Important Dates

**FEBRUARY:**

14TH - Swimming Sports

15TH - YR 12 “Flying Start” Day

16TH - YR 7 Harrietville Orientation Camp

23RD - Yr 7-10 Learning Chats VCE Parent Teacher Conversations

**MARCH:**

2ND - YR 11 Outdoor Ed Students’ Surf Camp

7TH - 11TH VCAL Students’ Rubicon Camp

9TH - School Photos

14TH - Labour Day Public Holiday

24TH - YR 7 & 10 Immunisation

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Principal’s Report

Friday, 11th February 2011.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everybody back to school and to the start of the 2011 school year. We look forward to 2011 as we enter our second year on one campus. It was great to see all the students back last Friday ready to start week 3 of the 2011 academic year. At the end of 2010 we started our 2011 academic year so students in Years 8 to 12 are well into their work for 2011.

During the holidays, Echuca College was an Evacuation Centre for the floods around our district. The Year 8 Neighbourhood was used for over 220 people each night for sleeping, Cafe Learning area was used for catering and the Sporting Complex was used for registration, Centrelink payments and DHS counselling. The College became a mini town for 10 days for people from Rochester, Pyramid Hill and Echuca who had to be evacuated. We had visits from all politicians during that time which was great for our College community. Prime Minister Julia Gillard, Opposition leader Tony Abbott, Premier Ted Bailieu and Opposition leader Daniel Andrews all visited the Evacuation Centre at our College. All politicians spent time talking to the evacuees and listening to their stories. Personally I would like to thank John and Judy Anderson who were in charge for the week from the Red Cross and also looked after our College. A special mention to the Salvation Army and all people that volunteered and assisted during this time.

In mid January, the class of 2010 received their University offers. We had 86% of our students that applied receive offers. 63% received first round offers and 76% received 1 of their selections. Back in December, a number of students received “Early Offers” to universities in Victoria and NSW. Students are still receiving offers as universities work their way through their selection process well into February. Mr. Webb and Ms. Roberts are available to help last year’s students with issues surrounding university selections and accommodation.

The arrival of our new group of Year 7 students at our first assembly last Friday was very exciting. All students in Year 7 will have their own personal ACER computer to work with throughout the course of the year. Our College has worked in partnership with Peats Office Equipment in Echuca to provide these new and up to date personal laptops to our Year 7 students. Our year 7 students will be going to Harrietville next week on their getting to know you camp. I wish them all the best for next week as they enjoy the delights of the Victorian Alps.

This year our College has changed our roll marking system. Student rolls will be automated to make things easier for our staff and front office. By now you will have received an SMS in regards to our new system and over the next few weeks you will receive more information in regard to the new attendance system. One thing that has not changed is that when students have been absent from school they must provide a note from parents to explain this absence.

Last year for the first time we ran “Learning Chats” for parents instead of Parent/Teacher interviews. We will be continuing with this in 2011 but having them much earlier. We will be conducting “Learning Chats” for parents of students 7 -10 on the 23rd February, 2011. On this night we will also be conducting parent/teacher conversations for students in VCE. More details will be mailed out to all families.

Our College has made some changes to the Mobile Phone Policy and there have also been some changes to the Student Management procedures at school. Students have been made aware of these changes and more information will be given to parents over the next few weeks.

As you can see it has been a huge start to the year with some very important changes. I would like to congratulate Isabella Reid, Holly Williams, Siobhan Thompson and Sean Orr on their Australia Day awards within our Shire. We are very proud of these students.

Would you like to receive the newsletter via email?
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SPORTS NEWS
This year our interschool sport competition has changed quite dramatically with independent schools now able to join what was previously just a government school competition. School Sport Victoria (SSV) is now the governing body rather than the VSSSA and we have several schools who have decided to join our Campaspe region which now includes St. Joseph’s, St. Mary’s, St. Augustine’s and all the original schools Rochester, Kyabram, Nathalia and ourselves. There is also a slightly longer path to get to the state finals with teams winning at Campaspe region going onto the Loddon Mallee Region Finals (previously Northern Zone) then to the North East Conference finals before going on to state. It will be a tougher competition this year but I’m sure we will still have a great year on the sporting field in Echuca. Good luck to all our teams this year.

Chris Sanders
Sports Teams Coordinator

MOBILE PHONE POLICY
At the beginning of Term One changes have been made regarding the use of mobile phones and other technologies in the classroom. Students were informed about the change and the following slogan will be used: “Heard, Seen, Used …….. Gone”

Staff will follow the Student Management Levels:
FIRST occasion Teacher confiscates phone and it is given to Team Leader. Student collects at end of school day.
SECOND occasion-Teacher confiscates phone and it is given to Team Leader. Parent collects phone from TL. [Parent makes an appointment].
THIRD occasion- Teacher confiscates phone and it is given to Team Leader. Parent collects phone from TL. [Parent makes an appointment.] and an after school detention.
FOURTH student loses the right to have phone/technologies at school.

