‘Diversity Our Strength’

Welcome back to school and I hope everyone had a great Easter holiday and enjoyed the great weather. Term two will be 11 weeks long and will see the College involved in the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority’s General Assessment Test, NAPLAN Tests for Years 7 and 9 and College reports issued at the end of term. The College will also conduct ‘Attitudes to School’ surveys with students at all year levels. In the next fortnight we will be involved in the various Echuca and Moama ANZAC Day ceremonies and next week we will hold our DISCOVERY EVENING for prospective students for 2014.

Echuca College will be holding its ‘Students Information and Discovery Evening’ for prospective students on the Wednesday 24th April at 7 pm. The evening will begin with a brief introductory session held in our Café Learning area, followed by an opportunity for students and their parents to tour our College. The tour allows students and their parents to experience various components of the Year 7 program, the College’s comprehensive curriculum 7-12 and to view our facilities. An information brochure has been delivered to our partner primary schools for circulation as part of our school visits leading up to the evening. Later in the year students in Grade 6 who have elected to come to Echuca College will be involved in a familiarisation program in term three and our main orientation day will be held in December. Those who couldn’t attend our Discovery Evening can contact the College at any time to arrange an appointment to visit our College or we can arrange to have an information package sent out to you. Our main orientation program will start in July, providing prospective students and their parents with another opportunity to visit our school. Echuca College takes pride in the fact that we are Echuca’s College and that we allow families the time to make one of the most important decisions in their child’s life. At this stage of the year, we would like families to consider Echuca College as a possible option for the future but we also appreciate and respect that this decision needs due consideration. We would however, like parents to know that at Echuca College we are preparing our students for the future, today. If prospective students and their families need any additional information about our College, please don’t hesitate to phone the College or make an appointment with Mr Strachan or Mrs Gould. We look forward to seeing you at our Discovery Evening at 7pm on Wednesday the 24th April.

Next Tuesday, our Beacon Program for Year 10 students and partners the CCLLEN, will be running a ‘Work On Wheels’ day at Echuca College. Over 20 vocations dependant on ‘wheels’ for their business will be on exhibit on the College oval. All Year 10 students will be issued with a ‘Work On Wheels’ passport to collect information from the various exhibits about work, skills and qualifications linked to the vocations on display. The day will feature exhibits from primary, secondary and retail/service industries. The knowledge gained from experiences where students can engage with primary sources such as employers and personnel working in various vocations, in the Beacon program, far outweigh the classroom lesson. I would like to thank Mrs Morrison, local businesses and the Beacon Foundation for their support in providing this opportunity for our students.

It is probably timely to remind parents of students in Years 7 and 9 that our NAPLAN testing program will be held on the 14th, 15th and 16th of May. The NAPLAN tests in Language Conventions and Writing, Reading and Numeracy are conducted across the state on the same days. The results of these tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in literacy and numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs to improve student achievement. The report issued as a result of the tests will describe a child’s particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. Parents will have their student’s reports forwarded to them in August, while the data the College receives from the NAPLAN tests will be used to plan for the future learning needs of our students.

Next week the College will be involved in the traditional ANZAC Day services around Echuca/Moama, starting with the Dawn Service at 6am at Echuca, the 9am service at Moama where our College Captains will participate in the ceremony and then back to the 11am service in Echuca. I would encourage students from the College to come and participate in the ANZAC Day march at 10:30 that starts at the corner of Hare and Pakenham Streets. The march precedes the 11 am ceremony. Students will need to be in full school uniform. On Tuesday at the College we will be holding our own ceremony to recognise those members of the Australian community who have served and who are serving our country now in war zones.
Prior to the holidays we had members of our College community achieve some great results at the State swimming carnival in Melbourne. Isaac Duffy won three bronze medals in the 'Students with Disabilities section 12-15', our Girls U/20 relay team won silver – Tessa Mellington, Greta Pearson, Mardi-Lee Hutchins and Isabella Reid (disappointing for Indre Christy who rolled her ankle the weekend before playing soccer and couldn’t swim) and our Boys U/15 relay team won silver – Oscar Reid, Luke Judd, Kyle Scott and Keegan Hutchins. I would like to congratulate all the members of our swimming team and thank parents for supporting our students in Melbourne.

