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### Message from the Principal

Welcome to a huge issue of the Erindale College Bulletin. As you read through this newsletter you will come to appreciate the diversity of learning and living experiences afforded our students and the significant achievements that our current and former students produce in a wide range of fields.

It is often thought that only talented sports people come to Erindale College. This is the 'over-the-fence' chat that we hear about but which is a long way from the fact. Over the following pages you will read that students are achieving outstanding results in their academic studies and beyond EC in employment.

Jordan Smith is already an ANU Scholar with guaranteed entry to ANU in 2015. Beaux-Ashley Ackland has also secured an Australian Defence Forces Education Prize – one of only four issued in the ACT – and entry into ADFA. Some of our graduates are succeeding in workplaces with training awards achieved by Jordan Lohse in Building Construction and Adam Hazelton in Hospitality.

These achievements highlight that we are collectively providing avenues for students from a diverse range of backgrounds and who have a broad array of life pathways. Obviously we remain very proud of our sportspeople who continue to impress. One of our 2008 Sports Stars of the Year, Michael Matthews, has had stints leading both the Giro D'Italia (tour of Italy) and now the La Vuelta a Espana (Tour of Spain), winning stages in both these professional cycling classics. Only an unfortunate fall prevented him riding in the most recent Tour de France otherwise this ex-Erindale College Talented Sports Program member might well have carried our name right throughout the towns, villages and mountains of Europe.

Naturally, you will read about our many current sporting stars in this Bulletin as the TSP remains an important part of our college.

Jenny Blackall (DP) and Debbie O'Brien (Executive Teacher) escorted five of our young women students who attended a forum in the Ministerial Conference Room of Parliament House as part of a conversation with the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women, Ms Mlambo-Ngcuka. Ms Mlambo-Ngcuka was also Deputy President of South Africa's first democratic government between 2005 and 2008.

This forum was hosted by Senator Michaelia Cash, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women. This event provided a unique opportunity to hear directly from Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka about UN Women's work advancing women's empowerment and gender equality around the world. Australia continues to be a strong supporter of UN Women, as both a donor and Board member. This event was supported by the Office for Women.

This was a unique opportunity for young women from Erindale College as they engaged in conversation at a global level, and they were made aware of the capacity of women in a variety of occupations at an international level. The event will no doubt inspire our students in their studies in many different ways, and perhaps with their post-college and employment pathways.



Lateisha Jarius, Anne Hamilton, Courtney Radanovich, Zoe Francis, Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka

Regards Michael Hall

## Jordan Smith ANU National Scholars Program

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Jordan has been successful in his application to the ANU National Scholars Program.

As an ANU National Scholar he is guaranteed a place in a program of study at The Australian National University in 2015. Jordan continues the fabulous achievements of our top academic students following in the footsteps of our Tuckwell Scholar from 2013, Lucy Kirk, who is also at ANU.

Congratulations Jordan, ANU looks forward to welcoming you in Semester 1, 2015.



## Beaux-Ashley Ackland Direct Entry ADFA

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Beaux-Ashley Ackland has won Direct Entry into ADFA Officer Training in 2015, 1 of only 4 issued.

Congratulations Beaux



## Josh White wins Pierre de Coubertin prize

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Josh White, winner of the Pierre de Coubertin prize in 2014. Josh plays basketball as well as playing softball for the Australian team.

The Pierre de Coubertin Awards are named after the founder of the modern Olympic Games. The Awards take place on an annual basis and recognise senior secondary students who demonstrate values which are consistent with the Olympic Movement through participation in sporting activities. All secondary government and non-government schools are invited to nominate one recipient for the Pierre de Coubertin Award each year (only) from year 10, 11 or 12.

Each nominee must participate actively in the school's physical education program with a consistently positive attitude. The ACT awards were conducted on Friday 20th June and Erindale's representative was year Twelve student Josh White one of the college softball squad representatives and an Australian softball representative. Josh has also participated in athletics and basketball at college and high school level, both being Olympic sports. Josh produced a written piece titled 'Olympism in the Digital World' towards the award. Congratulations to Josh as our representative of this unique and special award.

## Outstanding Apprentice

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Jordan Lohse is a past Erindale student and did his ASbA whilst here in 2009 - 2010. He is the winner of the Outstanding Apprentice of the Year. Jordan has embraced vocational education and training and is currently enrolled in Certificate IV Building and Construction (Building).



