Kayla Arkinstall has been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Perth in January 2014. Students must apply and go through an interview process to gain selection. At the Youth Science forum students learn how to make informed decisions about courses and careers in the sciences and gain a professional skill set to help them realise their potential. One of the most important elements of the January Forum is the program of half-day visits to research industry facilities. Students go on a range of visits depending on their stated areas of scientific interest. The range covers physics, maths and computing, chemistry, biomedicine, animal and plant biology, earth and environmental sciences, and engineering. The aim is to inform, inspire, and challenge students to consider what working in different fields is really like. They have a unique opportunity to talk to dozens of practicing scientists and engineers at and about their work. Kayla is really excited about the forum and believes it will be a great opportunity to learn about careers in the science field. Mr Steve Warren encouraged Kayla to apply and believes the program is an outstanding opportunity for students to participate in and to develop their love for science.

Communication with our community is important in developing strong relationships between the College and families and the College and surrounding communities. We are also conscious of the need for our communications to be clear and up-to-date. The College will trial a new approach to delivering information traditionally found in our newsletter via our website home page. On the website is a section called Echuca College News Feed and this site will be updated each time a new item of importance occurs at the College. This approach will allow us to provide prompt information about coming events, student achievements and teaching and learning developments that impact on our students. Initially, the College will email a summary of items on the site with a link, so families can view the information in detail if required. The College would appreciate any feedback on this development via email or on the parent ‘Dashboard’.

The College hosted the CCLLEN Expo last Friday with over 50 activities/stalls on display for students to experience. Congratulations must go to the CCLLEN and Mrs Cheryl Sweeney for all her hard work that she put into organising the event. I would also like to acknowledge the great work of our Beacon Leaders who helped with the coordinating of the marketing for the event and working at the Expo on the day. The Beacon Leaders have also attended a number of meetings after school to plan aspects of the Expo. Our Beacon Leaders are Jess Grundy, Amy Wright, Marley Jones, Daniel Gretgrix, Teasha McInnes, Mardi Lee Hutchins and Georgia Harris. Well done to all involved.

As summer is just around the corner, at the start of next term all students will be required 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 during terms four and of course at the start of next year.

The College held mid semester Parent/Teacher interviews last week and we also issued mid semester reports electronically during the week. If parents were unable to attend the evening or not able to see all their student’s teachers, please contact the College to make additional appointments.

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 majority of the students attending are Year 12. 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 the 30th October and run until the 22nd November.
Years 7 and 9 students will receive their NAPLAN (National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy) results next term. 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.

Over the last decade teaching has changed considerably and has been heavily influence by the introduction of computers, other electronic devices and technology. However, in Australia distance has never stopped Australian educators from getting their message across to those young minds outside metropolitan and provincial centres. Echuca College has linked up with Gunbower Primary School to learn Indonesian. This partnership developed from the need for Gunbower Primary to acquire an Indonesian teacher and the opportunity it provided Echuca College to test the technology. Once a week Echuca College links up via video link using the polycom TV and Mrs Umbers (Ms Peters) teaches as many as 10-13 grade 5 and 6 students Indonesian. One or two days before the lesson, Mrs Umbers emails through the focus for the lesson, with enough material for her Gunbower colleague to continue on with the lesson at another point during the week. The topics taught to the Gunbower students are the same as her Year 7 classes at Echuca College, however some of the tasks are different due to our limited time. This kind of opportunity is a huge benefit to students who may not have had access to a subject due to a variety of reasons, and to teachers, who can form partnerships with other schools. Mrs Umbers will visit the students in Gunbower this week to teach them a 45 minute Indonesian lesson in person, which she is really looking forward to.

Good luck to many of our staff and students involved in sport finals / Grand finals over the holidays, I hope you are all very successful. Enjoy your break & come back all refreshed for a busy term 4.

