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Bulletin

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Message from the Principal

Hi everyone

Welcome to the last Bulletin of 2015 and to the last edition for our lucky Year 12 graduates who will move excitedly into the next and most formidable phase of their life since they started Kindergarten last century!

A very important person who will join them in making a daunting change in their life is Jenny Blackall, our respected, incredible, energetic, passionate and loving Deputy Principal. Jenny has been at Erindale College for 10 years and serving public education for many, many more.

Through this time many thousands of young people have sought her wisdom, her knowledge, her considered and challenging advice, and her caring and sensitive counsel. Indeed, many of them, like all of we colleagues, have enjoyed and treasured her friendship over the years she has given proud and exemplary service to the education community. Actually, the Year 12 graduates and the parent community attending the graduation ceremony on Tuesday December 16th will hear Jenny tell her story about the journey so far and what fears, trepidations and exciting challenges she is facing in 2015 and beyond. Thank you Jenny, we will miss your smiling face and astonishing spirit at Erindale College.

As one major departure occurs in organisations like schools and colleges, a major arrival coincides with it. For us, that major entrance is the exhilarating

admittance of Erindale College into the family of Cambridge International Education (CIE).

For more detailed information go to <http://www.cie.org.uk> to understand what is on offer from mid-2015; or simply Google Cambridge International Education.

Over the last 6 to 8 months our college community has been preparing for the rigorous application and approval process for CIE. Our approval visit occurred early this term and the feedback from our 'inspector' was that our presentation was the best he had seen and we have now been approved as a CIE School, joining more than 10,000 Cambridge schools in over 160 countries worldwide. In fact, Erindale College is the first public education college in Australia and we become one of only 10 CIE schools in our country. This initiative has been approved by our College Board and acknowledged by our School Network Leader on behalf of the Education and Training Directorate.

Our key purpose in taking this step has been to introduce the students of the Tuggeranong Valley and Canberra more broadly to the challenges they face both 'doing school' and graduating into further study or employment pathways in a global context.

The rate of change in our world is unprecedented. We live in a world where people are connected instantly; where business can be conducted from anywhere using hand-held technology; where travel to once distant lands is relatively cheap and easily available; and where employment can lead a young person anywhere. At Erindale College we believe we MUST engage in international education where our students can learn with and about; connect to; be assessed against, students from those other 160 countries that have schools in the CIE family.

We will be holding information sessions for families who might be interested in participating in the Cambridge International Education experience in the early part of 2015.

On a different note, it is wonderful to receive feedback from students and/or parents who have either been enrolled at our college or have had their children enrolled here. I am including a couple of extracts from emails and phone calls I have received in recent weeks about the satisfaction that the senders/callers have had with our college or the success they have achieved.

A recent phone call from a delighted and proud mum;

“Michael, I just wanted to share that my son, Brad Harvey (Erindale College graduate in 2011) has completed Genetics at ANU

and is now commencing Medicine at Flinders University in 2015. This achievement is outstanding especially since Brad’s journey to Flinders has included significant help from his EC English teacher after he graduated.”

And from another very satisfied and proud mum, came this email;

“Good afternoon Michael, I just wanted to send you a quick email thanking you for all you have done for (name removed) over the last 2 years. I understand that on many occasions you were placed in difficult circumstances regarding our son’s enrolment and apologise for this. I am truly impressed with Erindale College and again I thank you and your staff for everything you have done for my son.

BREAKING NEWS!!!!

The Youth Coalition of the ACT and the ACT Minister for Children and Young People, Mick Gentleman, announced the **2014 Young Canberra Citizen of the Year Awards and YOGIE Awards** on Friday 5th December in Civic Square.

The annual Young Canberra Citizen of the Year Awards and YOGIE Awards (YOGIES) have been combined to shine a brighter light on young people and those who provide services to young people.

The Youth Coalition is really excited to be working in partnership with the Minister and the great team from the Community Services Directorate to bring a combined Young Canberra Citizen of the Year and YOGIES Awards Ceremony.

You might know the YOGIES is an annual end of year celebration, and the awards celebrate and recognise the innovative and outstanding workers, programs, services and partnerships that highlight the integral

role the youth sector plays in the Canberra community.

