FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Science Week always brings a fresh vitality and buzz to our college and this year was no exception. On Facebook you may have seen the birth of our latest addition, Chip-chip the bantam chicken and you may have heard stories from some of the one thousand primary school students who have been part of classroom activities. Sessions on astronomy, slime and gases, Japanese animal origami and genes, germs and food all meant young people learnt about the world of Science now and into the future.

Elizabeth College students led numerous Science Week workshops and a highlight was at Government House, where our students performed musical items and celebrated Science with other schools and colleges.

A further highlight for me was our recent Parent Teacher Evening. I wish to thank all of you for the positive support you provide your son or daughter and for working so closely with teachers this year.

In this e-news we can only celebrate a few of the successes achieved at the college recently, so look out for our Facebook and Twitter posts and our end of Term 3 newsletter where we will to cover even more.

Dr Dianne Purnell

EDIBLE LANDSCAPES PROJECT

This term we have rolled out new planter boxes containing veggies and olive trees. These are the result of extended student collaboration and leadership. The project was initiated by the Student Leadership Group (SLG), who secured a grant of $3400 from Hobart City Council. VET Construction and Life Science students and teachers then worked with the SLG and our grounds staff to design, build and plant these attractive and sustainable additions to our campus landscape.

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

• Joshua Spizick won the Outstanding Soloist Trophy at the Southern Tasmanian Dancing Eisteddfods. He also came second in the Sydney Showcase and has qualified for the national competition.

• Our Cross Country team braved wintery conditions at the Tasmanian All Schools Cross Country on June 30 at Symmons Plains. Meriem Daoui came first in under-18 womens, Inessa Corney came second in the under-20 womens and Kelsey McNally came third.

• John Klapsis, Joe Pavic and Dianne Purnell are finalists in the 2015 RBF Department of Education Awards for Excellence.

• Year 12 student Cameron Ransley recently travelled to NSW to play for the state under-18 Rugby team.

• Former student Colin Dean was recently nominated for a prestigious Helpmann Award for Best Male Actor in a Supporting Role in a Musical for his role in Once and is also touring nationally in The Sound of Music.

• Former students Caitlin Reardon and Bradleigh Ayers won state prizes in the 2014 Australian Vocational Student awards.

• Felix Grant and Aleksander Folvig have won Clarence Jazz Festival scholarships for 2015. They will perform at the festival in early 2016.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 4 September**
Quality Assurance Day - Student Free Day

**Monday 14 September**
Enrolment, Year 11 into 12

**Friday 25 September**
End of Term 3

**Monday 12 October**
Beginning of Term 4

**Thursday 22 October**
Show Day holiday

**Friday 23 October**
Classes as usual

**Thursday 29 October**
Forum: Mental Health and Wellbeing - all welcome

Detail from ‘Snake’, a work in progress by Shawn Brennan in Art Studio Practice 3: Digital Art & Media

Science Week: Grade 4 students from St Virgil’s Primary learn about bacteria and good hygiene using glow in the dark germs.