I would like to start my report by congratulating Mr Karl Stenning on being appointed ‘Acting Principal’ of Echuca South Primary School for the rest of this year. Mr Stenning will take up his position at Echuca South on the 14th May. Mrs Gould will take over his duties as Assistant Principal supporting our Year 12 students, in addition to Years 7 and 8. Mr Strachan will add Year 11 students to his role as Assistant Principal supporting Years 9 and 10. The College community would like to wish Mr Stenning all the best in his new role and thank him for the important work he has undertaken, in his various roles, while at the College.

It was great to see so many members of the Echuca/Moama community at the three ANZAC Day services in the Echuca/Moama area last Wednesday. While we commemorate ANZAC Day for the sacrifices made by men, women and families involved in conflicts during our country’s history, it also provides us with an opportunity to reflect on how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful country. The answer to the question becomes obvious as the ANZAC Day services take place across the country. Each year we see hundreds of thousands of Australians attend ANZAC services; people from all walks of life, but all come to remember and to say thank you to those who have served our country. In Echuca/Moama, as in all communities, the wreath laying ceremony reveals a vast array of voluntary service personnel and community based groups paying their respects to the fallen. These groups by their very existence reflect and perpetuate the traits portrayed by the very first ANZACS and clearly add to the fibre of our communities and country. The involvement of our young people in the ceremony ensures that important links to the past are handed on to the next generation. Our College was given an opportunity to play a lead role in the ceremonies this year with College Captains Sarah Head and Jarrod Kornmann representing Echuca College at the Echuca ceremonies. Our College Year 10 Beacon students Tessa Mellington, Greta Pearson, and Brenton Case participated in the ceremony at the Moama service, while Kayla Arkinstall read a tribute to the ANZACs. Echuca College would like to thank the Echuca/Moama RSL sub branches for the invitation to participate in the ANZAC Day services and we would like to congratulate the RSL sub branches on their organisation of the day. The College also held its own service at a ‘whole school’ assembly on the Tuesday before ANZAC Day and at this service College Captains and Beacon leaders conducted the ceremony for the College. I was extremely proud of our students as they listened intently to the service and then paid their respects to those who made the supreme sacrifice, with a minute’s silence. Clearly the importance of ANZAC Day to all generations of Australians is evident in the respect shown at ceremonies such as our College service and ANZAC Day services around the country. ‘Lest we forget’.

Would you like to receive the newsletter via email?
This notice is repeated from my last report but is important to all our Year 7 and Year 9 students. The NAPLAN testing program will be held on the 15th, 16th and 17th of June. 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. The report issued as a result of the tests will describe a child’s particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. Parents will 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.

Each year in early May the College provides an opportunity for our community to visit the College as part of our ‘Discovery Night’ program. While the evening is designed to provide prospective students and their parents with a chance to talk to teachers, view programs and facilities; it also gives us an opportunity to demonstrate what is happening at our College. It was great to see so many attend the evening given the cooler weather. There were many questions asked about our Laptop program across the College and the extra curricula areas in Performing and Visual Arts, Technology (Energy Breakthrough) and Physical Education/Health and Outdoor Education also attracted a lot of interest. The introduction of the National Curriculum in 2012 has highlighted the importance of History, Geography and Commerce subjects in our students’ development and at Discovery Night our Humanities Domain provided students and parents with a great insight as to how these subjects are taught across years 7-12. Echuca College has a strong LOTE (Indonesian) program with students studying LOTE through to Year 12. Our LOTE teachers and students studying LOTE demonstrated lessons and activities used in the teaching of LOTE as part of their provision of information to our community on the evening, plus cooking a very nice chicken with peanut satay. While the study of English is a given and literacy development the responsibility of all areas of study at Echuca College, students and parents were also provided with an outline of the study of English across years 7-12. Importantly our Discovery Evening was supported by our students, many of whom have worked over the last few weeks to prepare displays and activities that helped prospective students to have a better understanding of what Echuca College has to offer. Well done to all involved and a special thank you to our Transition coordinator Ms Adams.

