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Message from the Principal

The semester is almost over with major assessments rolling around over the next week or so. Students will be gathering feedback on their first or maybe third semester’s work and perhaps for some Year 12 students, getting concluding remarks in their final semester. I wish every student great satisfaction at this time but for those in Year 12, remember my comments often repeated; NOW is the time to ensure your NEXT STEPS are well and truly planned, as the rest of your life is soon to be upon you!

On 21st May we witnessed the opening of the Tuggeranong Sustainable Living Trades Training Centre or TSLTTC. The opening was conducted by Senator Zed Seselja in front of many special guests. Students from Erindale College hospitality classes catered for the event with much fanfare and pizzazz. Congratulations to everyone connected with the long journey that has seen facilities of commercial quality now matched to our superb industry-trained staff so students can experience contemporary and real-life vocational education and training.

I identify the TSLTTC venture particularly because it represents another major step by us in providing relevant, engaging and truly worthwhile pathways for our students to tread as they move into adult life. Such pathways are extremely important in a period of uncertainty where careers are no longer life-time options but more often, made up of jobs from several different fields. The TSLTTC will offer any student learning and training experiences, with nationally-recognised credentials, that they can carry into their future with great credibility and confidence.

So, why does having a portfolio of such ‘marketable skills’ in your possession, matter? Well, a major research project with industry and national government partners across six countries including Australia is focusing on “Assessing and Teaching 21st Century Skills”. This project team is looking towards effectively teaching and assessing skills that are indispensable for young people as they exit formal schooling. Skillsets entwined in creativity and innovation, critical thinking, problem solving and decision-making, communication, collaboration, information fluency, technological literacy; are amongst those being considered.

Interestingly, we are designing pathways for our students that allow them to gather their own portfolio in a variety of places like the TSLTTC while learning at college. It is these essential skills that employers will look for in our graduates.

Enjoy the concluding weeks before a well-earned break.

Regards Michael
The Official Opening of the Tuggeranong Sustainable Living Trade Training Centre
Wednesday, 21 May 2014

The $8.1 million Tuggeranong Sustainable Living Trade Training Centre will provide a variety of vocational education pathways for students in public secondary schools across the Tuggeranong region. The centre will operate in a number of schools and offer courses in the hospitality, automotive, horticulture and building and construction industries. Here are some photos of the hospitality facility at Erindale College.

Romana Peckham – greeting guests

Madison Wallace – soloist - National Anthem

Jasmine Ellis – Acknowledgement to Country

Maddie Low, Zoe Dunn and Tanaya Mahony coffee making in the Café

Class Act Training Restaurant
Back of house in action

Monique McPherson, Principal Michael Hall, Zoe Dunn and Senator Zed Seselja

Front of House service – Kourtney Russell, Tim Lennon and Rhiannon Drysdale

Phil Dodd, Helen Witcombe and Craig Lyttle

Students and official party
Litlinks Award Ceremony

On the 12 March the sixth annual Litlinks Award Ceremony was staged at the Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning. The award ceremony launched this year’s Litlinks anthology of student writing from students in government and independent schools in Canberra. Lucy Kirk, Romana Peckham, Bethany Hancock and Monica Burton all entered accomplished creative writing in the 2013 ACT Writing Competition. Lucy and Monica were judged as finalists. All students are now published writers, as their entries have been published in the anthology. Each student has received a copy of the text. We are very proud of our students who took part in this competition.

The Award Ceremony was a great event with presentations by authors Miles Peterson and Jac Torres Gomez. Both writers described their own journey with writing, and when asked what they wished they had known when starting their careers responded with some great advice for young writers. They encouraged young writers to be confident in their own abilities, to write journals and to take opportunities to share their work in this digital age which provided unique opportunities for young writers to become skilled at communication.

Local writer Jack Heath was the master of ceremonies. He reminded the audience that “good writers have to be good readers” and recommended that all the students read their anthologies carefully after basking in the glow of being published authors themselves. Leanne Wright, ETD Director of Teaching and Learning, congratulated all the writers and expressed thanks to their supportive parents and dedicated teachers. Recalling her own years as a primary teacher, she said it was hardly possible to overestimate the importance of reading and fiction for young people. She thanked Paperchain Bookstore for their sponsorship and expressed appreciation to ACTATE for their role in running the competition.

Other highlights of the event included a lively student debate on the topic: “Do we need fiction?” The affirmative won the day. Finally all three writers at the event encouraged the students to keep writing, reminding them that even unpublished work was valuable because writing was like everything else and it was the doing of it that took writers to new levels of achievement.

