Principal’s Report

‘Diversity Our Strength’

As we come to the end of term I would like to thank students and staff for all the hard work that has gone into making the first half of the year a very successful one. Students received reports this week posted on the ‘Parent Dashboard’ and reports were also emailed to families. I would ask all parents and guardians to sit down with their student/s and to review the assessment and comments from the first half of the year. Where students have achieved good results, encouragement and congratulations are in order and the setting of goals for next semester can start. If a student hasn’t achieved their personal best, then discussions around strategies for improvement are needed. Your first strategy may be to contact your student’s Year Level Co-ordinator for an interview. To ignore the analysis of learning to date could hinder learning and improvement in the future.

Term 3 is always a very busy term with our long list of information evenings starting in week two. Our information sessions are designed to allow students and their parents to ask questions about vocational options and to find out how individual subject and programs may assist students to achieve their career ambitions. Of course many students are not sure about what vocational pathway they want to travel at this stage in their lives, so again it is very important that they attend their particular information session to talk to our teachers about the programs and subjects being offered in 2014. It is important to note that Echuca College provides access to the broadest selection of programs/subjects in the Echuca area and in the seven years since the College was established, our graduates have been successful in gaining positions in universities and TAFE courses across Australia, gaining quality apprenticeships and successfully entering the labour market. The College is very proud of the role it plays in supporting students in their career selection and pathway planning.

This year our curriculum booklets are on our website and can be accessed now. Students have access to the curriculum books via their laptops and they need to take the time to read through each of the subjects/programs offered at their year level for 2014. It is critical that students and parents come to the information evenings with some background knowledge of the subjects/programs available in 2014, so productive questions and discussions take place on the evening and as a result students make informed selections for 2014.

Information Sessions for 2014

22nd July – Year 12 2014 Information Night – Cafe Learning & Library.
24th July – Year 10 2014 Information Night – Cafe Learning & Library.
25th July – Year 12 Biology GTAC
25th July – LMR Netball, Basketball, Soccer & Badminton
29th & 30th July – VET Information Night

One of the exciting events for the term will be the Echuca/Moama Youth Expo for Year 7-10 students. The Youth Expo will be held at the Echuca College stadium and it is an exhibition of the youth, health and welfare services and community groups in the Echuca/Moama area. Students will attend the Expo in year levels, at a designated time slot of 30-40min and mingle around the exhibitions collecting information and engaging with the presenters. The goal is to improve the wellbeing, education and training of our young people so they can successfully complete Year 12 or equivalent.

Last week I mentioned that Echuca College has six Year 9 students away at Leadership Camp at Marlo in Gippsland. On Wednesday Mr Strachan attended the students’ presentation of their Community Learning Project at the Camp at Marlo. It was a very successful, positive and entertaining day.
The students highlighted how much they have developed both individually and as a ‘team’ and equally how much they have learnt, especially over the past number of weeks. Mr Strachan reported that the students were all extremely proud to be able to present their project to a representative from their home school and in front of the invited audience. The students return home this weekend and are back at school at the start of term 3.

Last weekend Echuca College held two very successful Debutante Balls at Rich River Golf Club. On Friday evening we had 10 debutantes and their partners presented to the College community and on Saturday evening 12 couples were presented. The Debutante Balls were well attended with over 400 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.

Our Student Representative Council has been working hard all year and this week two representatives, Isaac Duffy and Kaitlin Rowlands were able to participate in an SRC forum at Bendigo Senior Secondary College with six other schools. The forum looked at ways SRCs could maximise their impact on their school community and how to organise and conduct events to support their peers back at school. We look forward to our SRC’s plans for second semester and I would like to congratulate all our representatives for the time they have put into the Council so far this year.

Chris Eeles
College Principal

REGIONAL VET IN SCHOOLS PROGAM 2014

What is VETIS

VETIS stands for Vocational Education and Training in Schools. VETIS offers students nationally recognised vocational certificates approved for senior secondary students, and is endorsed for recognition in both the VCE and VCAL by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). Echuca College’s Regional VETIS Program is open to Year 10,11 & 12 Students from all regional secondary schools.

