

Weekly Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

East Timor Trip

On Monday at our Assembly Catherine and James Nesbitt presented a slide show and talked about their experiences living in East Timor for 6-8 weeks. It was very interesting to see what they had experienced first hand and to observe how much they had learned through their time in Ainaro.

As a School community we supported the Nesbitt's venture by sending a supply of pencils for the School and also money raised through selling East Timorese scarves went towards building a basketball court.

The School is seriously considering organising a trip to East Timor in the June holidays of 2011. There are numerous possibilities for projects students could complete while over there. Current ideas include gardening, painting, fire wood collecting, minor maintenance etc. If the trip proves successful it may become a biennial event in the alternate year to the Italy trip.

It is the kind of trip where parents with appropriate skills (eg a trade) may want to come along to help. Even past students may wish to be involved.

An Information Night will be held early in 2010 and I plan to travel to East Timor myself in June 2010 to investigate and plan the trip in greater detail.

Parent-Teacher Interviews and reports.

All parents have been notified of the new system for booking interviews. Hopefully the new system will streamline bookings and will be better for all concerned. The interim reports at the end of this Term are a part of the process along side the interviews. Students are always welcome to attend, but must come in school uniform.

Christian Women's Convention

This event was held on Thursday 27 August in Echuca. Our School was invited to provide an item for the meeting. As the theme was "Hidden Treasures" a short play was written for the occasion based on the parable told by Jesus about the man who found treasure buried in a field. Mrs Pullar's class provided the cast for the play and it was very well received. Two books were donated to the Library by the Convention in thanks for our efforts.

Thanks to the students and to Mrs Wright, Mrs Gough and Mrs Langenbacher for providing transport on the day and to Mrs Pullar for rehearsing with her students.

Andrew P Pullar

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Catherine and James Nesbitt for the wonderful job they did at assembly on Monday speaking about their trip to East Timor. It was very informative and well presented and the slide show indicated a very different way of life to what we have here.

Our athletes have once again done us proud at the interschool sports at Wangaratta. Many Age Champions and lots of excellent performances. Thanks Mr. Cadd and to all the students who participated on this day. Good luck to those students competing in Shepparton on Monday, I'm sure the competition will be very good and it will bring out your best.

Mrs Kemp would like our students to contribute a few spare dollars to the Oaktree Foundation which supports the East Timorese people and having seen the slides show from Catherine and James, I feel confident that we can find those few dollars.

Lucy Gough performed a fabulous rendition of 'Rondo' on the Clarinet which was absolutely delightful. Well done Lucy.

Year 9 and 10 electives – I am pleased to report that the vast majority of students entering Year 9 and Year 10 next year have received their first three preferences for their elective subject. If I have not spoken to individual students in person about their electives then they can rest assured that they have what they chose on the selection sheet.

Exams

Year 11 students will be completing their Final Preliminary Exams in the last week of term. The Exam Timetable should come as a separate addition to the newsletter for Year 11 students. Also, our Year 10 students will be completing their Trial School Certificate Exams during the second half of the first week back next term. Good luck to all students facing exams in the near future.

Ron Couchman

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Mon 7	Shepp Zone Athletics
Fri 11	Interschool Theatre Sports—Echuca
Tue 15	Interim Reports Issued
15—18	Exams - Year 11
Wed 16	Marketfresh Day & Master Chef Comp
Thur 17	Immunisation Program (Yr 7)
Thur 17	Parent Teacher Interviews – Yrs 8, 9, 10 from 4pm
Fri 18	Last Day - Term 3

Book Week Report

Last week was Book Week 2009 and various activities were held throughout the week. Many classes were given the opportunity to leave a comment on the schools library blog. They were asked to write what their favourite book was, why they liked it so much and what it was about. To read the comments, go to www.magslibrary.edublogs.org.

Wednesday was our dress up day on the theme "Book Safari". Many students went to a lot of trouble and effort to put together some magnificent outfits. It was difficult to pick only one winner from each year level but eventually the following students were chosen to receive book awards:



Year 5	Tilly Keenan
	Nick Fruewirth
Year 6	Mitchell Langenbacher
	Katherine Nesbitt
Year 7	Tempany Easton
Year 8	Thea Foster
Year 9	Courtney Langenbacher
Year 10	Caitlin Meyer
Year 11	Jenny Pike



The overall **Book Voucher Winner** was **Gabby Vick-Elgar** who made her own wonderful Elephant costume.

