Welcome back to school and I hope everyone had a great Easter Holiday and enjoyed the wonderful weather. Term Two will be 11 weeks long and will see the College involved in VCE Unit 3 examinations, Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority’s General Assessment Test, NAPLAN Tests for Years 7 and 9 and College reports issued at the end of term. The College will also conduct ‘Attitudes to School’ surveys with students at all year levels. In the next fortnight we will be involved in the various Echuca and Moama ANZAC Day ceremonies and next week we will hold our DISCOVERY EVENING for prospective students for 2013.

Echuca College will be holding its ‘Students Information and Discovery Evening’ for prospective students on the Tuesday 24th April at 7 pm. The evening will begin with a brief introductory session held in our Café Learning area, followed by an opportunity for students and their parents to tour our College. The tour allows students and their parents to experience various components of the Year 7 program, the College’s comprehensive Yr 7—12 curriculum and to view our facilities. An information brochure is being delivered to our partner primary schools for circulation as part of our school visits leading up to the evening. Later in the year students in Grade 6 who have elected to come to Echuca College will be involved in a familiarisation program in term three and our main orientation day will be held in December. Those who couldn’t attend our Discovery Evening can contact the College at any time to arrange an appointment to visit our College or we can arrange to have an information package sent out to you. Our main orientation program will start in June/July, providing prospective students and their parents with another opportunity to visit our school. Echuca College takes pride in the fact that we are Echuca’s College and that we give families the time to make one of the most important decisions in their child’s life. At this stage of the year, we would like families to consider Echuca College as a possible option for the future but we also appreciate and respect that this decision needs due consideration. We would however, like parents to know that at Echuca College we are preparing our students for the future, today. If prospective students and their families need any additional information about our College, please don’t hesitate to phone the College or make an appointment with Mr Strachan, Mrs Gould or Ms Adams our Transition Co-coordinator. We look forward to seeing you at our Discovery Evening at 7 pm on Tuesday the 24th April.

It is probably timely to remind parents of students in Years 7 and 9 that our NAPLAN testing program will be held on the 15th, 16th and 17th of May. The NAPLAN tests in Language Conventions and Writing, Reading and Numeracy are conducted across the state on the same days. The results of these tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in literacy and numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs to improve student achievement. Parents will be have their student’s reports forwarded to them in...
August, while the data the College receives from the NAPLAN tests will be used to plan for the future learning needs of our students.

Next week the College will be involved in the traditional ANZAC Day services around Echuca/Moama, starting with the Dawn Service at 6am at Echuca, the 9am service at Moama where our College Captains will participate in the ceremony and then back to the 11am service in Echuca. I would encourage students from the College to come and participate in the ANZAC Day march it will start at the corner of Hare and Pakenham Streets. Students are to meet at Carters at 10.30am and need to be in full school uniform. The march precedes the 11 am ceremony. On Tuesday at the College we will be holding our own ceremony to recognise those members of the Australian community who have saved and who are serving our country now in war zones.

Prior to the holidays we had members of our College community achieve some great results at the State and National swimming carnivals. Tessa Mellington finished 3rd 50m backstroke and 9th in the 100m backstroke in the State Swimming Carnival. Tessa has also been successful in receiving a Freemason’s Scholarship. She was one of 10 students selected to receive this within Victoria (Year 10 2012 students). She had to send in an application, writing about her goals and aspirations for the future, along with her leadership and academic abilities. She will attend a gala presentation evening in Melbourne on Wednesday 9th May, where she will be presented with her scholarship. The College would also like to congratulate Brad Mellington (Year 12/ 2011) now Echuca College Sports Trainee, on receiving the Sport Star of the month from the Riverina Herald for his recent performances in the Australian National Olympic trials. Still with swimming and the state carnival; Isaac Duffy swimming in the ‘Students with Disabilities’ section 12-15 years came 1st 50m breaststroke, 3rd freestyle and 3rd backstroke. I would like to congratulate Tessa, Brad and Isaac on their achievements.

