Hello again.

Last week I was fortunate to attend the awards ceremony with three Year 12 students as they received their Capital Chemist Scholarship of $1000. These fabulous ambassadors were celebrated with students from every other Canberra public college and the citations for our students demonstrated how our students are exemplary academic and community leaders of the highest calibre.

Sarah Fowler, Peter Mason and Matt Vardanega are pictured opposite receiving their awards from the Minister for Education Shane Rattenbury and the Capital Chemist sponsor. All three are looking forward to spending their gift on things that will help them succeed in Year 12. Congratulations.

Our Year 10 students in the Cambridge International Education; Summit Maths and Science; and Talented Sports Program and their parents have given us tremendous feedback on their impressions so far. The students rated their satisfaction extremely highly with 97% being satisfied or very satisfied and the other 3% have not yet decided. 100% have enjoyed being in a college setting and 86% believe they have benefitted from being in their program—and again, the other 14% have yet to decide. Also, over 96% believe their teachers offer them significant challenge and help them pursue a successful outcome.

Over half the parents responded to the survey and 100% of these parents believe their child is enjoying the Year 10 programs. Over 86% of these parents would recommend the programs to others and the other 14% are reserving their judgement at this stage. Over 92% are satisfied with the program so far and again, the balance of the respondents are yet to decide.

It is extremely satisfying that these two stories reveal that we are offering successful opportunities for different groups of students. And, importantly, if you have a reason not to be satisfied, please tell us so we can work together to fix the problem.

This week and next provide the first real feedback periods for our students as major assessment tasks become due. Students MUST talk to their teachers if matters arise that interfere with their task completion. Avoidance is NOT a successful strategy!

Kind regards; Michael
**A C A D E M I C  O U T R E A C H  P R O G R A M  P R O V I D E D  B Y  A N U  S C H O O L  O F  A R T**

The two drawing dynamics workshops were presented to Years 11 and 12 Visual Art students on the 22 and 23 of February by ANU lecturers Erica Secombe and Jennifer Robertson.

Each workshop spanned two hours focussing on still life in colour, shape and composition while providing the experience of a university level art class.

We wish to thank Erica and Jennifer for this stimulating opportunity for the Visual Art students.

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**O N E  F O R  T H E  C O L O U R  R U N**

On Sunday 28th of February enthusiastic staff members from Erindale College participated in the 2016 Colour Run. Advertised as the happiest 5 kilometres on the planet, teachers walked, ran and ducked through liquid, foam and coloured powder! In an effort to promote the importance of a happy and healthy lifestyle, The Colour Run was the first of many events to be undertaken by staff this year. Stay tuned!

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**F R E N C H  C U L T U R A L  E V E N T**

On Friday 11th of March, the International Studies Academy held a cultural event for students studying French. Erindale currently offers a variety of French units with Year 10 students studying French under the Cambridge International Curriculum and Year 11 and 12 students studying French at both Beginner and Continuers levels under the ACT Curriculum.

This year, to coincide with the Alliance Française French Film Festival we decided to run a film event of our own. Students watched the 2011 film *The Intouchables* which tells the story of an unlikely friendship between two Parisian men, one of whom is quadriplegic. Students sampled a variety of French foods including croissants, pain au chocolat, baguettes as well as brie and camembert cheeses while watching the film in the school theatrette.
Dear parent/carer

Information on the Year 10 / 11 Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) Trial

The ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS) in cooperation with the West Australian School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) will be conducting a trial of the OLNA at Erindale College for Year 10 and 11 students on various days between 8th and 24th March 2016.

The BSSS is interested in evaluating these tests as a means of identifying those students who may require support in their senior secondary studies. Currently, Year 9 NAPLAN results are used by most schools for this purpose. However as this information was obtained earlier, the BSSS is investigating the provision of more recent data.

The results of the OLNA will be given to individual students, their parents/carers and to their school. The results will NOT be reported on the students’ Year 10 Certificate or Senior Secondary Certificate or on their school reports. The BSSS will work with the schools involved in the trial to evaluate the usefulness of the test.

