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**FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

The Director would like to advise that he will be taking long service leave from July to September this year. Professor Stephen Buckman will act as Director during this three month period.

The Director would like to welcome to the RSPE Development Board, Dr Charles Leedman.

The Director would like to congratulate all school staff involved in a recent Comcare inspection of the premises where inspectors were impressed with the standard of the school's OH&S level.

**VC TOUR – CHANGE OF DATE**

**Friday 15 April, 10.30am**

Oliphant Link Tea Room

All staff, students & visitors are cordially invited to join with the school community for morning tea with the new Vice Chancellor, Prof Ian Young.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to all successful MEC bidders. The school did extremely well totally over \$1million in total. See below for details of successful bidders:

- Baldwin, Ken - *Pump laser for high resolution tests of quantum electrodynamics* - \$50,000
- Bradby, Jodie - *A unique high-load nanoindentation facility* - \$355,000
- Inta, Ra - *A cost effective, low power, hybrid supercomputing system* - \$50,000
- Kibedi, Tibor - *Upgrading the super-e for electron-positron pair spectroscopy* - \$175,000
- Lam, Ping Koy - *Ultra-stable Laser System for Quantum Information Experiments* - \$150,000
- Luther-Davies, Barry - *An upgraded facility for research in nonlinear optics and photonics for the visible and mid-infra-red* - \$140,000
- Neshev, Dragomir - *Ultra-fast photonics test-bed facility* - \$74,000
- Truscott, Andrew - *Large number He condensates for fundamental tests of quantum mechanics* - \$70,000

**INTERACTIVE PLASMA TALK**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11.30am**

Room 325, Oliphant Building

Professor Rod Boswell

*Teaching basic physics for space, processing and fusion plasmas.*

**SCHOOL SEMINAR PROGRAM**

**4pm, Thursday 7 April 2011**

Leonard Huxley Lecture Theatre

Building 56, Mills Road

Dr Andrew Fogden

Department of Applied Mathematics

*Wettability of porous media and applications to oil recovery*

Drinks and light refreshments will be provided in the RSPE Link Tea Room, Oliphant Building after the Seminar around 5pm

**HONOURS LECTURE SERIES**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 12.00noon**

(until Friday 3 June)

Seminar Room Link Building RSPE

*Advanced Electromagnetism*

Drs Matthew Hole and Ron Burman

PhD students and staff are invited to attend the Honours lecture series which covers Jackson's famous textbook on the subject.

**EDUCATION MATTERS**

The cutoff date for ordering evaluations of your teaching this semester is 21 April. Information and request forms are at:

<http://unistats.anu.edu.au/surveys/selt/academics>

The Student Experience of Learning Support evaluation is automatic for all CPMS courses, so you don't have to request it. However you do have to request the Student Experience of Teaching evaluation using the form on the above web site.

Previous evaluations can be found at:

<http://unistats.anu.edu.au/surveys/selt/results/learning>

**FAREWELL MAXINE**

**Thursday 14 April, 10.30am**

Oliphant Tea Room

As most of you probably know Departmental Administrator Maxine Hewitt is leaving us next week after two years of tremendous support to the Plasma Research Laboratory and the School. Please bring a plate and join us at morning tea to say thank you and goodbye in true school fashion. For those of you who wish to contribute to a gift or sign a card, please see Susie.

**2011 PURPLE SHIN COMPETITION**

Real Fisica got the season off to a great start with a 5-1 win over Facilities and Services.