Our class of 2015 attended their Graduation ceremony on Wednesday November 18th. The event was held at the Dungala Function Centre, a spectacular venue overlooking the billabong. Due to increased demand for tickets, with a large number of our families attending the event it was necessary to move the event to Dungala. Our students presented themselves beautifully and the room was full of smiling, proud families. Mr Eeles joined the class for evening and wished them all the best for their future endeavours, reminding them they will always be a part of the Echuca College family.

Our College captains Georgia Harris, Amy Wright, Corey McGrath and Dan Gretgrix were the masters of ceremony and sincerely thanked the teaching and support staff of Echuca College for all the work and effort that has gone into the Class of 2015.
VETis Excellence Awards

The Campaspe Cohuna LLEN VET in Schools Excellence Awards was a gala event held at the Moama Bowling Club. Students needed to be nominated by their trainer or workplace employer for the awards. Over 105 students from across all categories were nominated and 63 finalists were presented on the night. Jess Grundy won the 2015 VETis Excellence Award for Sport and Recreation. Thank you to the CCLLEN for organising such a great event that recognises the excellence displayed by so many of our students.

Year 8 Camp

Our Year 8 students travelled to Anglesea for camp, students camped and needed to provide their own tents and bedding. Students participated in a wide range of activities including surfing, stand up paddle boarding, canoeing, snorkelling as well as many other fun beach activities. Students also visited Erskine Falls near Lorne and did some bushwalking. We were lucky to have beautiful weather and all students have reported having a wonderful time even though they were a little tired when they returned. Thank you to all the wonderful and supportive staff who travelled with the students and cooked all the meals.

Indigenous Health Careers Day

Our students were invited to attend the Indigenous Health Careers Day hosted by Echuca Regional Health. The day aims at exploring careers and employment opportunities for indigenous students in the health sector. Our students found the day to be very informative and really enjoyed having a tour of the new hospital and the amazing artwork around the hospital. We would like to thank the CCLLEN for co-ordinating the day and giving our students this opportunity.
2015 Beacon Leaders Lunch

The Beacon Foundation has featured strongly in Echuca College activities this year with our Years Nine and Ten cohorts both participating in the program in 2015. Our leaders Reece Campbell, Tom Harris, Trent Campbell, Jess Davidson, Angela Favaloro, Stephanie Chong, Luke Judd, Kelly Gould and Tyler Thompson have been outstanding ambassadors for the College. Our students attended an end of year celebration lunch at Johnny and Lyle Cafe. The purpose of the event was to take time at the end of the school year to reflect on the Beacon Program and recognise the effort of the student leaders.

Courtney in Norway

Hei! Jeg heter Courtney og jeg har bodd i landet av vikingene for de siste 10 månedene!!

So I’m guessing you most likely don’t understand much Norwegian, so I will be happy to translate for you!

“Hi! My name is Courtney and I have been living in the land of the Vikings for the past 10 months!”

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Camilla’s Reflection

Our exchange student, Camilla Gatelli, shared with our Echuca College community how she felt about the events on the weekend. Mr Duffy assisted Camilla translate her feelings into English to share with us;

I think everybody knows what has happened in Paris on Friday: a terrible tragedy, perpetrated to create fear and terror in ordinary people. The Paris tragedy is probably something that hit you but still seems too far away to be real. I am trying here to express, through my words, to let all of you understand how we feel in Europe. Everyone thinks that Australia is far from everything and sometimes unreachable – but it is not like this. What has happened in Paris could happen in Melbourne, Canberra or Sydney.

As soon as I heard the news on Saturday morning, I felt scared, lost, and far – too far – from a home that had just been shot to death. I called my parents to be sure that they and everyone we
know were still alive. I also needed to be sure that I was right because by just hearing home you can reform yourself and feel safe.

