Echuca College farewells Year 12 ‘Class of 2010’

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 yesterday at a breakfast held at the Echuca Hotel, followed by a farewell assembly at the College gym. The assembly was great fun and the highlight was a 40 minute DVD produced by the students on a range of very funny events around the College and local community. The Year 12 students adopted a ‘Movie’ theme as part of their farewell ceremony and this provided some great entertainment as each year 12 student entered the gym for their last 15 seconds of fame. The assembly provided our students with an opportunity to say farewell to the College, teachers and fellow students. It was great to see so many parents attendance and this added to positive atmosphere and the celebratory nature of the assembly. This was the first time Echuca College has been able to farewell our Year 12s with the entire College present. Although formal classes are over for the Year 12 cohort, the hard work is not. VCE examinations start next Thursday 28th with the three hour English exam starting at 9 am. The College staff would like to wish our Year 12 students all the best with their exams and all the very best for the future.

The College’s official opening will take place on the 26th October at 10.30 am with Candy Broad MLC for Northern Victoria representing the state government. There will be an article in the Riverina Herald outlining the opening of the College. Ms Broad will tour the College’s facilities before participating in the official opening ceremony in the piazza area of the College. We are looking forward to the official opening and although it will be brief it will feature our students performing the national anthem and some musical items. Following the formal ceremony, guests and staff are invited to morning tea in the Cafe Learning Area.
Echuca College now has EMA cheques in for Term 4. If you receive EMA and need to collect your cheque, please collect it from the General Office as soon as possible. If you have any queries in regards to the EMA cheques please don’t hesitate to call Echuca College on 54821133.

Echuca College Fiction Books Sale!

Echuca College will be having a Fiction Book sale at the Second hand Book sale on November 19th in the Senior Neighbourhood. Come and grab some great books from a huge range of titles. These are duplicated books from the merger of two libraries and most are in good condition. Choose from either $1, $2 and $3 tables.

Australian Mathematics Competition

The Australian Mathematics competition was held in August with over 40 countries entering the competition. Echuca College had 39 students complete the paper from Years 7 – 11. Of the 39 students, 24 will receive a distinction certificate, indicating that they achieved a score in the top 50% of the state.

Our highest achievers were:
- Year 7: Leighton Flight (top 25%) and Rhys Dawes (top 25%)
- Year 8: Greta Pearson (top 24%) and Whitney White (top 22%)
- Year 9: Samuel Day (top 19%) and Mitchell Spiers (top 27%)
- Year 10: Joy Bryson (top 47%)
- Year 11: Joshua Jakobi (top 36%)

Congratulations to all those who participated. All students receive a certificate and an analysis of their results.

On Wednesday evening the College held a ‘Cyber Safety’ information evening for the community. Although the audience was small in number, the interest in the topic was huge. The evening was the third in a series of information evenings held by local secondary colleges. Students from the three schools have developed a Cyber Safety Tips brochure and this plus other resources were made available to the audience on the evening. The evening also provided first hand information from personnel working in this area from the DEECD Regional Office in Bendigo and members from the Bendigo Police. The DVD ‘Photograph’ was also shown to the audience. This is a DVD produced by DEECD (in Bendigo) for schools to use with Year 7-12 to illustrate some of the issues around cyber safety. Parents and guests used question time to drill down into the topic of cyber safety and thanks to our guest speakers left the evening better informed and prepared to spread the word about this important topic. Please contact the college if you would like to obtain a copy of the brochure.

Congratulations to Mr Robinson and team on the organisation of the evening.

A few weeks ago Mr Sampson’s Year 9 Science class entered the ABC’s Big Sleep Survey competition for Science week. The class won $500 worth of science books and DVDs. Well done to Mr Sampson’s class and I’m sure our students will be able to utilise these resources for many years.