The OLNA has been developed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority in Western Australia and is already in use in that state. The OLNA has three components – reading, writing and numeracy. We will be trialling the reading and numeracy components only. The reading and numeracy components comprise 45 multiple-choice questions and the tests are completed online but in exam settings. Students are allowed 45 minutes for each assessment. The table below provides a quick guide to each component.

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Yours Sincerely
Michael Hall
Principal

COMPULSORY ASSEMBLIES FOR STUDENTS

On Tuesday 5 April in week 10 the college will conduct two separate compulsory assemblies for all students.

The assemblies will split boys and girls with the first session for all boys at 9.45 -12 during line 4 and all girls 12 – 2.45 during line 7.

A special guest presenter, Brent Sanders, will be touching on a number of subjects including peer pressure, sexual harassment and making good decisions. Brent is an ex-police officer and regularly delivers keynote presentations to schools and universities around Australia using real life examples to explore the background to decisions young people take. Brent has presented to over 350,000 people in Australia and engages, inspires and motivates with his unique and entertaining presentations. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn and consider many of his important points.
THE CLASS ACT TRAINING RESTAURANT

The Class Act Training Restaurant has had a healthy overhaul over the holiday break and we are now ready to cater for you in 2016.

In term 1 so far we have provided two full days of catering, once for the Australian Secondary Principal's Association, and a second for an ACT Principals workshop. We have recommenced our cafes on a Thursday and Friday and we are receiving very positive feedback for our new menus. The dedicated catering team has run the canteen at the Rugby 9’s Carnival at Seiffert Oval and we are looking forward to booking many more catering events in the upcoming weeks.

Meg Lennard & Megan Kenny Erindale Hospitality

STUDENTS GET MONEYSMART AT ERINDALE COLLEGE

Students at Erindale College are learning how to manage money and become smarter consumers through a national program developed by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).

ASIC’s MoneySmart Teaching program provides teachers with professional development, classroom resources and a whole school model for excellence in consumer and financial literacy education – known as MoneySmart Schools.

Erindale College has recently registered as a MoneySmart School and will introduce students to the financial principles of planning, saving, spending, donating and investing. Through ASIC’s MoneySmart Teaching, students apply money management principles to real life.

ASIC’s MoneySmart Teaching is also focussed on building the capability of teachers, both professionally and personally, so that they can confidently teach consumer and financial literacy education in the classroom. Teachers will undertake professional development and make use of classroom resources all linked to the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and the Australian Curriculum.

ASIC Chairman, Greg Medcraft, said schools, teachers and families play a critical role in educating young Australians about money.

‘By working with schools and families to educate the next generation, we’ll improve the consumer and financial literacy of all Australians. I’m delighted with the support ASIC’s MoneySmart Teaching program is receiving nationally and encourage schools, teachers and families to use the free resources on ASIC’s MoneySmart website.’

For further information on Erindale College and their role as a MoneySmart School, please contact Ruth Edge on 61422977.

We are a MONEYSMART School

Helping young people be MoneySmart
**Cambridge IGCSE**

Cambridge IGCSE is the world’s most popular international qualification for 14 to 16 year olds and is recognised by leading universities and employers worldwide. This year our IGCSE students are in the second and final year of their study in Mathematics, English-Literature, Science, French and Global Perspectives.

In November the students will be undertaking external exams which will give them an international ranking in these subjects. The assessment for Global Perspectives has already begun with students currently working on their individual research essay.

**Cambridge AS Levels**

In 2016 Erindale College decided to offer the Cambridge subjects in conjunction with BSSS accredited courses. Students in the Cambridge pathway are currently studying subjects which include Mathematics, English-Literature, Physics, Chemistry and Global Perspectives and Research. Students select up to 4 subjects at the AS level which is equivalent to two semesters of study. To help students cope with the additional demands, tutorials are running on Monday afternoon for English and Friday morning for Physics and Chemistry. Tutorials in Mathematics will commence in term 2.

**Enrol in Cambridge**

Erindale College is offering Cambridge International Education courses for the IGCSE and AS Levels in 2016/17, catering for students in years 9, 10, 11.

Parents and students interested in the 2017 Cambridge Program for Years 9, 10 and 11 are also invited to attend the Erindale College Open Night on Thursday 12 May. This night will give you the opportunity to meet and discuss pathways and opportunities with Cambridge teachers, in addition to picking up an application pack.

