Welcome to 2014. A special welcome to everyone who joins us for the first time and to those returning, we look forward to sharing in the celebrations of your success during the final year of schooling.

Talking of success, it was wonderful to read just this week where our Dux of 2013, Lucy Kirk, joined with the other 24 ANU Tuckwell Scholars to attend her first day of university; one I am certain she will never forget. You can read more detail on page 2 of this Bulletin about the wonderful experiences she had; including a visit with the Prime Minister.

The achievements of Lucy and many others of our talented sports program students puts to rest the myth that you cannot achieve great academic (and life) outcomes if you attend a college that caters significantly for elite sportspeople. Other examples include, Jake McCook, who won our Caltex All-rounder Medal and is contracted to the Raiders for 2014. He is also enrolled at ANU to study Science (Honours). Also, Rhiannon Daisley was a TSP Soccer enrolment and now she is commencing Physiotherapy at CSU.

Naturally, we are also extremely confident about the futures of other talented sports graduates like Jakob Cole and Sam Bainbridge-Ossato, both of whom are in the Australian Under 20 Soccer program; Tad Dufelmieier who is an Australian Under 19 Basketballer; and Tevita Pangai, who we hope to see experience his first grade Raiders debut sometime soon.

Indeed, we are extremely proud of all our graduates and particularly those with whom we have checked with about their immediate post-college life. The list we have compiled so far represents around 50% of our graduating class. From the list, some interesting facts emerge. Of the 104 respondents, approximately 50% have won a place at university; another 28% have entered an apprenticeship, are studying at CIT or entered the defence forces; and the balance are fully employed.

This outcome is a fabulous one from our graduates since a news report today indicated (C.Times 24.2.14) “… an analysis of ABS data released this month found the unemployment rate for those aged 15 to 24 was an alarming 11.3 per cent across the ACT in the year to January.”

The outcomes achieved by students graduating from our college clearly indicate that the whole college community invests strongly in our students and that the return on our investment is of the highest quality.

Perhaps I should leave it for the very best advocate for EC, Lucy Kirk, to affirm;

“I would like to say a big thankyou to the college. The support I have received over the last two years has been amazing and well above expectation. The care and concern that has been shown for my sport, academics and personal wellbeing has allowed me to continue to develop into a young adult and enjoy myself whilst being successful at the same time. The atmosphere and environment that has been created at Erindale gives all students the opportunity to be successful in what they do; this is a great credit to the school board and executive team for making many hard decisions. I have not one complaint about Erindale and I thank all the teachers for the time they put in and the things I have learnt from them.”

And Lucy’s mum was as equally emphatic about her daughter’s success;

“I just wanted to let you and your staff know how happy we are that we chose Erindale College for Lucy. We are so pleased with how the year went for her. As you may have discovered Lucy works extremely hard and leaves no stone unturned with everything she takes on. The support she has received from the staff at Erindale has been outstanding.”

Thanks Lucy and her mum.

Regards, Michael
Tuckwell Scholars meet the PM

Graham and Louise Tuckwell, Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Young AO, surrounded by the first Tuckwell Scholars at Parliament House.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott has taken time out of his busy schedule to meet with the first 25 Tuckwell Scholars at Parliament House.

After a quick photo outside his office, the 25 scholars, along with Graham and Louise Tuckwell and ANU Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Young, were invited into the Prime Minister’s suite for a chat.

The Prime Minister congratulated each of the new students for their success in being awarded one of the first Tuckwell Scholarships and acknowledged the extraordinary gift from Graham and Louise in establishing scholarship program.

The Prime Minister asked the students about their study plans, how they intended to use the scholarship and their longer-term plans for the future.

Lucy Kirk, Erindale College Dux of 2013, scholarship recipient, ACT cycling champion and first-year medical science student, was able to compare notes with the Prime Minister about cycling, having ridden with him during one of the Pollie Pedal rides.

“We knew the Prime Minister was doing Pollie Pedal so a group of us waited outside his motel and when they were ready to ride in the morning we asked if we could ride with him,” she said.

“I was lucky enough to ride alongside him for a while.”

