

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week we celebrated our community: parents, local businesses, past staff and old scholars. Our successful Alumni function drew people from all over the state and we shared stories going right back to the early days of Elizabeth Practising School (1926!).

Of course we have over 900 students and 120 staff who make up our current community of learners, but we also have strong networks that continue to grow, particularly as we move further into social media to communicate. Our 15 Year Reunion for ECAAD (Elizabeth College Advanced Academic Diploma) drew upon yet another network of people, many of whom shared warm memories of their times with us.

As we come to the end of Science Week, we also celebrate the stories emerging in the present; chickens hatching, visits by approximately 1000 primary schools students and lively Science experiments that excite imaginations and intellects.

In conversations about education in Tasmania, we often talk about the importance of community and I continue to be inspired by people of all ages who support each other and contribute in so many ways to the education we offer here at Elizabeth College.

Dr Dianne Purnell

SCIENCE WEEK

Sparks, slime and smiling primary students invaded our classrooms this month for the 2014 Elizabeth College Science Week. Grades K – 6 classes from twenty primary schools joined college students to explore a vibrant range of hands-on experiments, examining everything from electricity and engines to green eggs and genes. The visitors energised the college with their enquiring minds and took away an understanding of the rich ways that science shapes our lives.



Megan Bannister with a newly hatched chicken in Science Week

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rebecca Thomas has been announced as the Tasmanian Health and Physical Education secondary teacher of the year by ACHPER, the Health and PE teachers' association.
- Francine Henderson took second place in the Beginners' Poetry section of the Alliance Française.
- Esther Stanton is the winner of the Elizabeth College Poetry Competition with her work 'Trapped in a Double-Walled Cell'.
- Tobias Roat, Gabrielle Fracalossi and Gareth Davey have been selected to represent Elizabeth College in the National Youth Science Program, held at the Australian National University in January 2015.
- The Certificate 2 Skills in Work and Training class has raised close to \$300 for cancer research on Daffodil Day.
- Hugh Nicklason won the 5km Budget Fun Run in Hobart with a time of 14:49.



From a cartoon by Beowulf Hamilton, Philosophy 3C

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Wednesday 3 September | Reports to students |
| Friday 5 September | QA Day for teachers, no classes. |
| Monday 15 September | Year 11 into Year 12 Enrolments |
| Tuesday 16 September | Parent Teacher Interviews |
| Wednesday 24 September | Whole School Assembly |
| Friday 26 September | Last day of Term 3 |

REMINDER: Elevate session on Ace Your Exams will be held 15 October. \$6 to office if students wish to be involved.

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