## 2014 AHA ACT Hospitality Awards



On July 23 one of our past students (2012-2013) **Adam Hazelton**, from Pulp Kitchen, won the AHA Best Apprentice Chef (General Division) Award.

Super proud!!

**Meg Lennard** |  
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## 2014 Australian Art Music Awards

Music teacher at Erindale College Sandra France this week attended the Art Music Awards at a 'red carpet' event in Melbourne. Sandy was one of only four finalists in the category for Opera performances and she was recognised artist from among some 800 nominees. Her Opera "From a Black Sky"; which took her some 5 years to compose, was performed earlier this year in Canberra. Sandy is pictured at right below with her collaborators for the Opera.



## 2014 Public Education Awards



Erindale College Business and Facilities Manager and long-time public education advocate Craig Lyttle has been nominated for the "Education Supporter" award in the ACT 2014 Public Education Awards to be announced on September 11<sup>th</sup> at a glittering event at the Australian National Gallery. Craig is being nominated because of his incredible work at the college and in the Active Leisure Centre and particularly to recognise his leadership in the construction of the Tuggeranong Sustainable Living Trades Training Centre. The TSLTTC has been built over seven sites at a cost of over \$8 million.

# Year 12 Formal

26 November 2014

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## Step Into The Limelight

Congratulations to the following Erindale students who had their photography or artwork showcased at the Step into the Limelight Art Exhibition 2014 - Signs at the ANU School of Art Gallery on Tuesday 5th of August.

Photography by Julian Barrett, Ailish Behan, Emily Cook, Rhiannon Drysdale, Luke Deland, Zoe Francis, Esraa Mahmoud, Connor McVey, Corinna Robinson, Angus Shaw and drawings from Issy Turner and Tamyka Blewitt.

**Anne Thirion**  
Creative Arts Academy



**Rhiannon Drysdale** with her photos



Zoe Francis with her photo

**Tamyka Blewitt** next to her drawings



**Issy Turner** at the opening



## Grace West "Focus on the Ability"

Many of you will know Grace West and the challenges she faces on a daily basis. For those who do not know Grace, she is in Year 11 and is legally blind.



In my Media class, Grace takes on all challenges I throw her way and is very upfront about how I can best assist her. Last semester Grace asked if we could enter her in the Focus on Ability Short Film competition. The theme for the competition asks film makers to "Focus on the Ability" of people with a disability. Due to the availability of teacher and student actors, equipment, locations, etc., Grace had to manage this project over (roughly) a 12 week period.

Grace took full control of this project which included:

- Seeking permission from the Principal of the local high school where we would shoot the film.
- Submitting the correct paperwork to NOVA Employment (who run the competition)
- Organising schedules and talent.
- Storyboarding and conveying her ideas to those involved.
- Acting.
- Editing the footage.
- Giving the final ok on the film to be submitted and
- posting the finished product.

Grace's finished work can be seen here:

<http://snipurl.com/29616q4>

**Clint Codey**

Media Teacher

## Australian Schoolboys basketball

Erindale College student **Evan Fowler** made the Australian School boys basketball team to tour the US later in December. He with two other boys from Erindale, Jarrod Hampton and Paul Douglas-MacDonald, participated in the National Championships in Townsville last week with the ACT schools team.

Evan had an impressive week as shown by the following stats:

Points per game: 20 – 2<sup>nd</sup> overall - with an excellent Field goal percentage of 85.2%  
2 point percentage: 1<sup>st</sup> overall - 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in total match points and 2<sup>nd</sup> in free throws  
Rebounds per game: 9.7 – 2<sup>nd</sup> overall for the tournament. Assists per game: 2.



## Year 12 Tertiary Students: AST

It is AST time for Year 12 T students. They have been having weekly training sessions since Term 4 last year and it is time to put their skills to the test. On Monday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, Year 12 T students took part in a full day's training to sharpen them up for the big event. On Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September they will sit this important series of tests. The schedule is as follows:

**Multi-Choice Test 9:00am Tuesday 2nd Sep**

**Short Response Test 1:05pm Tuesday 2nd Sep**

**Writing Task 9:15am Wednesday 3rd of Sep**

All students should arrive at the sports hall at least 20 minutes early and should be aware of the rules for each of the tests.

