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Message from the Principal

Hello everyone and welcome to the all but last copy of the Bulletin for 2014. However, it is the edition that connects with many of our Year 12 students completing their formal years of schooling; the last opportunity to hear the words of wisdom from me; an educator for just on 40 years. Wow; I guess that makes me 'old'?

However, I still cannot stop asking our Year 12 students the question, "What are you going to do in January 2015, when you don't have to get out of bed anymore to go to school?"

This question is a most confronting one and one that most young people don't really want to think about. Yes, many indicate they will "go to uni", or "get a job" or "have a year off and travel", or a myriad of other things; BUT, many haven't really thought about the major change that finishing Year 12 brings to their life. The changes in daily activity; in their social life and with their friendship groups as each person heads in a different direction; in the need to earn a living and manage their own financial matters; all of these aspects of life and more, make these next few weeks and months, worthy of some deep consideration.

One aspect that I also remind students about is the different world into which they now enter. Today is very different to the world which I entered as a fresh-faced teenager (last century) and I suggest, vastly different also to the world that our parent group encountered.

One huge difference that our 2014 graduates will face is the globalised nature of the workplace. Recent research

identified that Australia is the third most popular destination in the world for international students pursuing tertiary studies (OECD, 2012). Also of interest, some 14,000 overseas students attended primary and high schools in Australia (Commonwealth Department of Education 2014) making this 'market' a growing one with great significance for us all.

Education has often been touted as the third largest export trade product after Iron Ore and Coal and hence, this 'globalisation' of our education sector shapes a different 'world-of-work' for our students. Our graduates will be competing in an international marketplace for university or training places and for jobs. However, in such an environment, opportunities arise for our graduates. Now they are able to study and / or work in overseas destinations. Now, they can secure careers or training places with companies that have an international perspective rather than a local one. These are interesting times indeed to be leaving college.

So, I urge our students to lift their gaze to capture the full brilliance of this world and the opportunities offered them in it. I challenge them to consider what they are truly capable of and to let nothing stop them from achieving their dreams.

As one Roman Emperor, Marcus Aurelius once declared....

"The universe is transformation. Our life is what our thoughts make it."

Regards Michael Hall



Erindale College Science and Maths Enrichment Day



On 19 August Erindale College held a Science and Maths Enrichment Day.

After finishing the fun science experiments the students participated in the rigorous maths challenge on the same day.

The competition was designed with four different maths challenge tasks. The first challenge was a group contest. The students attempted this task with their groups. In this contest they had to answer three questions in a limited time.

After this contest the students had their lunch break. A big thank you to the executive teacher Ruth Edge who organised the pizza and a huge thank you to the front office people who organised the food and the drink on time.

The second task was an individual contest. The students had to answer ten questions individually with three minute intervals.

The third contest was a relay competition. The students tried this challenge in pairs with a little help from the runner as well.

And the lucky last competition was a group contest. The

students were asked to find the hidden rule that formed a series of x and y values. The students had a lot of fun guessing the rule.

It was great to see the Year 12 students mentoring the Year 10 students. Overall the students had a terrific day by participating in each of the contests. The day was a great success.

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Earth Science Mount Stromlo Observatory Open Night Report

On Friday the 5th of September the Earth Science students currently studying Astronomy attended the final Public Open Night where they packed into the small presentation rooms with hundreds of other members of the public to hear from Nobel Prize Laureate Professor Brian Schmidt.

Professor Schmidt spoke about his past work to determine that the universe is expanding more rapidly than in the past and his current project to map the southern hemisphere skies in far greater detail than the past, as well as giving a general overview of the universe.

On arrival at 7pm the students heard from Dr Emma Kirby about meteors, asteroids and comets. Students were able to use the Canberra Astronomical Societies telescopes to view the moon, Saturn and its rings, Alpha Centauri the nearest cluster of stars and one of the brightest of the pointers at the Southern Cross.

Back in the first week of this term the students were able to have guest speaker visit the school from the Mount Stromlo observatory and an employee of NASA and ANU, Dr Brad Tucker. He gave both the Earth Science and the Year 10 Science students an overview of the universe, what it is made of and what is expected to occur in the future. The Students saw Dr Brad again as he is an organiser and regular speaker at the Public open nights.



