On the 11th of February 12 senior Chemistry students attended an analytical workshop at the faculty of Chemistry at Melbourne University.

The students had the opportunity to use highly technical analytical apparatus used for detecting and identifying chemical compounds and metal ions accurately and in very small concentrations. The accuracy of the machines meant that quantities as small as 1/10th of a gram per tonne of material could be detected.

The analytical techniques included;

1) Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy, where the level of Calcium in seawater was determined.

2) U-V Visible Spectroscopy, where the concentration of Iron in a dietary supplement was determined.

3) Gas Chromatography, where the ethanol concentration in wine was determined.

4) High Performance Liquid Chromatography in which the concentration of Caffeine in a well-known cola drink was determined.

These instruments have become somewhat familiar through the popularity of CSI type television programs and can be seen functioning at airports where they are used to detect narcotics and explosive compounds.
Victorian Welsh Male Choir

The beautiful harmonies of the Welsh Valleys are coming! Sunday 19th April 2015 at 2:00 pm at the Paramount Theatre, High St., Echuca

The Choir’s musical program is very diverse with a mix of Welsh and other Celtic traditional and modern songs, show numbers, opera choruses and old and new songs from around the world. The choir’s award winning Musical Director, Faleiry Koczkar, OAM, is Welsh-born and Welsh speaking, and in 2012 was honoured by the National Eisteddfod of Wales by being appointed its President of Wales and the World for 2012.

The Victoria Welsh Male Choir is renowned for its rich singing in spine-tingling four-part harmony.

Tickets on sale from the Paramount Theatre – Book early!

Prices: Adults $30.00, Seniors/Children $25.00

The concert is a fundraiser for Echuca Chaplaincy Support Group - Afternoon tea available

This is a musical afternoon that you will not want to miss!

County Court

On Tuesday 3rd of March, students from our Year 10 Law class traveled to Melbourne for a very special excursion.

Their day began at the Aickin Chambers, where they were spoken to by a highly experienced barrister, Kerri Judd QC. After this, they were taken on a tour of the Supreme Court and observed part of a murder trial.

Students returned to the Aickin Chambers and were fortunate enough to enjoy their lunch whilst overlooking the city from the 31st floor.

In the afternoon, students received a tour of the County Court facility and took part in a question and answer session with His Honour Judge Saccardo. They then observed 2 criminal appeals in the County Court.

The trip was an invaluable learning experience for the students, who will certainly be able to apply their new knowledge in class.
After an extensive interview process our 2015 Beacon Leaders have been chosen. Congratulations to Reece Campbell, Tom Harris, Trent Campbell, Jess Davidson, Angela Favaloro, Stephanie Chong, Luke Judd, Kelly Gould and Tyler Thompson.

Cheryl Sweeney representing the CCLEN and the Beacon Foundation was a member of the panel and sent through the following comments;

“Thanks again for inviting me to be involved in the interview process at your college. I was also blown away with the calibre of the students and how they conducted themselves in their interview. The genuine willingness to help others and be involved in the community was very strong.”

Year 9 - Real Futures

Our Year 9 Real Futures students visited Echuca Primary and delivered a number of presentations to students in Grades 3-6 on a variety of topics including: mental health, cyber safety, first aid, fire safety, physical education and health. Through conversation, multimedia and interactive activities, 208 students were guided through appropriate lessons and had the opportunity to broaden their understanding and awareness of these areas.

208 Amazing Race

Students from Echuca Primary visited Echuca College for an “Amazing Race” – a race around Echuca College. Students formed teams and were given clues and a map of the College students raced from station to station to get more clues. At each station teams of Echuca College students ran mini games in order to earn a clue. It was great to see teams working together and smiles on all the faces.

A squad of Grade 5 & 6 students from Echuca Primary also visited the College to participate in the first of a series of soccer clinics that will be held over the coming weeks. It is great to see our exceptional sporting facilities being used by the primary schools.
Community Against Drugs

Community Against Drugs, aim to work collaboratively with the Echuca/Moama and District community in its fight against the use of Drugs by implementing innovative, sustainable prevention strategies through the consistent and ongoing provision of awareness campaigns and by providing support networks for both, those that have family and friends involved in drug use and to support and rehabilitate the users themselves.

