**Australian Barrel Horse National Finals**

Abbey Moss recently competed in the Australian Barrel Horse Association National Finals in Tamworth. There were 400 competitors from all parts of Australia, competing in the finals. Abbey has been competing in Barrel Racing for over three years now with her horse Roc. He is a 9 year old Quarter Horse, he loves the barrels just like Abbey. She placed 14th out of 104 juniors at the finals, she had two very fast clean runs, and was .005 of a second unlucky not to win second division. However overall an awesome experience well done Abbey and Roc.

**Mr Eeles - Ice Bucket Challenge**

Congratulations to Mr Eeles for participating in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Thank you to all the staff and students for donating for a chance to drench Mr Eeles. A great cause well support by the College community.
Many of you will be aware the last year Mrs. Lauren Dehne and Mr. Stewart Cheal organised an International Netball Tour to Malaysia and Singapore which it is fair to say, was a great success. We are now looking for expressions of interest in an International Netball Festival which is to be held on the Gold Coast, Runaway Bay from 8\textsuperscript{th}-16\textsuperscript{th} April, 2015 for under 13, U15, U18 and Open Age groups. The netball festival attracts teams from all over the world. Experience great competition, team bonding, make new friends, sightseeing, fun and more! Please contact the office if you would require any further information or an expression of interest form.

Hats, hats, hats!

As summer is just around the corner, at the start of next term all students will be required to wear a hat during recess and lunch time. If the good weather we have experienced in recent weeks is an example of what is to come, then all aspects of being ‘sun smart’ need to be observed by our students and staff during terms four and of course at the start of next year.
Last week was the launch of the College’s first production, MacBeth.Com. I would like to congratulate Terry Muller, Barry Jones and their team on what is an excellent production. The use of multimedia showcases what our College has to offer and the performances, acting singing and dancing were top quality. The back stage and technical teams also put in top quality performances and it is a shame the audience can’t see the work that goes on in these areas. Well done to all those students involved. This experience is providing our students with some excellent skills for the future and we hope to see these skills used in future careers. The audience was clearly engaged by the variety of media used and the mixture of ‘styles’ used in the delivery of Shakespeare’s Macbeth. The ‘programme’ produced for the ‘play’ was created by Emma Favaloro; that in itself is worth a read.

Echuca College is proud to present Macbeth.com as our first theatre production since the establishment of the College in 2006.

The news of a ‘production’ spread fast around the College and students with ambitions to perform on the big screen and on stage have flocked to the concept and now reality of a College production. The staging of a College production has also provided an opportunity for a range of other talents to be explored by our students. Macbeth.com is a blend of Shakespeare’s famous tragedy with contemporary interpretations which heavily employs modern technologies.

While character roles in the production are much sort after, many students are involved in music and sound production, costume development, video and multimedia support. The production presents the original story and complements it with film, live and recorded music traditional hip hop dance and computer graphics.

There are many unique and surprising elements to this production. It will leave its audience stunned and full of questions, realizing the potential of live theatre to both entertain and challenge the mind.

Work on the production started late last year with Mr Muller and his team rallying the troops and planning the calendar of rehearsals for 2014.

Communication

Communication with our community is important in developing strong relationships between the College and families and the College and surrounding communities. We are also conscious of the need for our communications to be clear and up-to-date. The College now offers a variety of communication tools to deliver information traditionally found in our newsletter or ‘notes’ being sent home. The College website has information and links to our Facebook page, Xuno (student and parent communication tool) and the Echuca College App. The College App is updated each time a new item of importance occurs at the College. This approach will allow us to provide prompt information about coming events, student achievements and teaching and learning developments that impact on our students. Xuno has replaced the ‘Parent Dashboard’ and is our main link to students and parents for attendance, curriculum, assessment and reporting. All parents have been given instructions as how to access Xuno but if you need further support please don’t hesitate to contact the College. In additional to these communication tools, the College now has a Facebook page. Again this allows us to update information and provides another link with our community. Of course where the personalised approach is
needed the phone or appointments are still important avenues of communication at Echuca College. The College would appreciate any feedback on the introduction of these communication tools.

Ice Bucket Challenge

Over 100 businesses and community organisations participated in the Ice Bucket Challenge at 208 today. The challenge was coordinated by Murray Human Services, Phillip Evans. The challenge aims to raise money and awareness for Motor Neurone disease. Each organisation donated a minimum of $100. Leading teacher Carlie Jones represented Echuca College and drenched by students Zosie Rosato and Greta Pearson.