The students had a great experience hearing from several other speakers on a variety of topics and would recommend the Public Open Nights to everyone.

'Onesie' Day at Erindale College

Erindale College students and staff participated in a 'Onesie' Day on Tuesday September 24th to support the Salvos with their Couch Project; a project to raise money for thousands of young Australians sleeping on the streets every night. The Salvos will help many of them, providing meals, blankets, safe refuges, counselling and access to training and employment programs.



For more background and informed video go to: <http://www.thecouchproject.com.au/>

Thank you to the students and staff for their generous donation the final total raised was \$290.00.

Anne Thirion | Creative Arts Academy



Unique Student Identifier (USI) Vocational Education and Training (VET)

From 1 January 2015 the Australian Government requires all students undertaking vocational training (VET) to have a **Unique Student Identifier (USI)**. Vocational training includes VET courses studied whilst at school in addition to any vocational courses provided by other Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) such as Responsible Service of Alcohol, Asbestos Awareness Training or First Aid. This 10 number and letter identifier will allow students to access their VET training records and results as a transcript from 2016 and beyond from their online USI account. Students often need to provide evidence of their academic achievements when applying for a job or to undertake further study so it is important that all students apply for a USI from October 2014. As of 1 January 2015 a student must have a USI prior to a vocational qualification or statement of attainment being issued.

What will happen to my USI?

VET Staff at Erindale College will enter the USI into MAZE the ACT Education and Training Directorate student management system. It will also be accessible by the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies who issue vocational certificates and Statements of Attainment for all ACT colleges and report to the Australian Government on vocational outcomes.

How do students apply for a USI from October 2014?

METHOD 1

Go to the USI website usi.gov.au and follow the steps below:

Step 1 – Have at least one and preferably two forms of ID ready.

- Birth Certificate (Australian)
- Driver's Licence
- Medicare Card
- Australian Passport
- Visa (with Non- Australian Passport) for international students
- Certificate of Registration by Descent
- Citizenship Certificate
- Immi Card

Step 2 – Have preferred contact details ready (e.g. email address, mobile number or home address).

Step 3 – Select the 'Create a USI' and 'Create your USI now' links and follow the steps.

Step 4 – Agree to the Terms and Conditions.

Step 5 – Follow the instructions. Upon completion the USI will be displayed on the screen and it will also be sent to the preferred contact method (e.g. email address, mobile number or home address).

Step 6 – You should write down, print off or save the USI and keep it handy and safe. This will be your USI forever and you will need it when undertaking any vocational education and training in the future so ensure that you can locate it when required.

Step 7 – Forward your USI to **Erindale College by email to info@erindalec.act.edu.au** (please put USI in the subject box). **Staff will need to verify your USI.** Once you have forwarded your USI please bring a copy of the ID forms you used to apply for this number to student services. This can then be entered into the MAZE student management system. If you require assistance please see the VET co-ordinator or staff in e-knex (student services).

METHOD 2

Erindale College can assist you to apply for a USI. More details on procedures for this will be provided at a later date.

Contact Lyndall Henman (VET Coordinator) on 62056073 or lyndall.henman@ed.act.edu.au should you have any questions or concerns.

YOU CAN WATCH A SHORT YOUTUBE VIDEO WHICH EXPLAINS THE USI

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRyaaF-B7Ho>



Biology Field Trip

The Year 11 Biology students have attended 3 field trips over the first three weeks of Term four as part of their Ecosystems and Populations investigation assignment. They completed waterwatch studies of the physical and chemical properties of the water, collected, identified and counted the macro-invertebrates (water bugs), completed a transect assessing the habitat quality of the Riparian zone using RARC during the first 2 weeks in a variety of weather conditions including the adverse weather on the 14th of October dealing with the 7°C weather and rainfall well.