Speakers representing Community Against Drugs visited Echuca College and spoke to students in Years 8 and 9. Speakers including Senior Constable Bernie Cowley, shared their experiences with drug usage and the impact it has had on individuals, families and the wider community.

Georgia Harris - Lions Youth of the Year

On Tuesday the 24th of February Georgia Harris competed in the Lions Club Youth of The Year competition at Rich River. Georgia was the representative for Echuca College and was competing against girls from St Joseph’s, Moama Grammar and River City Christian College. The event began with an interview with the three competition judges on the Sunday beforehand. During this Georgia was asked a series of questions regarding academic achievement, sporting commitments, community involvement, leadership and local issues. From this the judges awarded a score out of 80 which then carried over to the speaking portion of the competition. On Tuesday, Georgia, along with the other contestants, delivered two impromptu speeches, each going for two minutes and one prepared speech which had a five minute time requirement. Georgia chose to speak about the media’s portrayal of Islam which is a topic she is extremely passionate about. Georgia used this opportunity to give the audience an insight into the brutal world of Australian media and break down of prejudices against people of Islamic faith.

Georgia’s speech was excellent and her responses to the impromptu questions were very well thought out and considered. Georgia was awarded Lions Club Youth of the Year.

Georgia then went onto compete in the district final last Sunday and competed against five other contestants from Moama through to Numurkah. The standard of the competition was very good, Georgia felt confident that she had done well in my impromptu questions because they were about law and politics, a field she is very interested in. Georgia really enjoyed the experience and met some amazing young people all whilst gaining public speaking skills, beneficial and applicable to all aspects of life.

2014 Echuca College student Jess Hardess, representing Rochester District won the district competition and now moves on to the next stage.
Immunisations for Students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 10

The 2015 School Based Immunisation Program will be offered at Echuca College by the Shire of Campaspe Nurse Immunisation Team on 11 March 2015.

- First Dose HPV for students in Year 7
- Chickenpox for students in Year 7
- Diptheria/Tetanus/Whooping Cough for Year 7, 8, 9 & 10

1. Please ensure you student eats breakfast on Immunisation Day
2. Vaccinations are given in the upper arm - Please ensure students wear suitable clothing
3. A record/reaction sheet will be given to each student on completion of vaccination. Please ask your students for this form.

Please feel free to contact the Immunisation Program Co-ordinator on 1300 666 535 with any questions.

Year 11 Career Talks

Year 11 Careers Workshops - former students Rebecca Clifford (Mint Condition for Hair Body and Brides), Leigh Pentreath (cabinet making), James Larcombe (Stubberfield Group) along with Renee Clymo (psychologist), Tom Dullard (Ben Hall Welding) and Steve Palling (Stubberfield Group) spoke to students about pathways, employability skills and job descriptions in tute group today. Students chose a career pathway of interest and participated in a Q&A forum. Thanks to our presenters for donating their time and expertise.

Interschool Swimming Sports 2015

Echuca College had a very successful day at the Interschool Sports held in Echuca. Echuca College finished 2nd in Overall points (by 29 points), 3rd in the Overall Handicap, 2nd in the Junior handicap, 4th in the Intermediate Handicap and 3rd in the Senior Handicap.

Echuca College had 7 Age group Champions (out of 12); Lara Judd, Dillon Freeman, Lyndall Taylor, Luke Judd, Sarah Hercott, Kyle Scott & Corey McGrath

Lara Judd continued her winning way breaking another 4 records, whilst her brother Luke broke 1 record.
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

Echuca & District Netball Association Fundraiser

EDNA SQUAD TEAMS FUNDRAISER
PARAMOUNT CINEMA

Thursday 19th March  6.30pm
MOVIE: INSURGENT
Supper served afterward.