Glen Stretton - AST Supervisor

## 'Game On International Sport Business Breakfast'

On Wednesday morning 20 August a breakfast was held at the Bradman Room, Manuka Oval, hosted by the ACT & Region Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Erindale College was invited to select four students who were both students of Business and Sports Studies. The students who were selected were Lauren Keir from Year 12, and Monica Burton, Damon Edwards and Zachariah Morris from Year 11. All of these students are in the Talented Sports Program and study Business as a tertiary course.

The purpose of the breakfast was to bring together representatives from ACT and region businesses, representatives from sporting groups, and officials from government departments and the tourism industry, to consider how to capitalise on the two major sporting events to be held in the ACT at the beginning of 2015.

The ACT will host a number of games for the AFC Asian Cup and the Cricket World Cup, as well as the many people who will visit the ACT from overseas and interstate, there is an estimated television audience of 2.5 billion people who could potentially learn about the ACT and region. There is obviously huge potential for the region to capitalise on these events.

As well as hearing about some interesting facets of local industry and tourism, both the AFC Asian Cup and the World Cricket Cup were on display. Many people took advantage of having photographs next to these magnificent trophies.

The students who attended were excellent representatives of our college, and as the only school in attendance we received an official mention, and all students will be presented with complimentary tickets to one of the fixtures next year.





The group surrounding the AFC Asian Cup from left to right include Damon Edwards, Zachariah Morris, Lauren Keir and Monica Burton. Zachariah Morris is pictured with the Cricket World Cup.

Jennifer Blackall  
Deputy Principal

## 2013 EC Graduate Shane Allen Receives Bravery Award

2013 EC Graduate and AFL Player Shane Allen will be awarded a bravery medal after intervening in dangerous circumstances last year.

Shane is among 78 newly-announced recipients of Australian Bravery Decorations. Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove has approved the awards and said;

"You now join the company of men and women whose actions have enriched our community and whose values we hold dear."

Shane Allen saved Jeysun Bilgin (rear) from a swollen storm water drain that Jeysun fell into. *Photo: Jay Cronan*

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/a/24738169/bravery-awards-three-canberra-men-to-receive-national-honour-for-rescues/>



## Erindale College Careers

Erindale College Careers is located in e-knex. Students may drop in or book a time for career counselling. The Careers team are available to help students with a range of matters related to work including tax file numbers, work experience, exploring future options, job seeking skills, vocational and short courses, advice on prerequisites for university courses, and applying for university and further education.

**Pathways Planning:** provides young people with opportunities to develop self-awareness and to practise decision making, goal setting and self-management. The ACT Education and Training Directorate has developed a Careers and Transitions (CaT) website known as *Pathways*, where young people have access to a range of interactive learning modules which support the successful transition through education and training to the world of work. Year 11 will be focusing on Pathways Planning this term in their Link group. A series of workshops will be open to Year 12 students on Thursday afternoons to allow them to access this resource. On completion of the modules, students may be eligible for points towards their certificate. See Vanessa to register your interest.

### Year 12 Students Pathway Planning Workshops

Thursdays: 4 & 11 September  
1:40pm to 3:30pm Computer Lab 205

**Focus on the Future:** On Wednesday 17 September, a range of organisations such as the CIT, local universities and apprenticeship centres will be at Erindale College to provide information and advice. The event will be held from 12noon to 1pm in the main foyer.

**University:** All students should have your pin number for enrolment in UAC to enter university. Any difficulties please see Careers.

**Women in the AFP:** Information session to learn about career opportunities for women within the AFP. Tuesday 9 September 2014. 6pm to 8:30pm. See Vanessa or Stephen to register your interest.

## CAREERS NOTICES

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Stephen Smith Careers Adviser 62058139

[stephen.smith@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:stephen.smith@ed.act.edu.au)

### UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

University applications are now open. Below is a quick outline of the major issues involved with course selection and application process. Please contact me if you have any questions.

**UAC:** All Year 12 students would have received a Universities Admission Centre (UAC), PIN number in the mail. This number and students Erindale ID number will allow them to access the UAC website which handles admissions for all NSW and ACT universities.

**UAC Guide:** Students should have picked up a 2015 UAC guide from the Careers office; this has details of all NSW and ACT courses and the application process.

**Interstate:** If students intend to apply interstate each state has their own admission centre. Vic (VTAC), Qld (QTAC), SA (SATAC), WA(TISC). Copies of these guides are available in the careers office.

