This is the last Newsletter for the term and as such I would like to thank all our students and staff for a great term’s learning and teaching. Special thanks must also go to our Education Support staff, who have worked hard behind the scenes all term and all year. This is also the last paper version of the newsletter with the introduction of our electronic newsletter starting week one of term four.

This week the College conducted a public speaking program with representatives from all year levels. Mr Duffy organised the program and all involved had a great time with some very entertaining presentations. The following students won their levels; Sarah Parry (senior), Georgia Harris (intermediate) and Lisa Moar (junior). Special mentions to Jaimi Elgar, Jack Moar, Joseph Case (fantastically constructed speech) and Courtney and Meagan Johnson (a very entertaining speech on being twins). Congratulations to all who participated and thank you to Mr Duffy.

This weekend will see three great tours taking place with students from across the College leaving Echuca to visit Turkey, Malaysia and Queensland. These tours all have specific curriculum foci and are planned at least a year in advance. The College believes that the experiences gained from the tours have enormous impact on our students’ educational development and learning. We wish all our travellers a safe and enjoyable time.

As summer is just around the corner, we will require all students at the start of next term to wear a hat during recess and lunch time. If the good weather we have experienced in recent weeks is an example of what is to come, then all aspects of being ‘sun smart’ need to be observed by our students and staff.

Last week the College’s Athletics Team won the SSV Campaspe carnival in Bendigo. Echuca College came first in the overall ‘Aggregate Score’, (the last time we won it was 2007), and third in the ‘Handicap Score’. We won 18 individual events and four relay teams have qualified for the Loddon Mallee event in the first week of Term 4. Our Age Group Champions were; U/13 Boys Oscar Reid, U/15 Boys Charles Lowe, U/17 Boys Jayden Twigg and U/20 Boys Cameron Prowse-Wilkins. Record Breakers on the day were Charles Lowe U/15 Boys 100m (1983 record) and Siobhan Thompson U/15 Girls Javelin (2000 record). U/13 Boys 4x100m relay - Joseph Case, Oscar Reid, Isaac Warren and Max Ogilvie broke that record held since 1991.

Recently the College was pleased to accept a financial donation from the Moama Bowling Club that will be put towards student awards at the end of the year at our celebration evening on the 18th December. Support of this nature is always appreciated and is always put to good use. The Moama Bowling Club has supported our College in a number of ways over the years and many of our programs have benefited as a result of their contribution. This comes in the form of access to facilities for functions and projects but also through assistance from their staff in our programs that focus on the development of young people’s work ready skills, such as the Beacon Foundation and EDVET. Contributions from the Moama Bowling Club and other employers in our community are appreciated by the College and I would like to thank the Moama Bowling Club for supporting our students and College.

This week the College held mid-semester Parent/Teaching interviews and for the first time we used our ‘on-line’ appointment system to support parents making appointments. We hope that this service was effective and allowed parents to plan their interviews with more accuracy. Mid semester reports were also issued on the evening. The evening was very well attended and as a consequence some parents and students may not have been able to see teachers during the course of the evening.
If parents require an interview with a specific subject teacher please don’t hesitate to call the College and make an appointment. Reports not collected on the night will be sent home with students. If parents require an additional copy or replacement copy of your student’s report, please contact the College and this can be done for you.

Years 7 and 9 students will get their NAPLAN (National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy) results in next week. The NAPLAN assessments were conducted during term 2 and are benchmarked at a national level and state level. The NAPLAN data, along with other assessment tools used at the College, help us to plan our students’ learning in the future and to also identify areas for improvement or extension. If parents/guardians have any question about the NAPLAN reports or would like to speak to teachers about the report, please don’t hesitate to contact us at the College.