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 allow 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 their best option for their child’s 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.

Canteen

With many students to serve, the Canteen Manager needs the help of several people each day to provide lunches and snacks, we are in urgent need of volunteers, if you are able to spare an hour or 2 to help out please contact our Canteen Manager on 54821133.

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.

Wellbeing

IMMUNISATIONS – Immunisations are scheduled for Wednesday 30th May. This is the 2nd HPV vaccination for the Year 7 Girls.

YOUTH WEEK ACTIVITIES – “Sumo Wrestling” was a tremendous success with competitions held in the Gym at recess and lunchtime. Although there was no winner at the end of the day, most of the school had a fun time either through participating or spectating. “Photograph” Cybersafety sessions with Year 7 and 8 Classes were extremely informative about responsibility and the law. Many thanks to Youth Resource Officer, Leading Sen. Constable Neil Crouch who conducted the most valuable activity and was then a good sport and took on Jeremiah in the Sumo Competition.

WALKING CLUB:
All Students and Staff are invited to join the Walking Club for a very pleasant and relaxing walk at lunchtimes on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week, commencing this week and meeting outside Mr Armstrong’s office at 12.55pm for 1 o’clock start. Points are awarded for both Staff and Students for walking and achieving “milestones”
10kms – Pen
30kms – Drink bottle
50kms – Pair of socks
75kms – Skins sports towel
100kms – Pedometer - Bonus points for bringing someone who hasn’t walked previously and double points if you bring a teacher.
Work Experience

A Week at the Zoo...
During the last week of term one I had the privilege of completing work experience at the Melbourne Zoo. It was a very long process to organise the work experience which I started last year. I had to address key selection criteria and was lucky enough to be short listed. I then attended an interview day, which involved a lot of puzzle solving, teamwork activities, keeper duties and at the conclusion of the day a formal interview.

After the long process I finally found out that I had been accepted. The first day I arrived to find out I was working with the animals from the Australian bush, but soon found out that it wasn’t limited to just Australian animals, having to care for squirrel monkeys and Amazon macaws. I was put on a different ‘round’ of Australian animals every day and was able to assist in catching, weighing and worming guinea fowl.

A lot of food preparation had to be done every day in preparation for the next which took up a lot of time accompanied with washing up, however the animal contact was a lot more hands on than expected. The keepers quite often play with and cuddle the animals developing the relationship they have with them. I worked with many different animals during the week from squirrel monkeys and macaws to tree kangaroos, koalas, native birds, echidnas and a lot more.

On the last day of my week long work experience I was put on a short round and told to meet one of the keepers back at the food preparation area at 11:15 and 1:30 for something they don’t normally do with work experience students. When 11:15 came I was taken to the giraffe enclosure and was able to hand feed the giraffes. At 1:30 I was taken to feed the lions. After marvelling at these animals the Manager of carnivores lead me to the back of the tiger enclosure to see two tigers from the latest litter of cubs at the zoo. Wanting to work with tigers and seeing them so close was amazing.

After leaving the tigers it was time to go around checking all the animals which meant trying to count every bird in every enclosure. That was a time consuming process, trying to count every finch as they were flying around the aviary. By the end of the day I was sad I had to go. The keepers were also sad to see me leave. I was given a stuffed animal to remember my week at the zoo which I will remember forever.

Zoe Keele

Sport News

Mildura Volleyball

Year 7
The girls were at a disadvantage with 5 players but took this in their stride and didn’t let this get to them playing with a spirit of 6 on the court. They faced Chaffey College in their first game starting of the set brilliantly; some miscommunication allowed Chaffey to fight back and they won the set 23-25. The second set the girls were outdone 13-25. MVP Georgia McKellar. In their second match against Sandhurst the girls once again came out firing in two close sets 19-25, 16-25. MVP Lyndall Taylor. Well done girls on a great effort and enthusiasm.