“Go Cats”
Chris Eeles
College Principal
Youth Expo

Over 1400, Year 7-10 students attended the inaugural Echuca Moama Youth Expo last Friday. There was real buzz in the stadium and we congratulate the students on their behaviour and also their engagement with the presenters and the stall activities. We hope the students have taken away lots of information on the services available for young people in the Echuca Moama Area and are now more aware of what opportunities there are for youth in their community. The art exhibition was amazing, showcasing the creative talents of our young people from all five schools. The music and dance performances were of top quality, highlighting the high standard of gifted musicians and dancers, we have in our local area. The Expo has achieved the objectives of ‘bridging the gap’ between the schools, the twin towns and the knowledge of youth services. Huge thanks to Echuca College for providing the venue and for all their preparations before the day. Reminder to all Year 7-10 students about the Writing Competition. See the flyer at your school for details. Winning entry from each school, will win a Paramount movie and popcorn voucher, receive a certificate and have the article published in the school’s newsletter early next term. Entries to be sent to projects@ccllen.com.au or CCLLEN PO Box 273 Echuca 3564 by 4pm Thursday 19 September.

Congratulations to all our competition winners.

Art Exhibition People’s Choice
First Prize: Olivia Wentworth, Echuca College (Choice of $30 iTunes Voucher or handbag worth $50)
Second Prize: St Joseph’s College($20 Big W voucher)
Third prize: River City College ($10 Big W voucher)
Voter’s Lucky Draw: (Brent Thomas Echuca Specialist School: Senior – $20 Collins Book voucher)

Expo Quiz: Equal First Prize: Lydia Mills & Nicole C - Year 7 River City Christian College (Choice of $30 iTunes voucher or handbag worth $50)

Tennis Victoria Competition: Australian Open Tickets
Jeremy Pain – Moama Grammar
Lauren Kelly – St Joseph’s College
Prizes will be presented at your school this week. Cheryl Sweeney CCLLEN.

Turkey 2015—100th Anniversary

In 2015 Echuca College will be taking a group of students to attend the 100th Anniversary of Gallipoli. Students will attend an ANZAC service at Gallipoli and be given the chance to participate in informative sessions, by leading educators and authorities on the campaign, from both Australia and Turkey. The students will also participate in a tour Turkey, featuring Istanbul, Ephesus, Pamukkale, Cappadocia and more. They will see and participate in a range of historical, cultural and geographical activities. An information session will be held early Term 4. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for more information, or contact Nicole Case.

Chaplaincy Fundraiser
MOVIE: “About Time”
DATE: Thursday 17th October
TIME: 7pm
COST: $18 (includes Supper after the movie)
TICKETS: Helen 54807680
Or Purchase them at the front office at the school.

Netball Victoria

A Regional Clinic will be staged at the Echuca Netball Complex on Wednesday 2nd October at 4pm—6pm.
Caitlyn Strachan & Joh Curran from the Vixens will be there.
11—17 year olds are invited to attend.
Please register online via edna.org.au or phone 5480 1725
Echuca West Evening Harness Race Meeting

Time: 6.00 pm  
Date: Tuesday October 1st

Echuca Harness Race Club (Located at the Show Grounds)  
Entry: Gold Coin Donation  
Face painting / art and craft / games / yabby races / cake stall / drinks and BBQ  
We'll have a great time!

ECHUCA MOAMA YOUTH EXPO
WRITING COMPETITION

Attention all Year 7-10 students.

Write an article for your School Newsletter reporting on the Echuca Moama Youth Expo

Winning entry from each school will win a great prize, receive a certificate and have the article published in your school's newsletter.

Judges are looking for:
- An article that captures the attention and interest of the reader  
- Audience suitability: readers of your school newsletter such as parents & families, students, staff and school community  
- A vivid description of the Expo including highlights  
- An explanation of the purpose of the Expo and what young people have learnt from attending the event.

Please include that the event was funded and organised by Campaspe Cohuna LLLEN in collaboration with the schools, Year 10 Beacon leaders and a Working Party.

Send your entry:
via email to projects@ccllen.com.au or to CCLLEN PO Box 273 Echuca 3564, by 4pm Thursday 19th September.

Winning article will be published in your school newsletter early next term.

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A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN 0-18 YEARS OLD

Learn how you can think, plan and achieve goals for your child and family

Loddon Mallee Region:

Date: Thursday 10th October 2013  
Time: 9.30am – 2.45pm  
Venue: Cohuna Community Centre, 2-4 St John's Road, Cohuna  
To Book: www.helenogradys.com or contact our office

Join us for a parent-led conference in your local community, Loddon Mallee Region.  

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