

## Important Dates

### August

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

- VCE Winter Alpine Camp

12<sup>th</sup>

- SSV Basketball 7 and Inter

18<sup>th</sup>

- Girls Football

20<sup>th</sup>

- Year 9 2015 Course Counselling Day (Year 7 & 8 Pupil Free)

27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

- Macbeth.com Production

### September

1<sup>st</sup>

- SSV Athletics

4<sup>th</sup>

- Parent Teacher Interviews

5<sup>th</sup>

- Pupil Free Day - Parent Teacher Interviews.
- Year 7 2015 Transition Day

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

- Queensland Camp
- Bogong Camp

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## Echuca College News

### Macbeth.com - 3 weeks to go



macbeth.com is only 3 weeks away and a lot has been happening lately as the show comes together.

We would like to thank Westside Milk bar for allowing us to film Banquo's Murder in their shop. We are also extremely grateful to Anthony at The Mill who opened up his restaurant and premises for us to film the

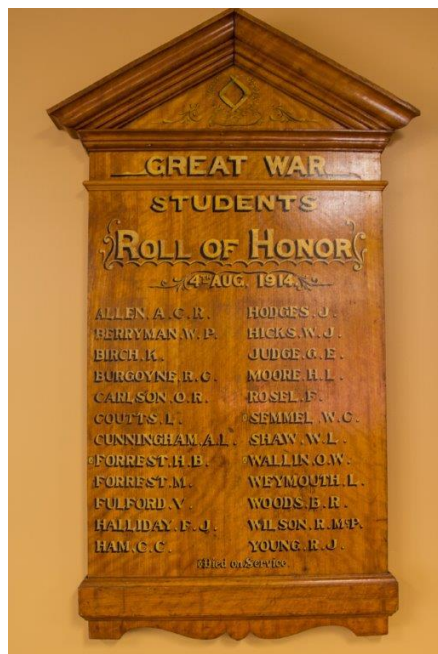
Swordfight Scene.

Past student, Darcy Muller has also done an awesome job creating the film trailer for the production, which was shown to all students at the College on Monday. Darcy is currently working for Bradar Productions and the Western Bulldogs.

We are also very grateful to the local businesses who have offered sponsorship. They will be acknowledged in the Program. Huge thanks also to Elisha Johnson who has worked tirelessly to gain those sponsorships.

Staff who help with Tuesday night rehearsals have also made a wonderful contribution to the production rolling along. Thanks Hannah Johnson, Carlie Leach, Courtney Umbers, Elaine White and Jill Ward.

Echuca College would like to thank the Shire of Campaspe and Mayor Maddison, along with a number of community sponsors for their support of our production. Everyone is very excited to see the final product.



Two plaques commemorating those who fought and died in the First World War have been placed in the front office at Echuca College. The plaques recognise former students who served their country during this time. The community is invited to come and view the plaques and the College would really appreciate hearing from any relatives who believe their ancestors' names maybe listed on the plaques.

The plaques signify the history of Echuca College and reinforce our proud heritage in the Echuca Community. The commemoration of the beginning of the First World War has been a significant time for Echuca College, especially our students travelling to Gallipoli and Turkey in 2015. Our students will take part in the 100th anniversary memorial of Anzac Day and will be present at Anzac Coze on the 25th of April 2015.

## Handmade Quilt Raffle

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A magnificent hand crafted quilt has been donated to the Echuca College Production by Mrs Robyn O'Sullivan. The quilt is being raffled and tickets are available at the front office and down the main street of Echuca on Saturday morning. The quilt is on display in the front office. Echuca College is grateful for the ongoing support of the community as our production nears opening night.

## Macbeth.com Trailer

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Students have been rehearsing diligently for weeks in preparation for opening night of Macbeth.com. The production will open on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of August at the Paramount. Performances will also be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of August. Be sure to get your tickets from the Paramount.



On Tuesday Year 12 Biology students attended GTAC (Gene Technology Access Centre) in Melbourne. The students worked in small groups guided by a scientist mentor, a young practising scientists who engaged the students with their enthusiasm for science and with stories of their current research projects. The aim of our work was to transform an E. coli bacteria with a gene from a sea jelly that would allow the bacteria to glow in the dark. The students gained hands on experience with research grade biotechnology equipment with all enjoying the very fun to use pipettes. If our experiment is successful we will expect to see glow in the dark bacteria on our agar plates on Monday.

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### Debating Win

On Wednesday 12 College students competed in the first round of the Northern Rivers Interschool Debating Competition. The competition, which was held at Kyabram P-12 this year, has run for many years and includes schools right across Northern Victoria.