On Thursday, a Jeopardy book quiz was held with some ferocious competitiveness from the year 11 students. Eventually, one group consisting of Ethan Smith, Jemima Draper, India Mitchell and Jenny Pike were victorious and received book awards for their efforts.

On Friday, in keeping with the Safari theme, the documentary "A Lion Called Christian" was shown to quite a large group of students that enjoyed the story immensely.

Book Week 2009 was a great success but parents need to be reminded that if students are not dressed in proper themed costume, they must wear full school uniform. Until next year, happy reading!



Michelle Devereux

MELBOURNE MARKET COMES TO MOAMA

The Marketfresh Schools Program is an initiative of the Melbourne Market Authority, promoting the daily consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables to children in schools across Melbourne and Regional Victoria, and, luckily for us, New South Wales.

The program includes a short presentation developed specifically for children, detailing how fruit and vegetables are grown, harvested, and transported to the stores. It also looks at the difference between fruits and vegetables, the nutritional importance of fruits and vegetables, and the seasonality of fresh produce.

The program concludes with the chance to taste a wide variety of fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables delivered directly from the Melbourne Wholesale Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Market.

What is the AIM of the program?

- To introduce children to a range of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- To increase awareness of the importance of eating fruit and vegetables daily.
- To make learning about fruit and vegetables stimulating and fun.
- To help create opportunities for learning about nutrition both at school and in the home.
- To give children the confidence to try a range of fruits and vegetables.

TOPICS the program covers:

- Processes involved in growing fruits and vegetables, and delivering them to our homes
- The differences between fruits and vegetables
- The importance of eating fruit and vegetables daily.
- Seasonality of fruits and vegetables.
- Tasting of fresh seasonal produce.

The program concludes with question time, and a tasting of fresh seasonal produce such as: oranges, bananas, celery, apples, pears, carrots, mushrooms, tomatoes, asparagus, capsicum, pineapple, avocados, bean shoots and alfalfa as well as some more exotic items.

Recipes and other information materials are provided for each child to take home.

WHO will attend and HOW MANY?

The program can be tailored to suit both junior and senior students.

Group 1 will run from 9.40 until 10.40, this session will be for Grade 5, 6 and Year 7

Group 2 will run from 11.00 until 12.00, this session is for Year 8, 9 and 10

Both sessions will be held in **Room 17**

NB. Year 11's are doing exams.

HOW LONG does each session take?

Each session takes around an hour, plus time before the program for preparation of the fresh produce.

The Marketfresh Schools Program requests that parents and/or teachers be available an hour before each presentation to help prepare the produce. I will require 8 parent helpers on the morning to assist with the preparation of the produce. I will send a letter out shortly requesting helpers.

The Marketfresh Schools Program fits into many areas of learning. Some schools request a visit from the Marketfresh Schools Program as part of learning about nutrition in health lessons and others when they are teaching about plants in science classes.

Then @ 12.00 proceed with **"Master Chef" Moama Grammar:**

We will be holding a "Master Chef" style cooking competition between staff and students.

We will be looking for 3 teams of 3 for staff and 3 teams of 4 for students.

Each team will get a list of ingredients available for them to use on the day, 1 week prior to the competition. They will be required to work as a "team" and come up with a menu and recipes to prepare 2 dishes (1 main meal and 1 dessert, 4 portions of each). You will have 100 minutes to prepare and present your dishes.

The team from Marketfresh have kindly agreed to donate the fruit and vegetables for this event.....

The "mystery box" of ingredients may include produce such as: bacon, chicken, spring onions, garlic, asparagus, parsley, basil, pasta, rice, cream, eggs, stock, salt, pepper, snowpeas, mushrooms, chocolate, flour, eggs, milk, cocoa powder, strawberries, icing sugar. This is just an example of what the list of ingredients may be, don't get too excited and start preparing risotto or pasta or a chocolate self saucing pudding!

Obviously due to timetabling, I am very happy for staff to come "off the bench" to assist a team.

At the conclusion of the competition, judging by our very own "Matt Preston" will take place and the winner of Master Chef Moama Grammar will be announced.

Thank you all in anticipation.



Michelle Downie

UNIFORM NEWS

Uniform Shop hours of operation: **TUESDAY 8:45—9:15 AM** and **THURSDAY 2:45—3:15 PM**

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS? Please email or deliver the details of any second-hand items you may wish to sell to the school office by Wednesday 4pm in order to be included in the newsletter. Please advise also, when you wish the item to be deleted!

