Echuca College News Feed As At Thursday, 28 November 2013

Assistant Principal’s Report

Echuca College has begun the 2014 Academic Year, students and staff have embraced the opportunity to experience their new classes. The program gives students an excellent head start in next year and sets our VCE students up for success. Year levels have moved into new buildings and the new spaces look and feel fantastic. Our new teaching teams are working and planning together creating a productive environment at the College.

We have welcomed over 360 primary school students to Echuca College this week for transition. Students have been involved in a variety of classes including Design, Creativity and Technology, Digital Arts, Arts, Foods, Physical Education and Science. The students and staff have truly enjoyed their time at Echuca College and we look forward to seeing them back here again, maybe as a Year 7 student.

We look forward to the opening of our VCE Art Show tonight and we are very proud of our Art students and staff and the amazing work they produce each year.

This week we had 150 Vocational Educational Training students head out on an excursion, visiting many businesses across Echuca and Moama. We thank all the businesses for their support, our students returned very enthusiastic about opportunities within the Echuca Moama region.

Important Dates

November
28th
• Echuca College Art Show
29th
• Book Collection Day – Small Gym

December
1st - 10th Dec
• Cambodia Tour
6th
• Final Day of Classes for Yrs 11 and 12 2014
10th - 13th
• Anglesea Camp Yr 9 2014
17th
• Celebration Night
20th
• Last Day of School

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VCE ART EXHIBITION

Opening: 7pm Thursday 28th November

Public Viewing  Friday 29th November
9am - 1pm   Saturday 30th November

Echuca College Performing Arts Centre
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.

Hayley has demonstrated her initiative by combining with Kayla Arkinstall, who has been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum, to run a casual dress day to raise money to support their trips. Hayley has also written to various organisations seeking support and has been successful in obtaining sponsorship from the Mathematics Association of Victoria. Any organisations interested in supporting the girls are asked to contact Echuca College.

**Great Start to 2014**

Echuca College students and staff have begun the 2014 Academic Year. Students are able to work with their new teachers and get to know their new classes. The start of the Academic Year has been met with enthusiasm by both staff and students. Most year levels have changed the spaces they are working in and the new spaces look fantastic.

Starting the academic year early allows our Year 12 students a head start on their studies and enables them to make good use of the summer holidays. It sets students up for a great start to the following year.
CCLLEN VET in School Awards

The Campaspe Cohuna LLEN celebrated the VET in schools Excellence Awards for 2013. Echuca College students were finalists in a number of categories. Congratulations to Mollie Gundry winner of the excellence award in Hairdressing, Isaac Duffy winner of excellence award in Children’s Services, Tracey Ogden winner of the excellence award in Sport and Recreation and Maddison Naismith winner of the excellence award in Business.

Echuca College coordinates the regional VETis Program across five schools including Echuca College, St Joseph’s College, Rochester Secondary College, Cohuna Secondary College and River City Christian College. 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).

Upload Your Future Event

Year 9 students participated in a “Upload Your Future” Information Communication Technology Event. The interactive event featured young ICT professionals, higher education and industry representatives providing student with real insights into ICT studies and careers. Technology in areas ranging from games technology, drones, social and digital media, graphic design, computer hardware, food technology, bionic eye research and robotics were featured with students able to use and interact with much of the technology. The event was organised by the CLEN with support from Latrobe University, Monash University, Splatoon Cartoons, Bendigo TAFE, Peats Office Equipment, Kagome Australia and the National Information Communication Technology Australia.

Year 12 Graduation 2013

Congratulations to our graduating class of 2013. Lauren Menz, Brett Ayres and their team did a fantastic effort organising a great graduation dinner for the Year 12s last night. Over 320 attended the evening and our students looked a million dollars. Thank you to the teachers and staff who supported the students last night by attending. Our College Captains were outstanding and their ‘thank you’ speech, particularly the section directed towards their teachers at Echuca College 7-12, was much appreciated. The Captains reinforced how much support their teachers offer and the quality of staff at Echuca College.

Well done to all involved and thank you.