

Important Dates

July
28th

- VET Information Night

29th

- GTAC Excursion
- VET Information Night

30th

- Year 7 & 8 Football
- VTAC Information Night
- Northern Rivers Debating

31st

- TIS Event

August

4th

- Year 9 2015 Information Night

5th

- Year 10 2015 Course Counselling Day (Year 9 Pupil Free)

8th

- Year 11 2015 Course Counselling Day (Year 10 Pupil Free)
- Full Production Rehearsal

11th – 15th

- VCE Winter Alpine Camp

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Echuca College News

New Parent Portal



Echuca College is very excited to release our new Parent and Student Portal. The Portal is now live and ready for parents and families to access. Many of our students are already using it and submitting work through the portal.

For families who have previously accessed our Parent Dashboard - your username is your family code with an 'F' on the end e.g. ABC0001F. All users will need to follow the instructions (link below) and

reset your password.

A user manual is also available on our website under publications or can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Please contact the college if you need any support or help.

We would appreciate any feedback on the new system.



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). Echuca College's Regional VETiS Program is open to Year 10,11 & 12 students from all regional secondary schools.

Benefits of studying a VETiS Course

- Provides a practical focus in a wide range of industry areas
- Boosts entry level skills for the workforce
- Provides nationally recognised Vocational Certificates that can lead to direct employment pathways
- Adds credits towards obtaining VCE or VCAL
- Provides direct experience in industry
- Provides an academic benefit in contributing to ATAR

Students interested in studying VET in 2015 must attend an VET information Night

Step 1: **Information Evenings: 7-8.30 pm July 28th & 29th at Moama Bowling Club**

Mon July 28th: Beauty, Business, Children's Services, Dance, Disability Services, Equine Industry, Hairdressing, Music, Indonesian, Sport and Recreation.

Tues July 29th: Automotive Studies, Building and Construction, Electrical, Engineering, Furniture Making, Hospitality, Integrated Technology, Plumbing.

Step 2: Register your interest in courses with your school as part of your year 10-12 program.

Spring into Theatre Workshop

"Spring into Theatre Workshop" - Echuca Moama Theatre Company

September school holidays just got better for 20 young people!

Would you like to be involved in a holiday program that ends in a musical theatre performance? Do you love theatre and drama and wish to hone your skills and have a bit of fun?

The "Spring Into Theatre Workshop" is designed to encourage local youth to develop musical theatre skills and confidence. (Young people currently involved in this year's EMTC Youth Production are not eligible to apply)

Five days of fully supervised fun for 12 - 18 year old, current Secondary School students. An action packed week of fun and learning skills of the theatre from 22nd - 26th September 2014.

Learn: drama games, audition skills, voice care and projection, body and movement, character development, sets, props and backdrops, Build self esteem and confidence, make new friends.

Facilitated and tutored by experienced actors, directors, backstage crew, trained teachers and a local playwright.

Three days of intensive learning at Echuca Moama Theatre Company's shed on Simmie Street, Echuca. A trip to see a major production of Les Miserables in Melbourne and a day of performance on Friday at local Aged Care facilities to showcase your talent.

Total cost is \$200 per participant (includes some snacks and drinks, transport and show tickets for Melbourne trip and youth membership to EMTC)

To Book: (limited to strictly 20 places on a 'first in' basis)

1. Send an email to make a tentative booking (you must have parental consent to do this!): emtcinfo@gmail.com
2. Complete the Registration Form that will be emailed to you (only the first 20 applicants will receive this form - you will be advised if you are on the waitlist)
3. Post completed paperwork along with a cheque or money order

Or email completed paperwork and pay via EFT

Or attend to pay in cash/ bring your cheque/ money order on the due date 2nd August

Full details for payment are on the registration form. Places are NOT CONFIRMED until payment & registration form is received. Enquiries to : emtcinfo@gmail.com or phone Lesley on 0419260902. With support from:



Pat Farmer



Pat Farmer is an Australian ultramarathon runner with 32 years in the field. He holds countless records achieved in the hottest places in the world and the coldest. In 2011 Pat ran from the North Pole to the South Pole, a total of 21,000km's, to raise funds for the International Red Cross. In 2013 Pat ran the length of Vietnam to bring clean water projects to those in need throughout the country. This was achieved through support of the Vietnamese Red Cross.