Year 8
The year 8 girls first match was against Merbein – their warm-up and outfits didn’t have our girls worried and stuck to the game plan of ‘relax and have fun’. This worked in our favour with a close match 20-25, 17-25. MVP Michaela Clark-Grundy. In the second match against Crusoe the girls took some time to warm up and a few serving errors and too much power lost us some points, however it was a well fought out match which had the Crusoe coach sweating in the second set 13-25, 20-25 MVP Kassidy Bullock A great effort and fighting spirit girls.

Intermediate Boys
The intermediate boys Volleyball team travelled all the way to Mildura to compete at the LMR volleyball championships. The boys would contest against some very strong opposition in Bendigo South East College and Irymple to make it through to the state finals. In the first match the boys played against Irymple and started strong winning the first point.....next minute.....the set was over and then shortly later, so was the game. Strong performances by Jake Toll, Brenton Case and Captain Chris Dunstan kept the scoreboard slowly ticking over for the college giving them a small hope of seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. In the next game against Bendigo South East the game started off with a Bang with some ‘confident’ and un humorous players from Bendigo making their statement early. Before too long the game had turned into a Carlton vs Collingwood arch rivalry contest with both teams eager for the victory. With a controversial decision Bendigo had a few shakes about them and Echuca managed 7 points in a row! Unfortunately it was not enough to get over the line. After the boys had finished the match they turned from Volleyballers into loud cheerleaders supporting Irymple to make it through to the state finals. Irymple have the boys to thank them for making it through to the state finals after their strong encouragement defiantly got them over the line. The team included Captain Chris Dunstan, Hayden Wentworth, Brenton Case, Shanon Daldy, Casey Hearn, Jayden Thompson, Shaun Haﬄended and spiritual leader Jake Toll. MVP: JAKE TOLL

Intermediate Girls
Everyone was so excited to be competing in the Loddon Mallee volleyball competition; until we found out the departure time would be 4.30 in the morning! It was a pretty quiet 4 and a half hour trip. The intermediate girls’ team went well in their first game against St. Joseph’s College.
St Joseph’s won the first set: 25 to 14 and Echuca College won second set: 25 to 20. The second game we played was against Bendigo South East, which they won in straight sets. 25 to 16 in the first set and 25 to 12 in the second. Alana showed everyone how to do a perfect spike, and Grace’s serving seemed like it was never going to end. The whole team played so well together and I was proud to be captain of such awesome group of girls. I’d like to say a big thanks to Corbs who did such an epic job of being our coach. I know I’m not the only who cannot wait for next year’s competition. MVP: Emily McClusky
Intermediate Boys Tennis

The intermediate boys tennis team consisting of Regan Moore, Eric Holt-Crossman, Nathan Anderson-Scott, Corey McGrath and Zac Keele competed in the zone final in Mildura on Thursday 19th April. Their first game was against Bendigo South-East, Regan and Eric combined well to win their doubles against strong opposition whilst Nathan and Corey lost their match narrowly. In the singles, Regan, Eric and Nathan all recorded wins to secure the tie, special mention to Nathan who fought back from 5-2 down to win his match. The second match was against Mackillop College, Zac came in for the second doubles game and combined well with Nathan but they went down narrowly. Wins to Regan and Eric in the other doubles game and singles win to Regan, Eric and Corey saw a win to Echuca. In the final game against Red Cliffs, Echuca again won through 4-2, Corey desperately unlucky to lose his match 7-5 in the tie-break. Great performances by Regan and Eric who only lost 4 and 3 games for the day respectively. Good luck to the team in the State finals at the end of May.

Senior Boys Footy Sun Country Cup

On Tuesday the 24th of April a group of talented young footballers travelled to Moama to compete against Rochester, St. Josephs and Moama Grammar in a bid to make it to the next level of the Sun Country Cup. The boys were going to be tested to their limits with all 3 games being played in a row with only 5 minutes between each game. Each game consisted of two 15 min halves and a 5 minute half time. In the first game the boys game up against some very tough competition in Rochester. Some excellent display of skill by Rochester saw our boys scoreless in a game they quickly moved on from. The next game against Moama Grammar was the boys best chance for a win and they took every chance they could to keep the scoreboard ticking over. Tyler Lethlean shined up forward kicking 3 goals while dominant performances by Luke Sanderson and Shaun Hon ensured the ball was staying down our end of the ground. The final score was 6.4 to 4.2.

