Echuca College will be holding its ‘Students Information and Discovery Evening’ for prospective students on the Wednesday 30th April at 6.30 pm in the Café Learning area in the centre of the College. The evening will begin with a brief introductory session, followed by an opportunity for students and their parents to tour our College. The tour allows students and their parents to experience various components of the Year 7 program and to view our facilities.

An information brochure is being delivered to our partner primary schools for circulation as part of our school visits leading up to the evening in term two. Later in the year students in Grade 6 who have elected to come to Echuca College will be involved in a familiarisation program in term three and our main orientation day will be held in December. If prospective students and their families need any additional information about our College, please don’t hesitate to phone the College or make an appointment with our Principal Mr Eeles or our Assistant Principal Mrs Gould. We will also be conducting additional information nights in April and May that are open to the public.

The College will be holding its Student Leadership Induction Ceremony on Monday 31st March in the College in our Piazza area at 9.00am. The induction ceremony provides an opportunity to formally acknowledge the College’s student leaders for 2014 and to also introduce them to the College community. While the ceremony will not exceed an hour, the role our young leaders play is yearlong. The College invites our community to attend this important occasion to see College Captains, House

Please visit www.echucacollege.vic.edu.au, or download our App from either the iTunes or Google Play store for current news and events

Important Dates

March
18th
• LMR Swimming
21st
• Year 9 Health Careers
24th
• SSV Volleyball and Tennis
26th
• Parent Teacher Interviews

April
3rd
• Senior Boys Football
7th – 20th
• School Holidays
21st
• Easter Monday
22nd
• School Resumes
25th
• Anzac Day Holiday
29th
• State Swimming
30th
• Discovery Night Year 7 2015

Connect to Echuca College

Echuca College News Feed
Captains, SRC representatives and Leadership School students inducted for 2014. We will also be publicly announcing and congratulating our Scholarship winners for 2014.

**Parent Teacher Interviews Term 1 2014**

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on;

- Wednesday 26th of March 4.00pm to 7pm

All interviews will be held in the Year 7 Neighbourhood and in the Year 8 and Year 9 Neighbourhoods.

Interviews for all year levels will be conducted and Interim Reports will be emailed to families on Monday and Tuesday before the interviews. If your email address has changed, then please contact the College. Students are expected to attend the interview with parents.

The event code has been sent out to all parents via text - please contact the office if you do not have it.

**Attendance - Every Day Counts**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.
Have you logged onto the Parent Dashboard yet?

Step 1; Please make sure you have a current email address logged with Echuca College

Step 2; Go to https://dashboard.echucacollege.vic.edu.au/

Step 3; Go to Forgotten your User Name and a User Name will be emailed to you

Step 4; Go to Forgotten your Password and a Password will be emailed to you

Now you can access attendance data about your child as well as their learning tasks with due dates and any that are overdue.

Beacon Breakfast 2014

The Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation is an important component of the Echuca College community. The foundation builds social partnerships between school, students, local businesses and organisations. There are many benefits for both the schools and the businesses involved in the Foundation. The Foundation celebrated the beginning of the new year with the Business Breakfast at Radcliffe’s this morning. The breakfast was a great introduction of the new Beacon Leaders for 2014. Representing Echuca College for 2014 are Tyanah Williams, Rylee Dixon, Lachlan Arkinstall, Maegan Johnson, Courtney Johnson, Emma Favaloro and Sarah Hercott.

Benefits to schools students are;

- Real life employment opportunities
- Work experience, work placement and apprenticeships/traineeships
- Businesses supporting programs and events such as Guest Speakers and mock interviews
- The Leaders promoting the benefits of the program and building awareness and community spirit
- Industry tours
- A wider and more diverse database available to the whole school community
- Greater source of business advice, strategies and knowledge
- Help raise credibility of programs
- Opportunity for sponsorship of awards/events

Benefits to businesses;

- Display business logo on newsletters, charter signing, invitations and events
- Connections to other businesses also involved in the Echuca Moama 'Real Futures' program
- Potential to attract interest to business
- Inspire staff through commitments to local projects
- Potential to gain excellent staff members
- Acknowledgement at our school
- Improved profile within the school community
- New innovative ideas
- Fresh perspective from students
• Opportunity to give back to local community
• Networking opportunities
• Tokens of appreciation

If you would like any information on how to get involved in the Beacon program please contact the College.

**Health Careers Information Session**

*Parents & Carers: Health Careers Information session*

*Learn Experience Access Professions (LEAP)*

*Demystifying the links between school, university and the professions*

When:

**Thursday March 20th, 2014**

Where:

**Education Centre, Echuca Regional Health**

(Enter off Leichardt St car park)

Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

**Why might your child look at a career in the health sector?**

· Fastest growing industry - great career prospects
· Diverse - a broad range of occupations
· Great workplaces
· Meaningful work - make a difference
· Secure employment

**Local Professionals and Higher Education presenters will:**

• Showcase and demystify the wide variety of careers in the health sector from medicine to nursing and allied health
• Highlight the various pathways into a career in health
• Present the future career opportunities that exist in our region

For further information contact John Carey, Education Manager Echuca Regional Health. Email: jcarey@erh.org.au

Phone: 54855280
Emma Favaloro, Mitch Robinson and Jacob Baldock represented the school in LMR Lawn Bowls on Friday 7th March at Golden Square, Bendigo. Jacob was ‘Lead’, Mitch was ‘Second’ and Emma was ‘Skip’. Students played against Mildura Senior College, Catholic College Bendigo and Crusoe College. The group played three games and successfully made it into the semi-final. The team won their three out of three games, 11-3, 11-6 and 11-7. Unfortunately, Echuca College lost the semi final against Crusoe College, 3-8.