These awards shine a light on inspirational young people who are driving positive change and shaping our community, not only for the future but here and now.

Zoe Winters, Manager of the Erindale College Mindyigari Centre, was nominated for the Outstanding Contribution to Young People Award, and today she was announced the winner. Below she is pictured receiving her award from Minister Mick Gentleman.



Unfortunately for us, Zoe is leaving to pursue her dreams to live and work in London. However, she receives a fabulous send-off from all her friends in the Erindale College and wider Canberra community.

Finally, I want to say thank you to the staff at Erindale College. It is this wonderful team who attend every day to share their expertise and passion and engage our young students in learning, reflecting and thinking about their futures in such positive ways. I look forward to this continuing in 2015.

See all Year 12 at Graduation and to everyone; Merry Christmas and please, stay safe over the festive season.

Regards **Michael Hall**

Staff and parents are invited to attend an NDIS Information Evening regarding processes for Students in Year 7 - 12

Representatives from the *National Disability Insurance Agency* will present an outline of the processes involved in transitioning to the National Disability Insurance Scheme, particularly for students Yrs 7 – 12. This transitioning process commences very early in Term 1.

Representatives from Disability Education will also attend the evening to answer any questions you may have from a school perspective.

Where: Lake Tuggeranong Theatre

When: Monday 8th December 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Who: Parents, carers and interested staff of students in Year 7 – 12

(An information evening for students in Preschool – Year 6 will be held early 2015)

If you have any questions about this evening please contact Marie Uren at Disability Education on 62059696 or marie.uren@act.gov.au

UNIVERSITY AND CIT

APPLICATIONS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

All universities will have information sessions around the time that students receive their ATAR's on the 16th December. These sessions are for students who don't get the ATAR they think they need and also for students wanting more course information.

Students can change their course preference up until the 7th Jan 2015

UNIVERSITY ACCOMODATION

If students are interested in University accommodation 'on campus', they should talk to the University now. Most Universities require a deposit which some will refund if the student doesn't get a place at that university.

CIT APPLICATIONS

All CIT applications are online at www.cit.edu.au and most courses will have information sessions either this

year or early next year. Contact CIT on 62073100 for more information.

Always contact the university or CIT if you have questions.

Stephen Smith - Careers Adviser - Ph. 62058139

Creative Arts News

Semester two has seen year 10, 11 and 12 Creative Arts students flourish as performers and creators. Working hard in the classroom and broader community, 2014 has been a wonderfully busy and productive year for dance, drama, music, photography, media and art: We have performed to prospective 2015 students; performing and visual arts combined to put on a showcase; we have seen year 10 and 11 students continue to grow as performing and visual artists; and experienced the last performances and works from year 12s.



Performance for Year10 Transition Day

On Thursday, October 30th, a small group of Performing Arts Students welcomed the new incoming year 10s by delivering two moving performances. The performances were enjoyed by all the students, many of whom indicated they were very excited by the range of opportunities available to them and the diversity of subjects our school offers.

Year 12 drama student, Marlena Law, presented a solo excerpt from Socrates' "Antigone" and year 11 music students, Kamil Quimio (Vocals/Electric Guitar) and Orlando Manansala (Drums), performed an upbeat version of the pop song "Jenny".

Congratulations to those three lovely students who entertained our incoming year 11s with aplomb.

Dance Fest

In Semester 2 of 2014, the year 11 and 12 dancers of Erindale College were involved in Ausdance ACT's Annual Youth Dance Fest. The theme for this year was Stories. Our Year 12 class worked tirelessly, coming up with the story they wanted to portray. After going back and forth with ideas, they decided on 'The Stories that Link us together'. The piece they created became the story of 3 friends with 3 different stories who stayed linked through the necklace they shared even as they go in different directions in life.

All 25 dancers attended rehearsals outside of class time; early morning technical runs at the theatre; as well as the full day rehearsal and show. On Friday the 19th September the group performed fantastically in front of a large crowd at Canberra Theatre.

Their dedication and commitment is to be commended. Congratulations to all those who were a part of this experience!



