Important Dates

JUNE

17TH - Student Free Day

21ST - SSV Campaspe Winter Sports

22ND - Keys Please Yr 10 9.00am

30TH - Pie Drive Orders to be Collected

JULY

1ST - Last Day of Term 2

18TH - First Day of Term 3

18th - 20th Yr 11 Melbourne Camp

27TH - 29TH Yr 12 Winter Camp

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Principal’s Report

‘Diversity Our Strength’

Congratulations to Kelsea Chapman and Jessica Pitts on their recent achievements. Kelsea Chapman (Yr 11) applied for a scholarship to attend a UBS Business and Finance Academy for Year 11 students in Sydney during (second week) the holidays. She has been awarded a scholarship. (22 places and over 100 applicants) All expenses including travel will be covered under the scholarship. Jessica Pitts has been selected for the Under 14 Victorian Girls Soccer Team and was award the ‘Athlete of the Year’ for the Bendigo Bank Academy of Sports. On behalf of the College congratulations!

Each year the College and Echuca Specialist School students work together to provide our community with an ‘Evening of Dance’. This year there were 15 performances, featuring over 90 students from the College and 13 students from Echuca Specialist School. In addition to the dancers were students helping with lighting and music. Even though the evening was very cold, the audience numbers exceeded 200 and their attendance was rewarded with many outstanding performances. Many of the dances were the students’ own dance compositions making the evening very special for dancers and audience. The evening is an important event in the College’s calendar and it allows our students to contribute to the education and enjoyment of the students from the Specialist school. The College had dancers participate in the evening from all year levels, including our new VET in Schools Dance Class. Well done to all involved and thank you to Mrs Kornmann.

Last week major newspapers across the state released DEECD’s ‘On Track’ data for post Year 12 destinations in 2011(class of 2010). Echuca College’s data was very pleasing and of our 76 students in Year 12, 2010 (VCAL/VCE) the most pleasing statistic was that all but one student was either in further education, training or employment. Echuca College had 49 students apply for tertiary education courses and 41 students received first round offers and of all the students who had applied all except two had received offers after the supplementary round (95%). Twenty students had actually taken up their offer and are studying this year. Twelve students (21%) are at university. Eight students are studying at TAFE colleges (16%). Five students applied through UAC (NSW tertiary entrance system) and two through SATAC (South Australian tertiary entrance system). Students applied through the University Early Entry schemes at Charles Sturt University, University of Ballarat and La Trobe University. ‘SALT’ the La Trobe University program was the most popular with 11 applicants and 6 early offers. The number of SALT applications was up 26% percent state wide and made early offers harder to obtain. Sixteen students (32% of students who applied for tertiary study) have deferred their studies for 2011. This is a significant percentage. Unlike previous years students appear to be taking a gap year for reasons other than just financial concerns. Students are taking up opportunities such as Au-Pair America and combining a year of work and some travel. Twenty-one students are undertaking Traineeships (28%). This is made up of students who want to stay in the work force and students completing a gap year before entering full-time tertiary study in 2012. Two students have apprenticeships one is continuing with a part-time apprenticeship started while a student at Echuca College the other student has secured a highly sought after Electrical Apprenticeship. Thirty percent of Year 12 school leavers are in either Traineeships or Apprenticeships. I would like to acknowledge the work of our Pathways Team of Mr Webb and Ms Roberts. The work with senior students does not finish once exams are completed but in many cases our staff are still supporting and helping students many months after they have completed their studies.
Over the last three weeks the College has completed a busy examination period for semester one with students in Years 10, 11 and 12 sitting exams. Teachers at the College have been very impressed by the way students in Years 10, 11 and 12 have approached their examinations and clearly our senior students are setting a high standard for our younger students to follow. Results for the midyear VCE examinations will not be known until late August. Internal examination results for years 10 and 11 will form part of students’ semester one assessment.

Next week will see the start of a new semester for students at all year levels. This means VCE students have started work on their Units 2 (Year 11) and Unit 4 (Year 12) course work. At Years 7-10, students have started new electives. As a consequence teachers have been writing reports for semester one’s work. On the last day of school for semester one (1st July), all reports will be issued to students in Tute Group meeting before being dismissed at 2.30pm. The College will hold a Parent/Teacher evening in Term 3 for all year levels and this will be announced at the start of the term.

Chris Eeles
College Principal

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If any parents are able to help at anytime please contact Jeanette on 03 54821133.

