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**Open Evening – Bachelor of Nursing Program**

**Interested in a Career in Nursing?**
RMIT University Hamilton will throw open its doors to prospective students on **Wednesday 20 August 2008 from 7.00pm.**

Visitors will be able take tours of the facilities, learn about the curriculum, understand how to apply for a place in the program and gain an insight into what is required of a university student.

If you would like to find out more about the open evening, please contact Quin Curcio on 5572 0500.

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**Community Forum**

“Study Locally and Think Globally”

**Dr Bill Vistarini** – Senior Research Associate, RMIT University

**Dr David Hodges** – Program Coordinator, Bachelor of Business International, RMIT University

**Ms Davarone Kittiphanh** – AusAID Scholarship winner and PhD student at RMIT

A panel presentation by supervisors and some of their current post-graduate students including

- Ms Adele Kenneally
  Group Manager, Community Development, Glenelg Shire Council, Portland
  Research: Community - the heart of local government; a case study of the Glenelg Shire Council.

- Mr Bill Hamill
  CEO Rural Industries Skill Training, Hamilton
  Research: Sustaining a Future for Young People in Agriculture (Red Meat and Wool Industry in the Western District of Victoria).

All speakers will be happy to answer questions about their work and post-graduate research by project. We look forward to your company at this important forum.

**Thursday, 14 August 2008, 5.30pm to 7.00pm**
RMIT University, 200 Ballarat Road, Hamilton

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**Clothes Swap**

*Swap Till You Drop*

- 1kg of pesticide is used to make one cotton T-shirt
- 900,000 tonnes of clothes and accessories go to landfill in Britain each year
- Australians spend 1.7 billion dollars on clothes and accessories each year
- Women under thirty buy 102 new items of clothing a year

**Monday 18th August**

Uniting Church Hall
Clothes drop off 5:30 – 5:50pm
Search and swap 6:00 – 8:00pm

A team of young people guided by the OtherWISE reference group are holding a “Clothes Swap”. If you are between 15 and 25 years of age we would love you to drop off any unwanted clean, well kept clothes, scarves, bags and other accessories, from 3:30 onwards to the Uniting Church hall in Lonsdale Street. Tokens will be provided, one per item handed in, then on return at 6pm you can trade your tokens and swap till you drop.

It’s the perfect opportunity to get rid of stuff in your wardrobe you don’t want and trade it for something you do.

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**2008 Early Childhood Conference for Early Childhood Practitioners**

RMIT University, Hamilton in partnership with Combined Preschools of Southern Grampians Inc present:

“Proactive Strategies for Challenging Children”
**Friday 22 August 2008**

**Keynote Speaker: Colleen DeVeyrac B.PE, B.Ed.**

Presentation: ‘Save your sanity: proactive strategies for challenging children’.

**Conference Workshops** will be hosted by Emma Moore, Sophie Roberts, Kate Sellers and Davina McClure.

To receive further information, or to register for the 2008 Early Childhood Conference, please contact Marilyn Lyons, Learning Centre Coordinator on 5572 0502 or marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au
RMIT Hamilton Research Day

Staff from RMIT in Hamilton and Melbourne will be presenting a showcase of the findings of their research in the Hamilton and Southern Grampians region. The presentations will be followed by discussions about potential research projects and collaborations which will be co-chaired by local leaders and RMIT researchers.

The objective of the presentation and discussions will be to identify new opportunities for research with outcomes which are significant for the region and for RMIT’s standing as a producer of high quality research that is relevant to the community. Key topics for discussion will include Natural Resource Management; Economic Development; Health Ageing and Social Development; and Education and Youth Issues.

The RMIT Hamilton Research Day will be held on September 3, 2008. For more information, contact Shelagh Krummel on 5572 0532.

Computer Club is up and running!

The computer club is available to secondary school students and provides opportunities to pursue interests around computers and software.

The club is held twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4.00pm to 5.30pm. Students will be encouraged to participate in self-directed learning and will be aided by facilitator, Dean Banfield.

Cost is $15 per student per session. For further information, please contact Quin Curcio on 5572 0500 or email quin.curcio@rmit.edu.au

Anderson Training Services on site

Over the next few months you will see some small bungalows being built at the rear of the RMIT property. These are the workmanship of a group of apprentices who are training with Anderson Training Services Building Skills Centre, a Bendigo based company. This company are renting space to train local apprentices in building, plastering and painting. You can monitor their progress as more bungalows are constructed.

For more information contact Barry Anderson on 0409 971 951.

Helen & Geoff Handbury Fellowship Program

The Helen & Geoff Handbury Fellowship Program is a community-university scholarship fund in partnership with RMIT University. The fund provides financial support to Western Victoria community members to undertake projects that provide a direct and tangible benefit towards the sustainability of the region. Applications for the Handbury Fellowship Program closed on Friday 25 July 2008. We understand that there have been a number of interesting and worthwhile projects put forward and the local panel will meet later in August to discuss these applications.

Second International Food and Thought Mela- Poster Competition Results

A sincere thank you to all the students who participated in the recent RMIT Local-Global Project “Food into the Future” Primary School Poster Competition. We received over 85 entries from eight schools. Thank you also to the staff for their interest and support.

The judges, Danny and Kate McDonald, were impressed with the vibrant, colourful and innovative posters. The winning entries were chosen on the following criteria:

- Interpretation of the idea
- Originality of thinking
- How much information the students brought to the picture
- How the students had thought their ideas through
- If the entry worked as a poster
- Illustrating the complexity of issues

Congratulations to the following students on their winning entries:

Year 5/6:
First: Chloe Kennewell, Casterton Primary School (Year 5)
Second: Jake Burger, George Street Primary School, Hamilton (Year 5)

Year 3/4:
First: Hannah Carter, Heywood Consolidated School (Year 4)
Second: Tahlia Purcell, Macarthur Primary School (Year 3)

Prizes have been presented to each of these students.

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