Creative Arts Showcase

On the 13th of November some 60 Creative Arts students and their teachers spent the evening showcasing a collection of their works to family, friends and the wider school community.

On stage, a selection of dance, drama and music performances were presented.

The night opened with three intimate musical pieces, starting with Beth Hancock (piano), followed by a vocal piece from Bec Brookhouse, and ending with an original composition by Madi Wallace (vocals and piano).

Following this musical set, Ashlee De Silva's emotionally tragic drama piece explored the despair of a girl whose parents believe she is a sin as they chose to have her out of wedlock. The audience were then charmed by another drama item, by Marlena Law, with a light-

hearted monologue of a young girl leading an army of soft toys into battle.

Dance talent was well-represented with a number of student choreographed pieces: 'When You're Good to Mama', performed and choreographed by Kaitlyn Harris and Teagan McKeague, followed by Tap duo Sami Prior and Melinda Weir, who performed a contemporised version of 'Singing in the Rain'.

ACT ONE was brought to a close by the music students performing two Norah Jones compositions. Vocalists Kate Denniss, Molly Sefton and Madi Wallace were supported by David Low (Piano), Kamil Quimio (Guitar), Ben Lawton (Bass) and Brin Armstrong (Drums) to present these classy Norah Jones Jazz numbers.

The MCs, dancers Chloe Holthuis and Ellie Mason, guided the audience throughout the evening, encouraging them to enjoy the visual art display in the foyer during interval. A collection of photographs, paintings, and sculpture were displayed by art and photography students: Kelsey Aquilina, Tamyka Blewit, Zara Boyd, Bec Brookhouse, Emily Cook, Rhiannon Drysdale, Mariah David, Zoe-Renea Francis, Kaitlyn Harris, Imogen Hurda-King, James Kelly, Harley Langton, Maddie Low, Orlando Manansala, Jesse Risteski, Corinna Robinson, Gina Saleh, Angus Shaw, Blake Shere, Zac Trevillian, Issy Turner, Megan Wilkinson, and Emily Wilson.

After some twenty minutes, and a media presentation of photography students' works, ACT TWO began with some vibrant dance numbers. The colourful props and costumes used in Naomi Eversham's choreographed piece 'Once Upon a Dream' allowed dancers Ashton Cooke, Naomi Eversham, Kaitlyn Harris, Teagan McKeague, Sami Prior and Melinda Weir to pull the audience into a magical, child-like world where toys and dolls came to life.

This work set the tone for the next item, "Nirvana", choreographed and performed by our MCs, which was another example of the fine choreography and performing skills of our dancers at Erindale College.

Another extended musical set followed, commencing with some acoustic work. First, an impressive solo guitar performance from Mitch O'Toole, followed by an acoustic guitar ensemble performance from Curtis Malaetasi, Ben Pratt, Isaiah Tikitau, Jordan Tikitau, with Brin Armstrong on percussion. The acoustic set concluded with a moving vocal performance from Jonathon Pouono, Ron Leapai and Curtis Malaetasi.

The music heated up after this quiet set of songs, moving into the electric world. The first was 'Jenny' performed by Kamil Quimio (Vocals/Guitar) and Orlando Manansala (Drums) followed by John Butler's 'Revolution', performed by a group of boys from the Music Industry Class, including year 11s Mitch O'Toole (Vocals/Guitar) and Zac Murdoch (Drums) and introducing year 10 boys Izaak Cornelius (Guitar) and Zak Cowley-Hilton (Bass).

The last two music items featured performers from the Tertiary Jazz class. 'Cantaloupe Island', and "So What", performed by Ruby Roberts (Piano); Madi Wallace (Piano) and Ben Pratt (Guitar), again supported by Ben Lawton on bass and Brin Armstrong on drums. Congratulations to Brin for his involvement in six performances, highlighting his versatility as a musician.

The evening's performances were then brought to a close with a final ensemble dance piece 'Fever', showcasing the talents of year 11 and 12 dance students of 2014.