### UNIFORM

- **Purple V Neck Pullover with Trim**
  - All sizes $79.95
  - Inclusive of school Logo

- **Wool Blend Rugby Top**
  - XS – XL $75.00
  - Inclusive of school Logo

NuManz & Echuca Fashion Centre stock the College Uniform.

### EMA APPLICATIONS

Just a reminder to families that EMA applications for semester two are now open.

If you missed out on applying for semester one EMA please collect a form from the office.

If your circumstances have changed (e.g., received a new card or are no longer eligible) please contact the office.

Applications close 5th August 2011.

Any other queries please contact the office on 5482 1133.
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- Group Tour Manager
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SCHOOL FOR LEADERSHIP – Congratulations to our six successful applicants who were interviewed last week...Brenton Case, Jessie Hardess, Shanon Daldy, Tessa Mellington, Hayden Wentworth and Steph Pearse. Mr Strachan and I were thoroughly impressed with their organisation and creativity in terms of potential Community Learning Project ideas. Congratulations guys – we wish you all the best for the exciting journey.

SEMESTER 2 SUBJECT CHANGES – Students have been seeking assistance with subject selection/changes for semester two. No students have been allowed to change subjects without parent permission. Semester two subjects will commence Monday 20 June with the selection process for 2012 subjects to start mid-term three.

WORK ETHIC/HOMEWORK – Students have been made aware about potential homework classes that will commence in term 3. Students who are struggling to complete class or homework will be asked to attend these classes to catch up. These classes will be aimed to be staffed by teachers from a range of subject areas to maximise student assistance.

CLEANING WHIZZES – Thank you to the Year 9 Community classes who last week volunteered to do a rubbish clean up along the oval. Disappointed in the state of the oval in terms of windswept rubbish, the students picked up bags and bags of rubbish along the fence line. The students who volunteered all received an entry into the end of term raffle. Thank you again and well done!!

YEAR 9 INCENTIVE PROGRAM – A reminder that the end of term is rapidly approaching and time will soon run out to enter the raffle draw so keep cashing in those stickers! Grace Day recently ‘burned’ her $30 shopping voucher at Cotton On as the Term 1 winner – will you be the next lucky winner?!! Hope you all enjoyed your long weekend!!

The Year 9 Team :)
Year 10 News

*Year 10 Exams* – Last Monday and Tuesday exams were held in the Cafe Learning Area for all students in every Year 10 subject. The students were overwhelmingly organised, well behaved and hard working during this valuable learning experience. Congratulations.

*Keys Please* - On Wednesday June 22nd a “Keys Please” presentation will be held in the Cafe Learning Area for all Year 10 students and any parents who wish to attend. This program will give students and Parents information about getting your “L’s” and all matters about learning to drive. A invitation has been sent to all Year 10 families. Please return the attendance slip to the Front Office.

*Who Stole the Sole* – On Wednesday June 29th the Year 10’s will attend “Who Stole the Sole?” which is a high impact, explosive theatrical journey that combines break-dance and pop-music to deliver a captivating show with a very important message about cyber-bullying, for youths. It is to be held at the College.

*Semester 2* – Students will start the new semester on Monday June 20th. Two weeks will be held prior to the school holidays. All Year 10 students will have some new electives and possibly minor class changes. It is vital students make a good start, having exercise books for new electives and learn their new timetable.

*Term 2* – The Year 10 team have been very happy with the majority of students with regard to behaviour in class, the phone and ipod “non” - use in class and uniform. One area which a number of students could improve is in work ethic in class and at home. Class time needs to be fully utilised and students prepared to complete assignments and study the work done in class, at home. This should assist exam results at the end of each semester.

David Pearson - Year 10 Team Leader.
Andrew Hewitt & Debbie Dunn – Year 10 Assistants.

VCE/VCAL News

**Year 11 Exams**
Congratulations to all the year 11 students for their commitments during the exams. It gives them a valuable opportunity to experience examination conditions in preparation for the VCAA exams next year. Year 11 Fast Tracking students are also required to sit the GAT on Thursday 16th June and a number have mid-year VCAA exams.

**Year 12 Examinations and the GAT**
**Tuesday 14-15th June.** Biology, Physics, Accounting, Psychology, Chemistry  
**Thursday 16th June** GAT
Students attended a session to familiarise them with the rules and regulations of the VCAA exams on Monday morning and have their own copies of the Exam Navigator booklet and their individual timetables for the mid-year exams.

**Attendance**
A reminder to all families that students are required to attend tutorial groups in the morning and are not to leave the school grounds during the day. If they have appointments and need to leave the school a note must be provided and they must sign in and out at the general office.