Jen Smith, Faye Ugrinov

UMAT Test

YR 12 STUDENTS WISHING TO STUDY MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY ETC

If you are intending to study Medicine, Dentistry, Oral Health, Health Sciences and Medical Science Courses (some exemptions) you will have to sit the UMAT test. UMAT is a test used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level.

UMAT 2014 will be held on WEDNESDAY 30th JULY 2014.

You must register for UMAT by the 6TH JUNE 2014.

Follow the link for further information or see Stephen Smith in Careers.

http://umat.acer.edu.au

Young Women’s Invitational Breakfast

On 8 May five of our students attended a Young Women’s Invitational Breakfast. The breakfast was run by the AFL at Manuka Oval and included guest speakers from business, sport and politics. The aim of the event was to inspire young women to chase their dreams. The highly successful panellists including Carrie Graf, Kate Lundy and Natalie Forrest (MC) gave accounts from their life with many positive messages for the 100+ attendees. The girls who attended are all members of the Erindale Sports Academy.

Pictured with Carrie Graf (Olympic Basketball Coach), Lindsay (AFL Media) and Kylie (Canberra Milk) are L to R Kristy Martens, Ellie Toole, Maddison Catlin-Smith, Bre Tindale and Grace West.
Erindale College    AST Preparation

All students enrolled in Tertiary packages who wish to attain an ATAR should be aware that they will need to sit the ACT Scaling Tests on the 2nd and 3rd of September. Whilst these tests are not subject specific, students still need to be familiar with the type of questions that might be asked, and the general format of the tests. The college has been running preparation sessions since the end of year 11 as well as practice tests this year. These sessions are run on Wednesdays after Link or on Friday morning during Line 1. The small numbers of students who are unable to attend these sessions have been given individual programs.

It cannot be stressed enough the importance of attending all of these preparation sessions. The consequences of not coming will be seen in the AST results and the resultant ATARs of the very few students choosing not to attend. We hope that those students whose attendance has been less than exemplary take this opportunity to reconnect with the program. Parents should remind students that this opportunity and this major exam come around only once and that every student should prepare well.

The following program shows how we will be preparing students between now and the AST in September.

**Term 2**

**Weeks 13-17**
Groups rotate between Short Response, Multiple Choice and Writing Task preparation

**Week 18**

**Thursday 19 June**
Trial AST Multiple Choice  8:45-11:15
Trial AST Short Response 11:45-1:45

**Friday 20 June**
Trial AST Writing Task 11:00-1:45

All T students must complete all tests. Normal classes will be cancelled. Students have plenty of notice to reschedule regular appointments or work commitments.

**Term 3**

**Week 1-4**
Finish group rotations between Short Response, Multiple Choice and Writing Task preparation

**Week 5-6**
Final preparation

**Week 7**
**Monday 1 September**
Whole Day AST preparation - Normal classes will be cancelled.

**Tuesday 2 September**
AST Multiple Choice 9:30-11:45
AST Short Response 1:30-3:15

**Wednesday 3 September**
AST Writing Task 9:30-12:00

If you have any AST related questions then please don’t hesitate to call Glen Stretton on 62058134 or Debbie O’Brien on 62058114.

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Australian School Climate Measurement Tool (ASCMT) survey

This school is continually interested in gaining information that will assist in school planning and making decisions on an informed basis. To this end, the school in partnership with the Australian National University and the ACT Education and Training Directorate is surveying staff, students and parents/carers. The aim is to gather information about the school's social climate; day-to-day experiences, the strengths of the school, and the future challenges. This survey will take place this term (Term 2, 2014). You will receive an e-mail from the school with a link to the survey and students will complete the survey at school.

We hope to be able to share the findings of the survey with you at a future time and feel that gathering this information annually is important in ensuring the quality of the relationships within the college and beyond stay very positive.

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Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data project collects data from schools about the number of students who require adjustments to participate in education. It will present a national picture of the supports schools provide students. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australian, every year. The purpose of the process is to help governments to target support and resources in schools to help all students reach their potential.

During term 2 2014 all ACT Public Schools will be taking part in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). Schools will identify students who need adjustments and are identified as meeting a broad definition of disability. This definition is based on the Disability Standards for Education 2005 which is an inclusive definition of what constitutes a disability and does not require a medical or professional diagnosis. If your child currently requires some additional support at school they may be included in the data collection. Examples of the sorts of adjustments and supports a school may provide include:

- Small group literacy and numeracy sessions
- Study lines
- Additional time to complete tasks

A letter will be sent home to families of students that have been identified as requiring adjustments and supports. This letter will outline the process and ask for your permission to include your child in the data collection. No names or personal information is collected as part of the collection process and students. More information about the NCCD can be found at the Australian Government Department of Education website, [http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability](http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability).
Sports News

Grace West - Goalball

Goalball is a sport largely played by Vision Impaired Athletes. Grace West is in Year 11 and is a member of the Erindale Sports Academy. In late April Grace travelled to Sydney for a week long camp with the best Goalball players aged 12-18 from all over Australia. Each of the girls was vying for spots in the Australian team which will compete at the World Championships in the United States in 2015. The Camp involved a number of competitive games. Grace was awarded the Most Valuable Player in the Girls Category. Well done Grace.