The Tuckwell Scholarship Program was established by ANU alumnus Graham Tuckwell and his wife Louise. Their $50 million gift to the University was the largest ever donation to an Australian university by an Australian citizen.

http://news.anu.edu.au/2014/02/21/tuckwell-scholars-meet-the-pm/

Major Awards Winners 2013

Dux of the College
(and the only ACT Tuckwell Scholar)
Lucy Kirk

The Canberra Mathematical Association Medal for ‘Excellence in Mathematics’
Lucy Kirk

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) Prize for Mathematics
Lucy Kirk

Rolfe Mazda Award for Academic Excellence across a Broad Range of Subjects
Mathew Hearn

The Member for Canberra Award
Gai Brodtmann School Legends Program
Amanda Gallace

ADFA Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award
Sam Jolley

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) Prize for Information Technology
Benjamin Goodwin

Erindale College Caltex All Rounder
Jake McCook
‘Welcome’ to Erindale College for years 10 and 11

Wednesday 26th February from 5 – 6.30pm

The evening will include:
5.00pm - 5.30pm
Refreshments and informal meet and greet with teachers
5.30pm – 6.00pm
Divide into link groups, light introduction including role of link teacher and contact details
6.00pm – 6.30pm
Special group talks on:
1. ASbA/Vocational Courses
2. Yr 12 Certificate requirements
3. Tertiary package (ATAR requirements)
4. Mindigari Indigenous Centre Services

“It is 2014”

What was the first thought that comes into your head and heart when you read that?

Dread: there is so much to do; how will I manage with all that is going on?

Excitement: there is so much to learn; no matter what comes I’ll get it done!

No matter which way you answered, there will be times that talking with someone else can help clarify your situation. As your chaplain, I have the time to sit and chat. You can leave a message on my answering machine ph: 62058138 or my email Deirdre.Herrmann@ed.act.edu.au or leave a note under my door 😊

I work Tuesdays and Wednesdays and I look forward to getting to know you.

Deirdre Herrmann - Chaplain Erindale College

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How do I find out what is going on around the school?

- **Newslink** comes out every Wednesday and has all the information that needs to get out to the students. This is handed out during link and will also be uploaded to the Erindale College Website.
- Everything in the newsletter is also posted on the **Erindale College, Canberra Facebook** account, it is recommended that you like this page so that you don’t miss out on what is happening around the school. If there is any urgent news it will also be posted on the Facebook page. Check out the EVENTS PAGE to find out what is on when. All times and dates are regularly updated.
- **Twitter** also posts everything that is posted on Facebook.
- The **electronic monitors** around the school have all the upcoming events and any urgent news, please check the monitors regularly.
- You can download the **Erindale College App** on Play Store and the App Store. Here you can personalise your timetable by putting in all your information for classes, teachers, times and lines off.

### Backyard Ashes: Maddison Catlin

Erindale College student Maddison Catlin Smith made her feature film debut in *Backyard Ashes* as cricket-mad 12-year-old Kerri after an audition that involved a cricket match on a Sydney beach.

Actor John Wood was among the cast who turned out to the first Canberra screening of *Backyard Ashes* at Limelight Cinemas in Tuggeranong.

The 15-year-old said she was too young to remember Wood as Senior Sergeant Tom Croydon in Channel Seven’s popular police drama *Blue Heelers*, but her mother had watched the show.

Maddison spent about a month working on the shoot and said she enjoyed working with experienced actors. "It was so much fun to be around everyone, and it didn’t feel like work, it just felt like being in the backyard having fun every day," she said.
ERINDALE COLLEGE
CLASS OF 2013

Tracking the graduates is not always an exact business, so if our information is inaccurate or maybe, you are aware of the pathway of others not listed here, then please email us and we will endeavour to keep an accurate record of the destination of all our graduating students.

KEY
ACU  Australian Catholic University
ADFA  Australian Defence Force Academy
ANU  Australian National University
CIT  Canberra Institute of Technology
CSU A  Charles Sturt University Albury
CSU W  Charles Sturt University Wagga
UC  University of Canberra
UWS  University of Western Sydney
WAAPA  Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts
Wollongong  University of Wollongong

