

# Weekly Bulletin

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## FROM THE DIRECTORS OFFICE

I would like to thank all those who assisted with making yet another Founder's Day barbecue (15/10/10) an outstanding success despite the weather. In particular I would like to give special thanks to EME volunteer cooks, to NLP volunteers for setting up and cleaning afterwards with dedicated assistance in particular from Jo and Susie. Above all I thank Kathy Hicks for pulling it all together so wonderfully with much enthusiasm and energy.

Of course I am very grateful for the contributions of the whole school to the success of the Founder's Day events, to the MC, the presenters, the technicians who contributed to the displays, to Tim Wetherell and Deborah for the program and publicity, to Kavitha and her development team to James and the IT team.

Jim Williams

## DEVELOPMENT EVENT



*Friends of the School at the reception*

A reception was held on Founder's Day evening for our donors, alumni, former staff and friends of the School, as well as selected guests from the ANU. The reception provided an opportunity for friends of the School to engage with our past and present colleagues and discover the important work undertaken by the School. Following the reception, Professor Neville Fletcher and Associate Professor Tim Senden presented a lecture entitled *Tunes in time: How physics can contribute to the study of fossils and music* at the Leonard Huxley Theatre. These presentations demonstrated how the School's research in physics plays a role in society.

## CONGRATULATIONS

The following awards were presented at Founders Day:

*John Carver Prize:* David Byrne

*The Dean's Prize:* James Derricks

*The Director's Prize:* Mahdi Hosseini

*Most Popular Talk:* Ryan Weed & John Debs

*CiSRA Prize:* Morgan Hedges & Adric Jones

*Robert & Helen Crompton Travel Scholarship:*

Jason Bertram

*Jagadishwar Mahanty Prize:* Hannah Joyce &

Wonkeun Chang

*Wanda Henry Prize 2009:* Nicolas Riesen

*Tom Rhymes Technical Development Prize:* Tom Kitchen

## STAFF AWARDS

The Joint College Executive Committee (JCEC) have established a staff recognition and reward scheme for members of CMBE and CPMS. Recognition will focus on actions that positively affect the joint colleges community and will be open to all academic and general staff. Successful recipients will be awarded \$5000 in professional development. For further details visit: <http://scinet.anu.edu.au/initiatives/staff-awards>

## SCHOOL SEMINAR

EME & IEEE Nanotechnology Council ACT Chapter

Tuesday, 26 October 2010, 11.00am

Seminar Room, Link Building, RSPE

*Growth, Composition, and Electronic Properties of Nanoscale Materials: Self-assembled Alloy Quantum Systems and Graphene* by Dr Nikhil Medhekar, Monash University

## SCHOOL COLLOQUIUM

Thursday 11 November 2010, 10.00am

Leonard Huxley Lecture Theatre

*Anderson localization in disordered media: from electrons to classical waves to cold atoms*

by Professor Peter Wolfe

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank you all for your support and wonderful messages of condolence for the tragic loss of my son Ben. It has been a great comfort to the family to know that there are so many friends that are sharing our burden in a time of need. Best wishes, Jim.