AFL Match – Erindale College v Hallam Secondary College
April 2 at Dairy Farmers Park in Queanbeyan

Hallam Secondary College are one of the best School teams in Australia having been Grand Finalists in the Victorian State Schools Competition in the last 4 years. Erindale’s team are the current NSW/ACT Champions having won the State title in 2013. The two teams met at the freshly renovated ground of the Queanbeyan Tigers, who play in the NEAFL competition. In a high quality match the local team had more scoring shots on goal but trailed by 4 points in the 1st quarter with both teams attacking the ball ferociously. In the 2nd quarter a fired up Hallam began to get on top with their 10 TAC Cup players showing why the standard of football in Victoria is regarded so highly. The 3rd quarter was a tight affair with Erindale playing a composed game plan which steadied the frenzied pace. Both teams scored 2 goals in this quarter. The fitter and stronger Hallam dominated the final quarter winning the final quarter 6 goals to 1. Final Score Hallam 18.11.(119) to Erindale 5.5.(35)

Both teams then enjoyed a function at the Queanbeyan Tigers Licensed Club where both coaches commended the players for the quality of the game. Each school committed to an ongoing annual match.

ACT Swimming carnival

Recently two students Travis Elliott and Angus Shaw swam at the ACT Swimming carnival in many events. Angus qualified for the Nationals in 4 events after finishing 1st in 50m butterfly, 2nd in the 50m backstroke, and 2nd in 100m backstroke and 3rd in the 50m freestyle.

Tennis

Congratulations to Dimitri Morogiannis our year 10 TSP student who has been selected to represent Australia in a five man team to take part in competitions in Germany, Holland and Czechoslovakia in June and July. We wish him all the very best.
Erindale College Rugby 7’s
In April the Erindale College Rugby 7’s team travelled to Sydney to compete in the annual Scot’s College 7’s tournament. The boys started off strongly defeating AIS Singapore 28-12. Because they won their first game they had now qualified for the cup finals which matched them up against tournament favourites Scots College, last year’s winners, as well as the Lloyd McDermott Development Team. After two losses and a couple of injuries the boys struggled in their final game against PNG. It was a long day in the heat and they represented Erindale College with distinction. Congratulations to all the boys who were involved and thank you for giving up your weekend to compete.

AFL Girls Giants Cup
The Erindale Girls AFL Team competed in the Giants Cup on Wednesday the 2nd of April. We had 16 girls participate in the day which consisted of five 30 minute matches.

The team had very little experience in the sport which led to a slow start but by the end of the first game things were starting to click. The first game was won against Gungahlin College 35 – 28. The following 2 games were both convincing victories against Mackillop (42 – 10) & Merici College (34 – 4). Erindale was then up against St Francis in the Semi Final. In a very tough and physical game, Erindale triumphed after coming down to the final few seconds (33-28).

After working our way through to the Grand Final with some very impressive performances, we were met by an undefeated Lake Ginninderra side. Unfortunately, Lake Ginninderra dominated the first half leaving us almost 4 goals down at the break. The girls however, never gave up with the final score reading 40 – 23.

A big congratulation to all the girls who participated!

AFL Giants Cup at Kippax
Erindale College’s AFL boys team played in the first Round of the Giants Cup on 6 May at Kippax. The Giants Cup is NSW/ACT wide event. Tuesday was the ACT Regional day in which 10 schools were involved. Our team played 5 shortened games including a final against Marist.

Results were:

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The team progresses to the 2nd Round with a match in Batemans Bay at a date to be confirmed.

Baseball
Cameron Tilly and Thom Fewson were selected in the U19 ACT Schools Baseball team to play other states in Wollongong during week 12. Aaron Duroux was selected however he was unable to play on account of injury. ACT ended up coming fifth overall.
Salvation Army Red Shield Door Knock Appeal
On Sunday 25th of May the Rugby TSP class volunteered for the Salvation Army Red Shield Door Knock Appeal. In just over 2 hours the group raised $483. A fantastic effort.

A very big thankyou to Matt Cawte, Izaak Cornelius, Riley Hughes, Will Callen, Sione Fualalo, Eddie Jones, Jayden Macken, Curtis Malaeatai, Santi Mills, Sean O’Keefe, Ben Pratt, David Stewart, Isaiah and Jordan Tiktau.