YEAR LEVEL NEWS

YEAR 7 NEWS
Welcome to all year 7 students and their families.
Our orientation camp to Harrietville is the 16th, 17th and 18th of February. We are sending camp notices home and they need to be returned as soon as possible so that bookings can be finalised. If you have any issues about your child attending camp please let the year 7 staff know.
Please feel welcome to arrange a time to meet with the year 7 teachers if you wish to discuss your child and Echuca College. Tracey Burton, Year 7 team leader

YEAR 10 NEWS
It has been a very good beginning by the Year 10’s this year, no doubt helped by the three week “Flying Start” we had in 2010. The Staff responsible for Year 10 are Assistant Principal Mrs Melissa Gould, Team leader David Pearson, Assistant Team Leaders Mr Andrew Hewitt and Mrs Debbie Dunn and Tutorial Teachers Ms Janine Watson OT1, Mrs Jenny Morris OT2, Ms Sandy Roberts OT3, Mr Ted Down OT4, Mr Norm Wright OT5 and Mr Barry Jones OT6. In the Year Level Assembly on Monday students were asked to do their best and make the most of all the opportunities which are on offer in Year 10, such as the Beacon program, VCE subjects and VET program.
Other reminders are:
*mobile phones and iPods are not to be seen, heard or used in the classroom.
*make sure your locker has a lock on it.
*if you are out of uniform see Mr Robinson during Tute Group – he will give you uniform to wear.
*be at school by 8.45am.
*you are part of the Senior School so you need to work hard and behave accordingly.
David Pearson, Andrew Hewitt, Debbie Dunn – Year 10 Leadership Team.
**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

This is a reminder for parents regarding Student Accident Insurance.

- Parents/Guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs; and
- Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

The College has contracted Arthur Reed Photos to be our school photographers this year. **All students will have their photographs taken on Wednesday the 9th of March.**

Ordering envelopes will be sent home with students approximately one week before photo day. Parents and guardians will receive a letter this week outlining ordering information and uniform requirements.

It is vital that all students are in full and CORRECT school SUMMER uniform.

Assuming it is a warm day, students will be photographed without their polar fleeces and jumpers. It is important then, that students wear correct summer uniform and footwear items and we would ask that you assist us in ensuring that the uniform is worn correctly and at required lengths. (No T-shirts or coloured camisoles under polo tops or black tights/long sleeved tees under summer dress, no rolled or “short” shorts, striped or coloured socks, or sports shoes etc will be accepted).

Students who do not have correct uniform items will be asked to change into correct items/footwear supplied by the College. Jewellery worn must be minimal and discrete as in line with College policy. Students will be asked to remove any inappropriate jewellery or accessories. These include headbands/ribbons around foreheads, wrist bands, piercings, coloured necklaces, beads, bracelets or earrings, leather neck ties, hooped and “dangling” earrings and oversized headbands, scarves, ties, waistbands or other “decorations”.

Similarly, make up, if worn is to be understated. A light foundation and neutral lip gloss is acceptable but students who wear eye shadow, bright lipstick or heavy eyeliner will be asked to remove it.

**“Year 7 – 10 LEARNING CHATS”**

On the 23rd of February we will be holding “Learning Chats” for students in years 7 and 10. These chats are designed to assist Tutorial Teachers in learning more about the students in their tutorial group so they are in a better position to support them throughout the year.

The aim of the “Learning Chats” is for you to share your knowledge about your child with us - we want to hear from you – what can you tell us about your child to assist us in making their year at Echuca College as beneficial as possible. The ‘Learning Chats’ will be held on Wednesday the 23rd of February after school between 4.30pm and 7.30pm. A letter has been mailed to each family outlining the booking procedures.

We are interested to learn about:
- Your child’s interests
- Your child’s strengths and weaknesses – previous year’s performance – any areas of difficulty
- Your child’s goals for this year
- How your child has settled into the new school year academically (homework and home study routines, subject selection etc) and socially.

**VCE PARENT TEACHER CONVERSATIONS**

Parents of VCE students will be invited to a brief parent/teacher chat on Wednesday the 23rd of February after school between 4.30pm and 7.30pm. Information regarding this will be forwarded soon.

**ECHUCA COLLEGE WELCOMES**

New to Echuca College is Koori Engagement Support Officer Wayne Cowley. Wayne will be replacing Kristy Lovett this year and will be located in the year 8 north neighbourhood. Wayne’s role primarily focuses on supporting our Koori students, however he is more than happy to help anyone within the school community. Wayne is contactable through the College office on 54821133.

**EMA INFORMATION**

Applications for EMA close on the 28th of February, 2011. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA, the claimant must:

- Be a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent; and
- Submit their application to the school by the due date.

The eligibility criteria must be met as the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2011) for the first instalment and the first day of Term 3 (18 July 2011) for the second instalment.
IMMUNISATIONS FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7 and 10

The 2011 School-Based Immunisation Program will be offered at your school by the Shire of Campaspe Nurse Immunisation Team on:

Day: Thursday  Date: 24 March 2011

Year 7 Students
1. **Chickenpox (Yellow card)** Varicella vaccine will be offered to all Year 7 students. If your child has not had Chickenpox disease or the Chickenpox vaccine then it is recommended that they have the vaccine.

2. **Hepatitis B (Red card)** A two dose course of Hepatitis B vaccine will also be offered to all Year 7 students.

3. **HPV (Purple Card)** A three dose course of HPV will be offered to female students in Year 7.

Year 10 Students
1. **Diphtheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough-Boostrix (Blue Card)** will be offered to all Year 10 students

Immunisation consent cards have been sent home with Year 7, & 10 students. Parents are asked to complete and sign the cards and return them to school. For statistical purposes **ALL** consent cards are to be returned whether your consent is 'Yes' or 'No'.

If you do not receive immunisation consent cards for your child, please ask at the school office.

If you have any further questions about the Immunisation Program please contact Gillian at the Shire of Campaspe on 1300 666 535.
## Canteen Price List Term 1, 2011

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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, Chicken Caesar Wraps, Pastie Slice & Crunchy Tuna Rolls, and heaps more!!