

FACULTY RESEARCH NEWS



Faculty of Education

FRC Meetings

9 June
11 August
22 September
October - tba
8 December

HREC due dates

21 May
25 June
30 July
27 August
24 September
22 October
26 November
17 December

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

16 May: ARC LIEF Grants

5 May: RIBG

23 May: ARC Linkage Projects – Rd 1

ARC Linkage International Fellowships

16 October: Academy of Social Sciences Workshops Proposals

Book Launch

Are you addicted to the internet? Or is the idea of internet addiction a case of moral panic? These questions and more are answered in a new book, *The Multiplicities of Internet Addiction*, launched recently by Dr Nicola Johnson. The book was written after a number of questions arose from Nicola's PhD which looked at 'Teenage Technological Experts'.

At the launch, Dr Johnson said there are many different views about the use of the internet. "Overuse of the internet is often characterised as problematic, disruptive, or addictive, with stories frequently claiming that online use interferes with relationships, or that 'excessive' time in front of computer screens is unhealthy." In the US there are treatment centres for internet addiction

disorders... but others say internet addiction doesn't exist."

The book challenges the idea that the internet is addictive and looks at it as a place of leisure and learning. It also looks at how private and public life have become intertwined, and how this is not always a bad thing. "There is a case for pathological internet use, but just because you use the internet a lot doesn't mean you are addicted," Dr Johnson said.

The book also focuses on how new learning spaces have developed on the net, which are also sites of leisure. "These sites challenge traditional notions of childhood as the environment in which people are positioned is increasingly digitised," Dr Johnson said.

Outstanding paper awards!!

Two outstanding paper awards were received by faculty staff and students at the recent International Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education, held in Charlesville, South Carolina, USA.

Lisa Carrington, Lisa Kervin & Brian Ferry for their paper, *Enhancing the Development of Preservice Teacher Professional Identity through the use of Virtual Learning Environment*.

Garry Hoban, David MacDonald & Brian Ferry for their paper, *Improving Preservice Teachers' Science Knowledge by Creating, Reviewing and Publishing Slowmations to Teacher Tube*.

Congratulations to all!!

Bradley Review on Higher Education

PhD student Ray Handley has had part of his research on *ICT and the disengaged Student – Technology based educational programs and their effect in enhancing the motivation of at-risk students*, submitted to last year's Bradley Review on Higher Education by the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM).

The submission has been extracted from the Bradley Review and is currently being considered by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Training.

Workshops

Research Grant Management - Workshop Series
Where to Publish

This series is designed for Academic staff who have been awarded a research grant and general staff who provide research grant administrative support.

The workshop will be held on Tuesday 2 June, from 11.00am – 12.00pm in the Library. If interested in attending, please nominate via Web Kiosk by Friday 22 May. If you require assistance, please contact PODS on extn 4929.

Conference presentations and acceptances

Fiona McLean, 2008 Honours student, Rose Dixon and Kath Tanner presented a paper entitled *Assessing the needs of teachers in rural and remote schools in NSW who have students with Oppositional Defiant Disorder*, at the recent Australian Association of Special Education National Conference in Melbourne. The paper was based on Fiona's honours thesis.

Frank Pitt, Rose Dixon and Wilma Vialle presented a paper entitled *Why don't we ask the kids?*, at the same conference. The paper was based on the Phase 1 results of Frank's PhD research.

Abi Tan, Irina Verenikina and Rose Dixon presented a paper at the recent Learning and

the Learner Global research network 2009 forum. The paper entitled *A qualitative study of the impact of the integration of children with disabilities on the attitudes of regular children in Singapore*, was based on the qualitative results of Abi's PhD thesis which will be submitted by the end of June.

Karen Malone was recently a keynote speaker at the "Power to the Children", Child Friendly Cities conference, Chiba City Childrens' Centre, Chiba Tokyo, Japan. Karen's presentation was entitled: *Designs for a Child Friendly City*. The outcome of the four-day conference was the development of the Chiba Declaration for a Child Friendly Asia Pacific.

The collage contains several news items:

- 5月11日 立候補予定者説明会**: A report on the candidates' explanation meeting for the 2009 Chiba City Mayor election. It lists candidates like 林氏 (Hayashi) and 小川氏 (Ogawa) and discusses the election process.
- 子どもはパートナー**: An article titled "Children are Partners" discussing the role of children in urban planning and the development of child-friendly cities. It mentions a conference in Chiba City.
- アジア太平洋地区の国、地域の連携強化を呼びかけたカレン・マロン准教授**: A report on a lecture by Karen Malone, an associate professor, who called for strengthening cooperation between countries and regions in the Asia-Pacific area.

