Science week was last week with plenty of activities conducted at the College by the Science Domain. One highlight was the presentation of awards to students who competed in the University of NSW science competition. While we had 75 students who received awards, clearly Tim Denson’s result of a ‘High Distinction’ placing him in the top 1% of students in the competition was outstanding. Well done to all involved.

I would like to congratulate and thank our six Year 9 Student Leaders (Tyanah Case, Maegan and Courtney Johnson, Aron Pavone, Ashley Twigg and Jason Hanson) who spoke to Echuca South Primary School’s Grade 5 and 6 students about Health and Wellbeing last week. The program was conducted at the Port of Echuca Motor Inn. The students formed a panel where they were interviewed on what life is really like in secondary school. They spoke about all the amazing things that happen at Echuca College, particularly the extra-curricular activities. The Student Leaders also explained how the College’s facilities enhance learning at the College. Feedback from Echuca South’s Principal, Karl Stenning, was very positive and he thanked the College for allowing the Student Leaders to participate in their program.

Congratulations to Rebecca O’Burtill, Hannah Tuxworth and Kaitlin Rowlands who competed in the CCLLEN Culinary Challenge held on the 14th August. Although our students didn’t win, they did a great job to get to the final and are performing at a very high level within their VETis certificate in Hospitality.

Congratulations to Dylan Robertson who took out the entire shoot at Echuca last week with a 19/20 score. He had the outright best score out of 230 shooters from about 7 different schools! Dylan will now progress to the championships of all the zones around Victoria at Bendigo on the 2nd of September and, if he is successful there, will then be part of the team heading to New Zealand!

Congratulations to the Beacon Foundation and our Careers and Pathways Team for yet another successful ‘Mock Interviews’ program held at the College this week. Mock interviews give our young people a chance to discuss their career options with members of the business community, while experiencing a job interview. There was an impressive range of interviewers and their feedback has been very positive, reflecting the importance placed on this program by students, teachers and local employers. Our Beacon Co-ordinator, Ms Costin, will be handing feedback sheets to Beacon Teachers so the whole process can be reviewed in class by students and their teachers. The core components of the Mock Interview program are: confidence, employer expectations, personal presentation, manners and etiquette and communication. Students in Year 10 will now have a template for writing a job application and preparing a resume that they will be able to use in the future. Well done to all involved and a special thank you to our local employers/businesses for their support.

Last Wednesday our Years 9 and 10 Girls Football Team travelled to Rochester to compete in the SSV Campaspe Girls Football competition against Rochester, Kyabram, St Josephs and St Augustine’s Colleges. Our girls had been training hard leading up to the competition with several skills sessions conducted on the bottom oval under the watchful eyes of the specialist coaches, the Year 10 boys. The girls drew with Rochester; defeated St Augustine’s Kyabram and then lost to St Josephs in the grand final. Our best players were Maia Hall, Mikayla Phillips, Michaela Clark-Grundy, Jess Grundy, Victoria Farrell and Laura McKellar. On Tuesday the College held our athletics carnival at the College Drive oval in bright sunlight and perfect conditions (maybe a bit cold). 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 his team of students and the tradition continued at lunch time with students dancing in the middle of the oval to ‘Nut Bush’ and ‘Macarena’.
This week the Athletics Sports were run and won by Wharparilla for the second year in a row. House Captains Ethan Cootes and Rachael Conlan were very excited to be presented with the shield. Kanyapella and Moira were close behind with Perricoota in fourth place.

1st – Wharparilla 986 points
2nd – Kanyapella 948 points
3rd – Moira 908 points
4th – Perricoota 483 points

Age Group Champions:
13 Boys – Asher Jones K
13 Girls – Annie Sampson K
14 Boys – Isaac Warren M
14 Girls – Jade Allen K
15 Boys – Aron Pavone W
15 Girls – Olivia Connelly M
16 Boys – Charles Lowe P
16 Girls – Isabella Reid W
17 Boys – Regan More M & Hayden Wentworth K
17 Girls – Tracey Ogden W
20 Boys – Jayden Twigg W
20 Girls – Ellie Denson M

The winners of each event have qualified for the Interschool event.

Singapore and Malaysia Netball Tour
The excitement is growing for 20 girls and 2 staff members here at Echuca College as they prepare for a wonderful opportunity to represent both their College and their country playing, netball in Singapore and Malaysia over nearly 2 weeks in September.

As many in the Echuca College school community will be aware, there have already been many activities in which the girls have been involved, from trips to watch the Vixens in Melbourne in the National League, after school tournaments, numerous training sessions and fundraising activities including chocolates and ‘Pie Drives’. The teams now have uniforms to wear with pride and are hopeful of raising enough for a monogrammed day pack to use on the tour.