During the holiday period our VCE teachers will be running classes for students studying Unit 4 VCE subjects. Most of the classes will be revision sessions for the students and most of the students attending will be Year 12 students. The holiday period is the last opportunity for our senior students to get ‘some all-important’ extra time to study before the demanding last term begins. Year 12 students only have 3 weeks of formal classes in term 4 and a week of revision and exam preparation before the Unit 3 & 4 VCE exams start on 3rd November. I would encourage all senior students to take advantage of the support given to them by their teachers and to utilise this time because the last few weeks of school will disappear in no time.
Chris Eeles
College Principal

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Echuca College Talent Show

Please circle this date on your calendar!
Thursday October 18th at 7:30
At the Paramount Theatre
Ticket Purchasing: Paramount Theatre
Cost: Adult $15/ Concession $12.50
Students/Children $11.00

Our ‘Annual Talent Show’ highlights and showcases some of the wonderful and unique talents of many of our Students! There are an especially entertaining array of acts; including bands, a variety of soloists, dancing and so much more!
The performances are split into relevant categories and will be judged accordingly on the night.
Historically, this event has proven to be an incredibly well received and enjoyed social event which is attended by many of the wider Echuca College Community, so please don’t miss out!

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www.echucacollege.vic.edu.au
or go to
www.echucacollege.vic.go.au/newsletter/ and subscribe yourself

As of the end of Term 3 the College will no longer be printing and sending home the fortnightly Newsletter. Please fill in your details below to receive a copy via email.

Student/s name: ................................................................. Year Level: .....................

Email Address: ........................................................................................................
Sport News

Athletics Carnival 2012

Sixty students represented the College in Bendigo last week in glorious conditions. In a fantastic performance Echuca College were able to win the overall points division for the first time in five years. Charles Lowe broke a record form 1983, Siobhan Thompson broke a record from 2000 and the 13 Boys broke a record from 1991 – amazing performances. Congratulations and well done to all participants. Thirty students have now qualified for the Loddon Mallee Region event in the first week of Term 4.

Raw Scores

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M15 100m    | Charles Lowe     | 11.69sec |
F15 Javelin | Siobhan Thompson | 32.00m   |
M13 Relay   | Isaac Warren, Max Ogilvie, Joseph Case & Oscar Reid | 53.39sec |

15 M High Jump, Hurdles, 100m, 200m, Relay  | Charles Lowe |
17 M Long Jump, 200m, 400m, Relay           | Jayden Twigg |
16 M Discus                                   | Corey Hackney|
17 M Hurdles, 100m, Relay                     | Kiennan Jones|
17 F Shot Put                                 | Jayde Illsley|
16 M Javelin                                  | Ash Vesty   |
20 M Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump        | Cam Prowse-Wilkins |
20 F Triple Jump, 100m, 200m, Relay           | Ellie Ralph |
20 M Discus, Javelin                          | Michael Young|
16-20 M Walk                                  | Jake Toll   |
16 F Shot Put                                 | Indre Christy|
13 M 100m, Long Jump, 200m, 400m, Relay      | Oscar Reid  |
15 M Shot Put (D)                             | Isaac Duffy |
15 M Shot Put                                 | Jaydyn Thompson |
15 F Discus, Javelin, Shot Put                | Siobhan Thompson |
14 F Shot Put                                 | Michaela Clark-Grundy |
16 F 1500m                                    | Tessa Mellington |
15 F 1500m, Relay                             | Jess Hardess |
17 M High Jump, Relay                         | Marcus McKenzie |
13 M Javelin                                  | Jed Polomka |
13 M 1500m, Relay                             | Max Ogilvie |
13 M 4x100m Relay                             | Isaac Warren |
13 M 4x100m Relay                             | Joseph Case |
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20 F 4x100m Relay                             | Tess O’Rielly |
20 F 4x100m Relay                             | Jess Pitts  |

Wellbeing

CASUAL DRESS DAY TO CELEBRATE MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – Friday 12th October.

Students are invited to participate in the Casual Dress Day on the first Friday back next term. Cost: Gold coin donation. Proceeds will be made to the State Schools Relief Program.