Echuca College was able to field four teams in the competition; a senior team (years 11 and 12), two intermediate teams (years 9 and 10) and a junior team (years 7 and 8). All Echuca College teams performed excellently winning at least one of their debates in each age group.

The junior team of Reece Campbell, Leah Kempster and Brianna Creed had a successful initiation into debating winning their first debate over Kyabram P-12. The group was able to successfully argue the affirmative case for the prompt “Facebook’s age policy should be strictly enforced”. This was a great result for the Echuca College students as the team had never been involved in a debate before. They went through to the finals where they just missed out on winning again by a very small margin.

The Intermediate teams performed very well both debating “Euthanasia should be legalised in Australia” with one side on the negative and one side on the affirmative. In the second round they found themselves in the unique position of having an Echuca College verses Echuca College debate over Australia’s boat people policy. In this debate Team one consisting of Bethany Young, Sarah Hercott and Sarah Kaddissi went down in a closely fought debate to team two consisting of Jason Hanson, Zali McKee and Courtney Johnson.

Echuca College’s senior team was successful in reaching the next level with a tight win in the finals over the Kyabram team. The team was able to successfully argue that the new HECS conditions are wrong for Australia’s students. The girls, Georgia Harris, Jess Hardess and Tegan Milne will now have to wait to find out who they are up against when the other region’s heat is finished.





This year our school, along with all other public schools in Echuca, have been adopting the “It’s My School Too” program in our ongoing efforts to ensure our school community is a safe and inclusive environment for all students.

The program is built on the belief that the vast majority of students at our (or any) school believe all members of the school community have a right to participate in school life without being bullied or harassed, and there is power in a majority to make a difference for the better.

The program also encourages students to see the school as their own (It’s My School Too!), and understand that with that sense of belonging, comes a responsibility to do their bit to keep it a safe place for all. This is not a message that ends when school is out. A great measure of any community is the people within it, and their sense of belonging and civic duty that leads to a greater vigilance and willingness to give somebody in trouble a helping hand.

Students at Echuca College will participate in a second workshop with program creator Jamie Roberts, where a short film was launched to highlight a range of strategies that bystanders can use when they see somebody being treated poorly. The film is a collaboration of all six local public schools, with students from each school acting out one scenario. It is a unique and impressive piece of work by all of the schools which will not only highlights strategies for bystanders, but reinforces to the audience that students across all the schools are all ‘on the same page’ when it comes to how we treat each other.

Strategies for bystanders include:

1. Asking the person treating somebody poorly to stop (if it is safe to do so).
2. Letting a teacher know what is happening.
3. Removing the student being treated poorly (inviting them to join in a game, checking they are OK etc).
4. Distracting or attempting to change the subject with the student doing the wrong thing when they are a classmate or a friend. (Asking them about something they are interested in, inviting them to play a game etc)
5. Not being part of the audience. Removing the audience is a very effective way of bringing the bullying or harassment to a stop.
6. When it comes to online bullying or harassment, simply blocking or removing the person from a friends list.

Echuca College has received their ‘It’s My School Too’ display boards which will soon be on display and full of student names to further highlight the beliefs of the school community. Wrist bands are also being handed out as a means of encouraging students to be willing to help somebody or do somebody a good turn without being asked. Being willing to help when we see somebody needs it is a quality worth admiring in somebody of any age!

The It’s My School Too program was funded by the Victorian State Government’s ‘Bully Stoppers’ initiative, along with the Campaspe Cohuna LLEN, and the Bendigo Bank.



Proudly supporting  
our community



## For Sale: 40ft Shipping Container \$3000

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To be removed at cost to purchaser following DEECD regulations at a time suitable to Echuca College.

Please contact Chris Eeles at Echuca College 03 54 821133





## 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 Nulabor.

Back by popular demand!

Friday from 7pm

29th August 2014

The Venue

Moama Bowling Club

Shore 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



## Spring Into Theatre Workshop



### Echuca Moama Theatre Company's Spring Into Theatre Workshop

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.

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 Misérables 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 to [emtcinfo@gmail.com](mailto: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

Full details for payment are on the registration form.

Places are NOT CONFIRMED until payment & registration form is received. Enquiries to: [emtcinfo@gmail.com](mailto:emtcinfo@gmail.com) or phone Lesley on 0419260902.

EMTC is a not-for-profit organisation. This program is supported by



Lifestyle & Opportunity

## 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.



Course Registrations  
Close 16/08/2014

Please bring your camera along to the course each week.

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](mailto:echucamoamapc@outlook.com)

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



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