The students are assessing and comparing the catchment health of the Murrumbidgee River at Pine Island and the urban water quality pond, Stranger Pond in Bonython. To do this they have worked 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 highly sensitive water bugs called Stonefly larvae at Pine Island and other sensitive water bugs including Damselfly, mayfly, caddis fly and dragonfly nymphs at both sites. 8 of the students showed commitment to attend the early morning Platypus and Frogwatch session, arriving on site at 5:30 AM, with several students believing they saw platypus and a native water rat known as the Rakali; however weren't able to obtain photographic evidence. The remaining students attended the evening session mainly to listen for Frogs which are more active in the 2 hours after sunset and were able to identify 5 different frog species from their distinctive calls at Stranger Pond. They also observed both sites for Rakali and Platypus however no confirmed sightings were made. They are now making final calculations using the CHiP to compare the two sites.

Bradley Wilken

Science Teacher



New CNC Router in Furniture Construction



This semester in furniture construction has seen a hive of activity surrounding the use of our new CNC Router. The pictures you see here are of different projects that were created using this machine.

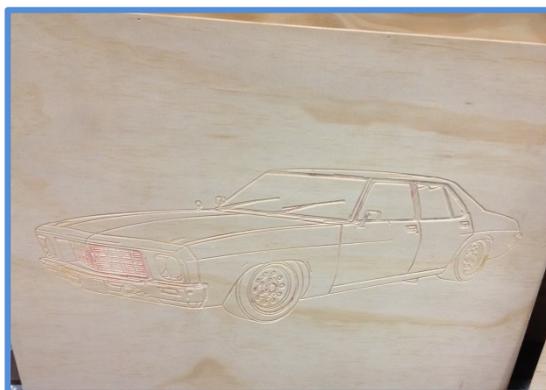


It can cut almost anything and any shape to within 0.01mm. I have tried to encourage my students to cut different emblems or shapes but I have also produced some real products - like the spice rack and coffee table pictured.

If you have an eye for good design, and are willing to learn a little bit about drawing using programs like Sketchup, you can fairly easily cut anything up to an impressive 1.2 x 1m.



Come and speak to Nick in the Innovation and Enterprise Academy if you're interested in making something with the CNC Router or better yet add furniture construction to your class choice for next semester.



Nick Collins
Furniture Teacher

Save the Date

YEAR 10 FORMAL

DATE: Tuesday 9th December
ARRIVAL: Arrival from 6:30pm
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Sports News

Success @ Whistler

Jackson Frew recently returned from Whistler in Canada where he competed in a number of Junior Elite (16-18yrs) Mountain Biking events. These events are international events with competitors from North America, Japan, and Europe (Italy and Spain in particular).

His results were

- Gabonzo 3rd
- Air Downhill 4th
- Dual Slalom 1st
- Canadian Open 3rd

Congratulation Jackson



Intercollege Oztag Grand Final

On Thursday 4th September Erindale 1 squared off against Erindale 2 in a very competitive and entertaining grand final of the Intercollege Oztag Competition.



After taking a 9-4 lead early in the second half, Erindale 1 looked to have locked up the chips and chocolates. But in a gutsy performance, and even playing a man down, Erindale 2 came back although eventually losing 10-9.

It was great to have both teams in the grand final and shows the depth and quality of students we have at Erindale College.

Daniel Hawke
Physical Education Teacher
Rugby Coordinator

Canberra's Jordan Tsekenis picked for national schoolboys soccer team before move to Sydney FC

Sydney FC National Youth League coach Steve Corica believes more of Canberra's young soccer talents could join the A-League club.

The Sky Blues have added two ACT youngsters, striker Jordan Tsekenis and defender George Timotheou, to the club's under-20s squad for the coming NYL season.

Following last week's national titles, Tsekenis was selected for the second straight year in the Australian schoolboys' team.

Jordan Tsekenis. *Photo: Melissa Adams*



Tsekenis has moved to Sydney after helping defending champions the ACT to the bronze medal at last week's national schoolboy titles.

The ACT finished in equal-second position on the table with Victoria and Queensland, getting the bronze medal on head-to-head results.

The ACT beat Queensland (3-2) and WA (2-1), drew with NSW 2-2 and lost to Victoria (2-1) and South Australia (4-1).