Applications for Semester 2 2016 for year 9 students will open on Monday 4th April. Contact Amy Smith if you wish to discuss any matter on 61422977 or at amy.smith@ed.act.edu.au

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**Biology Field Trip**

The Year 11 Biology students have attended a field trip as part of their Biodiversity and Connectedness investigation assignment. They collected, identified and counted the macro-invertebrates (water bugs), completed a transect assessing the habitat quality of the Riparian zone using RARC on the Murrumbidgee River at Pine Island and the urban water quality pond, Stranger Pond, in Bonython.

The students have assessed the catchment health of each site working with Martin Lind from the Southern ACT Catchment Group who has assisted with materials, expertise and explained the importance of the Catchment Health indicator Program (CHIP) for understanding the water quality and pollution within our region.

Students were able to find very sensitive water bugs called Mayfly and Caddisfly larvae at both sites. Stranger Pond had a large number of shrimps and yabbies while Pine Island had a wide variety of types of True Bugs. They made final calculations using the CHIP to evaluate the sites.
CAREERS INFORMATION

The Careers and Transitions team at Erindale College is made up of Vanessa Sargeant and Stephen Smith; we have offices in eKnex opposite the Library. We are both available throughout the week, but ask students to make an appointment, so that we can devote a reasonable amount of time to each student.

Students from Erindale have forged careers across all aspects of the job market. Two areas where Erindale has been very successful is students gaining traineeships in the Public Service and apprenticeships that are organised whilst students are completing Yr 12. For the Public Service a well rounded education is essential, the ability to work with others in team situations, and evidence of social and community involvement. Targeted Work Experience has been very useful in assisting students gain apprenticeships in many fields.

Work experience is a very valuable way for students to get a good understanding of what particular jobs involve. Students are able to do work experience throughout the year, and they must organise it through the College. Careers staff need to be given ample time to organise the required paper work.

With large numbers of Erindale students gaining entrance to universities around Australia it is not too early for current students to begin thinking about the process. Most universities select students from their ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank); students receive this score at the end of Year 12 if they have studied a ‘Tertiary Package’. This year the minimum required by the University of Canberra was approximately 65 and for ANU, 80. Although there are no compulsory subjects that students must include in their package, all universities expect that students have studied English and Maths and they look favourably on subjects that align with their chosen university course. Some universities have a formalised process of bonus points for particular subjects while others have a less formalised approach, hence the approximation of some entry cut-offs. Victorian universities require an English tertiary major.

Many universities have alternative pathways into some courses and students should research any courses they are interested in. Many courses also require an audition, portfolio or some form of interview; this is especially so for most Arts or Drama courses. Students should start preparing for these courses early in the year.

Medicine, dentistry and some other medical courses require students to sit the UMAT test, an undergraduate medical admissions test. This test is held in July and it is essential for students to do well in this test for them to have any chance of getting into an undergraduate Medical course. Students must register prior to the test. www.umat.acer.edu.au

Some useful websites are:
www.myfuture.edu.au
www.skillsroad.com.au
www.jobs.act.gov.au

Careers information and updates are provided weekly in the student newsletter and through Google Classrooms. We have a range of activities designed to get students thinking about their future, including guest speakers and presenters throughout the year. We would encourage all students to make an appointment to come and see us in eKnex and all parents and carers are welcome to make contact.

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**Music enjoyed at Goodwin Village**

On Wednesday 16 March, a group of music students from the college went to sing for the residents at Goodwin Village. Congratulations and thank you to (from right) Francis, Nazarine, Anna and Jofi for their beautiful singing and playing, which was enjoyed by many residents, including one lady who was 101 years old! They were wonderful ambassadors of our college and I was very proud of them. Two more groups of students will be going to perform in week 8 and week 9, performing songs they have been working on in class this semester.

*Sandy France (Music Teacher)*

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**Sometimes a school bus has a break down**

From time to time school buses may break down and require a replacement bus to be called. On these occasions drivers will ask students to remain on the bus until the replacement bus arrives. This may result in some delay but it is a much safer option than children leaving the bus. Parents may wish to remind their son or daughter to ensure they stay on the bus on these occasions.