FOR SALE - SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

- 2 x size 5 (87cm waist) boys formal shorts@ \$15
Please contact Rowena 5480 9501
- XL Sports Shorts; Med Sports Shorts; Size 20 Kilt; Size 20 Dress
Please contact Andrea – 5484 9208
- Size 10 boys trousers ; Size 9 boys trousers
Please contact Sally—0418 551 941 or 5480 2428
- 1 pair boys trousers, size 16 \$10; 2 size 16 l/sleeve shirts \$10.00ea
Please contact Viv—0437 520 528
- L/S Shirt Size 12 x 2 \$10 each
- L/S Shirt Size 14 \$15
- S/S Shirt Size 12 x 2 \$5 each
- Sports Shirt Size 12 \$5
- Formal Shorts Size 12 x 2 \$15 each
- Formal Pants Size 12 x 2 \$20 each
- Jumper Size 12 \$30
Please contact Jodi - 0438 686662

CAREERS NEWS



ATTENTION CURRENT YEAR 10: Moama Anglican Grammar school in conjunction with The University of Melbourne is introducing the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program next year.

The program offers high-achieving Year 10 students the opportunity to engage with the University and each other through an extensive program of events and activities

At the Parkville Campus. The program is a three-year program designed to assist to realise their full potential through creating a network and community of students over years 11,12 and first year Melbourne University students.

To be eligible you must display a strong academic record and be nominated by the School. Application are now open.

Expressions of interest in the form of a letter should be forwarded to Mr Andrew Pullar ,Principal, by 19 September 2009.

More Career News at: www.moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au/curriculum/career_education

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Term 3 Interim Reports for students in Years 5 – 10 will be sent home with students on Tuesday 15 September. Year 11 students will receive **full written reports** for End of Preliminary on Friday October 16. At the time of the interviews, exams will be marked, so parents, students and teachers will have all the information and results required to discuss which subject may be dropped for Year 12.

Parent – Student – Teacher – Interviews are being held at the School on Thursday 17 September for Years 8, 9, 10 and Thursday 8 October for Years 5, 6, 7 and 11 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm and then from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Interviews are to be 5 minutes duration per teacher, where that teacher has students for one subject only and 10 minutes for the others. Should it become apparent during the interviews that more time is needed then please contact Reception to arrange a more extended time.

This year we are trialling an online booking service which parents may access from our website.

Please note parent access to theses bookings closes at 4pm on the day prior to the interviews. Students have been issued details of teachers and subjects. If you are unable to access the internet to book your interviews, please contact Reception so that they may assist you with this.

Please note that students are encouraged to attend, but must wear school uniform if they do.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Teacher interviews.

EAST TIMOR BY CATHERINE NESBITT (ABRIDGED)

As you all know we have recently returned from 6 weeks in East Timor and we would like to share some of our experiences with you today.

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for your donations of pencils which were very well received by many children. We collected 1,087 in total and took them to villages and schools within Ainaro.

Also, the \$100 made from selling the Tais' and ribbons we donated towards a new basketball court which we also spent time collecting rocks for, from the dry river beds.

Life in Timor is incredibly primitive by our standards, we felt like we were stepping back in time to the 18th century.

This is East Timor! It is only a 1 hour flight off the Australian coast, north of Darwin, and yet it is one of the world's poorest countries. The average income for a person is .70 cents/day. Could you buy a day's food at Coles or Safeway for .70 cents?

The entire country once had 24hr power and clean water, 2000km of sealed roads and good health care.

Today, only 2 cities, Dili and Baucau, have 24 hour power, the roads are in disrepair, and there is no health system to speak of, resulting in one of the world's highest infant and maternal death rates.

Life is RUGGED in East Timor; there is no other way to describe it. The people have to spend so much of their time surviving; they have no opportunity to earn an income to improve life for themselves. The amazing thing is that they are always happy, and yet have so little.

Ainaro is the township we lived in for 4 weeks; it is in the mountains and has a population of about 5,000 people.

They all live in very rudimentary (**basic**) shacks, some made of cement, or cement blocks, others recycled tin, bamboo or grass huts.

Our accommodation at the Canossian Convent was luxury by their standards but very basic by ours.

The Convent houses 40 girls, some boarders and some orphans. 50 metres away is the Catholic Church, which runs a boys boarding house and orphanage combined. They have 75 boys living there.

The Catholic Church has a primary, a junior secondary and a secondary school. The kids go to school for 4 hours a day, 6 days a week. They all go in shifts, some morning and others in the afternoon. The school isn't big enough and also doesn't have enough teachers, for them all at once. The education standard that the children receive is very low; often the teachers do not turn up for work, leaving the students unsupervised for the lesson. There are no toilet facilities at the school either, imagine that!!

