Important Dates

August
9th
- Year 9 2016 Course Counselling Day (Year 8 Pupil Free)
11th
- Campaspe Inter & Year 7 Basketball
- SSV Basketball 7 and Inter
17th
- Campaspe Girls Football – Rochester
19th
- Year 9 Art Connect Excursion
21st
- Indonesian Immersion Day
24th-25th
- Year 10 Mock Interviews

September
14th
- Grade 6 2016 Transition Day - Year 7 Pupil Free
17th – 18th
- Parent Teacher Interviews

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Echuca College News

Echuca College presents

Hey I’m Romeo

Family $25
Adult $10
Students/Children $5

Tickets @ Echuca Paramount
Tuesday 1/9/15: Matinee 12.30pm
Wednesday 2/9/15: Matinee 11.00am
Wednesday Evening show 7.30pm
Thursday 3/9/15: Evening show 7.30pm
Friday 4/9/15: Evening show 7.30pm
CHANGE OF DATE

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to change the date of Parent Teacher Interviews and our Pupil Free Day. **Parent Teacher Interviews will now be held on Thursday 17th September from 4pm to 7pm and on Friday 18th September from 11am to 1:30pm.** Friday the 18th of September will be Pupil Free and students will not be required to attend school.

We encourage all parents to regularly check XUNO as teachers are posting comments, marks and grades on a regular basis. Please contact the office for help to login or any other information.

Independence Day Student Scholarship

We would like to congratulate Year 12 student Marley Jones on gaining an Independence Day Student Scholarship 2015. The Scholarship is sponsored by the Embassy & the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia. The Independence Day Student Scholarships aim to support and encourage educational and cultural exchange between Australia and Indonesia by providing linguistic and cultural experiences for committed and promising students of Indonesian in Victoria. [View article...](#)

2015 Gene Technology Excursion

Our Year 12 Biology students travelled to the Gene Technology Access Centre in Melbourne where they were able to experience first-hand, the tools and techniques used to manipulate DNA. The students worked with young practising scientists and used research grade equipment to insert the Green Fluorescent Protein gene from a sea jelly into E. coli bacteria which caused the bacteria to glow green under fluorescent light. Highlights of the day included a lecture from a scientist involved in immunological studies who described current research into genes that have been shown to slow the aging process and talking to the young scientists about their research in areas such as creating a vaccine for malaria.
Success on the Gold Coast

Congratulations to Archie Reid, Archie came first in the under 15 10km event at the Gold Coast Marathon. Archie set a new record for the event, completing 10km in 33:51 minutes.

Archie, Hollie Davidson, Jessica Davidson and Sarah Taylor all competed at the interschool cross country earlier in the term. Despite cold conditions all runners were very competitive. Archie finished 5th, he prefers longer distances. Congratulations to all our students for representing Echuca College.

Echuca College wins senior Apex debating competition

Echuca College students Georgia Harris, Maegan Johnson and Sarah Kaddissi won the senior division of the Apex debating competition on Tuesday night. The girls put forward a well-argued debate to defeat St Joseph’s College in a close, and at times heated, debate. Echuca College had to take the negative stance on the prompt: ‘Stopping illegal immigrants from entering our country is more important than their welfare once they are here’, and were able to convince the judges that their argument was the strongest.

Australian Vocational Student Prize

Madeleine Clark-Grundy from the class of 2014 has been awarded an Australian Vocational Student Prize for 2014. Madeleine completed her VETis Certificate of Beauty through the Echuca College VETis Regional Program and received an award for excellence at the CCLLEN awards in 2014.

