Principal’s Report

‘Diversity Our Strength’

The cold weather has seen a few variations of the College uniform appear in recent weeks. For example, track suit pants and hoodies under school shirts; neither are part of the College’s uniform. Items of clothing that make up our uniform have been very clearly defined in our uniform policy since the establishment of Echuca College. A uniform list is available from the general office and those students who come to school out of uniform will need to report to the administration area. Where families need assistance in acquiring school uniform the College can help through a number of facilities, including access to second hand uniforms. I would also encourage parents and students to label the various parts of their uniform; in particular jumpers and College tops. Many of the items are very expensive and jumpers are the items most frequently left behind in the yard or in classrooms. Where students continually disregard the uniform policy, parent will be contacted for an interview. Uniform creation and style is the domain of the College Council (parent and teacher representatives) and as such must be adhered to if students want to attend Echuca College.

Next week will see the start of semester two for students at all year levels. This means VCE students will start work on their Units 2 (Year 11) and Unit 4 (Year 12) course work. At Years 7-10, students will start new electives. As a consequence teachers have been writing reports for semester one’s work. On the last day term two (29th June), all reports will be issued to students in Tute Group meetings before students are dismissed at 2.20pm. Reports will not be available before 2pm to parents. Those reports not collected will be distributed to students at the start of term three. The College will hold a Parent/Teacher evening in term three for all year levels and this will be announced at the start of the term.

Information sessions for Echuca College programs for 2013 will start on Tuesday 24th July at the College and Vocational Education and Training certificates information sessions for EDVET will be held at Rich River Golf Club on Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st July. Once the information sessions are completed students in Years 9, 10 and 11 will be required to attend course counselling days where their subject selections for 2013 will be discussed with Year Level Co-ordinators, Level Leaders and Careers Counsellors. It is important that parents discuss subject selections with their students and all selection sheets must be signed by a parent/guardian before the student can undertake their chosen subjects in 2013. Course counselling for all 2013 Years 9, 10 and 11 will start in August with the aim to have our timetable for 2013 ready for students to start their academic year 2013 on the 26th November 2012.
Information Sessions for 2013.
24th July – Year 12 2013 Information Night – Cafe Learning & Library.
26th July – Year 10 2013 Information Night – Cafe Learning & Library.
1st August - VTAC Year 12 Information Night – Senior Learning
2nd August - Tertiary Information Session for Year 12s

Destinations 2011 Year 12
This week in the local newspaper ‘On Track’ data was displayed for the class of 2011. While this data provides some information about student destinations, it as accurate as data collected by the College. In 2011, 102 students were in Year 12 (VCAL/VCE). After tracking all these student’s the most pleasing statistic was that all but two students (< 2%) were either in further education, training or employment.

Only 59 students applied for tertiary education courses and of this 53 received first round offers and 39 students have taken up their offers and are studying this year. We had 28 students applied through the University Early Entry Schemes at Charles Sturt University with seven applicants received offers including one student gaining entry to the highly sought after Physiotherapy course.

Deferment and a gap year is still a popular option with 17 students deferring their studies for 2012. Unlike previous years students appear to be taking a gap year for reasons other than just financial. Students are taking up opportunities such as Camp America and combining a year of work and some travel. Six students are undertaking Traineeships and 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 2013. Students taking a gap year appear to be avoiding Traineeships but prefer higher paid positions outside the Trainee structure. The higher hourly rate helps them meet the minimum income to qualify for Independent Youth Allowance in 2013. Some highlights include, the high percentage of students who received an offer, two students gaining entry to The University of Melbourne through the access Melbourne Scheme and a student attending Deakin securing a $9000 per year accommodation scholarship. The College continues to stay in contact with many of our students long after they leave and we wish them all the best for the future. I would like to thank Mr Webb, Mrs Morrison and the VCE team for the work and support they give our students during and at the completion of their secondary education.

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 any vegetables suitable for soup. If you are able to help out please contact our Canteen Manager on 54821133

Wellbeing

Youth Advisory Group (YAG) on Cyber safety for 2012.
At the beginning of term 2, 11 students from the college accepted an invitation to take part in a Commonwealth initiative on Cyber safety. Over a 12 month period the students go online and discuss issues, concerns, strategies, options and solutions with other students from around Australia.
Their input may directly influence Federal legislation on Cyber safety.
Two of the students involved, Leighton Flight and Tyler Thompson were invited to Canberra to a YAG summit to contribute further to these discussions with 150 other students from around Australia. This summit took place on Tuesday, 12 June. The students were accompanied by a parent each and Mr. Robinson.
The students who are participating in the Youth Advisory Group are:
Shannon Savage, Dylan McInnes, Matt Hawkins, Fletcher Henery, Keaton Pearl, Leighton Flight, Courtney O’Mara, Rhiannon Riley, Tyler Thompson, Corey Thompson, Corey McGrath
There will more newsletter information from students in the YAG over the coming months.
**Wellbeing**

**CORE OF LIFE YEAR 10 HEALTH PROGRAM.**
Recently Year 10 students at our College were able to participate in the Core of Life Program through the Health Curriculum.
Core of Life is a unique life education program. It addresses the sensitive topics of pregnancy, birth, breastfeeding and parenting in a fun and interesting way.
Core of Life was developed to address limited knowledge about these topics in young people. It strengthens the link between youth, health and communities, and encourages young people to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.
The purpose of Core of Life is to achieve better health outcomes for young people and future families in our wider community.
Many thanks to local Midwife Linda Corby and Rushworth School Nurse Leanne James who assisted our School Nurse Denise Leed with delivery of the sessions. Also thank you to our staff, chaplain and students who participated so cheerfully in the activities and contributed towards making the program a success. Evaluation from the sessions has been extremely positive.

