Last week we held our athletics carnival at the College Drive oval in bright sunlight and perfect conditions. This set the scene for competitors, spectators and staff. The enthusiasm of all competitors was outstanding and the behaviour of our students throughout the day was excellent. We had some guests from the Echuca Special Development School participate in events throughout the day and from all accounts they had a great time and our students really enjoyed their company. Once again we had some great music provided throughout the day by Mr Jones and Mr Spizzica and the tradition continued at lunch time with over 300 students dancing in the middle of the oval to ‘Nut Bush’ and ‘Macarena’. The usual novelty events were also held and again it was great to see students and staff having an enjoyable time, with a surprise win to the teachers in the final event of the day, the open relays.

Attendance this year was much improved on previous years and the Year 12 students led the way wearing Community colours and costumes. Congratulations to Wharparilla on winning the carnival for the first time and well done to all the members of the College community on a great day.

Congratulations to our Rock Eisteddfod team, students, teachers and support crew who travelled down to Hisense Arena at 6am on a chilly Thursday morning after the rather exhausting 5 month preparation of their Rock Eisteddfod journey. The team competed in the RAW Division of the Rock Eisteddfod competition and this was the second year the College has entered this section after years of success in Division One and the Open sections. Special thanks to our parents who supported their students and the team and of course to Mrs Kornmann. Although not gaining a place this year, Echuca College was lucky enough to come home with five awards:

- Excellence in Performance Skill
- Excellence for Drama
- Video Directors Assistant
- School Community Support
- Excellence for soundtrack

Last weekend Echuca College held two very successful Debutante Balls at Rich River Golf Club. On Friday evening we had 20 debutantes and their partners presented to the College community and on Saturday evening 15 couples were presented. The Debutante Balls were well attended with over 600 family, friends and members of the community viewing the presentations of the couples and enjoying the dances performed as part of the evening’s presentation. Echuca College would like to congratulate all the debutantes and their partners and the College would also like to thank Riva Dance Studio’s Collette and Robyn for all the work they put into preparing our couples for the evenings.

This week saw the completion of our course counselling program with the Year 8 students meeting with course counsellors last Wednesday. Naturally, not all families were able to attend the days set aside but parents/guardians who require a meeting with a course counsellor to discuss your student’s program for 2013, please don’t hesitate to contact the College for an appointment.

This week our students and staff enjoyed ‘Nubian Gents and Feminine Fire (male and female step dance teams) that visited our College and performed for us. The dance team come from Queens in New York City and the dance team work with young people as they travel the world.
Clearly our students enjoyed the performance and even got to see their teachers get up at the end of the performance and demonstrate a few ‘moves’. Fortunately one Principal knew what was coming and escaped with his dance credentials still intact. Thank you to our College Council President Mr Damien Warren for organising the event. On Wednesday I attended a luncheon hosted by the Cohuna Campaspe Local Learning Network (CCLLEN) for ‘School Friendly Businesses’. The focus of the meeting was to bring local employers up to speed on ‘Generation Next’ and how these young people will function in the workforce. The three secondary school principals from Echuca-Moama provided information to the audience, from their perspective, on students’ attitudes to work and authority, skills, communication and view of the world of work. The relationship between employers and schools is critical to our community and I would encourage any local businesses that would like to be part of the ‘Schools Friendly Businesses’ project to contact any of the Colleges for more information. On behalf of Echuca College I would like to congratulate Jess Pitts for being selected in the State Soccer Team, Ayden Johnson for being selected in the State Football Team, and Javais Ham for being selected in the State Equestrian Team. Max Ogilvie and Liam Gundry also represented the school at state cross country at the start of the term.

Chris Eeles
College Principal

Rocka

We must congratulate all students that participated in the Rock Challenge this year, with our theme “Your Time is Now”. All students performed at a very high level and we were all so very proud of them.

The Rochester Pony Club is holding a movie fundraiser for Javais Ham & Casey Arthur-Wise to attend the Interschool National Championships in Dressage, at Toowoomba QLD, October 2nd—5th. 2012 The movie is Madagascar 3 and is on Thursday 13th at 6.45pm.

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MARK ‘DOBBO’ DOBSON

When I first heard of the ‘Dobbo’ session, I thought students and teachers were all getting together to dob on each other. Fortunately I was mistaken, and it was such a fantastic surprise to be treated to a presentation that was not only informative, but completely entertaining. Apparently I might have been laughing more than most, as I was soon V-lined to write a little report about the experience and of course it is my pleasure to do so. Initial feedback came in words like ‘Miss, it was like he actually knew us!’ Another student said ‘It was like he knew how we think!’ – to both those students and the others who has similar thoughts….I was thinking the very same thing! Second piece of feedback came in the form of litter! LITTER???? It is my experience that once an audience leaves an auditorium, concert hall or in our case a basketball court, the pamphlets and brochures are soon to be found crunching beneath our feet. Not so after Dobbo’s presentation …. I found only one of the cards on the floor, and would be interested to know how many hits Dobbo’s Like a Freak website has since received. There were many messages delivered in Mark Dobson’s presentation, some of them being:

- Understanding that males and females are different, not only physically, but how we view the world as well. This directly influences how we act and interact with others.
- The importance of understanding who we are as individuals, and having the personal power to be accepting of ourselves, while recognising that others might be different, and to be accepting of those differences.
- Having skills is important, but in order to do the best we can do, and be the best we can be, it is important to have a superior state of mind. This does not mean superior to others, but superior to a previous state of mind we might have had.