Funding Opportunities

NHMRC Development Grants

Applications are being called for the above grants and close on Tuesday 7 July 2009. Intending applicants should advise Sharon Clarke, Grants Officer at clarke@uow.edu.au. First drafts should be submitted by Monday 15 June to allow for review and feedback.

To facilitate the move to the new system, applicants for Development Grants in 2009 are required to submit their details to the NHMRC using the form found at: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/development/index.html>. The information provided on this form will enable the NHMRC to provide applicants with a "Login" to access the RGMS. Data can begin to be entered once a Login has been received.

Academy of Social Sciences Workshop Program

The Workshop Program of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia funds several workshops each year that enable workshop organisers to bring together leading scholars to present and discuss the implications of their work. Further details can be found on the Academy website: <http://www.assa.edu.au/Workshop/call.htm>

Applications should be submitted to the Research Services Office by Friday 16 October 2009.

RMS & RGMS Funding Application systems

The ARC have recently, and the NHMRC are about to, change the system used to submit applications for funding. The ARC system is known as RMS and the NHMRC system is known as RGMS. The new online application forms are different to what you may be used to and staff in the Research Services Office: Matthew Perry, Claire Carter and Elizabeth Phillips are able to provide support in the preparation of applications.

Ken Cruickshank and his team have just submitted an application to the ARC using this new system. From all accounts there are lessons to be learned and tales to tell!!s

One for the diary . . .

The 2011 International Conference on Writing Research: Writing Research Across Borders II
February 17 – 20, 2011
George Mason University
Washington DC, Northern Virginia

The conference continues the successful work of the international, interdisciplinary Santa Barbara Conferences on Writing Research in 2002, 2005 and 2008

Further information is available online at:

<http://www.writing.ucsb.edu/wrconf11/>

<http://www.writing.ucsb.edu/wrcon08/>

Contact the organising committee at: writing@education.ucsb.edu

Research News – Child Obesity Research Centre

- Dylan Cliff, Tony Okely and Rachel Jones were awarded Foundations for Children Grant (\$74 000) for expansion of their after-school homework club and physical activity program.
- Louisa Peralta, Lauren Puglisi, Rachel Jones and Dylan Cliff attended and presented at Early Career Researcher Conference in Melbourne
- Tony Okely appointed Vice-President of the Australian and New Zealand Obesity Society and co-Director of the Australasian Child and Adolescent Obesity Research Network.
- Tony Okely appointed on organising committee for the 7th National Physical Activity Conference in October 2009.

We have had several papers accepted

1. Riethmuller A, Jones RA, Okely AD. Efficacy in intervention to improve motor development in young children: a systematic review of controlled trials. *Paediatrics*. Accepted 19 March 2009 (Impact factor = 4.473. Ranking 2/78 in Paediatrics Category)
2. Peralta LR, Jones RA, Okely AD. Promoting healthy lifestyles among adolescent boys: The Fitness Improvement and Lifestyle Awareness Program Pilot RCT. *Preventive Medicine*. Accepted 13 April 2009 (Impact factor = 2.31)
3. Jones RA, Price N, Okely AD, Lockyer L. Development of a parent-led online program to prevent obesity in pre-school children. *Nutrition and Dietetics*. Accepted 17 March 2009 (Impact factor N/A)
4. Salmon J, Okely AD. Physical activity in young people: Assessment and methodological issues (invited editorial). *Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport*. Accepted March 2009.
5. Booth ML, Dobbins T, Aitken R, Denney-Wilson E, Hardy LL, Okely AD, George J, Sullivan D, Cowell C. The short-term costs of managing conditions associated with overweight and obesity among Australian teenagers. *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health*. Accepted 21 February 2009.

Recent Publications

Refereed Journals

Johnson, N.F. (2009). *Teenage Technological Experts' Views of Schooling*. *Australian Educational Researcher*, 36 (1), 59-72.

Brymer, E. Gray, T., & Downey, G. (accepted for publication 2009). Extreme Sports As A Precursor To Environmental Sustainability. *Journal of Sport and Tourism*

Refereed International Conference Proceedings

Brymer, E., Gray, T., Carpenter, C and Cotton, W. (2009). Transformational Ecological Leadership. 4th International Outdoor Education Research Conference (4IOERC) LaTrobe University. Beechworth, 14-17 April, 2009.

International Conference Presentations

Gray, T. and Birrell, C. (2009). Free Range Teenagers: Are they hard wired for risk? 4th International Outdoor Education Research Conference (4IOERC) LaTrobe University. Beechworth, 14-17 April, 2009.

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