**Year 11 Camp**
Final payments for the year 11 camp are due. The camp departs day one of term 3.
Soccer Report

Intermediate Boys
On Tuesday the 31st of May, a group of good looking young chaps set off to Bendigo for interschool soccer. We started off to a slow start being 2-0 against us at half time but with a quick goal by Keana and a freakish goal by ‘the man himself’ James Deighton from the right hand corner right on the boundary kept us in the game for a two all draw with Castlemaine. In the second game against Sunraysia we were up against some tough competition but we held up a solid defence lead by Jayden Twigg and Gangsta’ hat (aka Chris Dunstan) and Scott ‘ladies man’ Kane and Jack McNamara on the flanks we stuck out to only a 1-0 loss to some very tough competition. Next up was Swan Hill, our centre destroyed any attempt of attack by Swan Hill, Tyler Lethlean (aka Super Saian) and Marcus Mckenner made many inspiring runs down the wings to cross it in, to our centre making many opportunities for our strikers (Shaun-the-Sheep, Kiennan Jones and Jordan Vevers). We ended in a strong nil all draw. Our last game was against Bendigo South East, everyone in their team played soccer and even a few represented our state! Jesse Hill showed us what true courage was going toe-to-toe with some of Victories finest. Letting nothing past and clearing the ball straight back down the centre. We finished the game off to 2-0 Bendigo South East, overall it was a great effort by the boys.

Senior Girls
With an amazing combination of speed and skill our Senior Girls won against Mildura 3-0, drew against Castlemaine Secondary 1-1. With a trip to Melbourne on the line the girls needed at win against Bendigo senior secondary. The girls played very competitively for the whole game but unfortunately lost 0-1. Best on ground for the day was Kayla Arkinstall.

Senior Boys
It was a damn fine effort! No-one able to beat the lads but missed out by one measly goal, scored by Mildura in the final minute of their last game! What a cliché, but that’s football. The Senior Boys opened their account with a terrifically high standard draw against a powerful Mildura side. Lead by Matt and Kizza playing a sweeping role at the back and well supported by the dazzling dancing of ‘Harry’ and ‘Noodles’ in the mid and up front, our boys almost scored the winner in a 4 pass move from half-way but it was spurned by Josh unluckily.

We then took Castlemaine to the cleaners but only managed a 1 – 0 win whilst the bar took a pounding and ‘Harry’ missed in front of a gaping goal after a lovely move from Squirter and Kizza with Ali contributing in the mid. The back four, including the 2 Cams and Woody ‘burning’ them off from full back, were very solid.

Finally, our old arch rivals Bendigo Senior, who were soon ahead in the 10th minute with a well constructed goal. Not to be daunted however, we manufactured a corner from which Ali put away a very well judged header following a flying jump from Raymond which ‘sold the dummy’ beautifully. A quick cameo from Titsy and ‘Lijah, a game saving effort from Heath in goal, then some dazzling running from Kizza almost saw the lads snatch victory but alas, it was not to be, so we had to be content with the ‘Runners-Up’ pennant, yet remained undefeated! Big ‘congrats’ to the whole team on a successful campaign in which we just fell short...

Stewart Cheal
(Chair)
Echuca College Walkers Set the Pace!

The Echuca College Walking Club has been very energetic this term with a total of 57 Students and Staff participating on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. 20 Walkers have reached a total of 10 kms, with 6 really keen participants now waking up 30kms.

10 km Award - Pen
Mr. Armstrong Emma Favalora 7T4 Andrea Sandiage 7T4
Olivia Connelly 7T5 Taylor Hamilton 8T5 Mrs. Shirley
Gemma Couston7T5 Kara Holmes 7T6 Skye Sipala 9T4
Emily Davis 7T1 Ashleigh Johns 8T5 Erena White 7T6
Emily Day 7T5 Denise Lead Tanaya Williams 7T6 Courtney Denham 7T5
Amelia Lowe 7T5 Natasha Wilson 7T4 Isaac Duffy 8T2 Rhianna McCosker 9T4

3km Award - Drink Bottle
Isaac Duffy 8T2 Kara Holmes 7T6 Denise Lead Taylor Hamilton 8T5 Ashleigh Johns 8T5 Tenaya Williams 7T6
Taylor Hamilton is leading the group with a total of 42 kms. The next milestone is 50 kms and this earns a pair of socks.

New Walkers are most welcome to attend. Meet at the Gym at the start of lunch to sign in.

