1. MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS -
• ‘AT MONASH’ SERIES – More Seminar dates for your diary:
  o Arts (Humanities and Social Sciences), Tues 25 March (Clayton)
  o Design and Fine Art, Wed 26 Mar (Caulfield)
  o Teaching, Sport and Outdoor Recreation, Thurs 27 Mar (Peninsula)

An opportunity to check out courses; more dates to follow. See: www.monash.edu/seminars

• MONASH OFFERS – Monash has announced that offers of places made this year increased by 4.4% to 9749 on 2013 figures. This reflects the strong demand for Monash courses and underlines the university’s commitment to expanding higher education opportunities, said Vice-President Prof Edwina Cornish. The biggest increase has been in courses related to biomedical science, education, science, and business and economics.

• INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – Monash has a site for those wishing to help children transition from school to uni: www.monash.edu/study/options/parents. It also looks at the reasons for studying at university, choosing courses, costs, and so on.

• PHYSIOTHERAPY AT MONASH – As indicated in the last newsletter, the UMAT (domestic students) and the ISAT (international students) will no longer be required for students applying for the B. Physiotherapy for entry in 2015 and beyond. Applicants will still undertake an interview. Applicants will be ranked for interview eligibility based on the academic record (Year 12 equivalent studies or GPA) and demonstrated completion of prerequisite subjects. Applicants must be available for face-to-face interview at the designated time.

Info (after Feb 2014):

2. OPEN DAYS FOR 2014 – Attending Open Days at universities and TAFE’s is a great way of gaining information about courses, facilities, location, and generally considering whether you would like to study there. They are mostly held in August, however their dates are included here so that you can get them in your diary and treat them as a priority. They generally run from 10am till 4pm. You need to allow perhaps a couple of hours per visit.

Sat 2 Aug – Monash University (Berwick & Peninsula campuses)
Sun 3 Aug – Deakin (Warrnambool), Monash University (Caulfield, Clayton & Parkville), Swinburne Uni & TAFE
Sun 10 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (ACU) (Melbourne), Deakin (Geelong), RMIT Uni & TAFE (Bundoora, Brunswick, City)
Sun 17 Aug – La Trobe Uni (Bendigo), University of Melbourne
Sun 24 Aug - Box Hill Institute, Deakin Uni (Melbourne), La Trobe (Melbourne), Victoria Uni, William Angliss Institute
Sun 31 Aug – ACU (Ballarat), Federation Uni (Ballarat & Gippsland)

3. VETERINARY SCIENCE & HOSPITAL OPEN DAY – Step behind the scenes at the University of Melbourne’s Veterinary Hospital. This Open Day is for the wider community and prospective students to tour the facilities, discover the range of animals, attend lectures, and see interactive displays and demonstrations. Speak to veterinary staff, current students or members of special interest groups. When: 10am-3pm, Sun 16 March; Where: 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee; Info: www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday.

4. INTERESTED IN PHYSICS? To coincide with International Women’s Day, the University of Melbourne’s School of Physics and the Lady Foundation are hosting a free public lecture. The speaker is Dr Alicia Oshlack who took a PhD in astrophysics and is head of the Murdoch Children’s research institute. Hear about the growing field of bioinformatics and how studying physics led her there. When: 5.15pm, Thurs 6 March; Where: Hercus Theatre in the David Caro Building, cnr Tin Alley and Swanston St; Enquiries/reg’n:
jacinta.den@unimelb.edu.au. Note: although the talk is to encourage young women to study physics, the lecture is open to all members of the public.

5. KEEPER FOR A DAY AND VET FOR A DAY – Thinking of a career involving animals? Then attend a Keeper or Vet day to find out the realities of these careers.

- Werribee Open Range Zoo’s ‘Keeper for Day’ program on 8, 10 and 14 April. Find out first hand from keepers, the skills and experience helpful in gaining a position as a zoo keeper. Who: 13-18yo; Cost: $103; Book: 9285 9406; www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day

- Healesville Sanctuary’s Vet for a Day program on 9, 10, 16 & 17 April. Work alongside vets on real life cases at Healesville Sanctuary’s vet hospital. Who: 15-18yo; Cost: $125; Book: 9285 9406; www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day

- Healesville Sanctuary’s Keeper for a Day program on 8, 9, 10, 16 & 17 April. Get close to precious and endangered animals; help the keepers, and learn about a very rewarding job. Who: 13-18yo; Cost: 4103; Book: 9285 9406.

6. DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS -

- CRIMINOLOGY AT DEAKIN (BURWOOD) – Those thinking of studying criminology at university will be interested to know that Deakin University now offers this major at the Burwood campus as well as at Geelong. Criminologists examine how those accused of crimes are brought to justice, reasons for crime, and how crime rates can be reduced. Deakin now offers the following: Bachelor of Criminology along with several double degrees with B. Criminology: Information Technology, Law, Psychological Science NOTE: Criminology can also be studied at Federation (formerly Monash Gippsland campus), Monash, RMIT, Swinburne and Victoria Universities; it can also be studied in the Diploma of Justice at several TAFE Institutes.

- STUDY SPANISH AT DEAKIN – New to Deakin in 2014, Spanish offers a unique opportunity to learn about the history and culture of the Spanish-speaking world, whilst equipping you with increasingly sought after language skills. Spanish is the official language of 21 countries, including Spain and the nations of Central and South America. After Chinese, it is the largest world language in terms of the number of native speakers. Thus, the study of Spanish can open doors to new experiences and interests not accessible without a knowledge of the language. It can be studied in the B. Arts, the B. International Studies, and the Diploma of Language.

- OPTOMETRY AT DEAKIN – Deakin’s B. Vision Science/Master of Optometry will be offered from this year as a combined course. Students wishing to study optometry will be able to apply for the combined course via the usual VTAC process. It is offered at the Geelong campus, providing students with purpose-built facilities. By taking advantage of the trimester system, this course makes it possible for students to obtain a professional optometry qualification in just three-and-a-half years. See: www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/optometry.

- CREATIVE ARTS AT DEAKIN – The School of Communication and Creative Arts and Education has outstanding creative and performing arts facilities, including animation labs, editing suites, sound studio, film screening rooms, wardrobe and costume department, green room and performance studios. Students may work collaboratively on major projects, developing project management, communication and collaboration skills required by creative artists and creative technologies industries. Students have access to the Deakin Broadcast Centre, a full high definition TV studio. Photography students work in both digital and chemical formats, with access to high quality dark room facilities. Students also learn in the Motion Lab, Australia’s largest and most sophisticated optical motion capture facility. Info: www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/creative-arts.

- DEAKIN STUDENTS SAY – The new YouTube videos may help you satisfy your curiosity about what it is really like to study at Deakin. Get a student perspective on courses, overseas study, and work placement opportunities by visiting www.youtube.com/user/deakinuniversity.

Compiled by: m.walker