ROCKA EASTER RAFFLE

The winners for the Easter Raffle are
1st Prize Amanda Broadhead, 2nd Prize Rachel Chiswell, 3rd Prize Glenys McMenaman, 4th Prize Katie-Jane Moar, 5th Prize Yvonne Southern, 6th Prize Glenn Southern
Congratulations to you all and we hope you enjoy your prizes

WELLBEING

Welcome back to everyone for Term 2. The Wellbeing Team trusts that you all have had a refreshing break and ready to go this term. The Easter Bunny has been so it is important to get back to a nutritious diet, remembering that breakfast is the most important meal in the day, followed by a healthy lunch – don’t forget to drink plenty of water as well. Daylight saving has finally concluded so there are no excuses for not getting to bed at a reasonable time. A balanced diet, plenty of sleep and exercise make bright students who can work to their full potential.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club has been going for four weeks now with a very regular turnout on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. It’s a great opportunity for students to drop into the Café Learning Area for a cuppa and a chat with friends and staff. Anyone is welcome to Breakfast Club to participate in the social atmosphere. Breakfast Club starts at 8.15 am. Just a reminder that breakfast is an important part of a good start to every day. It helps concentration and improves behaviour.

Echuca College National Youth Week Sumo Wrestling Championship

Echuca College will be hosting Sumo Wrestling Championships this Thursday as part of the National Youth Week Celebrations. This competition will be held at recess and lunch time and all students are invited to participate and join in the fun. This is sponsored by the Campaspe Shire.

‘Photograph’ Cyber safety.

Echuca Inspector of Police, Marty Dorman and Youth Resource Officer, Senior Constable Neil Crouch will be presenting the DVD and program ‘Photograph’ to Year 7 and 8 students on Thursday also. This is part of the Health and Wellbeing Curriculum to inform and support our young people when dealing with issues surrounding Cyber safety.
**Year 7 and 8 Inter-School Tennis**

It was a perfect day for tennis at Kyabram on Monday. The teams all worked together to play their best tennis. Congratulations to the Year 7 girls team (Rebecca Kennedy, Jayme Shead, Yvonne Southern and Lily Wallace) that came second to St Josephs. The Year 8 boys team (Tom Crilly, Keegan Hutchins, Dylan Robertson, Lachlan Thompson and Chevy Cocks), Year 8 girls team (Andrine Holt-Crossman, Emily Day, Amellia Lowe and Rebekah Reynolds) and Year 7 Boys team (Jakob Ayres, Nick McKenner, Clayton Thompson, Josh Phyland and Amos Farrell) all came third in their sections. Outstanding players for the day were Andrine Holt-Crossman, Jakob Ayres, Thomas Crilly and Yvonne Southern.

![Tennis players](image1)

**Intermediate Tennis**

The Intermediate Tennis teams turned up to Echuca Lawn courts with enthusiasm and commitment to put all their training on our new courts into practice on the dewy and non-bounce of the lawn surface. Both teams began well, with 3-1 wins over Rochester SC. The boys continued the winning streak with a 4-0 demolition over St Mary’s Nathalia, but the girls fought hard to go down 1-3. In the last match, the boys played some fantastic rallies and showed their hard-hitting style against St Josephs, winning 4 sets to 0. The girls went down to the eventual winners St Josephs 0-4, but had some fun on the court and showed good sportsmanship all day. The girls team eventually finished the day in 3rd place overall. The boys won the day overall, being undefeated and only losing one set for the day.

Regan More, Erik Holt-Crossman, Jack Southern, Nathan Anderson-Scott, Corey McGrath
Siobhan Thompson, Georgia Harris, Amy Haw, Sarah Ogden, Paula Nesbit

MVPs for the day were Regan More and Siobhan Thompson

![Intermediate Tennis](image2)

**Volley vibes at Ky**

The Year 7 & 8 Volleyballers and tennis players headed off to Kyabram on the Monday of the last week of term. We landed in Ky’ to be confronted with the news most of the opposition had heard about our stunning training form and activated the ‘no appearance’ clause. To be fair, despite the recent hardships of flooding, Nathalia Secondary College provided three teams on the day whilst Kyabram Secondary managed one. St. Augustines Kyabram, St. Marys, Nathalia and St. Jordh’s managed none!

The match against Nathalia provided many highlights and it was a very tight tussle. Despite the efforts of Browny, Max, Harley, Jesse, Kyle, Wade and Kayden we could not overcome the serving consistency of the opposition, who went on to record two wins against us, both in three sets, thereby winning the day as there were no other opponents.

The Year 8 lads were triumphant, comfortably defeating both Kyabram and Nathalia, with a clinical display of serving and deft returning, though it is fair to say they were never really pushed. Skipper Jonty was accomplished with his new overhead serving style whilst Jason and Lachie attempted the three hit strategy with some success. Daniel and Aron proved worthy additions to the team, with Cody serving reliably and Twiggy, well, just being Twiggy — unpredictable.