The Australian Vocational Student Prize recognizes the achievements of students who completed their senior secondary studies while undertaking vocational education and training while at school or an Australian School-based Apprenticeship.
In the first week of the school holidays I completed work experience at Aitken Partners, a law firm in the heart of Melbourne. I sat on the 28th floor in a glass office overlooking the city and got to pretend to be a lawyer for a week, it was incredible. I completed a range of office and administration tasks such as filing affidavits, sorting through probates, organising VCAT files and researching supply and distribution agreements for a presentation that one of the solicitors was doing. During my time at Aitken I was lucky enough to experience real life cases in a number of different courts. I spent half a day in the Magistrates Court where I observed a variety of cases including a serious and confronting assault case. One of the solicitors told me about a property dispute she has been working on for years and I got to accompany her to a directions hearing in the County Court. One of the firm’s partners also took me to the Federal Administrative Appeals Tribunal where I was fortunate enough to observe conciliation of a workplace/employment dispute. This experience has confirmed my passion for the law and I will definitely continue to pursue it. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity I had to do this and would like to thank Mr Webb for all his help in organising it. Georgia Harris

VETiS Information

VETiS stands for Vocational Education and Training in Schools. VETiS offers students nationally recognised vocational certificates approved for senior secondary students, and is endorsed for recognition in both the VCE and VCAL by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). Echuca College’s Regional VETiS Program is open to Year 10, 11 & 12 students from all regional secondary schools.

In 2016 students can choose from the following VETiS certificates: Beauty, Business, Early Childhood Learning, Dance, Disability Services, Hairdressing, Indonesian, Music, Public Safety, Automotive Studies, Building and Construction, Electrical, Engineering, Furniture Making, Hospitality and Sport & Recreation.

Please click on the following link for more information and course descriptions, http://www.echucacollege.vic.edu.au/index.php/vetis

Year 12 Quiz Night 2015

Our College Captains organized and hosted a very entertaining Quiz Night to start our term. Multiple teams formed to compete in the various competitions and quiz sections of the evening. The air guitar competition was hard fought with Charles Lowe and Abbey Dobson being announced winners. One section saw representatives from each team have to indicate their knowledge of internet, one of the more contentious questions, “Which is more popular #swag or #yolo?”

The night was a great success with lots of laughs. Amy, Corey, Georgia and Daniel are to be commended on their efforts hosting the event. Eventual winners – “Charlie’s Angels” just beat the staff team with the help of a controversial judge’s decision.
Year 11 Camp

36 students participated in the Year 11 Camp – Melbourne Experience. Students were given the opportunity to see what University life could be like and experience some of what Melbourne has to offer. The accommodation was at University College and students toured the Art Gallery, Melbourne Museum and RMIT. Students participated in an Amazing Race at RMIT and are pictured conquering one of the challenges. On the return trip student went to Bendigo for a day at La Trobe University. Students really enjoyed the experience and it has opened their eyes to many of the opportunities in Melbourne and the possibilities Universities can offer.

Leadership Workshop

On Friday the 24th a group of students from year 8-11 travelled to Kyabram for a Leadership Workshop held by Kasey Williams; youth engagement officer for the Shire of Campaspe. Students from the local region were inspired by the stories guest speaker Luke Owens’ had to share. In 2012 Luke met a young homeless girl that ignited a passion to address the issue of homelessness in Bendigo. Over 3 years Luke's goal of fundraising $100,000 quickly rose to 4 million dollars; halving the percentage of homeless people in Bendigo. Luke expressed to us that we should never underestimate our power just because we are young. He told us that it’s the young people of the community who are most likely to make a difference. View article...

208 Dancers

On Friday a group of very talented grade 3/4 students twinkled toed their way to the Echuca College Dance Studio. Once they arrived, the students leapt, twirled, spun and boogied for a morning full of fun. After warming up and stretching, the students perfected and showcased their routine to ‘Uptown Funk’, which came together really well.

We really enjoyed having the dancers use our facilities and would like to thank Amy Connors for organising the excursion.

Great work boys and girls, you are all superstars!

