Echuca College News

Anzac Day 2016

Echuca College was well represented across Echuca Moama at the Anzac Day services. Our captains read the Anzac requiem and laid a wreath at the Echuca and Moama ceremonies.

The College service held on the Friday was magnificent and the respect and dignity shown by our students was outstanding. Aaron Loader played the Last Post and the Reveille on his trumpet and his performance was truly brilliant. Brianna Creed sang the National Anthem acapella and was also outstanding. Our Captains led the ceremony with presentations from Taylah Cochrane about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the wars and Amber Harrop about the Echuca College Gallipoli Tour commemorating 100 years last year. Mr Eeles spoke about his time at Villers Bretonneux last year and how that town has so much respect for Australia and Australians.

It was wonderful to be able to host the ceremony in our newly renovated stadium.

Important Dates

May

2nd
- LMR Volleyball & Tennis – Mildura
- Keys Please - Year 10

4th
- 208 Soccer Coaching

5th
- EC Cross-Country - periods 1 & 2.

6th
- VCE Careers excursion

9th
- SSV Badminton\Soccer & Hockey

10th-12th
- NAPLAN

13th
- LMR Golf
- Supreme Court Excursion

For an up-to-date list of our calendar, please view it on XUNO or our new APP

Connect to Echuca College

Please visit www.echucacollege.vic.edu.au, or download our App from either the iTunes or Google Play store for current news and events
Year 12 Quiz Night 2016

Our Year 12 students organised, coordinated and hosted a very fun quiz night for all teachers and year 12 students to participate in. The costumes on night were very imaginative, it was great to see double denim making a comeback although we were a little concerned how many teachers were able to produce bad t-shirts and bad ties. View article...

State Swimming Success

Congratulations to the swimmers who represented Echuca College in Melbourne, as they produced the biggest ever haul of medals at a State Final. Three gold, two silver and two bronze medals were won by the seven individuals in the eleven events. Col Pearse won two gold in the freestyle and backstroke multiclass events and Kyle Scott won a gold in the boys 18-20 years breast stroke. Lare Judd won two medals and Luke Judd won a silver. Michael Carmellotti swam a great race to claim a bronze in the boys 16 years freestyle final. View article...

Did you miss our Discovery Night?

Did you miss our discovery night or are you curious about Echuca College? Please contact the College for a tour and an enrolment and information pack.

Our discovery night was a great success and it was wonderful to meet so many new families and students. 2017 is shaping up to be a very exciting year at Echuca College.

A few questions that were asked on the night included?

**What are class sizes?** Our average class size at Echuca College is 21 students.

**How much room do you have?** We are one of the largest school sites in Victoria and we have 12 hectares of land.

**How many students at Echuca College?** We have 642 students at the school.

**What sort of subjects do you offer in VCE?** We offer a comprehensive VCE program and offer a large number and variety of subjects ranging from Specialist Maths, Physics to Business Management and Visual Communication.

If you have any questions regarding our College, please contact Melissa Gould or Chris Jennings on 0354821133.
Entomophagy - Just eat it!

It is predicted by the year 2050 the world's major source of protein will be insects, our Year 7 students have been learning about entomophagy or the practice of eating insects. We welcomed scientist from Twisted to the classroom to give the students some real life experience in eating insects. All students then needed to write a persuasive essay explaining why we should eat insects. Many students and some staff were brave enough to try some of the insects but most did not go back for seconds.

Marvellous Matches at Moama

A very balmy autumn day and the boys from both Year 7 and 8 were quite excited about the day of football(soccer) which lay ahead and rightly so, we had been training for quite a few weeks. The lads were divvied into their teams at the start of the day with the Year 8's to be skippered by Mason Jennings-Case whilst the Year 7's were captained by Tom Whitehead. It must be stated that both these lads were admirable in their efforts to lead the team and showed why they have been playing elite squad football in the National Premier League. View article...

New APP

We have updated our App, please update it now or download it from the the Apple store or Google Play. Some of the new features are:

- Live and current Calendar (updated from XUNO)
- Newsletters
- Direct links to XUNO, Website & Facebook Site.
- Absence SMS line.
- News feed
- Resources (Canteen menu, maps & other documents)
- Sports - Results and notices (coming soon)
LEAP Health Day 2016

A number of our Year 9 students participated in the LEAP (Learn Experience Access Professions) Health Day at Echuca Regional Health. The day gave student the opportunity to explore the possibilities for health-related jobs. The activities showed students how they could examine, investigate, diagnose, test, treat, operate, prescribe, advise, assist and administer their way to a Health career.

Our students found the session to be very informative and now have a better understanding of the opportunities in the Health fields. The day was support by the Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning and Employment Network.

Off to Loddon Prison

A balmy Tuesday morning in April and the Year 11(and some Year 10) Legal Studies students, Hannah and Mr Cheal head to Castlemaine to visit Loddon and Middleton Prisons, medium and restricted minimum security jails housing over 500 inmates. View article...

Beacon Pledge Day 2016

Year 9 students attended the Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation charter signing ceremony. Our Beacon Leaders together with the Beacon Leaders from St Joseph’s College and Moama Grammar hosted the ceremony and performed in a very professional manner. All students were asked to sign boards to show their support for continuing their education and training. The pledge made by students is "I willingly commit myself to active participation in the Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation Project and its programs. I also pledge myself to exploring my career options and applying myself to my studies with the aim of moving onto further education, training or employment when I finish my time at this school".
**KEYS PLEASE**

**Article for Student Newsletter**

Good drivers aren’t born. They are made. And the best way to become a good driver is to get plenty of driving experience.

But sometimes, learning how to change gears, or even how to change lanes can seem a breeze compared with the challenge of getting your parents/guardians to hand over the car keys.

**Keys Please can change that! The Keys Please student program covers:**

- Why 120 hours of driving practice?
- Importance of the partnership between supervising driver (parent) and learner driver (student)
- Stages of learning to drive
- Staying safe on your P’s
- Resources that are available for Learner Drivers/Supervising Drivers

There is also an online parent/supervising driver resource to watch by going to [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au) and searching “Lessons from the Road”.

Echuca College is hosting a Keys Please Student session on Monday May 2 at 9:15am.

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**Community Billboard**

**SPECTROSPECTIVE**

Stories of Autism short film

Tuesday 19th April

11.30am

Followed by a discussion facilitated by Creating Connections

All welcome

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**FREE AUTISM AWARENESS EVENT**

**Thursday May 12th 2016**

9.30am – 1.00pm

757 McIvor Road, Junortoun (Baptist Church Complex)

**Guest speaker:**

Donna Williams

**Walking in Autistic Shoes & How do I choose the most fitting autism approach?**

What is it like to “walk in autistic shoes”? Drawing on 20 years work as an autism consultant working with over 1,000 people on the autism spectrum, this presentation will take you on a journey to find out.

Donna Williams was born in Melbourne, Australia in 1963, at a time when the rate of autism was thought to be 4 in 10,000 children and autism was deemed ‘childhood psychosis’. She was thought dead and in a 3 day (location) hospital assessment at the age of two she was diagnosed as psychotic. Growing up echolalic, she acquired functional speech when she was between 9–11 years old. Against a background of abuse, homelessness, literacy and illiteracy, Donna ultimately returned to school as an adult, gained post graduate qualifications as a sociologist and teacher, became the author of ten books in the field of autism, an international public speaker since 1994 and autism consultant since 1996 as well as an accomplished artist, singer-songwriter and performer.

All welcome – presentation suitable for adults with ASD, partners, friends, parents, relatives, teachers, support staff, carers, allied health workers and anyone who is interested in learning more about autism.

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