Four weeks into the school year and I’m happy to report that students across all year levels have settled into the College’s program and their studies. The College is extremely proud of our Year 12 students from 2014, the results and outcomes they achieved are outstanding and varied. Our Dux for 2014 Bryce Robertson achieved an outstanding score of 93.70 and is set to study Science at the University of Melbourne this year. Other students have taken up courses in Biomedicine, Acting, Business, Education, Criminology and Psychology to name a few. Our Year 7 students are making a successful transition from primary to secondary school and their participation in the Camp this week has already had a significant impact on the Year 7 students and their transition into College life. At the other end of the student spectrum, our Year 12 students will receive their first Progress Report, on Xuno, next week. The Year 12 Progress Report was first introduced as an additional source of information to both students and parents/guardians. The report aims to inform students and parents as early as possible about student’s performance, attitude and work ethic. It is important that the student and their parents/guardians read this report together and discuss the information provided about on their performance. If appointments with specific subject teachers are required as a result of the information contained in the report then please contact Ms Watson or Mrs Jones.

Last week the College held interviews to select our Years Nine and Ten Beacon Leaders for 2015. Mrs Dehne from Echuca College and Mrs Sweeney from the Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation interviewed over 20 students who nominated for the
nine positions. I would like to congratulate from Year 9, Recce Campbell, Trent Campbell, Angela Favaloro, Tom Harris and from Year Ten, Stephanie Chong, Kelly Gould, Luke Judd and Tyler Thompson. I would also like to congratulate all the students who nominated.

Our mobile phone policy has been very successful over the last two years and I would thank all staff, students and parents for their continued support. For our new families’ information, the College introduced this policy to avoid unnecessary disruption to students study from phones being used in class. The policy outlines the processes to follow if, the phone is heard, seen or used; it is confiscated by the teacher until the end of the day. Continued misuse will result in parent interviews and other disciplinary action. Our slogan is – ‘Heard, seen, used ....gone!’

Each year the College is asked about insurance in relation to student injury. Parents need to be aware that the Department Education and Training (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. These costs may be recoverable where an injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers. Of course parents are free to investigate private insurance if they wish to do so. If needed, the College has information available at the General Office regarding private school health insurance.

### School Council Elections 2015

Our College Council Election process will start this week and this year we have six positions available for the election in our Parent category. Five Councillors have completed their two year terms and renominated and is a one year vacancy in the Parent category. Our Council has eight parent representatives and four DEECD representatives (staff). There is an opportunity for parents interested in supporting their child’s education to join our Council team and if you are considering joining our College Council, please don’t hesitate to contact me for more information. Parents on College Council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the College. Those parents who become active on a College Council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. Nominations Forms are available for parent membership at the College’s general office.

#### Time Line

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Who is on the school council? There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school.

- A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- An optional Community member category. Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for members is two years, unless a vacancy is created through a resignation or other factors.
Gallipoli Tour 2015

On Monday 13th April 16 students, two parents and Ms Case will head off on the experience of a lifetime; destination Turkey. For most students this will be their first trip overseas, for many their first ride on an aeroplane!

Upon arrival, in Istanbul, we will catch a bus to the Gallipoli Peninsula where we will take time to reflect upon those that gave their lives so that we can have ours today. We will lay a wreath at Lone Pine, stand in the trenches where our ancestors fought, lived and died. We will remember them.

During our stay we will explore ancient and medieval societies, marvel in the architecture of Troy, Ephesus, Haigh Sophia and the Blue Mosque. We will explore the geographical wonder of Cappadocia, visit schools to celebrate the Children’s Festival and experience the culture and hospitality of the Turkish people.

After such a magical journey we will reach the pinnacle of our trip. On April 25th we will stand at dawn, amongst thousands, to watch the sun rise over the Dardanelles and commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landings.

Parent Forums and Induction Ceremony

A range of different student and parent meetings will be conducted at the College over the next month. Our first Parent Forum/Welcome BBQ for Year 7 students will be held next Wednesday at 6.30pm outside the Year 7 Neighbourhood. Parent Forums for VCE students will be held on 2nd March, Years 9 and 10 on the 3rd March and Year 8 on the 4th March. All the Forums will start at 7pm and be held in Café Learning. The focus of the Forums is to provide parents with an opportunity to visit the College, ask questions about their student’s education and a chance for the College to seek feedback from parents on a number of issues. We are looking forward to meeting as many families as possible.

On Thursday the 12th March the College will hold our Student Induction Assembly for all staff, students, parents and special guests. The ceremony is significant because it allows the College to come together as one and it also recognises the importance of the positions accepted by our students such as College Captains, Student Council Reps, House and Beacon Leaders. While the year is only just underway, an event like this also provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students to date and to acknowledge, as a College, the talents of our student. The ceremony will commence at 9.10 am in the Stadium. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.
The “spirit of Anzac” is in the DNA of every Aussie and Kiwi. It is the one thing that unites Australians and New Zealanders from all walks of life and cultures, rich or poor, young or old.

