



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The Director will be on leave from 11 December returning on 21 December. **Prof. Ken Baldwin** will be acting Director during this time.

MINCE TARTS

Join the School in celebrating Christmas with mince tarts on Friday 19 December from 10:30am.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Jarrold Dong** (DQS) who won the "Best Student Presentation Award" at the 2014 OSA Light, Energy and the Environment Congress.

Congratulations also to the recipients of the 2014 Colleges of Science Awards for Excellence in Education.

- Award for Teaching Excellence: **Joseph Hope**
- Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning: **Cormac Corr**
- Special Commendation for a Program that Enhances Learning: **Jodie Bradby, Cormac Corr, Patrick Kluth** and **James Sullivan** entitled "Physics Project Market Day"

It is the enthusiasm and dedication to excellence of our staff that ensures our teaching and learning is outstanding. We are fortunate to have so many excellent teachers, supervisors and tutors/demonstrators.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations also to the following staff on their recent promotion.

- Xin Gai (Level B)
- Timothy Lam (Level B)
- Duc Huy Luong (Level B)
- Glenn Myers (Level B)
- Fangfang Ren (Level B)

- Simon Wood (Level B)
- Mohammad Saadatfar (Level C)
- Duk Choi (Level D)
- Nicholas Robins (Level D)
- Cedric Simenel (Level D)

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Plasma Research Laboratories

Professor John Howard will be away on annual leave from Monday 15 December 2014 and return on Monday 19 January 2015. **Professor Michael Shats** will be acting Head of Department from 15 December - 24 December 2014 and **A/Professor Matthew Hole** will be acting Head of Department from 2 January - 16 January 2015.

School Manager

The School Manager will be on annual leave from 18 December 2014 to 30 January 2015. During this period his responsibilities will be looked after by **Graeme Cornish** (18 December 2014-18 January 2015) and **Kavitha Robinson** (19 January 2015-30 January 2015).

ARC DEBRIEF AND ADVICE

The School will provide a debriefing on the recent ARC grant rounds - as well as provide advice for applicants for the upcoming Discovery and DECRA rounds.

11.00am Thursday 18th December

RSPE Link Seminar Room.

We will outline the mentoring and peer review process to help applicants make a winning proposal. To hear the details, please come along to this meeting. All potential applicants are encouraged to attend.

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS

Atomic & Molecular Physics

Ultracold mixture of metastable helium and rubidium for universal few-body physics

Dr. Steven Knoop

Vrije University, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

11:00am Monday 15 December

RSPE Link Seminar Room