Principal’s Report

‘Diversity Our Strength’

Next week will see VCE examinations finish on 22nd November with our last exam being Indonesian Language. Our Year 12 Graduation Dinner will be held the same day starting at 6.30pm at the Moama Bowling Club. This week Year 11 and Year 10 students started their examinations, and next week Year 11 students will have Thursday and Friday as their 2013 course confirmation counselling days. This means Year 11 students will only be required at school to attend their course confirmation interviews. All students will have Friday the 23rd off school so teachers can complete student data analysis in preparation for the end of year reporting process for DEECD and family reports.

Our Academic Year for 2013 will start on Monday 26th November with all students required at school. For our senior students this provides an opportunity to get work underway in their VCE. Texts for English and other pre-reading can start before the interruptions of Christmas and the January holidays. The program runs for two weeks for Years 10 and 11 (2013 Years 11 & 12) and finishes on the 7th December. The remaining Year levels will finish school on Friday 21st December at 2.30pm. Echuca College Celebrates will be held in the College stadium on Tuesday 18th December, the same day all reports and certificates are given to students.

The Echuca Harness Racing Club has been a great supporter of schools in the Echuca and on the 27th November Echuca College will have an opportunity to fundraise at their November meeting located at the Echuca Show Grounds. Entry to the evening’s races is a ‘Gold Coin Donation’. Music will be courtesy of Echuca College Students between races and the College will be also providing a BBQ and soft drinks for sale. On December the 1st, the College is also holding a ‘Clearing Sale’ at the College, starting at 10am. The items for sale are listed on our website and range from major woodwork and metal work machinery to surplus lockers, cabinets, large desks and furniture. The equipment will be on display outside our maintenance shed on the morning of the sale and entry will be at the Luth Street entrance or any from Butcher Street near the Technology Wing.

Next week the process will start for the selection of our College Captains for 2013. The College has had outstanding young people as our Captains over the years and this year’s team have followed in their predecessors footsteps. Our Year 11 students will nominate candidates, who will then be interviewed by the principals and candidates will complete the process by delivering a speech to their peers as to why they should be elected College Captain. We will have our 2013 Captains in place for the start of our Academic Year and the official handover will take place at our ‘Celebration Evening’ on the 18th December. Good luck to all the candidates.

Book Collection day is on Friday the 30th of November from 9am to 7pm in the Small Gym for all those families who returned their booklists. Families can still send booklists to Landmark and organise a pick up date in December or January that is suitable. There is no second hand book sale this year with the introduction of the National Curriculum in Years 7-10. Students entering into VCE have been advised which books can purchased second hand, these include; Agriculture and Horticulture, Biology, Business Management, Chemistry, English, Food Technology, Health and Human Development, History, Information Technology, Physical Education, General Maths, Maths Methods, Further Maths, Specialist Maths and Psychology.

CENTREPAY is now available. Centrepay is a free payment option provided by Centrelink for families in receipt of a Centrelink payment. It allows families to select a one off or continuing payment which is deducted from Centrelink benefits. Applications can be made at the College Administration.

College Principal
Chris Eeles
**VET IN SCHOOLS**

**Reminder**
Payments for 2013 VET subjects are due by December 1st, 2012. All 2012 payments are due now. Payments can be made to the office or via BPay.

**BRIT TAFE Echuca Campus**
Brit will be running the following short courses in December. A 4 day Hospitality Foot in the Door program to be conducted on the 3rd – 6th of December, Victorian RSA course scheduled for the 3rd December and a Construction Induction course scheduled for 6th December. For further information please contact the BritTafe on 1300 554 248

**Camps**

**2013 Central Australia Camp**
There are only 3 places left for the Central Australia Camp next year. If you are interested in going, please put your name down and pick up some information information at the General Office ASAP.

**Cambodia 2013 Humanitarian Experience.**
Echuca College is looking at organising another tour of Cambodia. We would like to build on the relationships established in 2011. Students who travelled to Cambodia in 2011 found it to be an amazing adventure that changed the way they viewed the world. Echuca College believes it is an incredible opportunity for students to participate in a truly humanitarian journey. The trip will take place in late November to early December 2013 for 10 days and will cost approximately $3200. Limited places are available and will be offered to Year 12 students first and then opened to Year 11 students. Please let Mrs Melissa Gould know if you are interested or would like any further information. Expressions of Interest close on the 26th of November.

**Echuca College Fundraiser**
Where: Echuca Harness Race Club (located at Echuca Show Grounds) on 27th November 2012 at 6pm  
Entry: Gold Coin Donation  
Music supported by Echuca College Students between races. There will be raffles, a BBQ and drinks to buy. Come along and have a great time.

**CLEARING SALE**

**WHERE:** Echuca College  
**WHEN:** Saturday 1st December  
**Time:** 10am  
There will a number of woodwork and metalwork items, furniture, cabinets, surplus lockers etc.  
The equipment will be on display outside our maintenance shed.  
Please enter via Luth Street or Butcher Street near the Technology Wing.