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**Erindale Defeats Hallam Secondary College**

On March 16 Erindale played Hallam Secondary College from Melbourne in an AFL match. The game was held at Allinsure Park in Queanbeyan.

This is the third consecutive year the 2 teams played each other. For the first time Erindale won the match, 8.15. (63) to 3.5. (23). Best on ground was Tyler Van Luin. Other notable performers were Matt Vardanega, Bailey Greenwood, Kodi Stevens, Cliff Taylor and Brad Stevens.

Thanks to the Queanbeyan Tigers for allowing access to the ground. Both teams enjoyed a lunch and short presentation at the Tigers Club.

Thanks also to AFL Canberra for providing 2 very competent umpires.
**Girls Softball**

A big congratulations to the Erindale Girls Softball team who finished Runners Up in the ACT College carnival.

The girls went down to Lake Ginninderra College 3-2 in the Grand Final. A strong, elite pitcher from Lake G meant that getting on base was a tough ask, however a great start gave us this opportunity and we led going into the 3rd innings. Unfortunately a big hit that would have required a specky catch was narrowly missed and it gave Lake G the chance to steal the win.

The girls were great on the day. Thanks also to the boys who came out and assisted with some coaching and umpiring throughout the day:


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**Sportstars Competing Overseas**

*Ever thought of taking your sport overseas? Combine sport with University? A US scholarship maybe?*

*Here are two Erindale graduates that are doing that right now.*

*Please see Mark Armstrong in the Erindale Sports Academy for more information.*

**US Scholarships**

- **Daniel Linstead**
  Erindale College 2014 graduate.

  During 2014, Erindale College student Daniel Linstead and his family worked with Australian based US college sports recruiters Upper 90 College APAC, to help pave a way for Daniel to fulfil his dream of playing collegiate soccer in the USA.

  Over the course of a few months, Daniel, and the Upper 90 APAC team worked diligently with the college soccer coaches who were interested in Daniel; fielding conference calls between these coaches and Daniel and his parents. After weighing up all the options, Daniel made a commitment to Hastings College in Nebraska, USA; a 4 year, liberal arts university, with a history in collegiate athletics.

  Daniel appeared in 21 matches in the 2015 season scoring a goal against Doane College. This was a phenomenal start for an international Freshman, especially one hailing from Australia at a very competitive college soccer program. We look forward in hearing more of Daniel’s success as he continues his college soccer career in the USA.

- **Kristy Helmers**
  Erindale College 2014 graduate.

  Kristy Helmers, a 170cm forward from Canberra, Australia will join the Colonels for the upcoming season. Helmers was named her team’s MVP in both 2013 and 2014. She was also a shadow player for the under 19s Australian school girls team in 2013 and 2014. Additionally, Helmers won the All Rounder award and had the highest academic scores on her team in 2014. She was a member of the Tuggeranong United club soccer squad.

  "We are excited to have another Aussie join our program," Harrison said. "In the time we have spent with Kristy so far this semester we can already tell she is a smart, mature and dedicated student-athlete. Kristy is a true number nine and we will look for her to play that role all spring. The extra time she will spend in the classroom, weight room and on the field this spring will allow her to be ready to compete immediately in the fall."
**College 7s**

On Wednesday 2 March the college entered 4 teams into the ACT Brumbies College 7’s Gala Day.

It was an extremely successful day with Erindale winning both divisions defeating Canberra College 40-5 in the boys and Lake Ginninderra College 30-5 in the girls. The second girls team finished 3rd and the second boys team lost in the final of the plate.

On top of their sporting success every student who attended was extremely well behaved and many students volunteered to help other schools if they were short or who had received injuries throughout the day.

Player of the day boys – Riley Hughes

Player of the day girls – Elana Sliwinski

A big thank you to Clint Codey and his media students who helped film and document the day.

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**Erindale College Students excel in BMX**

Last week Nik Rose (Year 12) and Felicia Thomas (Year 10) both competed at the BMX National Championships in Bathurst, while Mikayla Rose (Year 10) was unable to ride due to recent surgery (broken collar bone).

Nik rode in the 17-24 year age class and made his way through the heats winning convincingly, progressing to his first ever National Championships Final. He placed 5th in Australia.

