MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

Welcome to the second of our monthly newsletters from the Clinical School. Please send in your contributions, and let us know what you would like included. In this issue we have included an overview of the Clinical School’s strategic plan for the next 12 months. If you have any queries about that, or any other issues, please contact us.

Louise Baur
Associate Dean, The Children’s Hospital Westmead Clinical School

CLINICAL SCHOOL NEWS

The Sydney University Paediatric Society complete the Balmoral Burn

The Sydney University Paediatric Society successfully completed the Balmoral Burn for the second year in a row on 31 May, 2015. The Balmoral Burn is a fun run that raises money for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation to purchase much needed equipment for children’s hospitals across NSW and beyond. SUPS had some impressive statistics this year, with James Bergfield and Tom Kelly winning first and second place for the Community Group division, and Lucy Burgess as the first lady across the finish line! Thank you to all sponsors who helped support our society and the Humpty Dumpty Foundation. Upcoming SUPS events include Superhero Day at Bear Cottage on 19th July, and our Health For All event. This stimulating educational event will involve putting together care packages for children in detention centres and raising awareness about advocacy for refugee children. Keep an eye out for further SUPS events throughout the year!

Pictured: Lindsey Jones, James Bergfield, Lucy Burgess, Tom Kelly, Chad Abbot and Tom Iredale excited about finishing the Balmoral Burn!
In the media
Kate Steinbeck is on the Richard Glover Drive shows on an ad hoc basis, covering topics around adolescent and young adult health. These sessions are on Wednesdays after 5pm. Kate will be next interviewed on 8 July, 19 August, 7 October and 25 November 2015.

Louise Baur was interviewed on the Richard Glover Drive show on 17 June discussing issues involving childhood obesity.

These podcasts can be found on: http://www.abc.net.au/sydney/programs/podcasts.htm

EDUCATION

Appointment of Co-Directors, Sydney Medical Program and Headship of the Education Office

Associate Professor Jane Bleasel MBBS PhD FRACP is a Staff Specialist in Rheumatology and Head of the Department of Rheumatology at Royal Prince Alfred. She has been a Clinical Associate Professor in Sydney Medical School since 2005 and is currently Clinical Studies Advisor in the Education Office. She has extensive expertise in clinical medicine and a deep understanding of the Australian healthcare system. Jane will commence appointment on a 0.6 FTE basis on 13 July 2015.

Dr Inam Haq MD FRCP is currently a Reader in Rheumatology and Medical Education at Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS) where he has been Director of Undergraduate Studies since 2008. He has played a key role in the development of medical education research at BSMS and has acquired particular expertise in the areas of mobile medical education and e-learning. He expects to take up his appointment on a full-time basis on 1 September 2015.

Professor David Cook has been appointed by the Vice-Chancellor as the Academic Lead of the Westmead Vision project effective from 20 April 2015. As a consequence, David has had to relinquish his roles as Deputy Dean (Education), Acting Head of the Education Office and Acting Head of the Sydney Medical Program.

Professor Cheryl Jones has been appointed Deputy Dean (Education) from 20 April 2015. In this capacity, and in accordance with the new structure of the Education Office, she has been heading the Education Office effective from this date. In addition, she has been appointed Acting Director of the SMP from 24 April 2015 until 13 July 2015 when Professor Bleasel will take over as sole Director of the SMP until the arrival of Professor Haq. Both Cheryl and Jane will be assisted in their roles by Professor Craig Mellis who will step down from the headship of the Central Clinical School on 1 June 2015 and who has kindly agreed to assist with the delivery and management of the SMP during the transition period prior to Professor Haq's arrival.

Academic excellence awards

Applications are now open for the 2015 Sydney Medical School Awards for Outstanding Teaching, Excellence in Research Supervision, Support of the Student Experience and Systems that Achieve Collective Excellence in Learning and Teaching. Details of criteria and how to apply for each category of award may be found at www.itl.usyd.edu.au/awards/vcawards.htm. Applications should be endorsed by the relevant Head of School.

Members of School (including all title holders) are strongly encouraged to apply. Staff in receipt of a Vice-Chancellor's award for a specific project are ineligible to apply for a Sydney Medical School award for the same project.

Subject to applications being of sufficient quality, the Dean may make up to four awards to individual members of staff and/or groups. Recommendations for awards will be made by a committee chaired...
by the Dean or nominated Deputy Dean. Successful applicants will be awarded an appropriate certificate together with the sum of $5,000. The awards will be presented at the 3 December 2015 meeting of the Faculty of Medicine.

Applications close on 15 July 2015.

Applications should be submitted to Ms Ancella Cheung, Project Officer: ancella.cheung@sydney.edu.au

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENT NEWS

Students presenting their research internationally

Winner of Best Paediatric Poster
PhD student, Dr Geshani Jayasuriya, won Best Paediatric Poster for her poster titled: "Peripheral airway abnormalities are common in children post bone marrow transplantation" at the recent Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand Conference.

Congratulations to Geshani on being awarded a Peter Phelan Travel Grant to attend the 2015 European Respiratory Conference and present her work.

Tegan Cheng presents at the Orthopaedic Research Society Annual Meeting
"I recently had the opportunity to present part of my PhD work as a poster at the Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS) annual meeting, held during 28-31 March in Las Vegas, USA.

This conference is one of the most important orthopaedic conferences held internationally, and involves many research fields. There was a broad range of disciplines represented, spanning clinical, translational and basic research.

I was able to share my recent results from using my injectable bone tissue engineering scaffold in a transgenic mouse model of Osteogenesis Imperfecta.

This work was well received, and I had some highly valuable and interesting discussions regarding the results. I was able to hear from researchers from around the world who had some very interesting findings. Overall, the conference was a great experience and I'm thankful to have been able to attend."

Sanjay Jayasinghe at the 18th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research of the National Foundation on Infectious Diseases
Sanjay recently presented work undertaken for his PhD at the 18th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research of the National Foundation on Infectious Diseases held in Bethesda, Maryland, USA.

This annual conference brings together delegates from diverse disciplines involved in the research and development of vaccines and associated technologies for disease control through immunisation.

The invited presentations and submitted oral abstracts and posters in the program cover high-quality, current reports of scientific progress and best practices related to vaccinology. By drawing upon an international audience of scientists and researchers, healthcare professionals and trainees, veterinarians, vaccine manufacturers, and public health officials, the conference is designed to encourage
the exchange of ideas across a broad range of disciplines.

Sanjay's presentation titled 'Impact and Effectiveness of 13vPCV Dosage Schedule with No Booster Among Australian Children' was included in a session themed 'Vaccine Effectiveness in Disease Prevention'.

**Cut Rachmi’s research reported in the Medscape Medical News**

by Lisa Nainggolan

Children who are stunted are more likely to be at risk of overweight and obesity than children of normal height, according to a new study among 2- to 5-year-olds in Indonesia, the world's fourth most populous nation.

Cut Rachmi is an Indonesian general practitioner undertaking her PhD in the Discipline of Paediatrics & Child Health. Cut has a scholarship from Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan, Indonesia. Her supervisors are Prof Louise Baur, A/Prof Mu Li and Dr Kingsley Agho.

Prof Louise Baur presented Cut’s research at the 2015 European Congress on Obesity in Prague.

Dr Rachmi told Medscape Medical News that stunting is a reflection of nutritional and economic differences — within any one country, more socially advantaged people are taller than those who are socially disadvantaged. "With few exceptions, we should expect people from different countries to have similar average heights," she observed, citing 2006 WHO Child Growth standards.

And this is happening against a backdrop of a "nutrition transition" in this and many other low- and middle-income emerging-economy countries, she noted. As these nations undergo rapid development and people get wealthier, they stop having to perform as many chores, they get cars, they sit more, and they have access to different kinds of food, including Western convenience foods. All of which creates a "double burden of malnutrition," which can almost certainly be extrapolated to many countries in Asia and other parts of the world, Prof Baur noted.

Both Prof Baur and Dr Rachmi stressed that there are several incredibly important clinical and policy implications of their work that need to be emphasized in Indonesia and in many other emerging economies across Asia and in other parts of the world."

Tim Lobstein, PhD, director of policy at the World Obesity Federation, London, United Kingdom, said: "This is probably the most important paper presented this week in terms of how many children are affected by the problems described — we are talking about millions, and if you include India and the rest of south Asia and China, possibly tens of millions, so it's not the problems we have in Europe, in the thousands.

Pictured: PhD student, Cut Rachmi (centre), with her supervisors, Prof Louise Baur (left) and A/Prof Mu Li (right)

This article continues at http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/845132
UPCOMING SEMINARS

“How to make your scholarship competitive”
- Update session for supervisors and students
Tuesday 14 July 2015, 2.30-3.30pm, Large Research Meeting Room, Level 2,
Kids Research Institute, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead

“Managing supervisor relationships, effective communication and conflict prevention”
- Professional Development seminar
Friday 24 July 2015, 12 noon-1pm, Doreen Dew Lecture Theatre, Level 4, Education Centre,
The Children’s Hospital at Westmead

Discipline’s Supervisor Accreditation course
- Seminar 1
Friday 24 July 2015, 2-4pm, Large Research Meeting Room, Level 2, Kids Research Institute,
The Children’s Hospital at Westmead

To register contact: Postgradchw.schn@health.nsw.gov.au

RESEARCH

UoSy SPARC Implementation Funding (BMRI)
Professor Cheryl Jones, Professor Russell Dale, Professor Robert Booy and Dr Gulam Khandaker
are involved in the study, Bridging the gap from the cradle to the mosh pit: A pilot study to develop
links between childhood and youth brain disorder prospective cohorts and develop new research
opportunities to elucidate causes, predictors and outcomes of abnormal brain development.

STAFF NOTICES

Meg Phelps – new appointment

From 9 June 2015 Dr Meg Phelps, paediatrician and part-time lecturer with the Clinical School, is the
Associate Dean (student support) for Sydney Medical Program (SMP).

‘I look forward to continue to working with my Sub-dean (Student support) colleagues and other
staff at CHW, at Camperdown campus, and all clinical schools, to assist SMP medical students. It’s
important we ensure all students can be supported in a parallel system away from that which
determines their academic progression,’ Meg said.
‘This is a coordinating role, but I will still have contact with individual students at CHW.’

The student support aspects of the medical program will be one of the standards being reviewed as part
of the Australian Medical Council accreditation process for the SMP in August this year.
ADVERTISED POSITIONS

Marie Bashir Provisional Clinical Research Fellowships - JMO Round 2016/17
Professor Kate Steinbeck is advertising a research fellowship position through NSW JMO eRecruit with the incumbent beginning their tenure in February 2016.

If you have any further queries please contact Tina Cunningham on 9845 2507 or by email on: tina.cunningham@health.nsw.gov.au

RECENT FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND PRIZES

Congratulations to the following:

GRANTS

Cheryl Jones, Haley Smithers-Sheedy
Sydney Medical School Foundation (in its second year)
Profiling cerebral palsy (CP) due to congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection
$360,000

SPONSORSHIP

Patrina Caldwell
Sponsored by the ACI (Agency for Clinical Innovation) to develop a Framework to address paediatric urinary incontinence by providing evidence based guidelines, education and resources including the development of communication tools, rural training and the trial of a pop up service.

AWARDS

A/Prof Alyson Kakakios, Head of Allergy and Immunology, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead
We congratulate Dr Alyson Kakakios on the following award: Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division, for “service to medicine in the field of paediatric allergy and immunology”. Awarded during Queen’s Birthday Order of Australia Honours.

MEETINGS

Developmental and Behavioural Paediatrics in a Changing World Conference:
27-29 August 2015, Menzies Hotel Sydney
This conference is a joint venture between the Sydney Children's Hospital Network and the Neurodevelopmental Behavioural Paediatrics Society of Australia.

On Day 1 we will be celebrating 40 years of the Child Development Unit by discussing the current understanding and treatments of some of the most challenging disorders we manage.

The 3 day program includes Autism Spectrum Disorder, Complex ADHD, Sleep Disorders, Oral Health, Tourette Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome, Managing Challenging Behaviours and the impact of the upcoming National Disability Insurance Scheme on our practice and patients.

All the speakers are experienced clinicians and researchers, well respected, knowledgeable and experts in their field. Our International Speakers are outstanding and not to be missed! Randi Hagerman is the Medical Director, UC Davis M.I.N.D Institute, Distinguished Professor, Endowed
It is possible to register for one, two or three days, although day 3 is for NBPSA members only and we would encourage you to join.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and discuss developmental and behavioural issues within a collegiate and informative environment. CDU has always appreciated your support and we hope that we can continue to provide a valuable service to the children and families you care for.

Kind regards

A/Prof Natalie Silove
Head of the Child Development Services, The Children’s Hospital at Westmead
Clinical Director Medical Community, Ambulatory, Rehabilitation, Population & Allied Health (CARPA)

ECR ‘Talk and Cheese’ Seminar - “Social Media and Your Research”
Speakers: Julie Leask and Cameron Webb
Interested in how you can use social media to enhance your research? Please join us for this exciting talk on Social Media and Your research. Julie (@JulieLeask) and Cameron (@mozziebites) are both active users of Twitter and can share some tips and tricks on how to get the most out of social media.

When: Wednesday 29th July, 12:30 – 1:30pm
(Lunch will be provided)
Where: Doreen Dew Lecture Theatre, Level 4, Education Centre, Westmead Children’s Hospital

Speakers: Julie Leask (School of Public Health, Sydney Medical School) and Cameron Webb (NSW Health Pathology and Marie Bashir Institute of Infectious Diseases and Biosecurity)

The target audience is ECRs who are in the first 10 years post-PhD as well as final year PhD students. However everyone is welcome, including senior researchers, RA’s and students.

This program has been developed to address ECR education needs identified in the recent DPCH ECR research study. Seminars every 2 months will address key topics that are relevant for all ECRs (including those with clinical, basic-science and public health interests).

This is a great opportunity to meet other ECRs and strengthen ties within the ECR community. The ECR committee members are: Wendy Gold, Patrina Caldwell, Karen Walker, Leigh Waddell, Sam Ginn and Nigel Clarke.

Please email Wendy Gold if you’d like to receive a regular outlook invite to these seminars or have any questions: wendy.gold@health.nsw.gov.au
The Clinical School has developed a strategic plan for its work over the next year. An overview of the plan is shown below.

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<td>Ensure CHW CS is strongly engaged and working on projects with our various partners - especially SCHN, Westmead precinct, Sydney Health Partners, USYD</td>
<td>Further grow the working relationships with KRI and the ECR Committee</td>
<td>Re-develop the Child &amp; Adolescent Health Block in 2015 Develop new medical education short courses</td>
<td>Develop coordinated HDR educational/professional development opportunities with KRI</td>
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<td><strong>Funding, sustainability and revenue streams – program funding</strong></td>
<td>Streamline financial and funding processes &amp; models, monitoring and reporting within the CHW CS</td>
<td>Work with SCHN and USYD for improved funding models for ‘future research leaders’</td>
<td>Increase funding for innovation and research in medical education Ensure sustainability of the Units of Study for the Master of Medicine (Paediatrics) course for 2016 and beyond</td>
<td>Ensure equitable funding for PG students based at CHW CS and within DP&amp;CH</td>
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<td>Improve CHW CS communication - internally, with the wider Discipline and other University and Hospital departments Undertake broader re-branding of CHW Clinical School Improve ICT communication and planning</td>
<td>Improve dissemination and branding of P&amp;CH research – within the academic and health community</td>
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<td>Improve visibility PG team work - within Westmead Precinct and across SMS and USYD</td>
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<td>Quality/Metrics/Assessment – evidence/results</td>
<td>Ensure staff and affiliates database is accurate</td>
<td>Ensure research output data are accurate and up to date</td>
<td>Undertake research into the effectiveness of the CAH block redevelopment Evaluate education and assessment procedures</td>
<td>Achieve sustained and increasing level of new HDR applications annually Increase number of eligible supervisors for DPCH</td>
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<td>People – leadership, career plans</td>
<td>Improve administrative support for the CHW CS academic staff and functional teams Increase number of, and support for, new internally and externally funded academic staff Ensure current CHS CS staff have well developed career plans, and professional development opportunities</td>
<td>Support researchers to apply successfully for Fellowship applications</td>
<td>Further improve staffing and governance of the Education team Maintain mechanisms for recruitment, training, retention and recognition of clinical teachers Develop mechanism for advertising/promoting Academic Fellow amongst junior medical staff</td>
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Registration opens late March
Don't miss the early bird discount

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INFORMATION TO CONTRIBUTE?

If you would like to contribute information for the newsletter or give advance notice of meetings, please contact katrina.hoult@health.nsw.gov.au We welcome all contributions!