Principal’s Report

‘Diversity Our Strength’

In this week’s (Wednesday) ‘Herald Sun’ there was an article about a study undertaken by three Australian Universities into ‘Bullying’ in Australian Schools. The statistics are not good and the issue of ‘Cyber Bullying’ is also discussed. Clearly the introduction of new technologies has brought with it a new form of ‘Bullying’ and Echuca College has worked closely with other schools in the region and supportive agencies such as Victoria Police to provide our students with the knowledge and skills to deal with all forms of ‘Bullying’ but in particular ‘Cyber Bullying’. The following comments are from the ‘Learning Curve’ and they reflect Echuca College’s stance on the issue of ‘Bullying’. In Tute Group this week, students at the College have completed an activity outlining “What is Bullying”. All students have been given access to a survey which will assist the College to address any issues and further develop our supportive structures at Echuca College.

All members of the school community have the right to feel happy about themselves and be comfortable at home, school and in their community. No one can be allowed to deny any person this right and it is important that all students have a real awareness of harassment and what constitutes it, whether as a victim or as a perpetrator. Harassment in any form cannot be tolerated. Building relationships, learning collaboratively and having empathy for others are desirable lifelong capabilities and habits that need to be nurtured in our children. The presence of harassment in any environment can have a debilitating effect on the acquisition of these personal attributes and qualities. There are many forms of harassment, including, physical, verbal, electronic, emotional, sexual; etc, which must be addressed immediately they occur; they won’t just go away and may escalate into bullying. Also, the harassers need assistance to raise their self-awareness of their unacceptable behaviours and become self-correcting to modify how they treat people. In today’s society, school is very often the most stable and safe environment for many students and maintaining this must be a high priority within the school community. Developing children’s preparedness and willingness to realise that it is their right to speak up if they are being harassed or bullied is essential in building their lifelong resiliency. Initiating frank and proactive dialogue, both at school and at home, on this destructive issue and supported by immediate action will see harassment diminish.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, staff and students are working towards the completion of semester one’s work in preparation for midyear reports. It is important that students don’t leave assignments or tasks to the last minute and consequently have to rush their work to get it completed. Could I ask parents to check with their student/s on the progress of school work and if there are any concerns about the completion of work, for parents to please contact the College and speak to the relevant Year Level Co-ordinators. An important date for parents to remember is the 18th June because this is when all semester two subjects start for this year. I would ask that parents also ensure that students attend school every day leading up to the term holidays so critical areas of their studies are not missed. ‘It is not okay to be away’.

Would you like to receive the newsletter via email?

This week is ‘Reconciliation Week’ and the College has celebrated it by participating in the Campaspe Shire’s ceremony last Wednesday. The Reconciliation Week Celebration at the Shire Offices saw students from across the Echuca area attend the flag raising ceremony and morning tea. At the College Koori students involved a University of NSW Ipad program will be showing their peers the projects they have been working on as part of the program.

Last Monday Beacon Foundation in conjunction with Echuca College, St Joseph’s College and Moama Grammar conducted the ‘Futures Workshops’ at the Fonterra Centre. Over 300 students from our schools participated in the half day program that featured exhibits covering a wide variety of vocations. Local and regional businesses and companies were represented and they provided a wealth of information for our students. Sound vocational and pathways information is crucial at this stage of our Year 10 students’ development and with course selection for VCE only a matter of weeks away, the ‘Futures Workshops’ initiative, assists students in the subject selection process. Early next semester all Year 10 students will be involved in VCE and course selection lessons before our Careers and Pathways Expo at the College.

A final reminder that examinations for Unit Three VCE subjects start on the 12th June with Biology, Physics and Accounting followed by Psychology and Chemistry. These are the only subjects examined by the VCAA at half year. The examinations are Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority set examinations. On Thursday 14th June, all students studying a Unit 3&4 subject or 2nd Year of a Scored Vet Certificate this year will be required to sit the General Achievement Test (GAT). The 14th June will be a ‘Pupil Free Day’ for report preparation and only those students completing the GAT will be attending school.

Over the last two weeks Echuca College has been host to students in Grades Five and Six from our local partner primary schools. The primary school students have experienced a range of subjects studied at the College during two hour visit and have had a tour of the College’s facilities. It is fair to say that the new Hockey/Tennis facility is very popular, as is the Performing Arts, Science and Technology areas within the College. The students also enjoy the space of the ground on which the College is set and the sporting fields and courts.

Chris Eeles
College Principal

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 to help out on a daily basis. We would also appreciate donations of pumpkins, or vegetables suitable for soups.

Also many thanks to Jenni Candy, and Seona La Grue for the yummy pumpkins.

If you are able to help out please contact our Canteen Manager on 54821133. Thanks-you Jeanette

Beacon

Beacon Real Futures Workshop Report

On Monday, 28th May 2012 all Year 10 students attended the Real Futures Workshop at the Fonterra Centre. The students listened to Nathan Hulls, a motivational speaker whose message was simple ‘be the best you can be’! Nathan has dealt with a disability most of his life and his philosophy is stuff happens, work with it and don’t let things get you down. Another theme from his speech was try and unlock your own potential.

