A Message from the Dean

Welcome Back
And a very warm welcome to our 2013 academic year.

It seems no sooner have we farewelled the 2012 graduates than we are welcoming our new starters to MED100. This year it was a very special welcome—a prayer (from St Bonaventure) from Fr Steve Astill SJ, and a traditional welcome to country and a smoking ceremony from our respected Noongar elder Marie Taylor. All with professional MC’ing by A/Prof Clive Walley, and with a virtuoso performance on didgeridoo from Derek Nannup as well. Staff and students alike felt moved by these special welcomes.

A special “toolkit week” is underway to acclimatise the MED100s to PBL and the challenges of moving interstate etc. My special thanks to all the staff who have worked under the inspiration of Prof Kathryn Hird to make this a start to remember.

The graduation was again a spectacular event and we appreciate the large numbers of family who joined us to celebrate the occasion.

Welcome to new staff who have joined us this year
- Maria Franchina (MBBS UNDA 2008)
- Stuart Downie
- Chantal Ferguson
- Umnia Haque
- Annie Holt
- Lucinda Norman
- Ute Hauck
- Peter Friedland
- Helen Slattery

And farewell to those leaving us—we wish you well and thank you for your contributions—you will always be welcomed back.
- Jacqui Curran
- Rachel Berrisford
- Marina Rayside
- Emily Woods

I hope I did tell you, but if not pride in the School demands a repeat notification.

The AMC has granted the School 4 years Accreditation to December 2016—thank you and congratulations to all who showed them what we are made of.

Still looking for Alumni snippets—please forward even a few lines to Maureen.Dawson@nd.edu.au

Professor Gavin W Frost
Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Dear God, holy and great, we ask for these blessings on our students, new and continuing, in the School of Medicine on the Fremantle Campus of this University, dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus:

- the spirit of being wise, enabling us to relish the fruits of the tree of life;
- the gift of being understanding, to enlighten our perceptions;
- the gift of being prudent, enabling us to follow in the footsteps of the profession’s greatest forebears;
- the gift of being strong, to withstand all that threatens to overwhelm us;
- the gift of being knowledgeable, to distinguish right from wrong, truth from falsehood, in personal and professional life;
- the gift of being reverent, to conduct ourselves with charity and mercy in all our relationships;
- the gift of being in awe, to withdraw from all that would harm another person and live comfortably with silence, in profound respect of human life.

These are the gifts we ask for. Grant them for the honour of your Holy Name, to which be all honour and glory, thanksgiving, renown, and power forever and ever. Amen.

(Adapted from the prayer of St Bonaventure)

Father Stephen Astill

MED100 Welcome to Country
MED400 Suturing Workshop – 25th January

Anne Goldstein
Scholarships

A reminder to students that there are a number of scholarships available to Medical students, please follow the link to access the relevant information http://www.nd.edu.au/scholarships/medicine.shtml

Maureen Dawson

MEDSU

School of Medicine wins contract to deliver training in clinical supervision

The School of Medicine Fremantle was successful in its bid to the Health Department of WA for the delivery of clinical supervision training to public and private sector health professionals in Western Australia. The contract dovetails nicely with the role out of the Graduate Diploma of Health Professional Education which will commence in February 2013. The contract will provide health professionals the opportunity to enrol in the unit "Best Practice in Clinical Supervision" which will run in second semester.

The Graduate Diploma of Health Professional Education, developed in-house by the School of Medicine Fremantle, presents an innovative educational design which combines mobile and web-based technologies.

The course was developed with clinicians in mind and puts flexibility in terms of time, place and pace of study at the centre of the educational design model.

So far, demand has exceeded expectations with students enrolling from disciplines of medicine and nursing as far away as Sydney and Alice Springs. Participants enrolling as part of the contract with the Health Department of WA will provide even more diversity to the course with students expected from medicine, nursing, physiotherapy, podiatry, counselling, speech therapy and a range of other allied health professions.

Associate Professor Carole Steketee, responsible for the development of the successful tender, said she was very pleased with the outcome. "This is a great opportunity to introduce new professional students to the University of Notre Dame Australia, and to broaden the profile of the School of Medicine’s educational resources and services. It provides a strong foundation upon which to deliver a much needed flexible learning resource in the health professions". The Graduate Diploma of Health Professional Education begins on February 25 2013 and there are still a few places available. Contact Frank Bate on 08 9433 0944 for more information on the course.

Dr Frank Bate