A huge thank-you goes to Tammy Robinson for driving the team to Bendigo to participate on the day.

Information Evening Program Dates
Kayla Arkinstall successfully applied to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Perth in January 2014. Below is a copy of her report on her amazing experience;

On the 6th of January, 2014, my father dropped me off at the Melbourne Airport, sending me off to the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), in Perth for Session B. It was when he left that I realised that I knew absolutely no one, that everyone there were complete strangers, though it didn’t take long for that to change.

I found out about the NYSF through my chemistry teacher, who could not speak more highly of it, and due to this and my love of science, I decided to apply. I had my local interview in Echuca with two fantastic Rotarians who a week later sent me a letter telling me I had made it past the first stage and that I only had one more hurdle to jump in order to go to the NYSF. The district interviews were held at the International House in Parkville, Melbourne with my interview at 2pm on 10/08/13. Again, I was fortunate that the past NYSF student who was interviewing me had common interests and this made the whole interview process much more relaxed. It was about two weeks later that I found out that I had been successful and was heading to Perth and I could not wait.

I was very fortunate as my Rotary Club was kind enough to sponsor me half of the fee ($1250.50) needed to attend the NSYF and my school also provided me with some financial assistance. On the 6/01/14 I arrived at the Melbourne Airport at around 1pm for a 3 hour flight departing at 3pm for Perth, with around 40 other Melbourne NYSFers. We arrived at around 3pm in Perth (Perth time) and spent 12 of the most inspiring days there, staying at the University Hall at the University of Western Australia. The experience ended on the 18/01/14 when we left for the Perth airport to catch a plane leaving at 7:25am and arriving safely back in Melbourne 4 hours later.

When the 40 other NYSFers from Melbourne landed in Perth we were greeted warmly by the Staffies and a pattern of endless chanting started, which continued for the remainder of the 12 days that I was there. I had been put in the Darwin group (Animal, Plant and Molecular Biology) and the people in my group were from all over Australia and they were absolutely fantastic to be around, there was never a boring moment to say the least. Our lab visits consisted of mostly biology based lectures and activities with a few chemistry and physics lab visits thrown in, which were very insightful and as such has given me a better understanding of the different applications of physics, chemistry and biology in the real world.

Some of the particular lab visits that were favourites of mine involved the Ice core visit at Curtin University, which showed us how the air bubbles trapped within the Antarctic ice can be used to better understand human history and our impact on the environment. Another visit was to the University of Western Australia where we experienced “Matchmaking in the Brain (Neuroscience),” here we received a very in depth lecture on memory, sleep and an outline on how our brain works. We were also provided with the opportunity to undertake a number of activities. The Forensics lab visit at the University of Western Australia was also a highlight, and this gave us valuable insight into the process of how science is applied to solve various crimes and how insects can be utilised at these various crime scenes.

Throughout the entire time at the NYSF, I was exposed to a tremendous amount of personal development activities, which has brought out a side in me I had no idea existed and I can’t wait to put this newly learnt knowledge to good use for the remainder of my secondary education and hopefully the rest of my life. The activities that taught these skills all
varied from 3 minute prepared talks, 3 minute impromptu’s, mock interviews for post graduate jobs to probably the most unexpected yet most rewarding, diffusing our very own bomb! This exercise taught us how crucial it is to understand the fundamentals of teamwork and leadership and how they are both interrelated, everyone walked away from that exercise with an invaluable lesson that day.

Needless to say there was a huge social side to the NYSF. From day 1 you go from knowing no one to meeting 144 people with common interests and making friendships with people from all over Australia. I know personally that the friendships I have made at the Forum will truly last a lifetime, which is a rare thing. One of the many ways the NYSF facilitates these friendships is through the social outings and activities that are always happening at the NYSF, for instance there was the Science relay which happened on the first night, and was a fantastic ice-breaker, the bush dance, which was absolutely amazing, and who could forget the evening activities which ranged from laser tag and movies to karate and yoga.

One of the best parts of the NYSF would have to have been both the Rotary and Science dinners. The Rotary dinner was held at Trinity Hall, which was a wonderful venue, the guest speaker whose degree and job specialises in food technology kindly enlightened us about all of the things that we were eating that night, which made for some interesting dinner conversations. Overall it was just fascinating to listen to all the stories of how each Rotary member became a part of Rotary and to listen to all the projects that they were undertaking, it was a wonderful night. The Science Dinner was simply a fantastic experience. To be able to listen to seasoned pros and up and coming scientists was amazing and has really shown me the different paths that you can take to get where you want to go, not to mention the guest speaker who spoke about Shark Mitigation Systems.