**Admission Process:** Once students have logged on to the relevant site, [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) the process is quite straight forward. They are able to list up to nine preferences and these can be changed as often as they like with the final date for changes being Wed 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Most likely a final adjustment when the student knows their ATAR score in December.

**Students should register with UAC or interstate before 30<sup>th</sup> September** - After this date significant late fees apply.

**Early closing dates** - Some courses have early closing dates, most likely 30<sup>th</sup> September, especially those needing an audition or portfolio, music and art. Most of these require the students to apply directly to the University as well as UAC.

**Early entry or Principal's recommendation** - Nearly all universities have some form of early entry process for students that are highly suited to a particular course. These details are available on each university website. The Principal's recommendation for the University of Canberra and Charles Sturt University are now administered by UAC and is called the Schools Recommendation

Scheme (SRS). Students must register with UAC and this program. Students will also need to talk to the Principal or Deputy Principal at college.

**Disadvantage during Year 11 and 12, (Educational Access Scheme. EAS)** - UAC administers an EAS to grant students extra points on their ATAR due to educational disadvantage. The criteria for this scheme is quite broad, it requires documentation and should be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> September. EAS forms are available from the Careers Office.

### Qcity Transit Changes

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We would like to advise you that from the start of Term 3 on 21st July 2014, Qcity Transit has been operating the Majura Rd/Pialligo Village and the Uriarra/Tidbinbilla school bus runs.

They have recently written to the parents of children attending Erindale College who travel using these services, to advise them of this change. They have also asked them to confirm their details so they can ensure as smooth a transition as possible.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact SSTS Team on 6299 3722 - Option 1, or email at [gbssts@cdcbus.com.au](mailto:gbssts@cdcbus.com.au).

### Adventure + Life Skills = SCOUTS!

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## News from ACT Council of P&C Associations

### \$190 million extra for our schools?

Last year the ACT and Australian Governments signed a \$190 million joint agreement for six years of extra funding for ACT schools following the recommendations of the Gonski review.

This extra funding is now making a difference in our schools. It means more teachers and more resources.

However, the Federal Government has now announced that it will not fund the final two years of this agreement, the crucial years where two-thirds of the funds are to be delivered.

Not having this funding will make it harder for ACT schools to implement their plans for improving our schools. Those plans include:

- Reducing class sizes
- Expanding literacy and numeracy programs
- Increasing the individual attention and support for students at risk
- Providing greater assistance to students with disabilities or special needs.

Please help us tell the Australian Government that we want our children to have all the resources they need for a high quality education. Visit [www.igiveagonski.com.au](http://www.igiveagonski.com.au) to find out more about the issue and to add your voice to the call for needs-based funding across Australia.



On Monday 1 September 2014 a new ACTION bus network, including a new school services network, commenced.

As this new ACTION school services network may affect many students we are providing four weeks' notice to schools, students and parents to help them prepare.

Full details of the new school bus services and regular routes which will service schools are now available on the ACTION website

[www.action.act.gov.au](http://www.action.act.gov.au).

A dedicated schools information hotline is available on **6205 5033** (Monday to Friday, 8am - 5pm) until Friday 12 September 2014.



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# Sports News

## Erindale College adding to rich sporting tradition in rugby league's GIO Schoolboy Cup quarter-final

It's the Canberra school that's produced Raiders NRL stars Brett Finch, Brent Kite and Jack Wighton, along with Sydney Swans AFL premiership winner Jarrad McVeigh.

Erindale College will be looking to add to its rich sporting tradition when it takes on Patrician Brothers Blacktown in the quarter-finals of the rugby league GIO Schoolboy Cup at Penrith Stadium.

The success of Erindale's Talented Sports Program has been on display this year, with the school's rugby league, rugby union and Australian Rules senior squads all progressing through to the play-offs in their respective competitions.

Erindale Elite Sports Academy Leader Mark Armstrong believes the school's success is because of its emphasis on a balance between time spent in the classroom and on the sporting field.

"I think the uniqueness with our program is we are really looking to balance academic success with sporting success, and our sports program allows students to combine the two," Mr Armstrong said.

"The facilities we have here with the leisure centre, the swimming pool and on top of that, the community partners and partnerships we have with the Raiders, the Vikings and Cricket ACT is a point of difference between ourselves and any other school."

Erindale College has been able to attract expert coaching staff across a wide variety of sports since the Talented Sports Program was introduced in 1993.