The township has electricity from 6pm, for 6 hours, each night, provided it is working. This limits any use of electrical devices/appliances to this time.

98% of East Timor's water is infected with Giardia, a bacteria present in faeces. This is because everyone uses the river water for washing and bathing. Therefore it is not a good idea to drink the water or eat anything that has been washed in it. We were very lucky to be able to afford to purchase bottled water, which we used for everything.

Much of our time was spent helping dad in his work in the villages. Sometimes we walked for an hour to get to the people. We trekked through rivers and jungle areas, on mountain tracks, carrying all the medical supplies needed.

We also assisted in many English classes, helping the students practice their language skills.

One Sunday, their only day off school, we spent all day collecting fire wood with the girls from the boarding house; everyone relies on fire to cook with. At different times we also collected wood for elderly or disabled citizens, and helped dig new or maintain veggie gardens.

The food presented a challenge for us, eating rice twice a day with vegetables and some meat, usually buffalo, pig or chicken which you can see arriving here early one morning.

Money meant that there was plenty of food for us, we were never hungry. It was often deep fried in lots of oil, which we weren't used to.

The sisters run a nutrition program where they supply high protein beans and rice for children in various villages.

The most difficult thing we found to deal with was the lack of modern amenities. No toilets, showers, running water, let alone hot water.

Finally, Mr. Pullar is looking at the possibility of taking a group of students from our school to East Timor in 2011. The group will be responsible for a project that will benefit the community there. It will be a great opportunity to experience this amazing culture for yourselves and to do something worthwhile that you will always remember. Keep your eyes on the newsletter early next year for further details if you are interested.

The complete version on Catherine's speech can be found at :

http://www.moamagrammar.nsw.edu.au/beyond_the_classroom

FOOD TECH NEWS

This week in Food Technology, the Middle School classes have all been making their own recipes. Students have a major assessment task that they have been working on based around the Design Process. Students have had to make their Food Products for a client who specified what they required in a letter. This letter then became the Design Brief for students to follow.



TAFE TASTERS DAY AT BRIT.

On 27 of August, I, James Thomas went to the TAFE Prac Kitchen at Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE in Echuca to have a day in the kitchen to experience what it is like.

We made some simple food like bread and bread is such a simple food to make, yet there is so many things you can do with it. We made some rolls from scratch. We had 2 assistants to help us through the day.

They were very helpful in showing us what to do.

We also made a ravioli dish. It was very interesting with the ravioli. With the water you cook the pasta in you can change the flavours in lots of different ways such as: adding salt to the water, or cooking it in beef stock.

From experiencing a little taste of the work in the kitchen I learnt so much. There was always something new that I learnt along the way. I found this day very enjoyable and hospitality is something I would really enjoy doing as a career.

Thankyou Mrs Downie for organising this for me.

James Thomas Year 9Y





BLAZERS FOR 2010—YEARS 9 -12

As announced at year level information nights earlier in the year, blazers will be worn by all senior students (Yrs 9 -12) in 2010. Orders forms will be sent home soon.

For students who already have a blazer that may be too small, this is an ideal time to upsize by arranging the sale of your blazers to another student and purchasing a larger one.

GARDENING WORKING BEE

The Gardening Committee will be holding a working bee on Monday 7 September between 9am and 12pm. Please bring along wheelbarrows and all kinds of gardening tools.

ALL HELPERS WELCOME!

MATHS CORNER

PLEASE NOTE: Maths Room 13 is Open on Monday Lunchtimes for any student who would like to bring their Maths to work on. BYO lunch. I will be present and available for those who might need assistance with their Maths.

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEKS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK:

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On Thursday this week Marty Ross (one of the Maths Masters!) spoke to Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 here at School to speak to students about the interesting aspects of mathematics! In their recent article for The Education Age they write about the mathematics involved in touring schools – please refer to our maths blog at <http://magsmaths.edublogs.org/> for the Maths Masters article on their "Tour De Victoria".

VICTORIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR CALISTHENICS

Heidi Kraak, Phoebe Henson and Emma Poklington competed last weekend as part of the Rich River Intermediates Calisthenics Club at the Victorian State Championships for Calisthenics Division 8.

They scored the Runners Up trophy for the Aggregate Competition. The championships were extremely an close competition with 12 Clubs competing - so to come home with the trophy was a huge achievement.