Pat is a multiple world record holder for endurance running. He has run around Australia and across North America twice. Pat served 8 years as a Member of Australia's Parliament, with 3 years as Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Science and Training.

Winner of "Achiever of the Year" (2000), awarded by Prime Minister, John Howard. Pat has raised millions of dollars for causes during his 20-year running career including Lifeline, Cancer Council, and Diabetes Australia.

Echuca College were lucky to have Pat visit the College and share some of his amazing journeys and experiences with our students. Pat shared the messages to "Never Give Up" , "Always believe in yourself", "The only person who quits for you is you". Students really enjoyed his presentation and were amazed by his achievements.



Year 11 students went to Melbourne for 3 days where they stayed at University College. This is university student accommodation, it was well equipped for learning and social life.

During our stay we attended Melbourne University, RMIT, William Angliss College and Latrobe Bendigo. Students received valuable information on how to get accepted into universities, details about the courses offered and an insight into university life.

As well as learning the group had fun at the movies, ice-skating, shopping and dinner at Lygon Street.

Students found this to be a fun and informative camp.

John Monash Science School

Year 10 students from Regional Victorian schools with a passion for science were invited to John Monash Science School (JMSS) for a 3-week block to attend classes with JMSS students, visit Monash University for science workshops, and experience Melbourne. Maegan Johnson from Year 10 has demonstrated excellent initiative and has been selected to attend the Regional program. She is currently studying at the John Monash Science School.



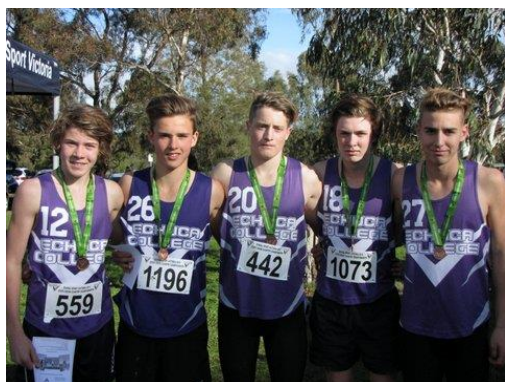
Maegan will study Emerging Sciences in fields such as:

- Nanoscience and Nanotechnology;
- Marine Biology;
- From Cells to Systems (Biomedical Science including Stem-cell technology);
- Our Dynamic Earth (Geosciences);
- From Logic to Magic (Enhanced Mathematics);
- Bioinformatics (Decoding the Genome);
- Imaging Science;
- From Quarks to Quasars (Astrophysics); and
- Pharmaceutical Science.

Maegan will return to JMSS to present her Emerging Science projects to peers, parents, teachers and academics at the annual Science Fair in

October.

State Cross Country 2014



Our Cross Country team travelled to Bundoora for the State Finals - 15 Year Old Boy team came third overall in a sensational effort. The team consisted of Max Ogilvie, Oscar Reid, Liam Gundry, Isaac Warren and Amos Farrell. Congratulations to the team and their supporting families.

Our Individual runners also performed very well with Archie Reid finishing 4th in the 12 Year Boys and Max Ogilvie also finishing in the top 10 for the 15 Year Boys. Jess Davidson also performed extremely well in her individual race.



Archie Reid has competed in a number of races over the year and has qualified for the Athletics Victoria Team to represent Victoria at the National School Sport Australia Cross Country Event in Albany Western Australia in August this year. An amazing effort, especially given this is not Archie's preferred distance, he enjoys the longer distances. We wish Archie all the best and will be supporting him along his journey.

Thank you to the families that assisted in getting our athletes to this event.

Macbeth.com coming soon



Five weeks to go until we perform at the Paramount!

The cast and crew of macbeth.com are working hard and becoming excited about what's ahead.

Rehearsals continue at lunchtimes and every Tuesday night until 6.00pm. Most characters have their costumes sorted and we have almost finished filming and editing the media scenes from the production.