As ambassadors for our community the teams will play matches in Singapore, Malacca, Kuala Lumpur and Penang whilst indulging in the local cultures and capitalizing on every opportunity to take in the sights, sounds, smells and traditions of these fascinating South-East Asian countries. The very full itinerary boasts a diverse programme - Night Safaris; River cruises; Temple Tours; Night and Day Markets; Historic sites; Mosques; Palaces; museums and even a little ‘retail’ therapy no doubt!

The Netballers - Greta Pearson; Jessie Hardess; Tyannah Case; Mikayla Pitts; Tracey and Sarah Ogden; Grace Day; Stephanie Pearse; Stephanie Chong; Ireland Hayes; Emily Williamson; Mardi-Lee Hutchins; Maddie Clark-Grundy; Bella Reid; Alana Long; Emma Davey; Cara Wayland; Chloe Carr; Amy How; Alyssa Stephens with Head Coach Lauren Menz and assistant and tour leader Stewart Cheal. Stay ‘tuned’ for more updates of this sporting adventure!
Student Achievements

Students from Echuca College achieved outstanding results when they participated in the International Competition and Assessment for Schools – Science Competition. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Credit, Distinction and High Distinction. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools are independent evaluations of students’ skills and knowledge in core learning areas and provide insight into students’ understanding. The skills and understandings tested are important indicators of success in school and beyond.

Students volunteered to take part in the test and are to be commended for their initiative and great achievements. 27 students received Certificates of participation, 14 students received a certificate of Credit indicating that they are in the top 36% of the state. Reece Campbell and Tom Harris from Year 7 and Samuel Day from Year 12 received Certificates of Distinction awarded to students who achieved results in the top 11% of the state.

Timothy Denson of Year 9, achieved the award of High Distinction, awarded to students who scored in the top 1% of the state, a truly outstanding effort.

Science

Echuca College Science Week 2013

This year’s Science Week theme was A Century of Australian Science which gave us “the opportunity to celebrate the contribution of scientists from across our nation and to highlight the people, including a remarkable number of Nobel Prize winners, whose research and discoveries have helped transform the way we live” [www.scienceweek.net.au].

During Week 5 this term, Echuca College celebrated this special theme during its annual Science Week. Students had the opportunity to participate in a number of amazing activities with the chance to prizes and learn about the wonder of Science!

Lunchtime’s were busy each day; starting with the science staff showing what is possible with bottles of Cola and Mentos. This was followed by screenings of science movies, a spectacular chemical magic show, the Teachers vs. Students Science Quiz and The Great Egg Drop!

To help celebrate the theme of National Science Week, a daily quiz was held for students. Our daily winners were; Tyler Thompson (8T4), Elena Grignani (11T1), Bianca Williams (12T2).

We also had an amazing group of science boffins from Year 9 volunteer for transition day. These capable students assisted with science lessons where they taught our Grade 6 visitors a number of “science you can do at home” activities. They investigated lava-lamps, milk rainbows, microscope specimens and acids and bases using the natural indicator, red cabbage.

Emerging from the barrage of cool and educational science songs and outdoing the teacher lunchtime demo was our talented band of Year 11 Chemistry students who courageously organised and ran their own amazing science show to a huge audience. Well done to Bryce, Jordan, Grace, Anthea, Hayley, Marlinet and Kayla for their spectacular show!

A Teachers vs. the Students Science Quiz was held on Friday lunchtime, where two courageous teams of students (Sam Day, Bianca Williams, Ellie Denson, Jackson Henshaw, Brodie Cust & Tim Day) took on the collective ‘brain-might’ of Mr Bourke, Mr Sutton and Mr Finn. The teachers (Foilheads) engaged all three brain cells to emerge victorious on 45 ½ points with the Labcoats on 38 ½ and the aptly named Underdogs finishing on 28 ½ points. Well done to all participants!

To wrap up the end of an egg-citing week; students from Years 7 & 8 competed in the Great Egg Drop, where teams designed and constructed special craft capable of allowing a raw egg to survive a 5 ½ m drop from the weather station onto the concrete below. Only specified materials were allowed and the winner’s were determined by the following criteria: lightest craft, closest to the target and of course, the egg had to survive! Our winning team was Max Ogilvie & Amos Farrell from 8T4.

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to all students who participated in Science Week activities and a HUGE and special thanks to the students who assisted in running our activities and demonstrations. It was very pleasing to see such wide participation in all of Science Week, with students from all year levels taking part in the activities. We can’t wait until next year!
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