiring 3-pointer from Gus, the boys went down 23-51. Daniel Edwards and Raymond Thompson were amongst Echuca’s best.

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In a game that was closely contested, EC Rep had obviously eaten a little too much subway for lunch! After a slow start, Crusoe College proved a better match for our boys and was a great game to watch. Nathan Evans hit the floorboards on several occasions, working hard to stop his opponents from driving in to the basket. Similarly, Cameron Valentine put his body on the line.
In his desperation to save a fast break, Cam contested the ball in a fly that was eerily similar to that of the famous Alex Jesaulenko. Tapping the ball out of court, he landed in the stands and had the Echuca College crowd on their feet. Daniel Edwards made a habit of turning the ball over and driving down the court, adding important points to EC’s score. Heath Blackley also played an integral role throughout this match, rebounding strongly and making sure he converted all free-throw opportunities. The final score was 22-29.

The girls were improving as the day went on and next up was Swan Hill. Again our girls contested well with Jodie West giving one of the Swan Hill girls a good old-fashioned rejection in the opening minutes of the game. Ellie Ralph was constantly putting pressure on her opponents and Tamika ‘Speedy Gonzales’ Branch was on fire, scoring from both within the key and the 3-point line. In the words of Mr Valentine who assisted me with this write up “Branchy did a wicked pass to Tess who converted for the goal of the day”. The final score was 21-29.

In another close game, the boys were up against Swan Hill. Having lost the last game in such a close contest, the Echuca boys were not going to drop this game. Alistair ‘Ever Reliable’ Holt was the star of the show, his tight defence and continuous driving to the basket ensuring that Echuca got a good lead and remained in front for the duration of the game. The final score resulted in Echuca’s first win for the day, defeating Swan Hill 34-31.

The final game of the day for both teams was against Irymple. The girls went down in another solid team effort against a very skilful Irymple side. Tessa ‘Take No Prisoners’ O’Rielly persisted just as she had in every match, not afraid to contest the ball against any of her opponents. Amanda Carrington rebounded strongly and Jessica Naughton only improved as the day went on.

The boys had another close encounter, and although they may not have won, EC Rep played with the same positive attitude and sportsmanship that they had demonstrated all day. Irymple were an extremely friendly bunch and no doubt some of the Echuca boys gained some pen-pals for life.

In conclusion, I would personally like to congratulate all of the Echuca College students who went to Mildura to represent our school. I had several opposition coaches comment on the tremendous spirit that all of our games were played in and what a great job our teams did of supporting one another all day.

A big thank-you must go out to Corey ‘Coach Carter’ Wanganeen who took on the coaching role for both teams, Bri Bennet for her organisation leading up to and on the day and to Alan Corby for driving the bus. It is fantastic to take such a great group of young people on excursions such as this, and everyone should be proud of the way that they conducted themselves.

Although we may not have won on the day, in the words of Captain Gus, “we mentally outplayed our opposition”. Thank-you and well done to everyone!

Erin ‘Mum/Gurgler’ McGurK

YEAR 7 CSSSA CRICKET

A beautiful day presented itself to the Echuca College year 7 cricket team as they took to the field in the first round match against Rochester. Winning the toss and electing to bat Haffenden 32 ret, Toll 30 ret and Price 13 ensured Echuca posted a competitive 113. Kyabram got away to a strong start with the bat. Some tight bowling from Price 2 wickets and Abbott 1 wicket causing Kyabram to stumble slightly before passing Echuca’s score with 2 overs to spare.

The team played some great cricket and I would like to thank Craig Haffenden and Brady Chandler for scoring.

MVP – Shaun Haffenden and Jake Toll
Scott Trewella
Cricket Coach

What the Food Technology Students are Cooking This Week!

Easy Individual Pavlova

Ingredients

1 egg (large) white
1/2 cup caster sugar
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon cornflour
1/2 teaspoon white vinegar
2 tablespoons boiling water
Cream
Selection of fruit

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees.
2. Make sure egg white has no traces of yolk.
3. Place all ingredients (except cream and fruit), into a bowl and mix with an electric beater until mixture is very firm and peaks form.
4. Spread into a round shape on a tray lined with baking paper.
5. Place in oven for 10 minutes.
6. Reduce heat to 150 degrees for approximately 30 minutes
7. Cool in oven.
8. Serve topped with cream and fruit, such as passionfruit and berries of your own choice.
SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Principal: Christine Rutherford (ACBA-CICB)
Cecchetti Ballet Aust Inc & Cecchetti International
Member of AUSDANCE

Presents:

An Afternoon of Dance

Classical
Jazz/Funk
Contemporary
HipHop

Sunday 15 November commencing at 2pm

Bookings - Paramount Theatre Ph 5482 3399

LBU NETBALL CLUB
Positions vacant for the 2010 season:
Netta Netball Coordinator
Coaches:
Open grades (A, A Reserve & B)
Junior grades (U17, U15 and D Primary)
Applications Close 20 November 09.
For more info contact:
Rylea Dullard 0419 867 464
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Saturday 31 October ‘09
2pm - 8pm
Rotary Park
Echuca
$15 entry
(under school-age free)

boards bikes bands

- all ages
- fully supervised
- drug, alcohol & smoke free event
- no pass outs
- food & drink available for purchase (no byo)
- byo chairs & picnic rugs

Organised by Rotary & The Moama Echuca Community Skate Park Committee
Further info: Meighan Ph: 0419 897 902 or visit www.mecskatepark.com