Shane ALLEN  UC Business Administration
Claire ANDERSON  Employed Woolworths
Amber ANTHES  Employed Aerocare
Sam BAINBRIDGE-OSSATO  Australian Under 20’s soccer team
Robert BALL  UC Commerce
Monika BALUKOVSKA  UC Quick Start employed ACT Gov
Ruby BECKER  UC Writing
Supassara BOONTHASIN  UC Human Nutrition
Brooke BORDIUK  Australian Business Academy
Shayne CARROLL  UC Science/Psychology
Breanna CHAPMAN  Employed Garran Primary after school care
Georgia CLARKE  ACU Nursing
Jakob COLE  Australian Under 20’s soccer team
Rebecca COLLINS  UC Justice Studies
Taylor COUGHTRIE  UC Media arts and Production
Maddison COX  Employed Benchmark Wine Bar
Leighton CRAWFORD  CSU/Wagga Stage & Screen Design
Bradley CROCKETT  Teaching Dance Tugg Arts Centre
Monique CROSS  UC Human Nutrition
Rhiannon DAISLEY  CSU/Albury Physiotherapy
Tad DUFELMEIER  Basketball ACT Gunners U 20’s
Annie EDLINGTON  Australian U 19’s
Guy FENWICK  Employed Capital Airport
Michael FOOKES  Australian Navy
Andrew FORTIER  UC Sports Coaching
Katie FRANCIS  UC Human Nutrition
Amanda GALLACE  CIT Music
Anthony GALLACE  CIT Music
Samantha GARCIA  Australian Business Academy
Brooke GAY  UC Sports Coaching
Elsy GONZALEZ  Employed Good Guys
Benjamin GOODWIN  UC Business
Andrea GOSLING  UC Sports Coaching/Exercise Science
Jayme GRAY  Employed Hellenic Club,
Jemma GRIFFITHS  Australian Business Academy
Aimee GRONOW  UC Justice Studies
Dara HAIGH  UC Biomedical Science
Adam HART  Apprenticeship Carpentry
Hayley HARTIG  Traineeship Taylor Childcare
Mariah HAYES  Australian Navy
Adam HAZELTON  Apprentice Chef Pulp Kitchen
Mathew HEARN  ANU Actuarial Studies ANU Scholarship
Emily ISAACS-KIRK  Employed Legends restaurant
Ben JACKSON  UC Building and Construction Management
Jack JACOBS  Employed lifeguard Erindale,
Sam JOLLEY  ADFA Uni NSW Science
Faimasasa KAMISO  U Wollongong Creative Arts/Theatre
Lucy KIRK  ANU Medical Science
Khiani KLAUS  Tuckwell Scholarship
Harrison LAMBERT  Canberra Youth Theatre
Georgina LANDALE  CIT Music
Joshua LIND  Employed Austrian Club
Rowan MAGUIRE  UC Building and Construction Management
Matthew MARINELLI  Apprentice Carpenter
Ashlea MATTHEWS  Employed Cross Pizza
Monzer MAZADEH  UC Building and Construction
Jake MCCOOK  UC Business Administration
Shaun MCCULLOUGH  ANU Science (Honours) & Canberra Raiders
Daniel MCDougALL  CIT Music
Connal MCINERNEY  UC Science/Psychology
Liam MCLUCAS  UC Sports Coaching and Management
Kyna MILLAN  ARPT Business Dip/ Personal Trainer
Justin MITCHEL  ACU Nursing/Paramedicine
New to Canberra? Update Your Address with Medicare for a Chance to Win $10,000!

If you’ve recently moved to Canberra, welcome to the neighbourhood! Now that you’ve settled in and the school term has begun, you should update your address with Medicare for a chance to win $10,000, thanks to SERVICE ONE Members Banking.

Not only could you win the $10,000 cash, but by updating your address you will be supporting the local community you live in.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) uses Medicare data to calculate population figures, and this information is then used by the Commonwealth Government to allocate GST funding to each state and territory.

For every year that an ACT resident is not counted in the data, the ACT Government forgoes over $2,500 in GST funding.

So updating your address with Medicare will ensure we receive our fair share of funding to enable the ACT Government to provide new and improved services for the local community.

From 25 January to 2 March 2014, anyone who updates their address after moving to Canberra from interstate will be eligible to enter the competition to win $10,000!

To update your address visit: www.humanservices.gov.au/medicare and then enter the competition at www.updateyouraddress.com.au
Local rising star at Erindale College
Georgia Baff returned to Australia after a successful tour of the US and Canada. Georgia is a Snowboarder who has chosen to focus on the discipline of Snowboard Cross. Snowboard Cross (or Boardercross as the riders call it) is a Winter Olympics sport and would best be compared to BMX racing on a snowboard. Georgia was training with “Team Utah”. Over the 6 week experience she competed in 6 events – 4 of which were FIS NOR AM (open to all ages) and 2 in USASA. She finished 1st and 3rd in the USASA events and finished 3rd in one of the FIS NOR AM events. Currently Georgia is ranked 3rd in Australia for Snowboard Cross. Her podium in the NORAM has meant she qualifies for the 2014 Junior National Snowboard team which will compete in the Junior World Championships in Italy in April. Georgia is realistically aiming to compete at the next Winter Olympics in 2018.

Emerging star Josh McGovern
He's an emerging star in softball and AFL, but double-play doesn't do Josh McGovern's story justice - this 16-year-old has a lot more on his plate.

Racing in FIS Boardercross event in Hotham 2013

Nor am Podium, Copper Mountain, Colorado, 2014

Mark Armstrong
Erindale College Talented Sports Program
Co-ordinator
Important dates to remember:

- 26 February Year 10/11 Information Night
- 4 March Moderation Day 1
- 20 + 21 March Talented Sports Program Orientation Camp
- 26 + 27 March Testing
- 10 April Parent Teacher Evening
- 11 April last day of Term 1 2014