The college is about to embark on the writing of its new strategic plan. The plan will outline our goals and targets for the coming 4 years. It also states the colleges values and beliefs. Part of this process will be to hold a community forum so that we can gain input of the development of the plan. This community forum will be held in the near future - please keep an eye on the newsletter for the exact date. Also just a note to say:

‘ROCK EISTEDDFOD IS HAPPENING IN 2011!’
Echuca College Sports News

Northern Zone Athletics

On the first Thursday back of term 4, 32 students from Echuca College competed at the Northern Zone Athletics Carnival in Bendigo. Our college had a successful day with all students competing hard. Out of the 33 students 9 students have made it through to the State Finals. The winners on the day included:

Kieryn McKemmish: 4x100m Relay, 100m, 200m and Long Jump.
Libby Pellegrino: 100m, 200m and 400m.
Shannon Elgar: High Jump
Isabella Reid: 400m.
Siobhan Thompson: Javelin
Jade Donald: High Jump
Josh Preston: 4x100m Relay
Matt Fullard: 4x100m Relay
Ryan Pentreath: 4x100m Relay

State Athletics

On Tuesday the 19th of October 9 students from Echuca College travelled to Olympic Park in Melbourne to Compete in the State Finals for Athletics. All students did the School and themselves proud competing in tough competitions. Congratulations to all students. We look forward to some more fantastic performers next year in 2011.

Echuca College’s State Athletics team comprised of:

Josh Preston, Jade Donald, Shannon Elgar, Isabella Reid, Ryan Pentreath, Matthew Fullard, Kieryn McKemmish, Siobhan Thompson and Libby Pellegrino.

State Athletics

On the day we had two outstanding performers:
Kieryn McKemmish of year 11 won the 17yrs 100m and 200m sprint
Siobhan Thompson of Year 7 won the 12-13yrs Javelin.

Benalla Field and Game Shoot

Monday the 11th of October proved to be an historical day for Echuca College. Not only did most of our shooters experience personal best scores, for the first time ever we have come home with the Benalla Field and Game Schoolboys Shoot Perpetual Trophy. This trophy dates back to 1984 and represents some of the best male shooters from secondary schools around the state.

This year the trophy was won by Lucas McBain of year 10, who shot a flawless 10 out of 10 in the first round. With the wind picking up and less protection from the trees, Lucas shot 8 out of 10 in the second round. This impressive shooting was mirrored by Michael Young, also of year 10, who came away with the first place trophy for the Senior Boys category. These trophies were not secured until a shoot off took place between these two Echuca College students. It was a nail biting and exciting shoot off which saw the boys having to complete two 5 shot rounds before a winner could be determined.

I would like to thank the students for their superb behaviour at all the shoots they attend. They really do represent our College with pride. I would also like to thank our unwavering support from parents who tirelessly drive students to and from these events, which are often no less than a one and a half hour drive.

The Benalla Field and Game trophy will be displayed in the front office, along with the three shields won from the Barrook Field and Game Shoot earlier this year. Not a bad effort for the three shoots we attend each year. Miss Courtney Peters.
**Year 9 News**

TERM 3 INCENTIVE PROGRAM
Congratulations to the students who ‘cashed in’ their stickers to earn an entry in the end of term shopping voucher draw. There was over 40 student names in the draw!! Special mention must go to Brody Cust who won the major prize of a $30 shopping voucher!! Top stuff!!

TERM 3 GNURAD STUDENTS
Welcome back to our Term 3 School for Leadership friends who appear to be settling back in well. Our group of leaders are working on their CLP project at Glanville Village where they are scrap booking the lives of several residents. Any people who have any scrap booking materials that they are willing to donate to these students would be greatly appreciated.

CAMS, CAMPS & CAMPS
At the end of term 3, I was lucky enough to head to the Bogong Ski trip and have an awesome time with a group of sensational kids. The students skied well – whereas I crashed into a tree!! Mr Cheal also had a hard (not!) task of taking a group of girls to New Zealand for a soccer tour – he’s still raving about the experience! All students represented the College, their families and themselves to the highest degree. Now is the chance to sign up for the 2011 Central Australia Trip – see Mrs Jones for the paperwork! A reminder that more information will be out ASAP on the November Rubicon Trip.

2011 SUBJECTS
We are in the final stages of counselling current Year 9 students on their subject selections. Hopefully in the next week or so students will receive confirmation on their subject choices. Parents or students with questions or concerns should feel free to contact the College.