The NYSF experience overall was un-paralleled to anything I’ve ever done and I feel extremely honoured to have been blessed with this opportunity. The forum has helped to showcase the numerous possibilities of not only the different universities and their courses, but the careers you can achieve through these courses. It’s shown me that whilst Year 12 is important, it’s not make or break and that there are numerous and various pathways into the course that I’m interested in, that sometimes the road less travelled by is the best path to choose.

My thanks go to the Rotary Club of Echuca/Moama for their time, organisation and sponsorship which allowed me to attend the NYSF. The Rotary District of 9800 and its District Chair, Gabrielle Morgan, who without their organisation and time I would not have been able to go. My school principle, Mr Chris Eeles and the school Council both for their sponsorship and their support and my chemistry teacher, Mr Steven Warren for letting me know about the program and for the time, support and encouragement given to me throughout the entire process. I’d also like to thank the NYSF Director, Damien Pearce and the NYSF staff and organisers who are crucial to the success of the program, and last but not least I’d like to thank my parents for getting me to and from interviews and the airport and for always supporting me in my pursuits.

The National Youth Science Forum is an outstanding opportunity and I could not recommend it more highly for anyone who is considering experiencing it in the future, it is truly life changing.

Kayla Arkinstall
Echuca College is excited to offer the opportunity to attend a school trip to Indonesia in September this year! This trip is open to all students studying Indonesian at Echuca College. There will be a meeting at 6pm in the year 8 neighbourhood on Wednesday the 19th of March. Please come along to express your interest, ask questions and have a look at our fantastic itinerary and proposed costs. If you are unable to attend but would still like the information, please call Mrs. Courtney Umbers at the college on 54821133.

Interschool Swimming Results 2014

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SVV CAMPASPE SWIMMING

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SSV CAMPASPE SWIMMING RECORDS 2014

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**Jess Pitts - Junior Sportstar of the Year**

Echuca College soccer talent Jessica Pitts was named Echuca Moama Junior Sportstar of the Year. Jessica made the Australian under-17 squad for the Asian Football Confederation junior women’s championship in China and played in friendlies against New Zealand.

Jessica received a $500 coaching voucher from Moama Bowling Club.

Jessica was also a member of the successful Echuca College Senior Girls Soccer Team who won the State Title last year. This team was also a finalist for Team of the Year.
Community Billboard

Autism Awareness Event

is pleased to be able to advertise our annual

FREE AUTISM AWARENESS EVENT

THURSDAY the 29th of MAY 2014, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Bendigo Baptist Church Auditorium, 757 McIvor Road, Junortone

This event is open to ANYONE with an interest in or affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders including Asperger’s Syndrome. Parents, carers, teachers, students, professionals, teenagers and adults on the Autism Spectrum are all most welcome to attend.

Guest Speaker: Dr Wendy Lawson

MAPSBss(Hons), Gdip(Psychstud), PhD(Psych)

Wendy is an adult on the autism spectrum, a psychologist, social worker, writer, adult educator, mother and grandmother! Wendy is well known both in the Northern and Southern hemispheres where she has been sharing her knowledge, understanding and experience of the autistic spectrum for over 15 years.

PROGRAM:

9.30am - Welcome and Introductions
9.45am - 10.45am Session 1
'Spectrum of Autism: Understanding the various conditions and diagnostic categories’
10.45am - Morning tea (with gluten & dairy free options), hot & cold drinks
11.15am - 12.15pm Session 2
Elongated QUESTION and ANSWER session
with opportunity for questions from those in attendance on the day
12.15pm - 12.30pm – Wrap Up and Finish

Any questions? Please email BAAG at info@bendigoautism.org.au or NAAC at staff@nationals.org.au

It is not necessary to book for this event – please just come along on the day and invite anyone else that you think would benefit from coming along too!

ALL WELCOME! DELUXE MORNING TEA PROVIDED!

Although this event is free, a gold coin donation at the entrance door would be appreciated.

National Youth Week 2014 Photography Competition

Trivia Night

Date: Saturday 22nd March
Time: 7:00pm

Echuca Primary School Gym

$15.00 per head (tables of 8)
BYO refreshments and nibbles

Great Prizes & loads of laughs

Contact Paul
0474 764 678

for tickets

Echuca Chaplaincy Committee

National Youth Week 2014 Photography Competition

Theme:

Our Voice. Our Impact.

Open to all young people aged 15-55

Competition closing date Tuesday 1 April

Prizes and Awards:

1st prize $500 prize voucher (Open category)
15-18 years: $300 voucher, 10-15 years: $300 voucher, 5-10 years: $300 voucher.

There will also be a special Judges’ Prize each for the best youth entry in each category.

Entries must be submitted by 1 April 2014, via the SPCM website.

Entries which do not have a completed entry form will not be accepted.

Entry Form available at
www.campaspe.vic.gov.au

For more information please contact

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