**Important Dates**

**NOVEMBER:**
- 3RD NOV - 5TH NOV: Year 10 Outdoor Camp
- 8TH - 12TH: YR 9 Oceans Camp
- 9TH - 8TH, 1, 2, 3 & 4: Melb Museum excursion
- 8TH, 9TH & 10TH: Year 11 Exams
- 11TH & 12TH: Year 10 Exams
- 17TH: Dance Performance Evening at 7pm.
- 18TH - 21ST: Energy Breakthrough
- 19TH: Young Leaders conference.

**DECEMBER:**
- 14TH: Celebrations Night.

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**Principal’s Report**

Friday, 5th November 2010.

What a great time to be involved in the life of Echuca College.

Over the last couple of weeks we have had the privilege of being a part of our College history. It was such an honour to be involved in the “Official opening of the College” ceremony. I would like to extend my thanks to all of the champions… Principals, staff, school council, parents, school community and students, who put such time and effort into seeing a dream become a reality.

It is with a sense of pride that we could welcome many special guests to be a part of our day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Teachers. On Friday the 29th of October, “World Teachers Day”, was celebrated in over 100 countries. I would like to acknowledge the many ways that Teachers make a difference, through their teaching and commitment, in building strong and healthy communities. Their connections with both parents and students are significant.

Parents and family are a vital part of building our school community. With so many changes, new buildings, new equipment and new open learning areas, we would like to extend an invitation to family members to tour the new facilities and be a part of the exciting upgrades to the college. Our first tour will be on Tuesday, the 9th of November at 11.15am. Please call the office and book in your place.

Our students have already achieved so many fantastic results this year in both personal and college results and now head into exam mode. This is the time of year where they need our encouragement. Our year 12’s are already engaged in their final exams, year 10 and 11 start their exams next week, and the year 8’s and year 11’s have already received their programs for 2011 and start their academic year on the 22nd of November.

We are also in the process of electing school captains for 2011. Thankyou to those students who have courageously put their names forward for such an important leadership role.

I would like to thank the community for their great support of the RACV energy breakthrough challenge. The RACV Energy Breakthrough is an exciting program designed to provide opportunities for students, teachers, parents and local industry to work together to design and construct a vehicle, a machine or innovation in technology that will represent an energy breakthrough.

Our desire to build strong community through our College is a priority for us, particularly as we head into 2011. Damien Warren - School Council President

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**Y R 8 B O O K L I S T S  A M M E N D M E N T**

Echuca College wishes to apologise about the misprint on the Year 8 Booklists.

The total payment amount is in fact wrong. The correct amount is actually $482 as opposed to $412 as stated on the booklist. Sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused.
School Council Profile:

Damien Warren – School Council President
Married with five children
Originally from Tasmania
Qualified Electrician and electronics tech. now Pastoring full time @ Epicentre church.
Hobbies – going to the gym and 80's vinyl collecting
Favourite Music – United, Planetshakers, Nickelback, U2….80's
Favourite food – Thai
Favourite movies – Gladiator, Inception, chick flicks with my girls…..sorry guys, it’s true!
What do you do to relax? – spa time, coffee with Tanya
What is your ultimate holiday? – Chasing my five kids around the theme parks all day and pretending that I am still 18…
No phone, no computer, no diary, no appointments.

Dance Performance Evening - Year 7, 10 and 11 students

On Wednesday 17th November dance students will showcase their dance compositions as well as performing some works learnt in class. The performance will begin at 7.00pm in the Dance Studio at Echuca College. So come along to see what Echuca College dancers have to showcase.

Timeline of the day:
Periods 1 – 4: Full Dress Rehearsal for students
6.00pm – Students arrive at dance studio
7.00pm – Performance

Camps News

Just a reminder to all students, parents and guardians to return forms and deposits for the Yr 8 Shipwreck Coast Camp and the Yr 9/10 Central Australian Camp for 2011 as soon as possible. If you have any questions or problems regarding payments or permission forms contact Echuca College on 54821133. - Julie Smith Camps Co-ordinator

Nurses News

Asthma: 10 things to tell your doctor

Symptoms:  1. If you wake up coughing, wheezing or breathless.  2. If you struggle to keep up with normal activity
Triggers :  3. Anything that seems to trigger/make your asthma worse  4. What you do about your triggers and whether this helps
Medication:  5. How often you take your blue reliever puffer.  6. How often you take your preventer medication
  7. How you use your device 8. If you are using any other medications or complementary therapies
Asthma plan:  9. Have an asthma action plan.  10. Have a regular asthma review

If you would like more information please call The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or visit www.asthma.org.au alternatively, please feel free to contact me at school Cheers!
Denise Leed School Nurse.
(Shire of Campaspe Immunisation Schedule)

Any student who was away from school on the day of our visits may obtain these immunisations from the Shire of Campaspe at our monthly immunisation sessions.

The session times for 2010 are as follows:

- Thursday 2nd December - 9:00am till 10:30am.
- Thursday 18th November - 6:00pm till 7:00pm
- Thursday 16th December - 6:00pm till 7:00pm

For further information contact Gillian Holding - Immunisation Program Coordinator on 1300 666 535.

(The Vervet Monkey Foundation)

Jessica Ruedin is planning a trip overseas to do some voluntary work with the Vervet Monkey Foundation and needs your help.

A movie fundraiser will be held on the 23rd of November to raise money for the foundation. The movie will be Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1. Tickets are $17 each (supper included). The movie starts at 6:30pm.

Tickets can be purchased through Jess Ruedin or Miss Rachael Foy at Echuca College. Please help support this amazing foundation.