LODDON MALLEE REGION QUALIFIERS.
Thursday October 11th – Bendigo.

Records

OVERALL HANDICAP SCORES: - Echuca 4th
SENIOR HANDICAP SCORES: - Echuca 3rd
INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP SCORES: - Echuca 6th
JUNIOR HANDICAP SCORES: - Echuca 6th
**Yr 7**

**Writers Festival**

**Happiest ever memory**

My thighs are burning, wind is on my face. I need a break. I glance at the side of the track to see if I can see a cloud-like patch of snow. It’s there, that spot I need to take the weigh off. As I get close my knees cave in like melting butter, but faster. Instantly there is relief like when you finish a race. I lay my poles down beside me making sure they don’t speed down the mountains like a toboggan. I look up to see the sky. It’s beautiful. It’s quiet. It’s what I needed. It’s peaceful. I lay there for a while, for a minute I’m not on this busy planet, I’m on the top of the world.

The snow falls on top of me. I am trapped, I can’t get out. I try to dig my way out but snow keeps on caving in so I tried and tried and tried, but nothing happened. So I called for help, but no-one responded. So I sobbed and sobbed and sobbed until I could get help. Then finally I heard a voice. I yelled as loud as I could until I got his attention. Luckily I did, so he dug me up and I escaped to live another day. I was so lucky to make it out alive but the snow was freezing me up fast so I needed something warm to help me.

I lost my manual. Not my car, my toothbrush. The purple rubber of its handle wasn’t where I’d left it last night. I scurried out of the bathroom, feeling the rough acidic bacteria rummaging through my mouth. I stubbed my toe on the bed. “Ow, oh who put you there?” I silently screamed at the darn toothbrush, it wants me dead. I was positive of it, every morning it’s not there, in the cup of the vanity. I rip up my room searching for the plastic stick with bristles like daggers, sharp and deadly. After five minutes I give up. I huffed over the side table and open my undies drawer, then I think the gods have heard me because... “My toothbrush!” I cry aloud with joy, maybe it doesn’t hate me; it’s lying in my purple pile blending in like a snake in the grass. “Stay I’ll be back,” I say and get the toothpaste. But when I got back it was gone, so I went to put the toothpaste back and I saw it again, in my sister’s mouth. I was outraged. That was my lucky brush, my favourite brush. I started screaming at my sister, but that wasn’t my toothbrush. My toothbrush was on the floor next the bath. That made me feel a whole lot better.

**Outdoor Ed**

**Unit 2 Outdoor Ed Rubicon Camp**

Unit 2 Outdoor Education went to Rubicon for an adventure camp. Students were able to experience rogaining, cross country skiing and mountain bike riding. We visited the South West pole and skied all day, Zac, Kade and Sam had many gold medal races and brought home gold for Australia. The final day of camp saw everyone perform well in the 10km extreme downhill mountain biking. We headed home and hit the showers. For lunch we had BBQ. The bus trip was underway until we suddenly got two flat tyres. We were stranded in the rain, Thankfully Bear Grylls (Mr Davidson) fixed the bus and we returned home from our wilderness adventure.

**Year 12 English Practice Exam**

Day/Date: Friday 21st September
Duration: 1pm – 4.15pm (3hr exam, 15min reading time)
Exam conditions and expectations
All students sitting the November exam are expected to attend
The Echuca Campus of BRIT will be running a four day course in the 2nd week of the upcoming term break. The cost of the course will be $160 per person and concessions apply. If you require further information on this course please do not hesitate to call on 54 831 333.

ECHUCA SOUTH TENNIS CLUB

Come along to our registration day - Thursday Sept 6 @ 5pm to meet other members and have a hit or register your interest by September 10th. 12 brand-new synthetic grass courts! Echuca College, Butcher St Echuca. For more information phone Megan Fawcett on 0483 104986.

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U-16, U-14, U-12 & Milo In2Cricket

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