Our singers and musicians are about to move into an intensive four week rehearsal program to prepare them for their important roles in the production. Dancers are busily choreographing and rehearsing their five dances (including a brilliant hip-hop). On August the 8th we have a full day rehearsal to put all the pieces of the production together to produce the completed whole.

Some reminders : There is a Trivia Night fundraiser in early August. We would love students and parents to put together some tables to help raise money for the production and have a great fun night. For more information, or tickets, please contact Echuca College.

Performance dates for macbeth.com are 27th, 28th and 29th of August. We encourage all members of the school community to come along and see it at least once. You won't see another performance like this in Echuca and you will be showing your support for the hard work and commitment our students have shown.

Looking After Our Mates Program



Looking After Our Mates is an interactive one-hour free education session for year 12 students delivered in schools throughout Victoria. The session focuses on responsible consumption of alcohol and strategies to avoid drink driving. It is suitable for Year 12 students, but can be tailored to suit any business, organisation, sports club or youth group. It is delivered by a fully trained and accredited facilitator. The session explores a range of drink and drug driving road safety issues that are relevant to young people.

Looking After Our Mates builds on the F2D Year 11 Workshop and together with Keys Please helps to prepare young people to be safer road users. This is maximised when these sessions are supported by other road safety education activities in the classroom.

The program has recently been redeveloped by VicRoads in consultation with Victoria Police, the Transport Accident Commission (TAC), Australian Drug Foundation and RoadSafe Gippsland. For more information about the program please go to the website <http://www.f2d.com.au> .

Fit 2 Drive



All Year 11 students participated in the Vic Roads and TAC funded program, Fit 2 Drive, which aims to encourage young adults to make responsible choices to party and drive safe. Our students were engaged and participated in the workshops with an open frame of mind freely offering ideas and opinions. Workshops were facilitated by young adults, MFB, Police and ambulance staff.

The philosophy of Fit 2 Drive incorporates the belief that young people have the capacity to change and influence attitudes and behaviours in relation to risky driving. It supports them to take ownership and responsibility for their

own and their peers' safety and this is reflected in our programs.

Effective behaviour change and education programs cannot be achieved in 'one-off' sessions.

Rather, it is important to follow up to reinforce key points, help the participants keep motivated and use what they have learnt. The Fit 2 Drive Year 11 Workshop and the Fit 2 Drive Youth Forum should be seen as part of a suite of programs designed to reduce the incidence of road crashes involving young people.

Little Black Dress



'the little black dress' **a red carpet affair**

*Presented by the
Echuca Specialist School
Sponsored by
M & S Insurance
&
The Moama Bowling Club*

Tickets are \$100 and include:

*A three course meal & drinks
Music by Nullabor.
Back by popular demand!*

*Friday from 7pm
29th August 2014
The Venue
Moama Bowling Club
Shaw Street, Moama*

formal dress code

Book your tickets today. Ph: 5482 2769

You can pay over the phone or via direct deposit to the school



Photography Course

Introduction to Photography Course



Learn to use many of your camera settings and improve your photography in 5 weeks.
Learn three basic steps that will improve the impact of your images.
Join Echuca Moama Photography Club Members on a landscape field trip and workshop.
Enjoy meeting and socialising with other locals passionate about photography.
Gain a better understanding of how to take great pictures and improve your level of confidence.

Where: Echuca College, Butcher Street, Echuca, Computer Room.
Signage will show the way to the room from the main carpark.

Sundays 24/08/2014 - 21/09/2014 10am-12pm.

Course includes a landscape field trip 14/09/2014 9am-1pm.
Supplemental worksheets and printed course material.

This Event is Presented by



Who is EMPC?

We are a not for profit community group called the Echuca Moama Photography Club and we are into our third year of service to our community.

Please bring your camera along to the course each week.



Course Registrations
Close 16/08/2014

How does our club operate?

We meet weekly to share our passion for everything photography at 7pm each Wednesday in the Echuca Library meeting room & other photography excursions.



Cost: \$130 Per Person or \$100 for Current Student/Pension Card holders
Includes complimentary Full EMPC Club membership for the remainder of 2014

Contact Us: Phone 5480 9620 or E-Mail echucamoamapc@outlook.com

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Echuca.Moama.Photography.Club>



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