Congratulations girls on a fantastic effort!



COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

August Schools COMPETITION

The School who has the MOST books borrowed by their students
WINS \$100 Book Voucher

The School who has the MOST books borrowed as a percentage by School enrolments
WINS \$50 Book Voucher

Competition: 1 August to 31 August

If you have any questions, contact Karen on 54821997 or email on k.teskera@campaspe.vic.gov.au

Campaspe Regional Library
Echuca - 524-528 High Street, ECHUCA
phone (03) 5482 1997 fax (03) 5480 6398
www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library



2009 August Schools Competition Final Totals

Books borrowed as a percentage of school enrolment - \$50 Prize

Echuca Specialist School	57.26%
River City Christian College	38.39%
St. Mary's Primary School	38.20%
Echuca West Primary School	34.97%
Moama Primary School	27.07%
Echuca East Primary School	20.98%
Echuca Central 208	20.91%
Moama Anglican Grammar	15.53%
Echuca South Primary School	13.20%

MOAMA ECHUCA COMMUNITY SKATE PARK

Committee are hosting a movie night premiering the animated comedy "G FORCE" rated G. A fun night for the family. Tickets \$17 adults, \$15 Children. Thursday 17 September, 6.30pm for supper prior to movie starting at 7pm.

For tickets contact **MAREE 0408 581 841** or available on the night.

TOYOTA GRASS ROOTS FOOTY TOUR

When: Tuesday 8 September
Time: 4.00-5.30pm
Where: 208 Primary School Oval
Who: Parents children & friends
What: Demonstration by AFL Footballers, talks, interactive skills for children and players, sausage sizzle as well as autographs & photographs with —BRIAN TAYLOR, DANNY FRAWLEY, MARK RICCIUTO, MARK MCVEIGH, NATHAN BROWN, BROOK MCLEAN, ADAM SIMPSON AND LUKE HODGE.

LOTS OF FUN—PLEASE COME ALONG!

TERM 4 Tuesday 6 October – Friday 11 December		
OCT	Mon 5	Staff Day – pupil free
	Tue 6	Commencement Higher School Certificate
	Tue 6	Term 4 commences for all students
	Tue 6-Thu 8	Elmore Field Days (School represented)
	Thu 8	Parent-Teacher Interviews – Year 5, 6, 7
	Thu 8-Fri 9	School Certificate Trial Exam
	Wed 14	OMISSA Junior Sum Sports – Yrs 7 & 8 Shep
	Thu 15	Springtime Concert, Comfort Resort 7:30pm
	Sun 18	Festa Italiana
	Mon 19-Fri 23	Year 8 Camp – Grampians
	Wed 28	Beacon Big Day In Fonterra Centre
	Fri 30	OMISSA Summer Sports – Yrs 7-9 Wodonga
NOV	Mon 2	Exeat Holiday
	Tues 3	Exeat Holiday
	Mon 9-Tue 10	School Certificate Exams – Year 10
	11-13	EXAMS Yrs 7-10
	Mon 16-Fri 20	Work Experience – Year 10
	Fri 20	Year 6 Celebration Dinner RRG C Tatalia Room 1
DEC	Mon 7	Christmas Service 1.30-2.30pm
	Tue 8	Orientation Day
	Wed 9	Year 10 Celebration Dinner – Radcliffes
	Thurs 10	Whole School Celebration Day
	Fri 11	Last day of Term 4 – 3.05pm
	Fri 11	Presentation Evening – Fonterra Centre 7.30pm
	Mon 14	Staff Day
	Tues 15	Staff Day
	Wed 16	Staff Lunch
	Wed 16	Office Closed for Christmas Vacation 12 noon

ECHUCA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Summer Basketball Season

Registrations now being accepted for 2009/10 junior & senior summer basketball competitions.

Junior boys and girls under 10s, 12s, 14, 16s and 18s

Senior men and women competitions A, B and C Grades

For more details please call the Echuca Basketball Association on 54806903 or download forms at www.echuca.basketball.net.au



ECHUCA MOAMA LITTLE ATHLETICS SEASON 2009/10 for all budding Athletes (5-16 years)

Registration Day: 12 September 2009 at McDonalds Echuca (between 9.00am—12.00pm)

Season begins 3 October 2009 breaking during Christmas Holidays and ending 13 March 2009.

For Further information contact

Neville Dehne: 0417 220 774

Tim Dawes: 0428 503 407

Julie Morphet: 0419 323 905

For all New Participants a Two Week Trial period is available