The evening ran smoothly with the assistance of all students who worked backstage and in front of house: Jaysson Langford, Ben Lawton, David Low, Chelsea Parker, and Courtney Radanovich did a fantastic job as stagehands. While Emily Dennis, Emilie Caldwell, Imogen Hurda-King, Emily Cook, Luke Deland, Kelly Graham and Corinna Robinson welcomed audience members and helped keep them refreshed through their running of café and front of house.

Promotion for the evening was designed by Imogen Hurda-King and Zoe-Renae Francis and Zoe, a talented media and photography student, filmed the show on the night.

Congratulations to all these students for commitment to their creative arts study throughout semester 2 of 2014 as well as their energy and hard-work on the night of the performance. The evening was a wonderful success!

The showcase team would like to thank the Erindale Theatre staff: Alex Clifford, Tavis Carson and Jas Dugeon for their support on the show as well as all audience members who attended the night.

The Creative Arts Staff look forward to seeing what our student's develop and present in the New Year and wish our leaving year 12 students all the best.

Until next year,

The Creative Arts Team



THE MINDYIGARI YARN



2014 has been a very busy year for the Mindyigari Centre at Erindale College. Students in year 10, 11 and 12 have participated in many educational programs and cultural workshops such as;

- Girls in Construction Lunch at Canberra Institute of Technology
- Women in Defence Force Information Session
- UC 4 Yourself Day
- Royal Australian Air Force Indigenous Youth Program
- Gray Poehnell (Careers) Workshop
- Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) Program
- YWCA Young Indigenous Women's Leadership Conference
- Referring and mentoring at Buroinjin Primary School Competition
- Careers Expo
- ACT Indigenous Success Program – University of Canberra Entrance Pathway
- Australian Catholic University 'Come to Dinner' at Southern Cross Club, Woden
- Essay Writing Workshop with Christine Melican
- Weekly maths tutoring with Helena Matic
- Transition Day and Art Workshop with Linda Huddleston and Real Community Organisation



Students graduating from the year 11 AIME program

AIME is an educational program that supports Indigenous students through high school and into university, employment or further education.



Sarah Sanderson giving Acknowledgment to Country at the Years 10 and 11 Academy Awards

The Transition Day and Art Workshop involved students who are attending Erindale College in 2015. Our current students also participated in the day and acted as mentors for the future students. The aim of the day was to help students become familiar with the college environment, engage with the support that is available in the Mindyigari Centre and connect with other prospective and current students.

Congratulations to all graduating year 10 and year 12 students. Your contribution to and participation in the Mindyigari Centre is valued and your individual talents have added to the success of the centre. We wish you all the best for your future endeavours and we extend an open invitation to return and share your stories. For all ongoing students we look forward to working with you next year to continue your success at Erindale College.

To all parents, carers and families thank you for your continuing support throughout the year. Erindale College values your contribution and wishes all of you a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to working with you in 2015.



Canberra Landscape - photo taken in 2014 by graduating year 12 student, George House

Zoe Winters

Mindyigari Centre Manager

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the ACT and their continuing connection to land and community. We pay our respect to them and their culture, and to the elders both past and present.

Congratulations to Megan Wilkinson

who is one of sixteen students selected from around the nation – two from each state and territory – to participate in the National Summer Art Scholarship in 10 to 17 January 2015. The scholarship program offers an opportunity to engage with the staff at the National Gallery of Australia, Canberra as well as other arts professionals, artists and peers from around the nation.

The scholarship includes:

- the opportunity to experience the NGA’s dynamic environment and meet the visual arts professionals who work there.
- Accommodation at the 4-star hotel The Brassey of Canberra, will all meals and celebratory dinner.
- Free membership for 2015 and entry to summer exhibits

We wish Megan all the best,

Anne Thirion | SLC Creative Arts Academy

Year 12 Formal

Wednesday 26th November @ Old Parliament House



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Pierre De Coubertin Award ***Joshua White***



*Academic Excellence
Award **Lateisha Jarius***



*Sports Star Female:
Georgia Baff*



*Sports Star Male: **Isaac Dean***



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Isaac Dean, Kylie Robson, Josh White, George House, Ben Pratt, Georgia Baff, Nicola Torley, Evan Fowler, Raven Leatherby-Ford, Joshua McGovern, Lauren Keir, Jordan Tsekenis, Ethan French



*Squad of
the Year
**Rugby
League***

Sports News

Mixed Touch Team

Congratulations to our school mixed touch team who won the intercollege touch competition on 6th November.