Chris Eeles
College Principal
World Immunisation Week

World Immunisation Week is in April and aims to promote one of the world’s most powerful tools for health - the use of vaccines to protect, or immunise people of all ages against disease.

The immunisations you may need are decided by your health, age, lifestyle and occupation. Together, these factors are referred to as HALO. Talk to your doctor or immunisation provider if you think you or someone in your care has factors that could require immunisation.

A new App is now available called the “Vaccination Scheduler” which sends out reminders to parents when their children’s vaccinations are due and tracks the vaccination histories of up to six children. It can be downloaded from the iTunes App Store.

Immunisations

The shire of Campaspe Immunisation Team visited your school during March 2013 to provide free Chickenpox vaccinations to all year 7 students, HPV to year 7 students and year 9 boys and Tetanus/Diphtheria/Whooping Cough vaccination to all year 10 students.

Any student who was away from school on the day of our visits or did not return a consent card may obtain these immunisations from the Shire of Campaspe at our monthly immunisation sessions.

NB. These vaccinations are only offered free from the government in the specific years. Session times are listed below or if any other information is required please contact the Shire of Campaspe on 1300 666 535

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**Beacon Work with Wheels**

Next Tuesday 23 April is Echuca College’s annual Year 10 ‘Work with Wheels’ event. The event in its second year allows students to find out more about businesses of a mobile nature. This year we have 25 local businesses attending. There is a diverse range of businesses from police, defence forces, earthmoving, landscaping, Bendigo Bank, rescue services and many more. Students will complete a passport that allows them to find out more information about each business. At the end of the event, an apprenticeship panel consisting of a school based apprentice from Echuca College and several trades from the agricultural/horticultural sector, will be on offer to students to ask questions and hear about the life of an apprentice.

Thanks to the Beacon Ambassadors for organising the event, VCAL students for catering, Lyn Costin for coordination of the event in Term 2, Rachel Collins from Echuca Moama Beacon and Alison Dunstan from CCLLEN. A great team effort!

Sandy Morrison – Beacon Coordinator
**Sport**

**State Swimming**

On the last Wednesday of term, two relay teams and four individuals travelled to Melbourne to swim in the State Final. In a fantastic effort all nine students won medals with Isaac Duffy collecting 3 and the two relay teams finished with silver medals.

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**RELAY TEAMS**

- Kyle Scott, Keegan Hutchins, Luke Judd, Oscar Reid
- Mardi-Lee Hutchins, Greta Pearson, Isabella Reid, Tessa Mellington

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**Campaspe Volleyball**

**Year 7 & 8 Boys**

The Volleyball lads headed off to Kyabram on Monday of the last week of term to face Nathalia and Kyabram. The Year 7 boys triumphed in the first match and were rightly very proud of their efforts as it was their first competitive match of volleyball ever. They were keen and managed to get a number of serves in, some for the first time! Unfortunately, Nathalia defeated our boys in the final two matches, all very close, going to three sets with the teams only separated by a few points overall. MVP for the day was Captain Joshua Mackrell. Well done to Reece, Morgan, James, Nic, Mitch and Zac.

The story for the Year 8s was entirely different. After being beaten by Nathalia last year (who went onto State level) they exacted revenge by comfortably defeating them in two sets of team volleyball where three hits was the order of the day as their confidence grew. Earlier the boys beat Ky in a thriller with some great scrambling and a few power spikes. The lads are showing potential and as they grow further in confidence they will turn into a formidable unit.

MVP for the day was James Brown with excellent contributions from rapidly improving novices Luke, Amos and Oscar, along with good efforts from Max, Jesse, Harley, Wade.

**Senior Boys**

After extensive training sessions in the Gym at lunchtime the boys were confident of a good showing. After winning the toss in the first game the Coach was mortified when they chose to receive. Apparently they knew what they were doing and proceeded to win every game on the day with Brent McGrath and Tyler Lethlean the standout players with some fire bolt serves. That’s why you win the toss and serve boys!!! Mitch Hore and Mitch O’Dwyer controlled the net with Brad Watson, Casey Hearn, Brenton Case and Jayden Twigg chipping in with valuable contributions.

