Upcoming Events

27 Sept – Graduate Student Week
2 Oct There will be many presentations and workshops happening during this week, for more details check the program at http://www.uq.edu.au/grad-school/gsw

05 Oct School Meeting - Milestones
All staff and students to attend a session on the School’s new Milestone Guidelines.
When: 12pm-1pm
Where: 50-T105
Free BBQ to follow

School End of Year get together
Barefoot Bowls and BBQ

The School will have an end of year get together for staff and RHD students and their families. Please consider joining in for a fun evening of barefoot bowls, food and the beverage/s of your choice.

Venue: Tarragindi Bowls Club
(30 Andrew Avenue Tarragindi)
Date: Friday November 26th
Time: 4:00 onwards

There is a BBQ served at the club. Prices are as follows:

Adults (age 12 & over) – steak & salad $13.00 each
Adults (age 12 & over) – rissoles/sausage & salad $7.00
Children under 12 $4.00 (not steak)

Beverages are available at the bar.

Barefoot Bowls
$5.00 for adults
$3.00 for children

RSVP to Deanna Mahony (d.mahony@uq.edu) Payment for BBQ portion only is due to Deanna by 17 November (for catering purposes). Note that payment for beverages and bowls fees are payable on the night.

Special Education Symposium

Special Education Symposium sponsored by the Office of the DVC (Academic), School of Education and the Faculties of Science and EAIT

Guest Speaker - Dennis Schatz, Senior Vice- President for Strategic Programs, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, Washington, USA

Date: 11 October 2010
Time: 9.00am to 12noon
Venue: McElwain Building (24A), Room 306
RSVP: dvca.office@uq.edu.au by 5 October

Topic 1: 9.00 - 10.00 am
Washington State LASER (Leadership and Assistance for Science Education Reform): Lessons learned from a decade of leading science education reform in Washington State - Learn what it took to build the statewide infrastructure that provides teachers with the necessary curriculum and professional development so that they can effectively teach science. Come hear what the LASER program learned from 10 years of research and evaluation of the effort and how this will change activities in their second decade – known as LASER 2.0. More information is at www.WaStateLASER.org.

10.00 -10.30 am – morning tea

Topic 2: 10.30 – 11.30am
The Development of New Generation Science Frameworks and Standards, the Closest Thing the US has to what ACARA is Doing in Science - The US National Research Council recently released the draft version (http://professionals.collegeboard.com/k-12/standards) of the next generation science frameworks. Come learn more about the three dimensions of the frameworks (crosscutting concepts, scientific practices and science content) and how they may influence US science education in the future. This presentation builds on Dennis’ participation as a member of the Earth and Space Science Task Force that is developing the Earth and Space Science Learning Progressions for the frameworks.

11.30am – 12noon – General Discussion
**Green Fair**

*What can you do to take the first step and reduce your eco footprint?*

Come along to the many stalls to participate in the fun activities, while learning how to reduce your impact on the environment. It is being held:

**Tuesday 21st Sept 10am - 3pm**
Campbell Plaza (near UQ Union)

You can sign up to the Ezy Green Program for FREE to save electricity and money at home. Check out more at [http://www.ezygreen.com.au/](http://www.ezygreen.com.au/). You can build your carbon footprint, join a community transition town, eat yummy food, learn how your efforts will impact people on the other side of the globe, how to get involved with local environment groups and more!

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**English Language Proficiency**

In order to ensure that our student cohorts are given the best possible opportunity to succeed in their studies, UQ sets minimum entry requirements for English language proficiency (ELP). A standing sub-committee of CAPP has been formed to advise on English Language policy matters. As you would be aware, reviews of this nature take some time to complete and there are a number of admissions issues that will need to be addressed in the short term. These relate primarily to the provision to deem ELP equivalency for both RHD and coursework students and the wide interpretation of the policy. There is no provision to waive English language requirements under any conditions. Applicants who have submitted English language test results below the specified requirements cannot be admitted.

In order to ensure consistency, equity, and compliance with current policy a group will now be responsible for assessing all deeming requests until such time as a revised policy and process is put in place.