Finally, to have the guts to be our own person – a high quality person that is giving, sharing, caring and empowering. Not one that takes and breaks. We all have to make choices, sometimes they are split second choices and sometimes they are long thought out choices choose the one that does the greater good – and I reckon Dobbo would approve!


Student Report on ‘DOBBO”

MARK DOBSON, formally known as “DOBBO” made an appearance at Echuca College on Wednesday the 25th of July, to pass on his knowledge and skills to members of the college senior student body. Dobbo relayed information regarding various study techniques for younger and older students to take on board and use to prepare themselves for any challenges regarding study at school and further tertiary studies. I got a lot of great tips from Dobbo on how to handle the pressures of studying as you grow older which will help me achieve great success in life. A big thank you to our Well Being team for bringing Dobbo in, because I’m sure most students benefitted from Dobbo’s tips.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club is attended by around 50 students on three mornings a week before school. It is a time where the students can get a hot drink, toast or cereal, and can sit in a warm environment and have a friendly chat with each other and the staff who attend. It is a great opportunity to get to know students from different year levels and build relationships throughout our school community. We have really appreciated the support of food for the program from; Fonterra, Moama Bakery, Murray Goulburn Cooperative, Nestle and the Echuca and Moama Ministers Association.

Everyone is welcome and the Breakfast Club can be found in the Cafe Learning Area on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Sport News

Girls’ Junior Soccer

On the 30th July, 12 students participated in the 2nd round of the LMR soccer competition. Over the day the girls won one game and lost 2 games. Goals scored for the day were by Maia Hall and Andrine Holt –Crossman. The team held there shape and kept their heads up all day until the end of every match. Well done to Jade Groves for her excellent work in goals, thank you to Keily Thompson who only recently join the team and thank you our assistant coach Indre Christy.

Echuca College Community Athletics

Wharparilla have won the Echuca College Athletics carnival for the first time. They are having a big year having won the Swimming event for the first time this year as well. Student captains Tate Bowen and Zoe Keele could hardly contain their delight having gone through the previous 5 years of school without a Wharparilla victory. Ellie Ralph and Charlie Lowe had huge days, both winning age champion in their age groups, both breaking a record each and both taking out the fastest girl and fastest boy races.
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13 Years: Jade Allen – K, Oscar Reid – W
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16 Years: Indre Christy – M, Ash Vesty – P
17 Years: Ellie Denson – M, Jayden Twigg – W
20 Years: Ellie Ralph – P, Cam Prowse-Wilkins

Records:
- F 15 Javelin - Siobhan Thompson (P) 30.00m
- M13 High Jump – Oscar Reid (W) 1.45m
- F16 Triple Jump – Indre Christy (M) 8.85m
- M13 Shot Put – Carl Scott (K) 10.62m
- F14 Triple Jump – Olivia Connelly (M) 8.43m
- Fastest Boy: Charles Lowe (P)
- Fastest Girl: Ellie Ralph (P)

VET NEWS

VCE Vet Music
Congratulations to the 1st & 2nd year VCE VET Music students who ventured down to the College of Sound and Music Production in Melbourne last Wednesday (8th August). As you would expect, the students were jamming in the bus all the way down and back! The purpose of the trip was to workshop songs, and record them in a fully operational studio that presently caters to the industry. The students approached the day in a very professional manner and listened attentively to the advice given to them by the sound engineers and producers. The day was very productive and catered for the student’s Structured Workplace Learning requirements. In addition to recording, students carried out tasks using industry software programs. They finished the day off with an industry talk from the producers, engineers and managers. The talk focused on industry pathways and it gave the students an insight into what goes on in a working studio. Some were surprised to learn that work consisted of not only recording bands, but also work for television and radio advertisements. The next task for the students is to address copyright requirements so they can put their songs out to the public (if they wish). We’ll have the finished product soon so keep a look out!

VCE VET Community Services Project
2nd Year VCE VET Community Services Students recently undertook an innovative project at St Mary’s Primary School as part of their assessment. In consultation with St Mary’s Teachers and Community Services Teacher, Gail Tyrrell, the VET Students researched, planned and conducted an activity day at St Mary's on Wednesday 25th July for Students from Grades 3 and 4. Activities included pizza making, mask making and outdoor games. A great day was had by all, and the feedback received from St Mary’s Teachers, Students and Parents has been wonderful.

The Lord Mayors Portsea Camp in running a YOUTH based camp (ages 12-17) during the first week of the September school holidays (24-28 Sept). They are holding an information session WEDNESDAY 22ND AUGUST at 7pm at the Lockington District Business Centre. Camp leaders will be there to answer any questions, and there will be enrolment forms available on the night also. Light supper will be provided. All enquires to Kris Munro 0488 591887
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