Felicia Thomas raced in the 15 year girls class and made it through to the semi-final.

Mikayla was unable to contest the National Title or race in the final double points round of the National Series, however based on her results in previous rounds she managed to come away with 3rd Place in the National Series. Felicia finished 4th in the National Series.

Well done Nik, Felicia and Mikayla.

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**Jackson Frew**

Jackson, an elite Mountain Biker is a member of the Individual Squad for our TSP.

You may have seen Monday nights story on WIN news..... Jackson won the National Series event in Toowoomba for Junior Men. This win wrapped up the National Series where he will be crowned as National Champion.

Jackson is a member of the GT Factory Team and will travel the Globe throughout 2016 on the World Cup circuit.
Recently we had a visit from 4 GWS players; former No.1 draft selection Lachie Whitfield, as well as Matthew Kennedy, Jarrod Picket and Patty McKenna.

The players spoke with a large contingent of our Talented Sports Program.

The players reflected on their journey from High School students to the AFL. The TSP students asked many questions around training requirements, nutrition, life balance and goal setting.

Earlier that day the AFL squad worked with other GWS players Sam Reid, Adam Thomlinson and Adam Kennedy in running a clinic for local primary school students.

Both activities were well received and we thank GWS for their involvement.

Mark Armstrong
Talented Sports
Co-Ordinator

Tegan Gaughran OZTAG Player

Tegan Gaughran is a Year 12 student who has excelled in all aspects of her studies here at Erindale College. She has been a strong contributor to the TSP Basketball Squad since joining in Year 10. She is also a very talented Oztag player. At the end of 2015 she was selected in the mixed U20’s Australian team. She is set to tour New Zealand with the squad to participate as a player in a Trans-Tasman series commencing on 1 April. This is a notable achievement for Tegan who has worked extremely hard for the past 3 years in local Oztag competitions and has repeatedly been selected as an ACT Representative and team captain in both Junior and Senior League National Championships.

Well done Tegan.

(pictured front row, 3rd from the right in a recent Erindale Rugby 7s team)

Australian Youth Boys Sevens Rugby

Congratulations to Isaiah Latu who has been selected in the Australian Youth Boys Sevens squad. Isaiah was selected on the back of his outstanding performance at nationals in December last year and will now travel to the NSW Academy of Sport in April to try and make the final Australian team. To prepare for the camp Isaiah has been working one-on-one with NRC’s Canberra Viking Dan Penca who has donated his time to help. Good luck Isaiah and thank you Dan for your support.

Daniel Hawke
Physical Education Teacher
**FORMER STUDENT MAKES A STRONG START CHASING HIS DREAM**

Harry Leddy, former captain of the Erindale Rugby League team recently signed a two-year contract with South Sydney. In their first game of the year Souths u20s played the St. George-Illawarra Dragons in the curtain raiser to their clubs’ annual first-grade Charity Shield game.

In the press release of any game it’s an achievement to be named once, but in the first game of the season to be named three times as Harry was, is an indication of a major contribution to the team.

While at Erindale Harry always led by example in the Rugby League program run by coach Matt Adams, and would often speak of his desire to work hard to try to make a career in the NRL.

We hope this is an indication of things to come.

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**WEEKEND SUCCESS**

On Saturday the Erindale Rugby 7’s team entered a team into the inaugural Grammar 7’s competition held at Greenway. Continuing on from their success at the ACT Brumbies 7’s the team went through this competition undefeated and were crowned champions.

A big thank you to all the boys who gave up their Saturday to play they were excellently behaved and played some terrific running rugby. Riley Hughes of Year12 was named player of the tournament.

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**Congratulations to Elana Sliwinski** who has been selected in the NSW u17’s Girls Oztag team.

She will now compete in the State of Origin against Queensland in June.
Healthy Eatery
Open Mondays and Tuesdays

@ Recess
Bring a gold coin as a donation
For Toasties (cheese, ham), pikelets & milkshakes, soup in Winter

• 21-23 March Cross Line Testing
• 25 – 28 March Easter
• 31 March Year 12T AST Mini Trial
• 7 April Parent Teacher Evening
• 8 April last day – term break begins
• 25 April ANZAC DAY
• 26 April first day term 2