TERM 3 INTERIM REPORTS
Parents should by now have returned the yellow slip of paper confirming that they received their son/daughters report and NAPLAN results. If you have not done so, please try and return this slip asap. We still have five weeks of solid work left until the 2011 Academic Year starts on the 22 Nov. Students should use this time to extend their understanding of their Year 9 coursework or make inroads on catching up on work they are behind. Any families with concerns should contact the Year 9 Team. Here’s to a terrific Term 4!! The Year 9 Team

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**Year 8 News**

This term in year 8, we are studying the topic ‘Life Beyond School’. In Humanities we are playing ‘The Real Game’, which involves us picking a job at random and studying it. We imagine that it is our actual job and plan budgets, choose our living arrangements and so on. In English, we have been learning about advertising and how language is used to persuade us. In Science, we are looking at the human body, we are also going on an excursion to the Melbourne Museum and Imax to further our understanding. In Maths, we are learning about Cartesian Planes which is a type of graph. Congratulations to the year 8 basketball team for coming third by percentage, good effort!

Reporters Cameron Muir, Branden Kennedy.
**THE ROAD AHEAD – TRUCKING ASSOCIATION EXHIBITION**

The Road Ahead exhibition run by the Australian Trucking Association arrived at Echuca College on Tuesday 19\textsuperscript{th} October. The exhibition is a state of the art truck that combines science and interactive technology to inform students about road safety and the careers in the trucking industry.

Four Beacon classes attended the exhibition and the facilitator Lauren Ogden demonstrated a number of science experiments. While at Echuca College the exhibition received its 50,000\textsuperscript{th} visitor – Sarah Head.

**BEACON POLISH PROGRAM**

The Beacon Polish program was held at Echuca College on Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} October in the Cafe Learning Area. Twenty five Year 10 students were picked to attend the program that looked at personal development topics such as: goal setting, communication, personal presentation and enjoying a sit down meal cooked and served by Natasha James, Alisha Wagner, Sarah Hore, Teagan Dean and Stacey Lear.

The day was enjoyed by all the students who participated and they came away with some very helpful tips and tricks for attending a job interview! All the boys can now put on a tie and the girls are ready to go with natural looking make up skills.

The students who attended include: Nadine Cadan, Kylie Reynolds, Ashleigh Coustley, Mariah Haw, Mark McCann, Victoria Nielson, Ellen Polychrome, Matika Sheriff, Ethan Upton, Shadah Houston, Jodie West, Bennett Toy, Kerith Sims, Renee George, Keely Hartshorn, Gerard Corby, Justin Allingham, Jade Crumpton, Danielle Lodwick, Tegan Dean, Rachel Whelan, Madeline McCluskey, James Fairservice, Mason Lord and Lindsay McLean.

This day was made possible with the help of our maintenance staff – Joel, Hayden and Jason. The wonderful food technology staff Peta Farrell, Jill Oliver and Julie Smith along with our very capable VCAL/ hospitality students. Thank you so much for your support and help. Sandy Roberts

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**Echuca Notices/Events**

**Echuca Moama Uniting Church Fete**

- **Date:** Saturday 30th October
- **Time:** From 9.00am onwards
- **Location:** Cnr Hare and Pakenham Streets Echuca
- **Activities:**
  - Cakes, slices,
  - Tea and Coffee too, Pre-Loved Treasures, some for me and some for you, Plants in Pots, to brighten the Garden,
  - Good golly you can even name Miss Dolly, Nativity Family Photos, dress up like a king. There are oh so many things.
  - Also our ever popular Second Hand Book Stall.
  - Remember to tell your Family, Friends and neighbour to come along and join in too.

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**GIRL GUIDE HALLOWEEN DISCO FOR GIRLS ONLY**

- **Date:** Friday 29th October
- **Time:** 6:30pm till 9:30pm
- **Cost:** $10 per person
- **Age:** 6yrs - 14 yrs old.

Echuca Girl Guides Disco will be fully supervised and gates will be closed during disco. Activities include prizes for best costumes, lucky door prizes, games galore and a spooky supper.

Contact: 0439 381 228.