Matt Adams, head coach of Erindale's rugby league squad, paid tribute to Principal Michael Hall for his contribution.

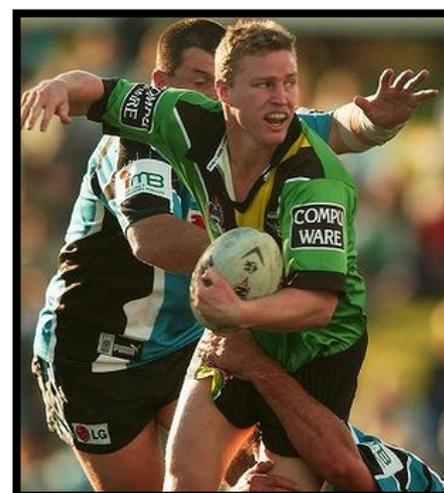
"He is very supportive of sport, but he also draws a fine line with making sure kids are getting their work done," Mr Adams said.

"We use the active leisure centre a bit. The facilities are unbelievable in terms of being at school and being able to access things like that."

Erindale will be looking to turn the tables on Patrician Brothers after suffering a 28-0 loss when the teams met in Canberra earlier this year.



Current young Raiders star Jack Wighton is a former Erindale College student. Photo: Jay Cronan



Ex-Raider Brett Finch, pictured taking on the Sharks in 2002, is another former Erindale College student. Photo: Getty Images

This story can be found at:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/sport/act-sport/erindale-college-adding-to-rich-sporting-tradition-in-rugby-leagues-gio-schoolboy-cup-quarterfinal-20140818-105dsj.html>

## UPDATE: Erindale knocked out of schoolboys cup

Erindale College suffered a heartbreaking 20-16 defeat at the hands of Patrician Brothers Blacktown in the GIO Schoolboys Cup quarter-finals on Tuesday 19th August 2014. Despite being down 16-0 at half-time Erindale managed to level the scores up with 10 minutes remaining, before Patrician Brothers scored moments later to secure the victory. "I think we were very unlucky not to win" Erindale College head coach Matt Adams said. George House starred in a losing effort, with the Erindale five-eighth scoring two solo second half tries to get his side back into the game.

## Nathan Hart Success at the Commonwealth Games



Matthew Glaetzer, Nathan Hart, and Shane Perkins pose with their bronze medals. Photo: Getty Images

Cycling pair Brandie O'Connor and **Nathan Hart** provided Canberra's first success of the

Commonwealth Games picking up bronze medals on day one, with Hart speeding his way into the record books in the process.



Matthew Glaetzer, Nathan Hart, and Shane Perkins in the men's team sprint. Photo: Getty Images

Hart led out Shane Perkins and Matthew Glaetzer in the Australian men's sprint team in its bronze medal final against Canada before a dominant New Zealand romped to gold over England.

Hart's first lap in 17.381 seconds was the fastest ever by an

Australian in team sprint history, highlighting why the 21-year-old is considered a talent of the future.

Only three months ago the Commonwealth Games was still a pipedream for Hart, but early on Friday morning he was standing on the podium.

The former Melrose High and **Erindale College** student is reaping the rewards of a move to Adelaide earlier this year to train with Cycling Australia's high-performance unit.

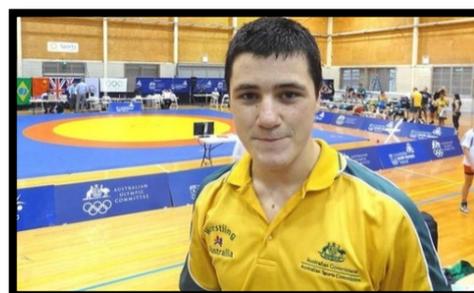
Hart is daring to dream about the Rio Olympics in 2016 now, although he plans to enjoy this bronze medal before getting too far ahead of himself.

Read more: <http://www.smh.com.au/sport/cycling/brandie-o8217connor-nathan-hart-pick-up-canberras-first-medals-at-glasgow-commonwealth-games-20140725-zwncv.html#ixzz38j51oZUX>

## Australian Youth Olympic Team Ben Pratt - Wrestling

Ben Pratt, Erindale College student, represented Australia at the second Summer Youth Olympics in Nanjing, China from 16 to 28 August. This is a great honour for young athletes.

