Principal’s Report

‘Diversity Our Strength’

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, staff and students are working towards the completion of semester one’s work in preparation for midyear 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. Could I ask parents to check with their student’s on their progress and if there are any concerns about the completion of work, to please contact the College and speak to the relevant year level Team Leader.

Yet another reminder that examinations for Unit Three VCE subjects start next week 8th June with Biology and Physics, followed by Psychology and Chemistry on the 9th June. The examinations are Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority set examinations. On Thursday 10th June, all students studying a Unit 3 & 4 subject this year will be required to sit the General Achievement Test (GAT).

Last week Beacon Foundation in conjunction with Echuca College, St Joseph’s College and Moama Grammar conducted the ‘Futures Workshops’ at the Fonterra Centre. Over 300 students from our schools participated in the all day program that featured over 70 exhibits covering a wide variety of vocations. Local, regional and national businesses and companies were represented and they provided a wealth of information for our students. Sound vocational and pathways information is crucial at this stage of our Year 10 students’ development and with course selection for VCE only a matter of weeks away, the ‘Futures Workshops’ initiative, assists students in the subject selection process. Early next semester all Year 10 students will be involved in VCE and course selection lessons before our Careers and Pathways Expo at the College. Mr Webb and Ms Roberts have provided a detailed report in the Newsletter.

Last week students from Echuca College had their first opportunity at journalism with the publication of the May edition of the ‘Loop’. Student Renee George (editor), Teasha McInnes, Kassidy Rae Sellings, Milly Denson and Jarrod Rosenow wrote a total of eight articles for this month’s edition. The ‘Loop’ is a project promoted by ‘Lead On’ that provides students from across Echuca with an opportunity to experience the ‘real world’ through practical experiences. We are very proud of the achievements of our future journalists in their first edition for the year.

If you didn’t get a chance to review their articles, please get a copy of the Riverine Herald from the media) students have been working in teams on various projects across Echuca with an opportunity to experience the ‘real world’ through practical experiences. It has been great to see strong diversity in student writing in the ‘Loop’.

This week is ‘Reconciliation Week’ and the College has celebrated it by participating in the Campaspe Shire’s ceremony last Monday. We have also been lucky enough to have three new flag poles donated to the College through Njernda and they are now located at the front of the College with the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags flying. On Tuesday, we conducted an information evening for members of our Koori community and families of students attending Echuca College. The evening was well attended and provided an opportunity for parents and elders to talk to the College staff about programs at Echuca College and strategies for the future. We look forward to our next meeting in semester two.

It has been a very busy week in the Performing Arts areas with Years 7 and 8 Pro Arts performances on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and this Friday our ‘Night of Dance’. All the performances are a combination of our students’ work in these areas over the last semester. Our Pro Arts (drama, music, multi-media) students have been working in teams on various projects that are present as performances or via multi-media sources. It has been great to see strong parental support at these performances. This Friday evening at 6.30pm, our dance students from Years 7-12 will perform their dances as part of their assessment for semester one. These evenings are more realistic for our students if we have a good audience to support their performance. I would encourage parents, friends and staff to support this important event. A gold coin donation to cover minor sound costs would be appreciated. I would like to thank our teachers working in the Performing Arts area for their great work with our students.

Staff and students at Echuca College would like to wish Brock Norwood all the best as he competes in the Australian School Sport Swim & Diving Championship next week in Brisbane. Brock is in the Victorian team and flies out this Saturday for a 5 day Australian competition. All the best for Brock.

Would you like to receive the newsletter via email?
CSSA Cross Country Report

The CSSSA Cross Country was once again held here in Echuca at Victoria Park. With a large team of representatives, Echuca College had several runners in every age group event, which was fantastic to see! Of the 10 individual events, Echuca College managed to have 6 age group champions. Congratulations to the following students:

- **U13 Boys Champion**: Campbell Ennis
- **U14 Boys Champion**: Shaun Atkins
- **U15 Boys Champion**: Riley Fitzpatrick
- **U16 Girls Champion**: Ellie Ralph
- **U21 Girls Champion**: Libby Pelligrino
- **U21 Boys Champion**: Brock Norwood

In addition to these excellent individual efforts, we also managed to win several age group sections which resulted in Echuca College once again retaining the highly sought-after CSSSA Cross Country Shield. Rochester came second, followed by Nathalia and Kyabram in 3rd and 4th place.

It was once again great to see so many Echuca College students keen and eager to represent our school. It must also be noted on how dashing you all looked in your full Echuca College sports uniform. This is something we really need to keep going at all future sporting events.