Mates coming together on one special night to commemorate the deeds of those brave Anzac’s one hundred years ago, eating great tucker, watching historic footage on huge screens, seeing iconic entertainers live on stage and camping in authentic swags will in itself create history. In addition the Dawn Service honouring those who have fallen will be something you and your family will never forget.

Camp Gallipoli opens its doors to all Australians and New Zealanders to participate in a once in a lifetime event and will take your emotions on a roller coaster as its blends moving tributes with commemoration.

Tickets are now available for Camp Gallipoli Moama, the Moama RSL will host Camp Gallipoli on the 24th of April. The Camp Gallipoli event has been designed to inform, excite, make you laugh and shed a tear. It will be a family friendly event, with plenty of action to keep everyone who attends well and truly entertained throughout the evening. Tickets are now available from Moama RSL to join them for a night to remember as you sleep under the stars in bed rolls and swags. Adults $15, 17 Year & under $7.50, Family $40.00.

For more information please click on the following links:

http://youtu.be/yRMmGhsjoic

http://youtu.be/Bz_0m5vyDMU

Journey of Remembrance

August 2014 marked one hundred years since the commencement of the First World War (WWI). As part of the Victorian Government’s Anzac Centenary program (2014-2018) the roadshow – Victoria's Journey of Remembrance visited Echuca College. This program encourages and supports Victorians across the state to learn more about their WWI history, to research their own personal connections, and to work within their local communities to commemorate the Anzac Centenary.
The 60 minute secondary school program incorporates a short film, a live theatre presentation, interactive content, addresses from local and visiting guests and a Centenary Commemorative Information pack, including a special memento to encourage further research into WWI and involvement in Anzac Centenary commemorations.

Year 7 News

Our Year 7 students have settled into secondary school very well and are excitedly preparing for camp. The student have begun their classes with enthusiasm and are coming to classes ready and prepared to learn.

It is great to see all the students bringing their devices to school each day and we encourage this to continue. Students have a specialised IT class on Friday morning and this time can be used to get help with any IT issues or questions students may have. We are very excited that upgrades to our technology infrastructure have made it possible for students to print directly from their IPads. The students are displaying amazing skills with their devices and have adapted quickly to using XUNO for information and submitting work. Parents can also access XUNO - a letter was sent home with students last week with information on how to do so. Please contact the College if you require any assistance.

We have already had students win our achievement raffle for outstanding achievements in and out of the classroom - Congratulations to Mitchell Berg and Blake Taranto. Congratulations also to Emily Young and Teagyn Byers for winning the attendance raffle.

Homework Club on a Thursday night is in full swing and it is great to see so many students accessing the additional support already. All students are welcome in the Year 7 Neighbourhood on Thursday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:00pm.

Looking After Our Mates - Year 12 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 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 Fit 2 Drive Year 11 Workshop that our Year 11 students will be completing next week and together with Year 10 Keys Please Program helps to prepare young people to be safer road users.

The program has recently been redeveloped by VicRoads in consultation with Victoria Police, the Transport Accident Commission (TAC), Australian Drug Foundation and RoadSafe Gippsland. Looking After Our Mates is an initiative of the Victorian Community Road Safety Partnership Program - See more at: http://www.f2d.com.au/programs/year-12-looking-after-our-mates#sthash.PosQFUmo.dpuf
Echuca College swimming sports were a great success with fantastic participation, lots of fun and many records broken.

Wharparilla won the day on 469 points followed by Kanyapella on 375 points next was Moira and then Perricoota.

Lara Judd had a sensational day breaking records in five of her events. Luke Judd and Kyle Scott also broke multiple records.

Age Group Champions 2015:

| 13 BOYS | Mason Coote - K |
| 14 BOYS | Dillon Freeman – P  
Jack Steel – K |
| 15 BOYS | Tom Mason – K |
| 16 BOYS | Luke Judd – W |
| 17 BOYS | Kyle Scott – M |
| 20 BOYS | Corey McGrath – M |
| 13 GIRLS | Lara Judd - W |
| 14 GIRLS | Jessica Gould – M |
| 15 GIRLS | Jessica Davidson – K |
| 16 GIRLS | Lyndall Taylor – M |
| 17 GIRLS | Sarah Hercott – W |
| 20 GIRLS | Mardi Lee Hutchins - W |

Records 2015:

Lara Judd F13 50m Breaststroke 42.50s, Lara Judd F13 50m Freestyle 32.49s, Lara Judd F13 50m Butterfly 36.77s, Lara Judd F13 50m Backstroke 37.30s, Lara Judd F20 100m Breaststroke 1:27.07, Luke Judd M16 50m Freestyle 27.89s, Luke Judd M20 100m Breaststroke 1:09.54, Kyle Scott M17 50m Freestyle 27.22s, Kyle Scott M17 50m Butterfly 30.41s, Kyle Scott M17 50m Breaststroke 37.50s, Kyle Scott M20 100m Breaststroke 1:24.44

Instrumental Music

Echuca College offers an extensive Instrumental Music program. Staffed by a range of highly experienced musicians, we offer your child a rewarding learning experience, one that will stay with them for all their lives. Music students at Echuca College have the opportunity to perform in school bands and school productions. In addition to that, many well-documented studies have shown that Music Education enhances personal and academic development.

