Principals Report

Monday the 4th November is pupil free day and Tuesday the 5th is a public holiday students are not required at school.

Considerable effort has gone into ensuring that our End of Year activities for our Year 12s were safe and coordinated. Our Year 12s celebrated the completion of formal classes last week at a breakfast held at the Echuca Hotel, followed by a farewell assembly at the College gym. The assembly was great fun and the highlight was hearing the students’ journey as read by the College Captains. The Year 12 last day ‘dress ups’ have become a tradition now as part of their farewell ceremony and this provided some great entertainment for fellow students and parents as each Year 12 student entered the gym for their last 30 seconds of fame. The assembly provided our students with an opportunity to say farewell to the College, teachers and fellow students. It was great to see so many parents attend and this added to a positive atmosphere and the celebratory nature of the assembly.

Although formal classes are over for the Year 12 cohort, the hard work is not. VCE examinations started Wednesday with the three hour English exam starting at 9 am. The College staff would like to wish our Year 12 students all the best with their exams and all the very best for the future. Just a reminder to Year 12 students and their families that the graduation Dinner will be held at the Moama Bowling Club Thursday 21st November 6.30pm for dinner at 7pm. Tickets are $35 per person and are available at our front office. Any queries please contact Ms. Menz.

Early notice to parents and students about the start of our academic year, the examination period for Year 10 and 11 students towards the middle of this month and the end of year program. Our new Academic year will start on Monday the 25th November and for 2014 VCE students will finish on the Friday 6th December. Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 in 2014 will continue their program until the 13th December. Our Celebration Evening is on Tuesday 17th December and this is when reports will be issued for all students. Senior students usually collect reports at the Celebration Evening. The last day of school is Friday the 21st December.
National Mathematics Summer School

Year 11 student Hayley Barnard has been accepted into the National Mathematics Summer School, her application was supported by her Mathematics Methods teacher Ms Carroll. Hayley is one of only 60 selected from across Australia. NMSS is a two week residential school held each January at the Australian National University for mathematically gifted and talented senior high school students. Hayley’s future plans are to become a mathematics teacher, she will study Specialist Mathematics and Mathematical Methods at Echuca College next year during her Year 12.

The main activity of NMSS is an in-depth study of three or four different areas of mathematics. Each is very challenging and will extend every student. On the other hand, the program is non-competitive and very much hands-on. The emphasis is on doing mathematics, not just on listening to someone else talking about it. Students participate in a series of lecture courses from mathematicians in a number of branches of mathematics at a relatively advanced level. They attend tutorials under the guidance of a range of staff including postgraduate students, mathematics teachers and academic mathematicians.

By the end of the two weeks, most students are amazed at how much they have accomplished and post-school surveys indicate that the NMSS has succeeded in raising their intellectual horizons. Almost everyone returns home with a considerably enhanced view of their own potential.

2014 Courses and Booklists

2014 Courses and Booklists were sent home with students today. Please discuss these with your student. If you would like to make an appointment with a course counsellor please follow the instructions on the bottom of the 2014 Student Course Sheet.

Booklists are to be returned by the 6th of November payment is not required until collection on the 29th of November. If parents in Years 7-9 choose to purchase the ebook package they do not have to purchase hard copy text books as well.

Please contact the College if you have any questions.
Turkey 2015 - 100 year ANZAC Service

In 2015 Echuca College students will have the opportunity to spend the 100\textsuperscript{th} ANZAC service at Gallipoli. Students will travel to Turkey where they will participate in a range of historical, cultural and geographic experiences; culminating in participating in the ANZAC service. A information session will be held at Echuca College, Tuesday 12\textsuperscript{th} November, 6pm in the Yr 7 Neighbourhood.

If you are unable to attend or have any questions please contact Nicole Case.

Sporting Excellence

Regan More is a member of the inaugural Echuca College Sports Specialist Group for 2013, he received a scholarship at the end of last year. Regan has been put through vigorous fitness testing at the beginning of the year to identify his strengths and weaknesses and was given a platform to build and develop their strength and fitness. He then utilised the school facilities including our new weights and cardio room to improve himself before being put through the vigorous fitness testing again at the end of the year.

Regan sporting achievements this year include – Winner- Team Tennis Winter AMT, Semi Finalist- SOLINCO September Shoot Out AMT, Round 16 -Bendigo Junior Open and Association Championships.

Student Accident Insurance

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold accident insurance for school students.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development advises that parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Hockey Winners

Congratulations to the Echuca College Junior Boys Hockey Team on winning the Loddon Mallee Region Hockey Competition. The boys trained every lunchtime in the weeks leading up to the competition, led by coach Regan More the team demonstrated constant improvement.
Year 12 Celebration Day

Echuca College Year 12 celebrated their final day of school on Thursday the 24th of October with a whole school assembly. Parent, families and friends were all in attendance to celebration the culmination of 13 years of schooling. The students wore fancy dress as they paraded in front of the assembly; they performed a play incorporating all the characters. Students concluded the assembly by thanking parents and families for “all their support this year and the previous years as it has allowed us to succeed and achieve our best”. The students thanked the teachers and staff at Echuca College; “We all appreciate the work you have done for us throughout the year. Thank you for making Echuca College such a supportive environment to complete secondary school in”.

The Year 12 students will continue with their studies with the official written exams beginning on Wednesday the 30th of October, English is the first exam beginning at 9am. Teachers will be available to support students throughout the examination period.

Great Success at State Finals

Echuca College students performed very well at the School Sport Victoria 2013 Secondary Track and Field Finals held in Melbourne.

Siobhan Thompson won gold in the Girls 16 Discus and came 4th in the Girls 16 Javelin.

Asher Jones won silver in the Boys 12-13 100 meters and won bronze in the Boys 12-13 200 metres.

Isaac Warren won bronze in the Boys 14 100m and came fourth in the 200m, he was also part of the 14 Boys Relay team who came fourth in the final.

Kiennan Jones came sixth in the Boys 18-20 200m. Echuca College is extremely proud of the efforts of all the students and thank parents and families for their support in helping our team travel to Melbourne.
Girls Night In

November 15th
from 7pm.
Tickets $45
At THE MILL, Nish Street, Echuca.

Your ticket will get you entry as well as yummy finger food. Entertainment will be provided by the very talented Billi Johns and DJ PARTY (Martin).

Raffle tickets and lolly bags will be available to purchase on the night.

Please note the all PROFIT from the ticket sales will go directly to the Cancer Council Girls Night In.
all PROFIT made from the raffles will be donated to Wayne & Lindy Skelton.

Tickets are available for purchase from:
Dorinda Watson ~ 0400 106 533
Sage ~ 250 Pakenham St, Echuca.
KODI Boutique ~ 37 Mouringa street, Moama.
Completecom ~ C/- Bianca Southern ~ 0433 060 203
Echuca East Primary School ~ Chitty or Jodi, Frye Street, Echuca.

CASH ONLY.
Please have the correct amount when collecting tickets.

Thanks to KOH! Printing & Design as well as The Mill for their support again this year!