Goals: Echuca: T Lethlean 3, D Hegarty, J Allingham, M Young

In the final game against St. Josephs the boys had a very strong chance to snatch a win as the underdogs as they led at half time by two straight kicks. Michael Young was shining up forward kicking 3 goals and ensuring the boys had the edge at half time. The second half started as a tight contest but unfortunately St. Josephs ran away with the win and they made it to the next stage. The final score in that game was 7.5 to 5.3.

Goals: Echuca: M. Young 3, J. Deighton, J. Hill

Best players for the day were: L. Sanderson, S. Hon, J. Hill, J. Deighton, M. Hore, D. Hegarty, M. Young and T. Lethlean.

Special thanks to Mr Stenning for coaching the team on the day.

Echuca College Cross-Country.

May 23rd during periods 1 and 2.

All Year 7, 8 and 9 students will run. Year 10, 11 and 12 students will nominate. Normal classes will operate for Year 10, 11 and 12 students not running.

16, 17 and 21 year old boys will run 5km. All other students will run 3km.

The top 7 runners in each age group will be in the Interschool Team.

David Pearson

FreeZa

Monday May 21st, FReeZA presents "Open Mic Night" at the new "Earth Food & Wine" in Moama. The event is supported by experienced local performer, Tyler Hudson who will not only perform but will be there to mentor budding performers!

It’s not just acoustic - If electronic music is your style, then we want to hear what you’ve got. All the equipment is provided - Register your name with Mr Spizzica or by email jacqui.davies@ymca.org.au then just rock up and play!

Out the back – witness a famous “Street Artist” at work as he creates a massive 13m X 3m mural on the Earth’s courtyard wall. For your chance to work with the artist on the night submit an A3 design which incorporates the theme “Young Minds Peer into the Future” to Earth Food and Wine or Y Central (above Rivers) before Wednesday 16th May – the 4 most creative designers will be chosen to stamp their mark on this enormous piece of art whilst learning from the artist the technique of large scale art street designs!

Come and enjoy the charisma of Moama’s grooviest venue and support your peers as they perform. The event is STRICTLY drug, smoke and alcohol free! The venue will be monitored by security and there are NO PASSOUTS.

***FReeZA is an innovative youth development program providing young people between the ages of 12 and 25 with the opportunity to attend affordable and accessible music and cultural events. FReeZA attracts over 140,000 young people each year to events that take place in safe, fully supervised, drug, alcohol and smoke-free venues across the Victoria***

For more information please contact Jacqui Davies on 0431 160 381
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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, Chicken Burger, Chicken Caesar Wraps, Pastie Slice & Crunchy Tuna Rolls, and heaps more!!

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ORDER YOUR LUNCH - TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY**
Echuca Basketball Competition Returns

The Echuca Basketball Competition will kick off their Winter Competition on May 7th. They will be holding their Registration night on Monday April 30th and Wednesday May 2nd, from 4.30pm until 6.30pm at the Echuca Basketball Stadium. Early registrations are currently being accepted. Registration forms can be found at the Echuca basketball Stadium, or on the Echuca Basketball Association’s website: www.echuca.basketball.net.au.

Aussie Hoops:

Aussie Hoops is returning to Wednesday afternoons in Term 2. Aussie Hoops is a basketball program designed to teach kids between the ages of 5 and 7 the basics of basketball in a fun and friendly environment. Cost is $60 for new players and $50 for returning players. The program involves 7 weeks of 35 minute training sessions and when the kids receive a basketball, Aussie Hoops playing singlet, and drink bottle. Registration will be held next Wednesday 25th of May, followed by Week 1 start date Wednesday 2nd May at 4.10pm.