A big thank you must go out to Miss Foy for organising the event, along with Miss McGurk, Mr Pearson, and Adam (our PE trainee) for assisting on the day. The Northern Zone Cross Country is being held at St Arnaud on Thursday the 17th of June. Congratulations to all students who will be running, we wish you the best of luck!

Mother’s Day Raffle - Tour of Turkey Fundraiser

The student’s participating in the Tour of Turkey wish to congratulate the winners of the Mother’s Day raffle:

- The Burrill Family
- Fiona Brown
- Wilma Hills

We are certain they will enjoy their prizes.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the local businesses that supported us and generously donated the prizes: AMCAL Chemist, Beauty Empire, Glenda’s Candle Scents, King Pin Bowling, Lace & Satin Lingerie Occasion Studios, Purity Design Hair College, Savoury Bite Sharps Magic Movie House & Penny Arcade, St Anne’s Winery, Taco Bill’s Mexican Restaurant, Tangled Garden Bookshop, Under the Gable, Westside Milk Bar.

Nurse’s Report - Cyber Safety

Young people don’t always separate the online world from the real world...It’s important to keep them safe no matter where they are. [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au) is a website which aims to help parents, carers and teachers keep young people safe in the digital environment.

**HOW KIDS HAVE FUN ONLINE!**

Youth use technology to chat with their friends, share files, create their own space and watch movies. It’s important to know how kids are having fun so that you can help them to stay in control online.

**HOW KIDS CAN STAY IN CONTROL ON THE NET?**

You need to empower young people to keep themselves safer online. They need to know how to protect themselves from some risks they might come across. This might be by keeping their personal information private or blocking cyber-bullies. Check out the ThinkUKnow site for more advice.

**HOW TO REPORT IF YOU ARE WORRIED?**

The ThinkUKnow website has an area where you can report problems to law enforcement and receive advice about how to address online safety and security issues. Share this site with your kids so that they know how to report when someone makes them feel uncomfortable online.

**HOW TO HELP PROTECT YOUR KIDS ONLINE?**

Know what your children are doing online and on their mobiles. Ask them to show you how to use the applications they use online. Keeping the computer in a family room means that you can share your child’s online experience

Help your children to understand that they should NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL DETAILS TO “FRIENDS” THEY ONLY KNOW ONLINE. – This includes their messenger ID, passwords, email address, mobile number and any pictures of themselves, their family and friends. Anything you put online can be seen, changed or shared by anyone.

Help you child to understand that some people lie online. They should never meet up with someone they have met online without a responsible adult.

Teach your children how to block someone online and tell a trusted adult if they make them feel uncomfortable. For more information on how to stay in control of online risks and report abuse visit: [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)
Careers/Pathways News

Beacon Real Futures Workshop – Monday 24th May
All Year 10 students attended the Beacon Real Futures Workshop at the Fonterra Centre, Monday 24th May. The day is a feature on the Beacon calendar and now into its 9th year – one of the best we have seen. More than 70 workshops were held and the businesses represented included floristry, medical profession, police force, chef/hospitality industry, architecture, dance and many more. Students attended four sessions of their choice. The key note speaker was Joanne Werner a past student (Echuca High School) who is now a renowned film producer and the creator of the new ABC children’s television show – Dance Academy.

Thank you to Steve Gale who is Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation Executive Officer. Steve put in a power of work to make the event happen and the result was very positive for the students who attended. Thank you to the students who attended and the way you embraced learning and listening to the guest speakers must be commended. The Beacon Leaders did a marvellous job and they spoke at various occasions throughout the day, they should be congratulated. Finally thanks to the teachers who helped on the day.

Sandy Roberts - Beacon Coordinator.

Experience LA Trobe
A students chance to check out university life!
Students’ in Years 10 to 12 can attend university for a day to check out different courses, accommodation and university life.
Registration is required at Latrobe.edu.au/experience or call 1300 135 045
18 June - Albury Wodonga Campus
6 July- Melbourne (Bundoora)
8th July Bendigo
For more information and a pamphlet contact Mr Webb or Miss Roberts.
Most of the universities offer similar programs in the Mid-Year holidays. For details check out the university web-sites or contact the Pathways staff at Echuca College.

VCE –Subject Lecture
La Trobe university recently sponsored five year 12 students to attend an Access Education lecture on a VCE subject they are currently studying that has a mid-year exam. Each of the students found this opportunity valuable and appreciated the support from La Trobe.

Year 9 News

Semester 2 Subjects
All students should have by now received a copy of their subject selections for semester two. Any students or parents wishing to discuss their child’s subjects please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Parkdale SC Visits
Don’t miss a snap shot of the students’ reflections on the recent Parkdale SC visits elsewhere in the newsletter. Echuca College students are pleading with Mrs Jones to be able to visit their school later in the year!