**Senior Volleyball**

The Senior Boys volleyball team played in Echuca on the last Monday of term. While the team was full of talent, the attractiveness of the players was not too flash with Jayden Twigg the only stand out bulky player on the team. The boys went into both of their games full of confidence with chirping coming from most boys mouths especially Luke Sanderson with the mullet that had the opposition speechless. The team managed two comfortable wins with all players starring left, right and centre and moving on to the next stage in Mildura. Those boys included Shaun Hon, Luke Sanderson, Daniel Hegarty, Tate Bowen, James Deighton, Tyler Lethlean, Brent McGrath and Jayden Twigg. Australian scouts will be looking out for Jayden Twigg when selecting their team for London after the young gun took Volleyball fashion to another level!

MVP: Shaun Hon

![Volleyball](image3)
SPORTS NEWS

LODDON MALLEE SWIMMING SPORTS 2012

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Last Thursday thirteen students travelled to Swan Hill to participate. Tessa Mellington and Isaac Duffy have won through to the State Finals to be held in the last week of this term in Melbourne. Congratulations and good luck. A number of silver and bronze medals were won on the day. Congratulations to all.
STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Thursday the 29th March Isaac Duffy and Tessa Mellington travelled to Melbourne to compete at the State Swimming championships. Isaac competed extremely well on the day coming home with a bag of medals including a gold in the 50m Breastroke, bronze in 50m Backstroke and bronze in the 50m Freestyle U/15 SWD races. Tessa also had a great day finishing the day with a Bronze medal in the U/16 50m Backstroke and also coming 9th in the open 100m Backstroke. It was overall a fantastic day for Echuca College as we finished 45th out of 154 schools with only two swimmers!

VCE NEWS

Dress up day

It was fantastic to see so many students get involved in the ‘come as your favourite sports star’ dress up day on the last day of term 1. Year 12 students and staff also enjoyed some hot cross buns to celebrate Easter and the end of term.

Year 11 Term 1 Awards

Congratulations to the following Year 11 students who received awards at the end of term 1:

Academic Excellence - Jaimi Elgar, Eleanor Denson, Amelia Down, Kassidy Sellings, Brent McGrath, Felicity Prendergast, Stephanie Appleby, Alex Cantwell, Gemma Lodi, Makayla O'Callaghan

Effort - Tom McCluskey, Briah Chapman, Rachael Conlan, Jessica O’Connell, Madeleine Steele, Sarah Toll, Georgia McMurdo, Teagan Mitchell, Garielle Moar, Ashlee Shead, Chloe Watson, Nicole Calleja, Kayla Hore, Ross Miller, Georgia Nilon, Victoria Candy, Brigitte Griffiths, Tyler Lethlean, Jayden Twigg, Bianca Williams, Sam Day, Tim Day, Rebecca Ashwell, Sarah Bedford, Ryan Godfrey, Emily Gretgrix, Jessica Tayler, Rebecca Colvin

Peer Support Program

Thank you to the Year 11 students who have been a part of the peer support program with year 7 during term 1. The program was a fantastic way for year 7 students to be welcomed into the college and all the year 11 students that took part should be congratulated on the way they prepared, ran their sessions and worked with the year 7s.

Hot Shots At Echuca College

A total of 38, year 10 Students, from Echuca College, as part of the subject Recreation Sports attended shooting clinics held at the Echuca Clay Target Club in March 2012, and as well as conducting themselves in an orderly and attentive manner, they proved that they took in all that the coaches were trying to teach them by shooting some very respectable scores. Split into three squads and shooting over three layouts, the Students shot ten targets in single barrel mode, twice. At the end of twenty targets shot at there was a clear Overall Winner for the Girls High Gun Award. Tayla Lowry outshot all the other girls to end up on an excellent score of 12/20, easily beating her opposition. Magnificent effort Tayla! With the boys there was a tie on 15/20 between Shanon Ferres, and Casey Hearn, and that meant a shoot off to decide an Overall Winner. The Club in fairness to these learner shooters hold shoot off’s over five targets, and with all the other students watching and barracking for them, at four targets both were on a three out of four score, then Shanon dropped his fifth and when Casey shot his it was all over, with Casey Hearn winning the Boys High Gun Award with a very respectable 19/25 score. An excellent effort Casey! And also commiserations must be paid to Shanon for his great shooting. Echuca Clay Target Club committee hold these shooting clinics for a number of reasons, primarily to teach youngsters the safety aspects of carrying and using firearms, and also the fun, and self respect or pride, the students can have by incorporating their concentration, and their hand eye co-ordination into actually hitting their targets. The scores shot by the students were really very good considering that almost all had never fired a shotgun before these clinics. Another reason of course is to show young people the sport of Clay Target Shooting, in that a few at some time may be interested enough to become involved, a sport that world wide is acclaimed as one of the safest. Other notable efforts came from Mark Ganzan, Ashley Roelink (8/10), Kade Saunders, Emily McCluskey and Sarah Ogden, but enthusiasm abounded from Damo, Zac Garner, Bryce Denham and cheers of delight to see the bird being shattered by Rowie, Tegan and Lee. The committee of the Echuca Club wish to thank teacher, Petra Ogden, and the Echuca College, for taking an interest in the sport, and especially the students who appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Presentation time was very popular with the students with member Craig Scott doing the honours, as President Ron Traill was busy at the National titles in Wagga Wagga.