**Senior Girls**

The girls have been training at lunchtime for a considerable time under Coach Mr Corby. The girls are a well drilled team and it showed as they won three games and drew one, eventually running out winners on the day. Emily McCluskey and Grace Day “marshalled the troops” and Jess Hardess and Tessa Mellington showed dynamite serves. Greta Pearson, Alana Long, Amy Haw and Bella Reid complete this very even team.

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**Campaspe Tennis**

**Year 7 and 8**

It was a pleasure to watch the four junior tennis teams play against five other local secondary schools with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship in Kyabram on Monday. Many long rallies were played and close scores had. Congratulations to the: **Year 8 girls**: Yvonne Southern (MVP), Lilly Wallace, Rebecca Toll and Georgia McKellar, **Year 8 Boys**: Jacob Ayres (MVP), Nick McKenner, Carl Scott, Clayton Thompson and Jacob Baldock, **Year 7 Boys**: Connor Brown, Tom Harris, Isaac Home, Asher Jones and Ryan More (MVP) and the **Year 7 Girls**: Courtney Loader (MVP), Kiarra Duncan, Rebecca Richards and Khrystatel Keil. The 12 tennis courts at Echuca College were abuzz with action on summer sports day, with all courts in action with players from 6 local schools displaying their tennis talents. All teachers and students were amazed at our school sports facilities and the canteen with all the good foods and snacks on offer.

**Senior Boys**

Regan More, Jake Toll, Shannon Daldy, Damian Hanson

The team started the day with a win, beating Kyabram 8-1, but struggled the rest of the day against more experienced teams, losing to Rochester and St Josephs. In the finals against Rochester, Regan and Jake won 8-4, with Shannon & Damian going down 4-8, so finished 4th overall. MVP Regan More
Intermediate Girls
Andrine Holt-Crossman, Maia Hall, Emily Day, Olivia Connelly
Both pairs started the day with convincing wins against St Augs, Nathalia 5-2 and 4-0, and reverse doubles win 5-0 and a 3-3 draw. They found Kyabram tougher, and then played St Josephs for the finals, finishing overall in 4th place. A good effort from Maia, Emily & Olivia who don’t play tennis usually. MVP Andrine Holt-Crossman

Intermediate Boys
Erik Holt-Crossman, Jack Southern, Charlie Lowe, Corey McGrath, Zac Keele
This team worked steadily all day, leading the way with sound wins over St Aug 5-1, 6-0, 6-2, 6-0, and again when playing Kyabram had great results winning 6-1, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.
They then played Rochester in the grand final, and in the hot sun produced some fantastic rallies, passing shots and hard hitting to come out victorious 6-3, 6-2. A fantastic team effort, which sees them into the zone finals in Mildura week 1 Term 2. MVP Erik Holt-Crossman.

TERM 2 SPORT
David Pearson, (Sport Co-ordinator) & Cam Prowse-Wilkins, (Sport Trainee)
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Isaac with Paralympian Matt Haanappel
Run 4 Fun in Moama
2013
Sunday 21st April 2013
Moama Soundshell 9.30am
Open 10k Male & Female
Open 5k Male & Female
U16 5k Male & Female
U13 3k Male & Female

For more information go to

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Woolworths Earn & Learn program

Last year we received a variety of sporting equipment for
lunchtime activities from the Earn and Learn point sheets
that students, parents, staff and the community handed in. Thank you very much; it is much appreciated by the
students. We are taking part in the Woolworths Earn &
Learn program again. You can help our school by col-
lecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect
Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at
Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9
June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome educa-
tional resources for our school.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a
Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Wool-
worths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s complet-
ed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collect-
ion Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the
more we can redeem.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a
successful program. If you have any questions, please ask
at school.

Moama - Echuca Border Raiders
Soccer Association

Come and Try Days

This is a great opportunity for you to have a go.
Play a small sided game and see if you want to be part the
world game.

Come along and have a go!

April 13th Jack Eddy Get Ready 9:00am to 12noon
April 20th Jack Eddy Get Set 9:00am to 12noon
April 27th Jack Eddy Season starts Season 2013 Begins

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