VETIS Courses proposed for 2014

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Benefits of studying a VETIS Course

- Provides a practical focus in a wide range of industry areas
- Boosts entry level skills for the workforce
- Provides nationally recognised Vocational Certificates that can lead to direct employment pathways
- Adds credits towards obtaining VCE or VCAL
- Provides direct experience in industry
- Provides an academic benefit in contributing to ATA

Interested?

Step 1  Information Evening 7-8.30pm July 29th and 30th at the Moama Bowling Club. Attendance is compulsory.

Monday 29th July

- Beauty, Business, Children Services, Dance, Disability Services, Equine Industry, Events, Hairdressing, Music  Sport and Recreation.

Tuesday 30th July


Step 2 Register your interest in courses with your school as part of your year 10-12 program.

A $200 deposit is required by the 1st Sept to secure a position in the program.

The final payment of $200 is due on the 31st October.
Sport

SSV CAMPASPE FOOTBALL.

Intermediate Boys - The Intermediate Boys Football team lead by Jayden “Spud” Turner played against St. Joseph’s and Kyabram on the main oval at Moama for a chance to go on to the LMR Finals. The boys got off to a great start with Campbell Ennis and Tyler Small getting lots of the football to give us a one point lead going into halftime. The second half was a different story though with our backline under pressure and despite some great efforts from Rhys Dawes and Daniel Gretgrix the boys were overrun going down by 20 points. It was a tough game against Kyabram and we were behind all game. Clay Poidevin and Jayden Thompson kicked a couple of nice goals but it was Kyabram who got the job done winning by 30 points. Best players for the day were Campbell Ennis and Tyler Small.

Year 8 Boys - The year 8 team had two games versus St Josephs and Kyabram unfortunately going down in both matches. Although the boys were unable to get a win on the day there were some excellent passages of play and individual efforts throughout the two games. Best players on the day were Isaac Warren, Max Ogilvie, James Brown, Oscar Reid and Jakob Ayres.

STATE CROSS-COUNTRY.

Good luck to Jessica Davidson, Erik Holt-Crossman and the 14 Years Boys team of Oscar Reid, Max Ogilvie, Liam Gundry, Isaac Warren and Ben Hercott who will be competing on the first Thursday of next term.

SSV CAMPASPE BASKETBALL.

Seniors:

Congratulations to the Senior Boys who defeated Rochester to qualify for the Loddon Mallee event next term. The boys won in a nail-biter by two points. Best players were Mitch Hore and Brent McGrath. The Senior girls were in their game until well into the second half before Rochester pulled away. Best player was Jess Hardess.

Juniors:

The Year 8 Girls were also very competitive winning 2 games and losing 2 games on the day. Kelly Gould and Sarah Hilet were the stand-out players. The Year 8 Boys finished 2nd in their division after winning one game and losing one, (to the eventual champions). In the play-off for 3rd place overall Jake Martin provided most of the scoring and Max Ogilvie was strong on the boards in a 19 to 11 win. Well done to all the players on their effort and behaviour on the day.
VLine Life Training Program - Body Image and Self-Esteem
On Thursday the 20th of June our Year 8 & 9 students were privileged to attend the highly acclaimed VLine Life Training Program. The VLine Life Training encourages Victorian youths to 'Stay True' to themselves, their values and their goals. This was presented by VLine Ambassadors, Melbourne Vixen’s Vice-Captain Madison Browne and former AFL Player Marcus Drum. The program focuses on life skills that are integral to positive development, such as goal setting, identifying support networks, and most importantly the true impact and consequences of the choices made in life. In the sessions, young people were also provided with the tools and knowledge needed to make informed decisions when confronted by one of the most common societal issues of body image & self-esteem. V/Line recognises and values the role it plays in linking regional communities. It is because it is part of country Victoria that they understand how difficult it can be for kids in these areas to access information and services that support them in understanding and dealing with these issues. Madison and Marcus brought the sessions to life by telling stories about their own experiences and shared advice on how to meet certain challenges commonly faced by young people growing up in the country.