Uniform
A reminder that students should be in either full summer or full winter uniform. Students should not be wearing tracksuit pants or hoodie jumpers. Any families seeking assistance or advice with the uniform requirements can contact a member of the Year 9 Team or Welfare Coordinator, Paul Robinson.

Alpine Students’ CLP Project
Congratulations to our Term 1 School for Leadership students who have recently begun to make links with the Echuca Special School. The students are looking at creating an alternative program for the students in the junior years at the Special School. The students will begin to visit the school to create a relationship with the students and will begin organising and implementing activities early in Term 3. Well done!

Duke of Ed
Students involved in the Duke of Ed program have begun completing their online record book. Any students encountering difficulties should see Mrs Jones asap. Students should be looking at obtaining appropriate assessors to sign off on their activities asap. Assessors should be qualified and knowledgeable on the relevant area and not be related to the student.

Winter Sports
Congratulations to those students who have recently been representing the College in their chosen winter sports. Recently we have had students out doing us proud in netball, soccer, Aussie Rules and shooting! Congratulations to those students and their teams who have progressed onto the next stage. The Year 9 Team
Year 10 News

Year 10 Exams have been on Thursday and Friday of this week. Students who missed an exam for any reason will sit them next Monday with the Year 11’s.

Gold Coast Trip - A $50 minimum deposit is required to be paid to the Front Office by the end of term.

Year 11 Report – These are the Days of Our Lives

EXAM INFORMATION
The Year 11 exams will be held in the Senior Learning Area from Monday 7th June until Wednesday 9th June. Students received an information pack from their Tutorial group teachers last week. Students who have not received this information, please call in to see a Year 11 Team member. Students should check the equipment required for exams with their subject teachers.

DEBUTANT UPDATE
The final dates have been set for this year’s debutant ball! Friday 6th August and Saturday 7th August. Compulsory training is held every Monday (Friday evening Deb) or Wednesday (Saturday evening Deb). Training is held in the Dance Studio 4pm – 5pm.

(above) Yr 11 Debutant students training session.

Ultranet Goes Live

In 2010 our school will login to the future with Ultranet, the new online system for schools. The Ultranet is a state-wide secure site that teachers, parents/guardians and students can access via the internet. It will be rolled out in our school in two releases:

In Release 1, students and teachers will be able to collaborate using online tools such as wikis, blogs and discussion forums. Students will be able to create their own online learning portfolio and take part in online learning activities. Teachers will be able to access and share valuable online learning content across Victoria.

Release 2, with extra functionality, will be made available to all schools in late September. Towards the end of Term Three, parents/guardians will receive a user name, password and user manual, and from Term Four, you will be able to log on and see information about your child and our school. This information will build up over time, creating an ongoing record for each student. These records will travel with your child from year to year and school to school.

Between now and then, we will give you more information about the system and how you will be able to use it. Our teachers will be learning to use the Ultranet over the next few months and will gradually bring it into the classroom for our students to use. We will inform you when students start to access the Ultranet.

Some basic privacy information about the Ultranet
The Ultranet is accessible to school staff, teachers, students and parents/guardians in Victorian government schools. It is a closed website that can’t be accessed by anyone else on the internet.

The Ultranet will not store health or welfare information about your child. (Health or welfare information includes medical, behavioural, birthday or contact details.) In fact, the only personal information about your child in the Ultranet will be their name and school photograph (unless you notify the school and request the photograph is not used). All other information on the Ultranet about your child will be specific to their learning.

In Release 1, learning information about a student can be seen only by that student and teachers at our school. In Term Four, the parents/guardians of the individual student will then be able to see this information. This means that you can only see information about your own children, and teachers can only see information about students at their own school.

If you’d like more information, please go to www.education.vic.gov.au/ultranet or contact Echuca College and ask to speak to Maryna Badenhorst, by calling 54821133.

Uniform News

The Echuca Fashion Centre advises us that all outstanding uniform deliveries have now been received. The store now has ample supply of the woollen V neck jumper and girls’ pants. Thank you for your patience and understanding.
YEARS 7 NETBALL

The Year 7 Netballers played on wet, slippery courts at Kyabram, and both the A and B teams worked well as a team, showed great endeavour and enthusiasm throughout the day. The A team were in a tough section, and came up against Ky and Rochy, losing both matches 6-15 and 9-14. In the rematches in the afternoon, Ky were again too strong, with EC losing 5-17, but Echuca College saved their best efforts for the last match against Rochy, going down in a close match 14-16. Highlights of the day include Courtney performing the splits but managing to keep possession of the ball and play on, and Shannon’s trip, quick recovery to knock the ball forward (straight into an opponent’s face) then collect the rebound and play on as if nothing untoward occurred. The B team performed steadily all day, winning all three matches and finishing on top of their division. Results were EC defeated Nathalia 11-8, defeated Kyabram 19-7 and then in the rain defeated Rochester 10-8. Unfortunately the B teams success was limited to the premier of B division and not progressing further in the zone finals. A great effort on the day with 18 very eager girls performing well and representing Echuca College with pride. Best players showing great team work and consistency for the day were Shannon Elgar and Meganne Bath.