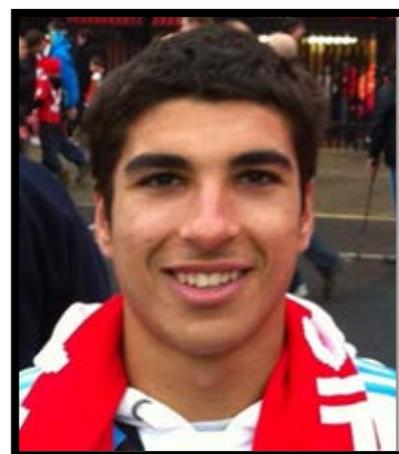
Visit the official home of the 2014 Australian Youth Olympic Team



<http://corporate.olympics.com.au/games/nanjing-2014>

## Jordan Tsekenis SIGNS with Sydney FC Youth team.

**Jordan Tsekenis** from the Senior NTC team (that moved top of the National Premier Leagues: Capital Football under-20 league table) recently returned from trying his luck with Foxtel National Youth League side Sydney FC. Striker Jordan Tsekenis spent some time with the Sky Blues



over the past fortnight as he looks to take the next step towards his dream of making it as a

professional. During this time Jordan impressed with his skill and pace. He has since signed a contract for the 2015 season. Jordan will represent the ACT at the National Schoolboys Championships in Sydney next week before moving to his new home at Sydney FC Youth team the following week.

Jordan described the trial sessions as intense and high tempo from start to finish.

“Initially my goal is to get a youth league contract and then hopefully get a senior contract,” Tsekenis said. “Eventually one day I would like to go to Europe and play against the World’s best in football, and to hopefully represent my country by playing for the Socceroos. I’m hoping to land a youth league contract and further my ambitions in the game. There will be opportunities to show what I have to offer with Youth United.”

## Erindale wins every game

We took part in the college football carnival and won every game without conceding a goal all day. Great effort girls!



### Game 1 vs Canberra College

**Won 4 - 0 (Sheniya x 2, Kristy, Monica)**

We had a great start in this competition. Goals were set up by Cass M, Tiffany, Kate, Zoe and Riley. Sonya and Grace also had a great game.

### Game 2 vs Daramalan

**Won 2-0 (Kristy, Kate)**

This was a much harder game against a good side. Christina made some excellent saves. Sonya and Zoe were fantastic in defence. Kristy and Kate were putting the opposition defence under pressure.

### Game 3 vs Merici

**Won 5 -0 (Kirsty x 4, Sheniya)**

This was another very successful match for EC. Lucy and Monica played really well. Great passing skills were displayed by Kristy, Sheniya and Grace. Riley,

Cassy C and Paige were strong in defence, while Kate and Tiffany worked well upfront.

### Game 4 vs Trinity

**Won 7-0 (Kristy x 3, Sheniya x 2, Kate, Cassie M)**

Chelsie and Shannon had a great game in defence. Sheniya was creating lots of opportunities upfront and worked really well with Monica and Kristy.



### Game 5 vs Gungahlin

**Won 2-0 (Monica, Kate)**

This was a scrappy game but we were glad to walk away with the win. Christina made several great saves. Zoe and Riley worked well with Shannon. Kristy combined with Lucy and Cass M upfront.

What a fantastic team effort. We played in the rain, hail and wind. Never gave up and played some great football. Thanks girls for a top effort!!

## Oz-Tag - Girls

On Wednesday 21 August Erindale College entered 2 teams into the ACT colleges Oz-tag gala day.

The year 11 team took the first game to warm into the competition but ended the day with 2 wins and 2 losses including a big win against Dickson College. However they didn't progress to the finals.

The year 12 team also had an early loss against St. Clare's but managed to win all their other matches to scrape through to the final 4. From here they had a very convincing win in the semi-final against Canberra College which set up a rematch with St Clare's in the final. The girls started well in this game scoring the first try but lost the game 4-2.

## Oz-Tag - Boys

Erindale entered 2 Boys teams into the ACT Colleges Gala Day last week. On arrival we had found Lake Ginninderra had pulled out, and due to our large numbers and great enthusiasm we ended up with 3 teams participating on the day!

The other 2 teams were made up of a mix of year 11 & 12 boys. Both of these teams progressed through to the final with each having a draw in their pool games and winning the rest. These were both very impressive sides and made it through to the Grand Final with little problems were they to face off. This game was of high quality and ended 3-3.