After Nathan’s inspirational speech, students chose three workshops to attend from 36 different job offerings. The opportunities ranged from journalism, forensics, childcare, hairdressing and other trades like plumbing and building. Many of the workshops were interactive giving students the opportunity to look at tools and equipment used in different professions.

Students came away from the event thinking about their future careers; positive comments and feedback included; inspiring, interesting, informative, and beneficial, changes you and challenges you to do things that you enjoy.

Thanks to Rachel Collins Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation for organising the event. To Isabella Reid and Greta Pearson, our two Beacon Leaders for presenting to the large audience. Big thanks to our teachers who helped supervise and all the students who used the opportunity to broaden their horizons. Well done to you all!
Camp Reminders

Important information Evening for Parents/students going to Gold Coast 2012.
When --- Thursday 19th July, Time 7:00pm, Where -- Cafe Learning Area

Camps for 2013

Year 8 Shipwreck camp. Term 3. 17th Sept to 20th Sept 2013
Students have the opportunity to travel by bus down along The Great Ocean Road, a Shipwreck coast line to Warrnambool, Port Fairy and surrounding districts.
Students will be staying at the Warrnambool Holiday Park in cabin style accommodation where breakfast, lunch and dinner is provided most days.
Students visit the Flagstaff Hill Museum to see the sound and laser show “Shipwrecked”. It is a spell binding chronicle of how Victoria’s western coastline earned its cruel distinction as the “Shipwreck Coast.” Its 4D tale of one sea Captain’s ship the ill fated Lochard is fantastic.
Students also have the opportunity to partake in a guided tour of the village and Maritime museum. The recreated village is beaming with history. Further on from this, students are able to view the remaining formations of London Bridge, Lochard Gorge and the Twelve Apostles. Part of the tour also sees students visiting Port Fairy. Enroute they visit Tower Hill an extinct volcano.
Deposits are now being taken for this fantastic camp.
For further information please contact the school on 54821133

Year 9/10 Central Australia Camp.
Students have a fantastic opportunity to partake in a trip that they will remember forever.
Leaving Echuca on a comfortable coach we head down the Murray River through Mildura, Renmark and onto the historical South Australian town of Burra where we camp for the first night. From Burra we head to Coober Pedy and then onto Uluru. We spend two nights camping here and have the option to climb Uluru or take a circular tour of the base and view aboriginal rock paintings and caves. From Uluru we travel to Alice Springs where we enjoy a visit to the Royal Flying Doctors Base, School of the Air and Anzac Hill. Leaving the “Alice” we again travel north on the Stuart Hwy stopping at the Devils Marbles and stopping at Daly Waters for our overnight camp. We continue north to Mataranka Homestead and then onto Katherine Gorge and Kakadu National Park. A sunrise cruise on the Yellow Waters Lagoon to view abundant wildlife, salt water crocodiles is amazing. We then travel onto Litchfield National Park where we can enjoy a swim in the incredible Wangi Falls and Florence Falls. It’s then on to Darwin to see the sights before departing Darwin on our flight back to Melbourne and coach back to Echuca.
Information evening --- Thursday 19th July, 7:30pm. Cafe Learning area.
Deposits are now being taken.
For further information please contact the school on 54821133.

Earn & Learn
Woolworths/Safeway are conducting the promotion where schools can obtain valuable resources by collecting stickers. These stickers are available at all Safeway stores from this week and shoppers will receive one sticker for every $10 spent. Our school has registered for the promotion and we ask all community members to please save your stickers for us. Sticker sheets are available at school for anyone who would like one or just hand the stickers in at the main administration office. We greatly appreciate the support. Thank you.

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Trivia Night

Theme: ‘When I grow up, I want to be….’

Border raiders annul trivia night is the biggest fundraiser for the club.
When: 6:30pm Friday 22nd June
Where: Rich River Golf Club
Cost: $25 each person $250 per table
2 course meal provided
Lots of prizes to win

Tickets available at the soccer canteen Saturday mornings or Call Rob (after 2:30pm) Ph: 0403 864 334

JOBS

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Senior Girls Soccer

The Senior Girls Soccer team had a day to remember at the interschool competition last Friday. The decision to combine the intermediate and senior teams together to form one strong team seemed to pay off with the girls posting big wins over St Joes and St Mary’s. The girls combined well with many players scoring goals. Jess Pitts and Rowie Ilsely were strong through the middle and the defence line of Alannah Richardson, Teagan Milne, Siobhan Thompson and Indre Christy did not let one ball past. Briony Milne was untroubled in goal keeper and came out for a run later on. Ellie Denson was deadly upfront kicking a number of goals. Alana Long, Jess Hardess, Emma Andrews and Georgia Nilon, who are all new to soccer, mixed in nicely with our more experienced crew and showed some good skills. Overall it was a positive start for the girls who are now off to Bendigo on Monday for the Zone Championships. A special mention to Rowie who provided the most entertaining moment of the day when she fired a shot from short range straight into the post, which then rebounded straight back into her face and left her completely dazed and the rest of us in fits of laughter! MVP for the day: Jess Pitts.