The competition has been running every Thursday this term and our school team has gone through undefeated to make it back to back titles.

In what felt like a scorching hot summers day Erindale had to firstly play Dickson in the semi-final and after going down 1 nil early in the first half some stern words from Sean 'the armadillo' Connochie inspired the team to come back and win 11-1. In the final Erindale played against Lake G and although the score line suggested a close game it was a one sided affair with Erindale taking the chips and chocolates winning 4-2.



Well done to those students involved.

Daniel Hawke

Physical Education Teacher
Rugby Coordinator

ACT Athletics November 6 at the AIS

Congratulations to the following students who excelled at the ACT Athletics carnival recently.

Special mentions to:

Kristy Martens who won the U17 100m

Courtney Leary who won the U17 Long Jump and Triple Jump

Jared Hearn who won the U17 400m

All results are listed below

Finals			
Erindale			
1 Bardsley, Brandon - Male - Comp#:	2:06.38	(4)	
#34 Boys 16 800Meter Run	4:44.14	(3)	
#58 Boys 16 1500 Meter Run			
2 Beatman, Aidan - Male - Comp#:	58.68	(3)	
#72 Boys 17 400Meter Dash			
4 Hearn, Jared - Male - Comp#:	54.06	(1)	
#72 Boys 17 400Meter Dash			
5 Jacoby, Hannah - Female - Comp#:			
#119 Girls 17 Javelin Throw 500gm	17.89m	(3)	*
6 Leary, Courtney - Female - Comp#:			
#23 Girls 17 200 Meter Dash	29.38	(5)	
#47 Girls 17 100 Meter Dash	13.87	(2)	
#131 Girls 17 Long Jump	4.74m	(1)	*
#143 Girls 17 Triple Jump	10.27m	(1)	*
7 Martens, Kristy - Female - Comp#:			
#23 Girls 17 200 Meter Dash	27.72	(2)	
#47 Girls 17 100 Meter Dash	13.54	(1)	
8 McQueen, Anthony - Male - Comp#:			
#132 Boys 17 Long Jump	5.01m	(9)	*
#144 Boys 17 Triple Jump	10.62m	(5)	*
9 Shaw, Angus - Male - Comp#:			
#24 Boys 17 200Meter Dash	23.45	(4)	
#48 Boys 17 100Meter Dash	12.01	(4)	

Mark Armstrong

Talented Sports Program Co-ordinator




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HOME STAY ACCOMODATION NEEDED

The Education and Training Directorate HAS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO REQUIRE HOMESTAY PLACEMENTS

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CRICOS Registration Number 00643J ABN 71506957312

Erindale College Participates in Asian Cup Football Coaching Clinic

Tim Cahill Academy's Head Coach **Robbie Anderson** ran a session with our girls and boys squads on the 24th November.



Robbie has been the coach at Everton FC Academy for the past 14 years and included coaching players such as Tim Cahill, Jack Rodwell and Wayne Rooney.



The students enjoyed their session with Robbie and came away with new skills and ideas about practicing for football. He has a wealth of experience and shared some tips with squad leaders Tracey Marris and Tim Davies.



Erindale Travel to Sydney for Football

Erindale College's Boys and Girls Football sides have made two trips to Sydney to play against Hills Sports High and Endeavour Sports High. Playing some of the top teams in NSW was a great challenge for our players. The Girls Basketball Side also joined us for the second trip.



Standouts for the girl's side were **Lauren Keir** and **Kristy Helmers**. With the squad performing significantly better in the second trip. It was great to see the girls lift their performance and they never gave up.



Important dates to remember:

- 9 December Yr 10 Formal
- 16 December Yr 12 Breakfast
- 16 December Yr 12 full Rehearsal
- 16 December Yr 12 Graduation
- Year 10 + 11 start 2 Feb 2015
- Year 12 start 3 Feb 2015

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