Sports Scholarship Excursion

Our sport scholarship students travelled to Rochester on Tuesday 16th June to listen to Stacia Joseph speak about her journey to becoming a professional hockey player and representing Australia at the highest level. Stacia won a silver medal at the champion’s trophy tournament after losing a penalty shoot-out in the final. Stacia talked to the students about being resilient and that the path to reach your goals will not always be straight forward. View article...
Published Artist

Yvonne Southern, Year 10 student, was featured in the May Dolly Magazine. Yvonne is a passionate artist who loves to draw. Yvonne completed a questionnaire for Dolly and was selected to feature in their reader’s column.

Yvonne combines her studies of Art at Echuca College with a weekly art class at Le Clerc Design. This semester she is studying Media, Visual Communication and she studied Art last semester. She hopes to continue her studies of Art after Year 12 at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. Yvonne and her family visited the University last year and had a tour of the facilities, and they were very impressed.

Yvonne is unsure of what she would like to do in the future but would like to do investigate working in the area of design or magazine illustrator.

New Jacket

We are very excited to announce that a new jacket has been added to our uniform list. The jacket is available from both Echuca Fashion Centre and Numanz. The jacket is very warm and we request that students wear it over their jumpers. The jackets will also be able to worn for sports days and excursions.

2015 LMR Cross Country

Congratulations to Archie Ried and Holly Davidson on placing second at the Loddon Mallee Region Cross Country Finals in St Arnaud. Sarah-Jane Taylor placed third in her section. Other team’s members also produced some excellent times on a very cold day. View article...
Congratulations to all our students who entered the Campaspe Murray Writers Group 'A slice of Poetry Pizazz' Poetry Competition. Our finalists, Annastasia Gadsden, Ella-Grace Fraser, Luke Johnston, Kyeisha Mikolic and Gemma Edwards are to be congratulated on their excellent efforts. Pauline Cleary from the Campaspe Murray Writers Group sent a message to the school commending the students on their presentations. "Just a note to comment on how well your students represented Echuca College on Friday night in the Poetry Competition. They all read their poems beautifully, looked fantastic in their uniforms and were an absolute credit to the school. We also appreciated Stewart attending on a Friday evening, and Caitlyn’s support of the poetry competition as part of her English program."
**Community Billboard**

**The Little Black Dress**

*the little black dress*
*a red carpet affair*

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Echuca Specialist School
Sponsored by
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Tickets are $100 and include:
A two course meal
Tap beer & House wine
Music by Nollabor.

**formal dress code**

Book your tickets today. Ph: 5482 2769
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**Echuca West Primary School Centenary**

Echuca West Primary School Centenary — Saturday 24th August, 2013

We are seeking past students and teachers who would like to join us to celebrate our centenary. Activities on the day include opening of time capsule, memorable displays, BBQ lunch, 1953-2013 School Book followed by dinner at Rich River (GR Club).

If you would like to register your interest in purchasing the book or attending the Centenary or if you have old school memorabilia to go on display please contact Echuca West Primary School on 03 54822263 or by email to echuca.west.ps@deet.edu.au

**Youth Expo**

**Echuca Moama Youth Expo**
**Bridging the Gap**

*Giveaways*
*Art Competition*
*Sport Information*
*Musical Fun*
*Community Support*

**WHEN**
September 11, 2015

**WHERE**
Stubberfield Sports & Entertainment Centre
High Street South, Echuca

A fun, interactive and informative exhibition of our local services for youth in health & well-being plus sport and community organisations for young people. Showcase of the musical and artistic talents of our youth.

This event supports RUOK?

Contact — Cheryl Irenee (CCLRO)
(03) 5482 6655 or 0400 966 295

**MyTime**

Do you care for a child with disability or Chronic Illness?

My Time group provides support for mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone caring for a child with disability or chronic medical condition. My Time provides a place to socialise, to discuss, to support and be supported by other carers. Each group has a play helper who leads children and siblings in activities, so parents and carers can spend time focusing on catching up with others. If you are interested in attending My Time or want more information please contact: Elle Grabham at Community Living & Respite Services ph: 5480 2388 email: egrabham@clrs.org.au