Murray Roberts
Interim Reports
Interim Reports were compiled at the end of last term and distributed at Parent/Teacher interview night or sent home. Congratulations to the large number of students who achieved good results, marks or comments on their reports. Reports indicated that a large number of students are working extremely well. Keep up the good work! For those with lower results, make sure you seek assistance from your teachers and parents.

Important VCE dates

- Year 12 Camp 3rd - 4th May
- Year 11 Exams 6th – 8th June
- Year 12 Mid-Year Exams (Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology) 12th - 14th June.
- GAT 14th June (for all students studying a unit 3/4 subject)
- Begin Unit 2 and Unit 4 classes 18th June.

Year 12 Camp
A number of Year 12 students are heading to Melbourne for an exciting 2 day camp. The camp involves staying in and exploring Melbourne, visiting a University and attending the careers expo.

Unit 3 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Camp

At the end of term 1 Outdoor and Environmental Studies students canoed their way down the Gunbower Creek between Gunbower and Koondrook through sections of the Gunbower National Park. We experienced all 4 seasons of weather, from glorious sunshine to the coldest of cold! The wind direction made paddling quite tough, however the sounds of the nature, and some off tune singing, keep us motivated. There were also many entertaining moments along the way - Shaun and Harrison capsizing, Brad scaring Miss Menz in night time activities, Amber and Woody (zig and zag) crashing through every obstacle imaginable... and the list goes on.... Through the experience students were able to get close to nature and make connections to the area and issues studied in class. All students were an absolute delight to take on camp and are to be congratulated for the way they worked together and embraced the opportunity. A huge thankyou to Mr Alan Corby, Miss Zoe Dannatt and Mr Chris Sanders for assisting on the trip and to the wonderful Mrs Katrina Shirley for all her help in transporting the canoes (and bringing me chocolate!).

CAMP REMINDERS

- Central Australia Camp for Yr 9 and Yr 10 students for 2013.
If interested they are to collect information from the year level coordinators and deposit money ASAP to confirm their seat on the bus.
For further information please contact the school on 54821133.

- Shipwreck coast tour for Yr 8 students for 2013.
Just a reminder that we are taking deposits now for this trip.
For further information please contact the school on 54821133.

Discovery Evening

Year 7, 2013
Current Grade 4-6 students and prospective students of other year levels
Tuesday 24th April at 7:00pm
Echuca College, College Drive,
Cafe Learning Area

The evening provides an excellent opportunity for parents and prospective students to meet key members of staff, hear from students, tour the college facilities, observe students at work and gain an insight into the curriculum and extra-curricula activities available at the college.
Invite you to the:
Echuca College & St Joseph’s College
Charter Signing Day

“The purpose of this important event is to encourage the development of the Youth of this region, as initiated by the Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation in collaboration with the local Secondary Colleges.

On this day students make the following pledge:

“I willingly commit myself to active participation in the Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation Project and its programs. I also pledge myself to exploring my career options and applying myself to my studies with the aim of moving on to further education, training or employment when I finish my time at this school.”

Guest Speaker:

Mr Dean Freestone
Melbourne University-
Research in Epilepsy & past
Echuca High Student

This is a fantastic business networking opportunity

Please come and support our Year 10 Community

Date: Tuesday 1st May 2012
Time: 9.30am - 10.45am
Location: Moama Bowling Club

RSVP: Rachel Collins (Executive Officer)
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