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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"I'm not afraid of storms for I am learning how to sail my ship."

- Louisa May Alcott

At our assemblies and in Home Group sessions, teachers have been highlighting the importance of students using feedback from reports to improve their awards and to stay positive. We also encourage students to seek help from Home Group teachers and our careers counsellor so they are aware of the full range of future options and pathways.

Our recent parent forum focussed on assessment processes and qualifications in Years 11/12. The slides used in this presentation will serve as a good reference for you and they are [on our website here](#). If you have any queries relating to the information provided, please contact your child's Home Group teacher or call the office.

I was inspired by the talent of our students as they took part in the UTAS Wind Ensemble last week and by the performances in Animal Farm; students displayed remarkable commitment to high standards and to numerous out-of-hours rehearsals. The recent Dance performances showed courage and self-awareness, qualities which will stand these young people in good stead for the future.

Work placements in Vocational Pathways Programs have also been a highlight for students over the last few weeks as they continue to learn the skills needed for work. We are grateful to employers who take the time to support our students. As the quote above suggests, the courage to face the storms, to face the challenges, is what learning is about.

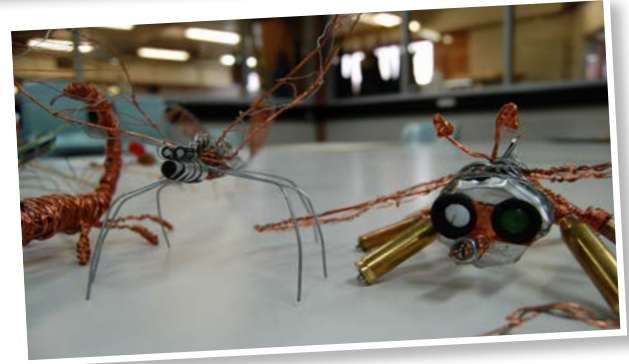
Dr Dianne Purnell

A GAP YEAR IN CHINA

We are currently developing opportunities for students to spend a year in China teaching English, as a business intern or as a volunteer. Students should see Craig Carnes or Dianne Purnell for more information.



International Food Festival: Yolanda Du, Kate Liang, Nisco Chin and Marcus Ma with Chinese teacher Bing Xu



Scrap metal bugs created for a UTAS sculpture project by students in Design and Production

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Athlete Development futsal class girls' team beat Newstead College in the final of the Northern Futsal Championships, winning 3:2 to take out the championship. The boys' team also won their division, 4:2 against Newstead College.
- Phillip Wherrett represented Elizabeth College at the Rostrum Voice of Youth competition.
- Jarrah Day has been selected to represent Australia in the international Junior Orienteering Championships. He is part of a team of twelve travelling to Norway in June.
- Irene Legg received first prize in the Year 11/12 Conversation category of the 2015 Hanyuqiao Chinese Speaking Competition. Paige King and Lillie Street came fourth and fifth in the same category and Chinese beginner students Eaden Munro and Oliver Barratt achieved fourth and fifth places in the Year 10 Conversation category.
- Susan Marshall has received the 2015 Doreen Hopkins Medal from Australian School Library Association, in recognition of her outstanding work as a leading Teacher Librarian and innovative educator.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Friday 5 June | Opening Night, Musical <i>Our House</i> |
| Monday 8 June | Queen's Birthday Holiday |
| Monday 15 June | Parent Information Evening for New Town, Cosgrove and Taroona High Schools, 7-9pm |
| Tuesday 16 June | Parent Information Evening for Ogilvie High School, 7-9pm |
| Wednesday 17 June | Orientation Day Year 10s
Study day for EC students |
| Thursday 18 - Friday 26 June | Mid-year Assessment Period, classes as usual for subjects without an exam |
| Friday 3 July | End of Term 2 |
| Monday 20 July | Beginning of Term 3 |