Netball Report

I’d like to shout out a very big thank you to all the Year 8 girls who participated at Kyabram; both teams did a sterling job representing the College, demonstrating great sportsmanship and sheer determination in all games.

The Year 8 A team consisted of Chloe Carr, Shannon Elgar, Laura McKellar, Taylah Newman, Courtney Prestley, Kaitlin Rowlands, Allison Shorland and Amy Wright.

The girls were fiercely competitive all day in a very strong competition. They should be congratulated on their consistency on the court and strong team-work. After four strong games, the girls were finally rewarded with a well earned land-slide victory over Nathalia. The girls shuffled positions all day displaying their versatility as players. Chloe Carr, Shannon Elgar, Kaitlin Rowlands and Taylah Newman were determined and hungry in defence; and Allison Shorland, Courtney Prestley and Laura McKellar were magnificent in attack all day. Well done to Amy Wright who was awarded MVP. All day Amy displayed sound sportsmanship and was an all round key player, contributing 110 per cent to every game on the court. Congratulations!

The Year 8 B team consisted of Victoria Farrell, Tayla Nevett, Taylah Morris, Courtney Omara, Courtney Pettigrove, Briony Reynolds, Rhiannon Rowley and Kristi Sinclair.

The Year 8 team should be commended on their strong competitive game that was displayed throughout the day, and the girls should be congratulated on their 2 victories. They were a very strong side, playing terrifically as a team. Tayla Nevett and Taylah Morris were an unstoppable duo in goals; and Kristi Sinclair, Rhiannon Rowley, Courtney Omara and Chloe Pettigrove were strong in the centre all day. Briony Reynolds held her own in defence, but it was Victoria Farrell who was awarded MVP. Victoria is a fierce player with strong skills who dominated all day in defence.

A big “Thank you” to all those very supportive parents from the B team who came along for the day to cheer on and support the girls. Your presence was greatly appreciated!

Again, well done to each and every one of the Year 8 girls and thank you for a fantastic day of netball. You should all be very proud!

Yours in awesomeness, Ms. Rolfe.

Intermediate Netball

On Monday 30th May, 19 students from Yrs 9 & 10 competed at the interschool netball championships in Kyabram. The A team played five games for the day and battled hard throughout. The girls proved that they are quite versatile, playing in several positions throughout the day. Despite a valiant effort and some very close and hard fought games they were not able to continue to the next round. Congratulations to Kayla Arkinstall, Briah Chapman, Grace Day, Megan Fusti, Amy Haw, Alana Long, Tessa Mellington, and Tracey Ogden. The Most Valuable Player for the day could have been awarded to all of the girls, however in the end was awarded to Jess Hardess and Greta Pearson. The Victorian Country Championships are sure to prove more successful.

The B team played two games for the day. Although the girls played hard and showed some great passages of play, they were not able to meet the pace of the other teams. Congratulations on your effort and support of the other teams, Taylah Chandler, Emma Davey, Lee Hardie-Bruns, Tayla Lowry, Bella Reid, Caitlin Robinson, Zossie Rosato and Emily Williamson. Most Value Player was awarded to Roweena Isley.

Senior Netball

Congratulations to the following year 11 and 12 girls who did a brilliant job representing the College in Netball: Tameka Branch, Amanda Carrington, Rochelle Daley, Jade Donald, Elia Hamilton, Jayde Isley, Zoe Lubke Nicole Mahncke, Sarah McCluskey.

The girls fought hard all day and displayed fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. The first match against St Augustine’s was a fierce and tight contest and went goal for goal all match. Unfortunately, when the final buzzer sounded we were down by 1. MVP for the match was Ella. The second match against Rochester was fast paced and highly skilful. We went down by around 10 goals, which was a mighty effort as Rochester went on to win the day. MVP – Sarah McCluskey. In the third and final match a tired, but determined bunch of girls held out a fast finishing Nathalia for a well earned win. MVP – Amanda Carrington. MVP for the day went to Sarah McCluskey for her consistent efforts and leadership from her GK position.

Extremely proud coach, Miss Menz
ECHUCA MOAMA BEACON FOUNDATION presents a CAREERS INFORMATION EVENING focusing on the AGRICULTURE/HORTICULTURE SECTOR

Year 10 students interested in pursuing a career in the Agriculture/Horticulture sector are invited to listen to and speak with our guest presenters.

Be there!

Date: Wednesday 3rd August 2011
Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Venue: Tatalia Room, Rich River Golf Club Resort, 24 Lane Moama

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RSVP by Wednesday 27 July 2011