Cyberia Presentation
On Monday 17th of June Brainstorm Productions came to Echuca College and presented the play Cyberia to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. Approximately 493 Echuca College students and 27 Students and Staff from Echuca Specialist School attended Cyberia which highlights some of the complex issues surrounding the misuse of technology and the damage caused by cyber bullying. This was an entertaining way to promote discussion and to give the students guidelines about what constitutes cyber bullying, the affects of too much screen time and violent computer games, internet safety, digital citizenship and protecting our on-line reputation. This show hopefully will assist in creating a safe, harmonious environment for students and staff at school and online. For more information about Cyberia and the company go to www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

BADMINTON
The year 7 and 8 girls and the year 7 boys had a great day playing badminton at Stubberfield Sports Stadium. The boys won many of the games with enthusiasm and encouragement for each other and also the other teams with best players being Ryan More and James Taylor. The year 8 girls played extremely well winning games left right and centre they were running all over the court will with their eyes on the prize best players Georgia McKellar and Yvonne Southern. With the bar raised to such a high level the year 7 girls gave it their all but just fell short of going through to the next round the girls played on their toes with great amounts of enthusiasm to the sport best players Sarah Taylor and Olivia Bourke.

BRONZE AWARD
Congratulations to Sarah Taylor of 7T3 for reaching the bronze award (20 merits) for exceptional efforts. Including representation of the college, showing leadership and personal best. Sarah was awarded with a certificate at the year 7 assembly. Well done Sarah, keep up the great work.

Earn and Learn Stickers
Thank you very much to all students, parents and staff who collected stickers on behalf of Echuca College. It is really appreciated and enables us to hand out a lot of sporting equipment at lunchtimes. If you have any stickers at home, please hand them into the office by the end of the first week back after the holidays. Thank you again for your support.
OPEN DAYS

Attending Open Days is an important part of student preparation for further study. Students and Parents are encouraged to start attending Open Days from Year 10 onwards.

The table (above/below) is a summary of the main Tertiary options available to students. A more detailed list can be found at [www.vtac.edu.au/opendays](http://www.vtac.edu.au/opendays).

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Ballarat Campus - Sunday 25 August 2013 10:00am - 3:00pm |
| **Bendigo TAFE** | Bendigo Campus - Sunday 18 August 2013 10:00am - 3:00pm  
Castlemaine Campus - Wednesday 21 August 2013 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Echuca Campus - Thursday 29 August 2013 4:00pm - 6:00pm |
| **Deakin University** | Warrnambool Campus – Sunday 4 August 2013 9:00am - 2:00pm  
Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus – Sunday 11 August 2013 9:00am - 3:00pm  
Geelong Waterfront Campus – Sunday 11 August 2013 9:00am - 3:00pm  
Melbourne Burwood Campus – Sunday 25 August 2013 9:00am - 4:00pm |
| **Elly Lukas Beauty Therapy College** | www.ellylukas.edu.au |
| **Holmesglen** | www.holmesglen.edu.au |
| **Kangan Institute**  
**La Trobe University** | www.kangan.edu.au  
Albury-Wodonga: Friday 30 August 2013 4.00pm - 8:00pm  
Shepparton: Friday 9 August 2013 4:00pm - 7:00pm  
Mildura: Wednesday 14 August 2013 4:00pm - 7:00pm  
Bendigo: Sunday 18 August 2013 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Melbourne: Sunday 25 August 2013 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Monash University | Berwick, Gippsland and Peninsula Campuses - Saturday 3 August 2013 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Caulfield, Clayton and Parkville Campuses - Sunday 4 August 2013 10:00am - 4:00pm  
RMIT University | Sunday 11 August 2013 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Swinburne University of Technology  
University of Ballarat  
University of Melbourne (The) | Hawthorn  
Sunday 4 August 2013 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Ballarat Campuses (Mt Helen, Camp Street and SMB)  
Sunday 25 August 2013 10:00am - 3:00pm  
Sunday 18 August 2013 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Victoria Uni  
William Angliss Inst of TAFE | Footscray Park Sunday 25 August 10.00am - 4.00pm  
Sunday, 25 August 2013 10:00am - 4:00pm |
In September this year two Echuca College netball teams are travelling to Singapore and Malaysia to represent the College in a number of matches and to also participate in a range of cultural activities.

To assist with fundraising for this trip a Pie Drive has been organised. This fundraiser will assist in the purchase of Echuca College sports uniforms for the tour. If you would like to order some of these delicious Gillies Family Pies please complete the order form and return to the general office, with full payment by Friday 26th July. Delivery will be made on Friday 9th August.

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