A 2013 inquiry by the Victorian Parliament’s Education and Training Committee found that:

‘Music is an essential element of a child’s education because of its intrinsic value and role in developing the whole child ... In addition to the intrinsic value of learning about music, music education can have other benefits for
students, including enhanced student engagement and wellbeing; social development; and possibly contributing to learning in other subject areas.

Below is a list of our professional instrumental teachers.

**SINGING LESSONS**
By Victoria Pannett

Formally trained professional vocalist with over 25 years experience.
*Modern* Contemporary* Jazz* Musical Theatre*
Private lessons are available at Echuca College on Tuesdays
For details phone Tony Spizzica at Echuca College on Ph: 03 54 821 133
Learn to sing like a star!

**DRUM & KEYBOARD LESSONS**
By Kevin Kiely

Highly respected in the music industry, and renowned for his excellence as a music educator. Specialises in playing and directing Small Groups and Big Bands.

Multi Instrumentalist – *Drums, Keyboards, Woodwind and Brass.*

*Jazz* *Blues* *Latin* *Rock* *Funk* *Contemporary*

Private lessons are available at Echuca College on Tuesdays
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**WOODWIND & BRASS LESSONS**
By Doug Morison

Many years experience and known widely in the music education system. *Prepares students for AMEB Grades and exams. Specialises in playing and directing Big Bands.*

Multi Instrumentalist – *Woodwind and Brass.*

*Traditional* *Brass Band* *Classical* *Contemporary*

Private lessons are available at Echuca College on Tuesdays
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**BASS (Electric and Upright) & GUITAR LESSONS**
By Tony Spizzica

Works extensively in the music and recording industry. Highly experienced in both Classroom and Instrumental music teaching. Specialises in playing and directing Small Groups and Big Bands.


*Jazz* *Blues* *Latin* *Rock* *Funk* *Contemporary*

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Echuca College is extremely proud of all our students and it was great to see so many recognised at 2015 Australia Day ceremonies across the district.

Emma Favaloro won the Campaspe Shire Young Citizen of the Year for her outstanding work in the community especially with the Echuca Moama Theatrical Company. Emma is an amazing ambassador of our College and is always ready to help out and support staff and students at all times. Congratulations to Emma.

Georgia Harris won the Tongala and District Young Citizen of the Year for her contributions to her local community. Georgia is a leader in our College and is the 2015 Vice Captain, she is a role model for younger students and her application to her studies is outstanding.

Sarah Hercott won the Murray Shire Young Citizen of the Year for her commitment and dedication to the wider Echuca College community. Sarah's commitment to always do her best is evident in all that she does. She played a lead role in the College performance Macbeth.com and also volunteered for the One and All Debutante Ball. She was a Beacon Leader in 2014 and continues to display all the attributes of an exceptional leader at our College.

Archie Reid was presented with a Rotary Award at the Echuca ceremony in recognition of his outstanding achievements on the sporting fields in 2014. Archie's achievements on the running track are truly remarkable, he displays tremendous dedication to his training and goal setting for future events. He has achieved amazing results in long distance (10Km) running events against much older competitors and huge fields of runners. Highlights from his year include Run for the Kids in Melbourne 17th overall, Mother's Day Classic Melbourne 1st Under 15, Shepparton Marathon 10km 1st outright, Melbourne Marathon 10km 1st Under 14. Archie
also represented Victoria at the National Cross Country event in West Australia.

Bryce Bish won the Murray Shire Young Sportperson of the Year Award for all the work he does at the Mathoura Football Club and his efforts with in the thirds and the seconds. Luke Judd received a special mention as he was also nominated in this category for his efforts in the swimming pool, competing at local, regional and state level in 2014.

Echuca College was also represented in the 301 Army Cadet Unit which was a part of the flag raising ceremony. Pictured is Corporal Reece Campbell.

Food Technology Reminder

All Food Technology students are required to bring a container to practical classes to transport food home. The Food Technology department does not supply containers/bags to students who forget. A fridge is available in the kitchen for students to keep foods cold until the end of the day, when it is to be collected and taken home.

Please remind your student to pack a container and the start of the week and keep in their locker tubs until required for practical class.

We thank you for your assistance in this matter. The Food Technology Department – Mrs Morris, Mrs Morrison, Mrs Farrell and Mrs Anderson
Community Billboard

Saturday Netball Registrations
ECHUCA & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC
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SATURDAY NETBALL REGISTRATIONS
Net Set Go, Primary & Senior Registrations can
be downloaded at edna.org.au. Primary commences
10.30am
Due date MARCH 25TH.
All enquiries telephone Netball Office 54801725.
Betty McCoomb
President