This led to a “drop-off” where each team was reduced to 6 players each and first team to score wins. The game was won by the “League Boy’s” after George House snuck through a gap and ran 20m to score.

## ACT Open Men’s Indoor Cricket –

**Benji Floros** represented the ACT Open Men’s Indoor Cricket team in Melbourne with two of his brothers Matt and Timmy and their uncle as coach.



They came fourth in the competition losing to South Australia in the minor semi-final. Benji had a great tournament being the youngest there by at least two years, he was unlucky not to make the Australian under 20s team with his cousin Alexander.

Matt Floros is a former Erindale student and has made the Australian Open men’s team.

## Year 10 Netball Program

We have 6 Year 10 students in the Netball program this year – so we decided that we would enter a team in the Southside Year 9/10 High Schools Competition. 5 of the netballers were available to play for the competition and we recruited in some of our multi-talented Year 10 girls from other Erindale sports programs.

The girls played very well through the rounds and progressed through to the semi-finals. Here we played a solid Stromlo High team, and with a

fantastic first half, were able to knock them out and progress through the Grand Final.

With only one sub for the day, 4 out of the 5 girls being centre court players and some girls playing for the first time, it was always going to be a tough ask. However the girls played very well and only narrowly went down 13 – 9 against Melrose High.



Bridie Macdonald, Nalani Makunde and Ashlee Hesling, as well as our Netball students, Jordan Bardsley, Chance Kaihe, Felicity King, Taya Pearson and Rose Phimpravichith.

I would like to thank all these girls as well as Laura Duffy, Selena Leao and Bec Harris who umpired on the day and Meg Sokic, Lanit Wuvuai, Kelly Maher and Tamika Aviga, who were great Erindale ambassadors.

## World Champion for Stick Fighting – Isaac Dean

**Isaac Dean**, current Year 11 student is home after winning 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals at the 2014 World Stick-Fighting Championships in Rome.

Isaac is a junior national and world champion in the Filipino martial art of Eskrima, a very offensive weapons-based martial art in which opponents use sticks and blades to strike one another.



## Erindale Rugby Team

The Erindale Rugby team travelled up to Sydney on Wednesday and unfortunately lost in the semi-final of the Waratah Cup against Epping Boys High.

Our preparation was not ideal, with a few students catching a virus on Tuesday night and was unable to come in the morning along with some unfortunate Sydney traffic which meant that we only had 30 mins to get ready.

At half time we were down 10-7 and with 20 minutes to go it was 15-14 but with 4 injuries and a couple of people having to stay on because we ran out of reserves the team ran out of legs and gave away a number of tries in the final section.

It was a great effort by all the boys as all the odds were stacked against them. The end score was 39-14. Our best players were openside flanker John Pouono and fullback Swayne Rakeke.



## Erindale College Teacher has 'winning' son!

Helen Clarke's son **Tom Clarke** rode pilot with Paul Kennedy to win Bronze in the para-sport sprint B2 tandem at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.



PHOTO: Australia's Karen Matthews and pilot Jason Hunt (right) take silver in the para-sport sprint B2 tandem, with countryman Paul Kennedy and pilot Thomas Clarke in bronze, (left), Ryan Preece.

## ACT Schoolboys and Schoolgirls teams

Congratulations to Lewis Bates, Marco Gayer, Daniel Linstead, Jono Turek, Jordan Tsekenis, Sonja Sheedy, Lauren Keir and Kristy Helmers with their participation in the ACT Schoolboys and Schoolgirls teams last week with both girls and boys teams coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in their competitions.

Also big congratulations to Lauren Keir and Jordan Tsekenis on being selected for the National Schoolgirls and Schoolboys team and Kristy Helmers on being selected in the Shadow National Schoolgirls team.

Well Done to all.

**Tim Davies – Talented Sports Program**



## Tuggeranong Valley Cricket Club

Juniors Combined 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala & Registration Day for 2014/15 Season

Sunday 7 September @ TVCC Clubhouse  
Chisholm from 10-2pm

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## Important dates to remember:

- 2 + 3 September AST Sessions
- 10 + 11 September Cross Line Testing
- 19 September Dance Festival
- 25 Sept Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 26 September last day of term 3
- 13 October start term 4
- 14 + 15 October 2<sup>nd</sup> AST sitting
- 22 October Board/P&C meeting
- 26 November year 12 Formal

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