Science Week

Science week has been a lot of fun at Echuca College, from magic shows to mystery movies to science quizzes. Our Science department has been showcasing some of their amazing talents and sharing the wonders of science with students and other staff.

Each day they have been sharing some fun science facts, here are a few for you to enjoy;

1. If you removed all the space from the atoms of all the people on Earth, you could fit the entire human race in the volume of a sugar cube!

2. In Europe in the 14th through to the 17th Century, people who ate grain contaminated with a fungus would often dance in large groups foaming at the mouth and speaking in tongues until they collapsed with exhaustion.

3. Long ago, some doctors noticed that soldiers who had maggots on their wounds healed quicker than those without maggots. Maggots eat dead skin cells and bacteria. Maggot Therapy is the intentional introduction of live maggots into non-healing skin or soft tissue wounds of a human or other animal.

4. A company in the UK has successfully inserted jelly fish proteins into ice-cream. The result is an ice-cream that will glow in the dark when licked!!
Echuca South Wellbeing Day

Echuca College students Emma Favaloro, Sarah Hercott and Zali McKee represented Echuca College at the Echuca South Primary School Wellbeing day. The girls spoke about the importance of making good choices and how they impact on your life. The girls spoke about their experiences and the opportunities they have had during their time at Echuca College. The experiences ranged from Beacon leadership, performing in the Production, representing the College in various sporting teams and many other opportunities.

The Echuca South Primary students really enjoyed the presentation and were appreciative of the girls attending. “Thank you and congratulations to Emma, Sarah and Zali for their presentation to our Grade 5 and 6 students. It was very well received by our students and it was interesting listening to them talk about what the girls had talked about.” Mr Karl Stenning, Echuca South Primary Principal.

For Sale: 40ft Shipping Container $3000

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
Community Billboard

Basketball Registrations

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SUMMER 2014/15 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Register and Pay Online

Fees: (please note we are offering a discount for registration prior to the start of the season.)
- Juniors for Summer season - $115 prior to the season start and $125 from the start of season.
- Seniors for Summer season - $135 prior to the season start and $145 from the start of season.

Season Dates:
- Monday Nights
  - Start 8/09/14 for 16 rounds with breaks for school holidays plus 2 rounds of finals
- Thursday Nights
  - Start 11/09/2014 for 16 rounds with breaks for school holidays plus 2 rounds of finals

For further information please see our webpage: http://www.echuca.basketball.net.au/

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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?

Echuca Moama Theatre Company’s 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 - 15 year olds, every Tuesday - Thursday. An action packed week of singing, dancing, skills of the dancers from Wednesday 23rd - 28th September 2014.

Learn drama games, audition skills, voice care and projection, body and movement, character development, set, props and makeup, build self esteem and confidence, make new friends.

Facilitated and mentored by experienced actors, directors, back stage crew, trained teachers and local playwrights.

Three days of intensive acting under the tutelage of Echuca Moama Theatre Company’s Studio Director Alison Egan, a top to toe agenda of fun, action, creativity, learning and fun.

Three days of intensive acting, Echuca Moama Theatre Company’s Theatre Studio, 148 Stirling Street, Echuca. A top to toe agenda of fun, action, creativity, learning and fun.

For booking directions and enrolment contact Faye Berryman on Ph 5480 7711 or (M) 0418 222 504

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National Special Olympic Games Team Film Night

When - Monday 15th Sept 2014 @ 7pm
Where - Echuca Paramount
Movie - Step Up All In
Cost - $17 each, Light supper provided.
Fundraising for National Special Olympic Games Team.
Please contact Faye Berryman for further information - Ph 5480 7711 or (M) 0418 222 504

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Echuca Cricket Club Junior Registration

ECHUCA CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR REGISTRATION

Echuca Cricket Club will shortly hold registrations for the following junior cricket programs:

- MILO In2Cricket for 5-8 y.o’s
- T20 Blast Cricket for 8-10 y.o’s (*new competition – see below for more details)
- U12, U14 and U16 cricket.

When: Wednesday September 10th from 5.30-6.30pm

T20 Blast

T20 Blast is a new competition/skills program involving teams from around the region who take part in a modified game of cricket with an emphasis on fun, participation and consolidating skills. It is designed as a stepping stone from In2Cricket to club Under 12 cricket.

Contacts:
MILO In2Cricket/ T20 Blast: Adam Jones 0438 299 332
Under 12/14/16: Grant Kemp 0420 926 860

Information, including downloadable registration forms for Under 12, 14 and 16 levels, is available on the club website at:
http://echuca.vic.cricket.com.au

(then click Junior Cricket on the left hand menu)