Check the website for a list of items for sale  
[www.echucacollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.echucacollege.vic.edu.au)
**Year 11**

**Unit 1 & 2 Agriculture/Horticulture**

Eleven Yr. 11 students have been involved in the Cows Create Careers program, sponsored by Dairy Australia (and others).

Students had 2 calves on site at school to take care of for 3 weeks. During this time students maintained the calves environment, feed the calves and attended to their health. To enter the competition, students were required to write a scientific report on calf rearing, construct a 3 dimensional working model of something related to the Dairy Industry, complete a booklet of information on raising calves and make a 3 minute movie of the experience.

The competition is Australia wide and prizes are awarded to each region of each state. Echuca College had two group entries and achieved first and second prize at the regional awards. Taylah Chandler, Gabby Murray, Jake Bullock, Daniel Bell and Jade Crumpton were awarded first place. Casey Dobson, Caitlin Robinson, Alicia Priest, Teagan Priestly and Jennah Drummond were awarded second place.

**Beacon News**

**Beacon Polish Program**

The Beacon Polish program was held at Echuca College on Friday 26th October in the Cafe Learning Area. Twenty five Year 10 students were selected to attend the program that looked at personal development topics such as: goal setting, communication and personal presentation. Students and local business members and Principals attended lunch and included outgoing Mayor Kevin Simpson and CCLLEN Bev Werner enjoyed a sit down meal cooked and served by our Beacon Leaders (Zosie Rosato, Jess Hardess, Kayla Arkinstall, Greta Pearson, Tess Mellington and Bella Reid) and Amy Haw and Jencie Lawford. The day was enjoyed by all the students who participated and they came away with some very helpful tips and tricks for attending a job interview! All the boys can now put on a tie and the girls are ready to go with natural looking make up skills. The students who attended include; Cameron Muir, Whitney White, Matt Hawkins, Emily Williamson, Ryan Anderson, Bryce Robertson, Kaitlin Wills, Natasha Jakobi, James Hogan, Lucy Gemill, Levi Love, Emma Davey, Matt Speight, Grace Day, Fletcher Henery, Rebecca Cheep, Nic Coulston, Rebecca Buchanan, Dylan Abella, Jorja Bell, Jessica West, Jai Williams, Branden Kennedy and Madeline Clark-Grundy. This day was made possible with the help of the food technology staff Peta Farrell and Shakira Fort along with our very capable Beacon leaders. Thank you so much for your support and help.

Lunch with the Mayor - Kevin Simpson.

**Sports**

Dylan Robertson of year 8 competed in the 2012 Field and Game Association National Carnival held at Seymour over the cup day weekend. Nearly 500 shooters from all over Australia attended the event, making it one of the biggest in its 15 year history. Shooters competed for over $57,000 worth of prizes. Dylan was one of the lucky winners to share this prize pool, coming equal first in the Miroku National Handicap with a score of 152. For his shooting efforts Dylan won a Miroku mk 10 grade 1 shotgun, worth over $2,500 and 12 slabs of cartridges (3000).

Congratulations Dylan on behalf of the all the staff and students here at Echuca College. We are proud to have you on our shooting team!
The Time of Your Life - WEP Student Exchange!
Choose from over 20 countries around the world and experience life as an overseas teenager for a summer, semester or even a year. Request a FREE information pack!
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Call 1300 884 733
Email info@wep.org.au
Upcoming Info Night
13 November '12 – 7:30-9pm
Kingston Arts Centre
979 Nepean Highway
Moorabbin
Early Bird Special
World Education Program Australia (WEP) is offering students in years 9 to 11 a $500 discount off the 2012/13 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in July - September 2013: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. “My host family was waiting for me at the airport with big smiles and open arms. All that worrying for nothing! They are the sweetest people and I feel very lucky to be staying with them.”
~ Chelsea, semester program to Italy
WEP is an independent, not-for-profit Australian student exchange organisation registered with the education departments in QLD, NSW and VIC.

ICT: START HERE
GO ANYWHERE

‘Upload Your Future’
Information Communication Technology (ICT) Event
Thursday, November 22nd

Echuca College

An interactive event for Year 9 students featuring young ICT professionals, higher education and industry representatives providing real insights into ICT studies and careers. Technology in areas ranging from agriculture, social media, gaming, graphic design, interactive media, inside a computer to robotics will be featured in a fun and interactive way. Students will participate in a series of hands-on workshops and learn about qualifications, skills and interests that are vital to succeed in this booming global sector.

Great prizes and giveaways!
FREE event with morning tea and BBQ lunch provided
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Thursday November 22nd
Science Learning Area Echuca College

BATTLE OF THE BANDS
YAGERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH FREEZA PRESENTS...

DATE: 17TH OF NOV
TIME: 7:30PM- 12AM (MIDNIGHT)
WHERE- LOCKINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
COSTS- $15 FOR 1- 3 BAND MEMBERS
$20 FOR +4 BAND MEMBERS
$5 FOR SPECTATORS

PRIZES
1ST PLACE- $750
2ND PLACE- $400
3RD PLACE- $250
Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase from the canteen
For entry details contact
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