Read more: <http://www.smh.com.au/sport/act-sport/canberras-jordan-tsekenis-picked-for-national-schoolboys-soccer-team-before-move-to-sydney-fc-20140901-10axdf.html#ixzz3CCm9Rzc8>

ACT Netball Finals

On Wednesday 3 September, I took the Year 10 Netball girls out to the netball centre for the ACT Finals day.

With my 'mixed bag' of netball/basketball/softball players we did very well and improved immensely from the Southside Carnival.



The girls made the semi-final and finished equal 3rd overall – a great result for the team.

The players were:

Nalani Makunde, Bridie Macdonald, Amber Carige
Rose Phimphrivichith, Jordan Bardsley, Taya
Pearson, Ashlee Hesling, Felicity King, Chance Kaihe

Natalie Keen
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Connal McInerney is set to play for the Canberra Vikings



Photo: Melissa Adams

He's a teenage hooker who hasn't started a first-grade game in Canberra, but Connal McInerney is preparing to be thrown into the National Rugby

Championship deep end on Thursday night (9/10/14).

Former Australian under-20s rake McInerney will be named to play for the Canberra Vikings against the Melbourne Rising after the hooker injury curse hit two more players last weekend.

McInerney was Tuggeranong's back-up hooker in the John I Dent Cup. But with Wests No.2 Carl Elliot also injured, the 19-year-old will get a shock call-up.

"I'm still shaking to be honest, it's going to be the biggest game I've played," McInerney said.

"It's a bit surreal ... there's a bit of a curse with hookers at the moment. But I didn't expect it all. I didn't think both of our Vikings hookers would get injured in the same game.

"I just thought I was in the Vikings squad for the gym and development this year. I'm not going to lie, I'm pretty nervous. But I'm excited at the same time."

Read more: <http://www.smh.com.au/rugby-union/union-news/canberra-vikings-call-up-teenager-connal-mcinerney-for-nrc-debut-20140922-10kdwb.html#ixzz3FyuFuN3A>

Georgia Baff – Australian Boardercross Champion

At Perisher Georgia Baff continued her amazing year on the snow.



At the National Interschool's Competition Georgia was crowned National Champion in her signature event, Boardercross.

Amazingly she also finished 2nd in the GS Race despite crashing.

Well done Georgia.

Australian Football Side

Erindale College had 3 students (Lauren Keir, Kristy Helmers and Sonya Sheedy) participate for the ACT in the Australian Schoolgirls Football Championship held in Sydney in August.



Lauren Keir was selected for the **Australian Schoolgirls Football** side to tour Europe in Jan/Feb next year.



Kristy Helmers was selected in the Shadow side. Congratulations girls, great news!

Illawarra Trip

The girls Futsal sides travelled to Illawarra and played against Warilla H.S. We took two sides and both had convincing wins of the Warilla team.



Netball Oceania Tournament

The netball girls competed in the Oceania tournament.

The girls played very well in a tough tournament.

They were lucky enough to meet Australian Diamonds Mon Gerard and Kim Green.

A huge thanks to Rachelle who also attended and was fantastic to have along!!



The following all attended.

AVIGA Tamika, DUFFY Laura, GRAHAM Kelly, HARRIS Bec, LEO Selena, MAHER Kelly, STOKIC Megan, WUVUAL Lanit, BARDSLEY Jordan, CARIGE Amber, KAIHE Chance, KING Felicity, PEARSON Taya, PHIMPHRAVICHITH Rose

Natalie Keen
Talented Sports Program

Tennis ACT Annual Awards!

Dimitri Morigiannis recently won 2014 Junior High Performance Player of the Year at the Tennis ACT Annual Awards!

Congratulations Dimitri.





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Important dates to remember:

- 5 November Yr 11 Assembly/Academy Awards
- 10 November English T Essay Test
- 13 November Showcase Creative Arts
- 18 November Maths exam
- 20 November Yr 11 incursion T Oral presentations
- 24 November Talented Sports Program presentation
- 25 November Maths Fertile Question presentations
- 26 November Yr 12 Formal
- 3 December Board/P&C Dinner Meeting
- 9 December Yr 10 Formal
- 16 December Yr 12 Breakfast
- 16 December Yr 12 full Rehearsal
- 16 December Yr 12 Graduation

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