INTERMEDIATE NETBALL

This year our intermediate team consisted of all keen year 9 girls. They all played extremely well in the tricky wet and cold conditions and had some great matches against mainly year 10 opponents. Each girl should be congratulated on the way they represented the school and their efforts and sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done to the following girls:

SENIOR NETBALL

Despite a wet and miserable day, the senior girls fought gallantly all day. With only thirteen ladies making the effort to attend the tournament, it meant that a Year 9 student had to step in and play for the B team. Thanks to all girls for their hard work and tireless efforts. The A Team started off against Ky SC. Sarah Veyes was goaling strongly whilst Sarah McCluskey was a delight to watch in defence. EC came home with a strong win. Our next match saw us come up against a tall and highly talented Rocky SC. Jami Haigh drove hard through the centre whilst Toni Hardess applied some excellent defensive pressure in WD. Unfortunately it wasn’t enough to beat the eventual winners. Heading into the third game, the girls were wet and tired to say the least. Amy Lord rebounded strongly against the tall Ky goalers, whilst Zoe Lubke’s feeding into the goalers was delicious. Our final match saw us come up against the Rocky girls again. Zara Pearson displayed a lot of mongrel in the goal ring, fighting for all the loose balls. Despite having played every quarter for the entire day, the girls fought it out til the end. Well done ladies! The B Team were well supported by late inclusion Tejana Abbott in her first bout of exercise in 6 months after a lengthy injury!! Well done T! Our first match was against a tall and fast Nathalia. Year 9 recruit Shakira Mongta tried hard in goals, supporting the accurate Amanda Carrington. EC went down in a close fight. The second match against Rochy was an equally fought match. Lorinda Thompson showed her versatility by playing an array of positions, whilst Britt Prendergast was fearless in defence. In the second half of the draw, the girls came up against Nathalia again. Stf McKee was a star recruit from Year 9, supporting Nicole Mahncke who was in blistering form in defence. In our final match against Rochy, Kayla Hancock listened to the inspirational speech from team mascot “Adam Brady” and took several outstanding intercepts. Well done ladies on fighting the day out despite being undermanned, wet and cold. The senior girls would like to thank their team mascot, Adam Brady, for his inspirational and uplifting three quarter time speeches. We hope they work better on soccer players than they did on netballers!

SOCCER TEAMS NEWS

‘SATURATED SOCCER’ - SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER

It was Tuesday 25th May 2010 and the brave few lined up in the pouring rain ready to pounce on any loose balls from the Bendigo Senior Secondary Girls. Alas, there were very few and, after a first half of tireless running from our girls in the teeming H2O the sodden conditions took their toll. We went down 2 – 0 in honourable if saturated defeated but not without a brave fight. There may have only been the bare 11 (not literally in that weather) but they were fantastic, ably lead by Millie Denson and Tayla Maloney and well supported by ‘Fuzzy’ Teasdale, Kysa Keil, Hannah Deighton and Erryn Flynn plus the rest of the terrific cast. The girls finished second on the day as Castlemaine struggled against our enthusiasm.

MVP: Kysa Keil

INTERMEDIATE BOYS SOCCER

The intermediate boys soccer team had a great day at the Northern Zone event despite the weather and narrowly losing to Bendigo South East secondary school. The boys won 2 games and lost 2 games for the day. The MVP for the day was Kenny Gamble who scored a great sliding goal with his left foot after a massive run through the midfield. Other players to show some great skill on the day included Adam Richardson, James Deighton, Maddie Harris and Jesse Hill.
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*** SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE!!! ***

**SPECIALS (changing each week please watch board & bulletin):**
Chilli Chicken Wraps, Pasta Bolognaise, Tuna Bake, Pizza Pasta Bake, Scalloped Potatoes, Fish Fillet Burger & Coleslaw, Macaroni Cheese, Chicken Risotto, Fried Rice, Nachos, Pasta Carbonara, Butter Chicken, Thai Red Chicken Curry, Toasted Hawaiian Wrap, Savoury Jacket Potato, Veggie Frittata, Sushi, Chicken Burger, Pastie Slice & Crunchy Tuna Rolls, and heaps more!!

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ORDER YOUR LUNCH - TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY**