FROM THE ACADEMIC DEAN

Today marks a break from classes, so hopefully a bit of a rest and some assessment tasks completed. A reminder that students must seek extensions for work that is not completed on time: failure to get an extension is a recipe for failure itself!

Keep an eye out for visitors the campus this next week, as we are hosting two pivotal conferences. One on the Basis of Union over the weekend, and during the week the traditional UTC seminar has been devoted to transformational preaching. It will be a time of much research sharing, discussion and enlivening conversation.

FROM THE FACULTY

New Colombo Plan Scholarships
The Australian Federal Government has released the second round of the New Colombo Plan Scholarships. These scholarships are designed to support high achieving students to undertake a semester study at a university in targeted Asian destinations. Scholarships are of significant value both financially as well as in relation to the recognition of the student and the university.

Recipients for 2014 were presented their awards in a ceremony that included His Excellency the Governor General and the Federal Foreign Minister.

The process for the awarding of scholarships under this program is slightly different to that used for other scholarships associated with international study. The university is required to nominate ten students that meet the eligibility requirements and are prepared to undertake a session study at a university in one of the selected destination countries in 2015. These students are then invited to apply for the scholarships and undergo a selection process externally to the university.

I would like to encourage all schools to consider if they may have students that meet the eligibility criteria and contact our office to discuss potential nomination. We will then talk through the process with the students and guide them through the application.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS IN BRIEF

Value
Approximately $23 500 per student per semester

Destination Countries
Bangladesh; Bhutan; Brunei; Burma; Cambodia; China; Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; India; Indonesia; Hong Kong; Japan; Kiribati; Laos; Malaysia; Maldives; Marshall Islands; Mongolia; Nauru; Nepal; Niue; Pakistan; Palau; Papua New Guinea; Philippines; Samoa; Singapore; Solomon Islands; South Korea; Sri Lanka; Taiwan; Thailand; Timor Leste; Tonga; Tuvalu; Vanuatu; Vietnam.

Eligibility (in brief)
Australian citizen, dual citizenship or permanent residency; be enrolled in an undergraduate CSU Degree; be between 18 and 28; have achieved a minimum 70 per cent graded average or equivalent.

**Study Requirement**
Full time (one or two semesters) enrolment in an international university during 2015 with study contributing to the awarding of their CSU Degree. Additional details can be found in the attached FAQ sheet.

For further enquiries contact Gerard Moore gerardm@nsw.uca.org.au

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**FROM STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Thank you to all who attended the Student Association AGM last week, and congratulations to the newly elected 2015 executive:
- Chairperson: Fiona Blair
- Secretary: Mariana Waqa
- Treasurer: Mark Beaton
- Non-Portfolio: Danielle Hemsworth-Smith and Simote Finau
- Senior Student: Adrian Sukumar-White

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**FROM THE LIBRARY**

Please answer a survey about Library services at Camden Theological Library
We would value you taking a few minutes to complete a survey for us. We will soon be distributing a link to the survey to your e-mail address. Despite limitations which are beyond our control, we would like to discover if there are changes we can make to be more responsive to your needs.

If you complete the survey before Friday 5th September, there will be the opportunity to be eligible to win one of two prizes.

Thank you for taking the time to support Camden Theological Library in this way.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

You are invited to celebrate with us the Induction of the Reverend Seforosa Carroll to the role of Manager, Church Partnerships, Pacific – UnitingWorld
**When:** 3pm Wednesday, 17th September, 2014
**Where:** Pitt Street Uniting Church, 264 Pitt Street, Sydney CBD
Please join us afterwards for Afternoon Tea
**RSVP:** Monday 15th September, 2014 to info@unitingworld.org.au or 02 8267 4267
If you are unable to attend but would like to send a greeting to Sef, we will compile these for her.

**Q&A with Dr John Dickson – Tuesday 2 September at 6.30pm**
MC Newth Auditorium, 51 Druitt Street
*Free event book a spot at www.trybooking.com/FPBR*
How historically reliable is the New Testament and the life of Jesus of Nazareth?

Dr John Dickson is a leading historian on the life of Jesus of Nazareth and the birth of Christianity. Dr Dickson will explore with us what we can realistically know about the life of Jesus from (largely hostile) ancient pagan and Jewish
writings as well as New Testament and near contemporary Christian sources from the time of Jesus or soon after. He makes the bold claim that the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ life deserve to be read seriously.

**Season of Creation**
Uniting Earth Ministry is compiling video sermons, church stories, and all ages talks to help churches celebrate the Season of Creation this September. We have an even broader range of contributors this year on the themes of Forests, Land, Wilderness, Rivers and Francis of Assisi/Blessing of Animals. Resources can be accessed free at: [http://unitingearthweb.org.au/worship/soc](http://unitingearthweb.org.au/worship/soc)

**The Biennial Conference in Philosophy, Religion and Culture** will take place 4 – 5 October 2014
**Theme: FAITH AND THE POLITICAL**
The theme is to be interpreted broadly and from the disciplines of philosophy, theology, history, social science, literature and the arts. Keynote Speaker: Peter Forrest: The Epistemology of Scandal

Venue: Catholic Institute of Sydney
Contact: Andrew Murray: [apmurray@cis.catholic.edu.au](mailto:apmurray@cis.catholic.edu.au)


Remember across the semester you are welcome to join us for Chapel each week; Devotions during Semester at 9.20am on Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays, the Wednesday Service of Word and Sacrament during the Semester is at 11.30am.

And don’t forget that you can join us for Community Lunch at 12.40pm on the Wednesday during the Semester time.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH**

Our weekly eNewsletter can also be found our UTC website.
To follow go to [http://www.utc.edu.au/](http://www.utc.edu.au/)

Remember to visit the NSW ACT Synod Community Connection [http://nsw.uca.org.au/e-news](http://nsw.uca.org.au/e-news)

The newsletter is from the Faculty & College Assistant
Please direct news items to carlah@nsw.uca.org.au