Intermediate and Senior Boys Soccer in Moama

A truly magnificent day in the balmy sunshine of Moama was enjoyed by our boys teams recently. In truth it was the Intermediate Boys who were the unluckiest on the day as they remained undefeated yet were unable to qualify for the next round of Zone Finals in Bendigo due to a ‘poster’ in the penalty shoot out. The lads had already drawn with St. Jo’s and St. Marys(Nathalia) only to lose on penalties 5 – 4. Considering the boys were relatively inexperienced soccer players, they did a tremendous job to be not only very competitive but had the better chances to score. Indeed it must be said the highlight was undoubtedly Jerome’s goal in the final minute to set up the draw and subsequent penalty shoot out!

Most Valuable Player for the day was Captain Luke Popovic.

The Seniors decided in the first match against St. Jo’s that ‘mucking around’ was the natural order of the day and paid the supreme price of losing a game 0 – 2 they should have comfortably won. To their credit and a little verbal prompting from Coach Chealy they fought back admirably to win their next 3 matches and totally dominate play whilst St. Jo’s took their turn to ‘fool about’. Going into the last match against Rochy all the opposition needed to do was draw whilst our Echucaroos needed the win. We completely dominated play with a possession ratio of about 85% to Rochy’s 15%, though it did take some time to break them down with Skipper Honny finally netting in the second half followed by a curling corner from Jonesy which scored (making up the one missed earlier from 1 metre with the goalie out?) for a 2 – 0 win and qualification for the next round. Well done guys after a ‘dodgy’ start!

Most Valuable Player for the day was Brent McGrath.

Success in the interschool Badminton

Congratulations to the Inter and Senior girl’s badminton teams who made it through to the next round in Bendigo on Monday the 28th of May. Their success came about mainly through the way they worked with their partners to cover the court and aggressive play. The inter-girls team of Grace Day, Amy Haw (MVP), Tessa Mellington and Sarah Ogden was undefeated and the Senior girls (Alex Cantwell, Javais Ham, Jayde Ilsley (MVP)and Emily McClusky) only lost one game, and that was to the Echuca Inter- girls team. The inter-boys (Reagan Moore (MVP), Jake Toll, Damian Hanson and Nathan Anderson-Scott) came second to Rochester after a number of very tight and skilful sets. The senior boys, Jayden Eagle, Casey Hearn, Hayden Wentworth (MVP) and Nick Pevitt fought hard to be placed third overall. The most enjoyable factor of the day was the way all students played seriously but with good humour and sportsmanship.
Sport News

Echuca College Cross -Country 2012

The event was run and won in fine conditions last Wednesday. The 16—21 year old boys ran 5 Km, with the rest of the runners completing a 3 Km course. All Yr 9 students participated and 120 Yr 10,11 and 12 students. Moira won for the second year in a row. 1st—Moira 1699, 2nd—Wharparilla 1562, 3rd—Kanyapella 1419, 4th—Perricoota 1080

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Bravado in Bendigo

There, we were, backs to the wall, 8 students withdrawing before a ball was even kicked but still we fought on... The ‘Diggers’ would have been proud of the efforts of our Senior Boys Soccer Team. Senior in name only as half the team were drawn from Years 7 – 10! Led more than capably by Brent(Becks) McGrath in the midfield with Jimmy(Timmy Cahill) Deighton by his side, backed by Jason(Woody) Heywood, Kiennan(Jammer) Jones, James(Vivid) Vevers and Shannon(please put me up front) Daldy making up the back four, Jesse(Schwarzer) Hill in goals, with Jack(Vigeon) Ogilvie and Tane(Messi) Wereta on the wings, fronted by Luke(Henry) Popovic and Ham(never say die) Nanoy, the lads performance was supplemented by James(Ronaldo) Brown of Year 7 who acquitted himself admirably, certainly not intimidated by the older boys!!

Sure, we did not manage a win on the day, but all the matches were close as the boys fought hard with pride, determination and a desire to both enjoy the day and display to their opposition that they had ‘attitude’ and would not be bullied by more fancied opponents. Indeed only a television goal by Castlemaine in the first match stopped us from earning a point, ‘Woody’ having had to leave the field as the claret poured from his proboscis leaving us with 10 whilst James geared up to come on as a replacement.

Only Bendigo Senior put us ‘to the sword’ and that after most of the match they were held goalless! Given the circumstances the Socceroos would have been proud of the magnificent output of the Echuca boys who were men on the day. Well done fellas! You understood the value of commitment!

MVP: Captain Courageous Brent McGrath

Stewart Cheal(proud coach)
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ROCK EISTEDDFOD STUDENT REHEARSAL TIMETABLE:

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STUDENTS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

It is important that students bring their own mascara, hair spray, brush and comb; face wipes to take off make up, towel, mirror, pillow a blanket – and the items below:

Good characters: White pantyhose (plus a spare pair) and white cotton tails or nicks
Evil characters: Two pairs of torn and laddered black pantyhose and black nicks
Boys: black singlet and two pairs of torn and laddered black pantyhose
Power characters: Gold Pointe shoes, gold stockings (if available), black nicks

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