**WALKING CLUB.**
Walking Club is being held on Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. This has been a great opportunity to go for a relaxing walk, clear the head and make new friends. Year 7 Teacher Mr Cheal has introduced bonus Merit points when students reach a milestone. Rochester Heart Support Australia’s Branch of a very generous donation of $1,000 has allowed us to purchase rewards for these milestones as well. Our tally board is being led by Josh Phyland on 42kms closely followed by Kurt Linahan on 39kms with Harriet Nilon and Mr Armstrong on 33 and 30kms respectively. All students and staff are welcome to attend.

**Escape from Worryville**
All students from year 7 and 8 and a small group of students from Echuca Specialist School spent periods 5 and 6, Wednesday, May 23 in the big gym, watching the performance ‘Escape from Worryville’. In this performance, comedy and tragedy combined in an uplifting feel-good story of hope and empowerment. A variety of issues were explored such as: worry, anxiety, depression, support, self-harm, bullying, belonging, illness of family member, well-being and connections to friends and self.
The play was a result of a partnership and workshops between the two performers, Dave Houston and Andy Jans-Brown(Full-On Theatre) and 70+ students from 3 Secondary Colleges. The group developed the play from real life situations and concerns of young people.
After the performance, students broke into a number of smaller groups facilitated by college staff and discussed issues and concerns raised by the performance.

‘Escape from Worryville’ encourages young people to make positive choices and build healthy, respectful relationships.
The performance was made possible through the support of the School Focused Youth Services (SFYS) and the Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning and Employment Network(CCLLEN).
If any student or parent has any concerns about any of the issues raised in this presentation contact the college Well Being Team, your local G.P. or go online and seek support from the following resources:
Depression in Young People
Dealing with Stress
Loss and Grief
Reach Out!
www.reachout.com.au
Beyond Blue
www.beyondblue.org.au
N.B. This is not an exhaustive list. There are many other helpful and supportive web sites.

**Immunisations**
The Shire of Campaspe Immunisation Team visited your school on 30/05/2012 to provide free HPV to female students in yr 7. Any student who was away from school on the day of our visit may obtain these immunisations from the Shire of Campaspe at our monthly immunisation sessions.
Session times are available from the school office or by contacting the Shire of Campaspe 1300 666 535
Sport News

State Tennis Results
On Friday the 1st of June the Intermediate Boys tennis team travelled down to Melbourne to compete against the state’s best to try and become the state champions. The boys competing were Regan More, Erik Holt-Crossman, Jack Southern, Nathan Anderson-Scott and Corey McGrath. The boys were in one of two pools. They unfortunately lost to Strathmore 4 sets to 2 in their first game. They then played Frankston and won 4 sets to 2 and then played Emmanuel and again won 4 sets to 2. The boys had done the school very proud finishing second in their pool and third overall for the day. Well done to Erik who did not lose a singles match for the day and Regan who only lost one of his singles in a close match. Jack also won two of his singles matches while Nathan played well all day. Corey, who was an emergency, came in to play one doubles match at the end of the day with Jack and put up a fight in a close match. The doubles combination of Erik and Regan also did not drop a set all day. Well done boys!

Year 7 Netball
The girls were enthusiastic from the word go, sharing plenty of encouragement and team spirit. They had 3 wins for the day beating Kyabram 18-8, Rochester 19-13, and St Augustines 18-9. They were just getting warmed up in the first game against St Marys, who were the overall winners of the day, but unfortunately went down 12-15. MVP for the day went to Lyndall Taylor. Well done girls on a fantastic day.

Miss Butler

LMR CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS 2012.
Tuesday June 5th in St Arnaud.
In windy and freezing conditions the team performed well with
Max Ogilvie and Liam Gundry qualifying for the State Final on the first Tuesday of next term.

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Teams:
Boys U13 - 3rd  Boys U15 – 3rd
Camp Reminders

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

Camp Reminders

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.

---ROCK EISTEDDFOD ACTIVITY---
SUNDAY JUNE 17TH AT 6pm
PARAMOUNT ARTS AND ACTIVITIES CENTRE, ECHUCA
COST- $17 includes supper
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ROCK OF AGES
SUPPORT YOUR ROCKA TEAM!!
MELBOURNE ROCK EISTEDDFOD
TICKETS ON SALE NOW-DON’T MISS OUT
$49 each (Pay at the general office)
Ends June 27th

---ROCK EISTEDDFOD STUDENT REHEARSAL TIMETABLE---

Friday June 29th
(Last day of term 2)
FULL DAY REHEARSALS-ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND

Friday July 20th
Rehearsals from 3.30-5.00-ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND

Friday July 27th

Friday August 3rd
FULL DRESS REHEARSALS
ALL DAY until around 7.30 (after everything has been tidied up)

THURSDAY AUGUST 9TH
MELBOURNE PERFORMANCE-HISENSE AREANA-6am until 2.30am the next morning

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