Rugby Tournaments
The Erindale College Rugby TSP squad trained with Caroline Chisholm School’s ‘Ignite Sports Program’ rugby squad in preparation for the upcoming tournaments. Both programs are developing a closer relationship to provide opportunities and a pathway for those students who are dedicated to excellence.

Combined Secondary Colleges Rugby
Congratulations to Will Callen, Swayne Rakete, Eddie Jones and Zac Sullivan on their selection into the Combined Secondary Colleges Rugby team. The boys represented the school and combined public colleges’ team with pride, narrowly losing to ASC South in the final. This 3 way tournament is the main selection process for the ACT Rugby Schoolboys team.

Absences
In accordance with the Board of Senior Secondary Studies policy, it is expected that students will attend all scheduled classes/contact time/structured learning activities for the units in which they are enrolled.

If you are absent from class for one lesson, a day or longer, you will need to bring in a detailed NOTE FROM YOUR PARENT with your full name, dates and/or lines and reasons explaining the absence. A medical certificate is preferred for 3 or more consecutive days for an absence.

Absentee notes from your parent can either be a hand written note or an email sent from the parents work email address.

NOTES/CERTIFICATES MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN FIVE SCHOOL DAYS AFTER ANY ABSENCE.

ADVANCE NOTICE FORM is available from student services if your family is planning a holiday or you have a sporting commitment and MUST be completed prior to your absence.

If your parent rings the school, it is appreciated; however, they will be informed that written documentation is required on return to school.
Excursion Acquittals

**Acquittal – ESA Camp - Term 1 – 2014**
Account/Ledger Code: 8003-ESA-14
Number of students who actually attended the excursion: 50
Estimated cost of the Excursion (based on 50 students): $11,500.00
Income received $11,500.00

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Administration Costs: $ 0.00
Equipment Repairs or Replacement: $ 0.00
Staffing $822.00
Total Cost of Excursion $ 11,575.20
Difference between income received and payments (refund amount) $ -75.20
Amount to be refund per student (nil if less than $10.00/per student) $ 0.00

**Acquittal – RSA Training - Term 1 – 2014**
Account/Ledger Code: 8045-RSA-14
Number of students who actually attended the excursion: 5
Estimated cost of the Excursion (based on 5 students): $275.00
Income received $275.00

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Administration Costs: $ 0.00
Equipment Repairs or Replacement: $ 0.00
Staffing $0.00
Total Cost of Excursion $ 275.00
Difference between income received and payments (refund amount) $ 0.00
Amount to be refund per student (nil if less than $10.00/per student) $ 0.00

**Acquittal – Snorkelling - Term 1 – 2014**
Account/Ledger Code: 8001-SNK-14
Number of students who actually attended the excursion: 8
Estimated cost of the Excursion (based on 12 students): $3,360.00
Income received $2,240.00

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Equipment Repairs or Replacement: $ 0.00
Staffing $0.00
Total Cost of Excursion $ 3,081.83
Difference between income received and payments (refund amount) $ -841.83
Amount to be refund per student (nil if less than $10.00/per student) $ 0.00

**Acquittal – Giants Cup - Term 1 – 2014**
Account/Ledger Code: 8008-GIA-14
Number of students who actually attended the excursion: 21
Estimated cost of the Excursion (based on 20 students): $100.00
Income received $105.00

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Equipment Repairs or Replacement: $ 0.00
Staffing $0.00
Total Cost of Excursion $92.41
Difference between income received and payments (refund amount) $12.59
Amount to be refund per student (nil if less than $10.00/per student) $ 0.00

**Acquittal – Rugby 7’s - Term 1 – 2014**
Account/Ledger Code: 8007-RUG-14
Number of students who actually attended the excursion: 8
Estimated cost of the Excursion (based on 10 students): $150.00
Income received $120.00

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Administration Costs: $ 0.00
Equipment Repairs or Replacement: $ 0.00
Staffing $0.00
Total Cost of Excursion $133.76
Difference between income received and payments (refund amount) $ -13.76
Amount to be refund per student (nil if less than $10.00/per student) $ 0.00

**Acquittal – Rugby 7’s Cooma- Term 1 – 2014**
Account/Ledger Code: 8007-COO-14
Number of students who actually attended the excursion: 16
Estimated cost of the Excursion (based on 16 students): $160.00
Income received $160.00

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Administration Costs: $ 0.00
Equipment Repairs or Replacement: $ 0.00
Staffing $0.00
Total Cost of Excursion $91.92
Difference between income received and payments (refund amount) $68.08
Amount to be refund per student (nil if less than $10.00/per student) $ 0.00
Important dates to remember:

- 9 June Queens Birthday holiday
- 19 + 20 June AST trial
- 4 July last day term 2
- 21 July term 3 starts