Events like this weekend are designed to provoke, to scare, to cause rage in the people, to divide people and to create hate in their hearts. However, as sometimes happens, when facing the biggest tragedies people can take two different decisions: being corrupted by negative feelings and giving up or thinking positively and to go on fighting. Something that touched me was that as soon as the attacks happened the message “porte ouverte” (open door) spread throughout the social networks. The people of Paris were hiding people, saving them helping them so all the French population faced the tragedy with solidarity. There are videos from cameras in the undergrounds of people escaping and coming back home but altogether united, singing the Marseilles, the French national anthem. That’s fighting: going on living, being connected, loving, being humans. The only way to fight the anger is love; the only way to fight war is being peaceful; the only way to fight inhumanity is by embracing your own humanity.

Whether it is the horrible events in Paris, the poor Kenyan students that were kidnapped, or the death of innocent people in a disco in Bali, we should take a minute a think about these people with humanity in our hearts because that is what we are and it is our humanity that makes us different from the animals.

Camilla

Remembrance Day 2015

On November the 11th, students from Echuca College attended events across Echuca and Moama. Isaiah Brewis returned to his primary school, Echuca South, where he spoke about the importance of Remembrance Day. Principal Mr Karl Stenning commended Isaiah on his presentation and the way he spoke. We are very proud of the way all our students represent our College.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them."

“Lest we forget”
Student Volunteers

Over the course of the year we have had a number of our students volunteer to help out and support our Primary School students with their sports days. Again our students volunteered to help at the junior cricket days in Moama. Over the two days sixteen of our students volunteered to coach and manage the various teams from Echuca Primary 208. Mr Trewhella from Echuca Primary School thanked all the students for their contribution, assistance and mentoring of the younger students stating they were great role models. Congratulations to all our students again representing the College in an outstanding manner.

Inland Outrigger 2015 Schools Challenge

The Echuca Moama Inland Outrigger Club hosted the 2015 Schools Challenge. The club commits to train the junior paddlers over the six weeks preceding the event and support students with tips and hints to become stronger paddlers.

The competition was fierce at the challenge with all three secondary schools well represented. Each school shared in winning the various title and all of the students demonstrated great improvement. Echuca College came second overall, we are very proud of all students who participated. A big thank you to Lauren Dehne for organising our teams and supporting the students through the training program.

2015 School Friendly Business Luncheon

The Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning and Employment Network hosted the School Friendly Business Luncheon on Friday November 6th at the Echuca Hotel. Cathy Kervin, Kelly Gould and Luke Judd represented Echuca College and presented to other schools and Business Leaders the ‘Highlights of the year and looking towards 2016’.

This was another great networking opportunity between local businesses and schools organised by the CCLLEN.

2015 Scholarship Holders Excursion

Students were up early to make their way to Monash University for an information session on possible pathways and an experience of life as a university student. We were surprised to find out that the Clayton campus of Monash has over 30,000 students and will soon be a 24 hour campus, with a cinema, restaurants and supermarket. From here we travelled to the MCG for a tour of the ground and the National Sports Museum. We got to spend some time competing against each other in the interactive Game On area, where we tested our reflexes, coordination and teamwork skills. We then went to the VIS and spent time with Junior World Cycling Champion Alex Morgan. He spoke to us about what it takes to be a professional athlete and his path to (hopefully) Olympic team selection.
ECHUCA MOAMA COMMUNITY PROJECTS...X 3
See our Facebook page for details or phone Julie 0475 707 412

We have started a recycling initiative that everyone can be involved in. This will help educate people to recycle as well as potentially raising funds to support local community projects. We have to GIVE AWAY 30 Can Crushers for groups or large families that will recycle their cans and place in our local Collection Tanks.

Supporting local projects for the benefit of your Community

Providing a FREE Traditional Lunch for community members who possibly do not have any immediate family support or are spending Christmas alone.

ECHUCA Moama Community Xmas Lunch
When: FRIDAY 19th December 2015
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

DON'T SPEND XMAS ALONE.
“Spend Christmas with us”

Will you or someone you know be spending Christmas Day alone this year? We would like to invite single parents, individuals and lone couples who would otherwise be dining alone Christmas Day to come along and join others for a FREE traditional Christmas Lunch.

Calling on our local community to donate a toy or make a financial donation at Target ECHUCA, so that families struggling this Christmas can receive FREE toys for their children.

Toys will be distributed to families in the three weeks leading up until Christmas Day. Distribution details to follow soon.
Contact Julie 0475 707 412