**Awards, Scholarships, Internships**

**Edgeworth David Medal**
The Royal Society of New South Wales has called for nominations for the 2010 Edgeworth David Medal, which is awarded to a young scientist who has contributed significantly to science, including scientific aspects of agriculture, engineering, dentistry, medicine and veterinary science. Nominations close on 30 September 2010. Nominees must be under the age of 35 years at 1 January 2010, and further information is available online: [http://nsw.royalsoc.org.au/awards/edgeworth.html](http://nsw.royalsoc.org.au/awards/edgeworth.html)

**Solander Program**
The Solander Program is a new initiative to promote, support and widen scientific exchange between Universitas 21 universities in Sweden, Australia and New Zealand. In its initial phase, the Solander Program aims to build on these existing exchanges to stimulate even greater scientific contact by offering a range of travelling. Applications close 1 October 2010, for more details please follow the links below:

- [http://www.solander.lu.se/applications.html](http://www.solander.lu.se/applications.html)

**Climate Change Research Centre**
The Climate Change Research Centre, located at the University of New South Wales in the heart of Sydney, is a leader in Australian university-based scientific research on the physical environment, weather and climate. Scholarship applications for Australian and New Zealand students will be due in late October, to start in early 2011. Contact the Director of Graduate Studies (s.sherwood@unsw.edu.au) or any member of the Centre academic staff for more information on research possibilities. Find us on the web at: [www.ccrc.unsw.edu.au](http://www.ccrc.unsw.edu.au)

**Are you “STRESSED OUT”????**

Are you “STRESSED OUT”???? Has stress become overwhelming for you? Would you like to learn some ways to manage your stress? The Stress Less Group Program at UQ Psychology Clinic is a Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT) stress management program which aims to assist individuals cope with stress.

Only $100 for full time UQ students includes:
- One hour individual assessment
- 5x 2.5 hour group sessions
- 1 x group booster session
- Stress management resources

When: Wed or Thurs evening (2 groups) at 6 – 8:30pm starting early Oct
Contact: 3365 6451 or psychclinic@psy.uq.edu.au
[www.clinic.psy.uq.edu.au](http://www.clinic.psy.uq.edu.au)
As you all would be aware by now, a new travel form is available for use. From a personal reflection on this form, I am happy to say that it looks better than a previous one. There have definitely been some improvements made to the form and it is more user friendly. However, I don't want to rely just on my own opinion of the form and therefore I am seeking your feedback on this new form as there is always room for improvement. Thank you to those who have been speaking to me about the form and provided me with a feedback. It was very useful information, which has been passed on to the travel manager in central finance. I also encourage you to provide me with feedback with relation to the cash passport as well as it is important that we communicate any problems back to right people and have them resolved.

Cash passport reconciliation

The reconciliation process hasn’t changed. You still need to request a statement by going back into the travel form for a particular trip and click on a request statement button. Don’t forget this will allow you to receive funding for the following trip should you not receive the statement in time to reconcile before you travel. To receive a statement might sometime take some time. To assist you, a slight change to the internal process within the school with cash passport reconciliation in that before you finalise the reconciliation of the statement please send the file to finance@mechmining.uq.edu.au and bring down the statement with all receipts. We will check all the receipts and make sure that everything is ok before you finalise it and upload it. If there are no corrections to be made we will email you and advise you to finalise it by so that statement has a status of “completed” and upload it to the relevant travel form. If there are any corrections to be made we will amend the statement for you and email you the correct version, which you can than upload to the travel form. Reason for this is that once your statement has a status of completed we are unable to make any corrections.

Placing orders through UniFi

Over the last few weeks, we have had requests to raise purchase orders and with that commit school’s funds towards these purchases where they haven’t had ok from a budget holder. As a result, the finance team has put together an internal form which can be used where access to UniFi is not available. This would be by those individuals who don't order at all through UniFi and therefore would not have access to the system. As sometimes you might request from students to place orders for you, please note that this form needs to be completed in full and quote attached to it. The form will need to be signed by a budget holder.

Equipment orders

In order to assist us with ordering goods and have them delivered to the right location, we would appreciate if you can advise us of the following:

1. Size and weight of the goods ordered
2. Electrical requirements – this is important as some equipment ordered from overseas might require re-wiring which would increase the overall cost.
3. Nature of the goods ordered – chemical/hazardous/flammable

Based on the information you provide we will select appropriate address for delivery. In addition, it will help us make sure we comply with Health and Safety regulations. If you have a particular location where you need your order delivered to please let us know and we will put this on the order. This could be large equipment that is fairly heavy and needs to be delivered to your lab for example.

The form is available from the school web site under the [staff resources](mailto:staffresources@mechmining.uq.edu.au).