It has been a busy quarter at the clinical school for students, with long case and barrier exams for Y4, barrier exams for Y3, and OSCEs for Y1.

At this year’s Year 1 Formative OSCE, examiners trialled iPads to record results, rather than using the traditional paper-based method. The trial proved very successful and was well-received by examiners as well as being eco-friendly.

Our Print students have almost completed their studies, with only a few weeks remaining with us before a short break and commencing internship positions in 2014. The Final Year Students & Sydney Medical School Annual Awards Luncheon will be held on Thursday, 31 October 2013, from 12 noon in the Green Room.

It is very pleasing to see that 25 of our students will remain at Westmead to commence internship from January 2014.

Thank you……

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the formative long case examiners, who assisted our sessions with practice sessions prior to the long case exams, and our summative long case examiners who made themselves available to examine over several days of exams.

We were pleased to advise that our students performed extremely well and achieved the best pass results compared with our other clinical schools. Well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY....

Friday, 31 October 2013 - Final Year Student Luncheon, from 12 noon in the Green Room
Saturday, 2 November 2013 - WentWest Annual Conference (see page 4)
Friday, 13 December 2013 - Postgraduate Student Graduation

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Please contact Amanda Burke on T9845 7661 or Amanda.Burke@sydney.edu.au
if you would like to include a story/feature in the next edition.
**Vale...**

**Dr Henry Swan, MB, BCh, BAO, MFCM, Grad Dip HA**
Dr Swan was an integral part of Dr John Stephenson’s team from 1998 until 2009, which maintained and catalogued the specimens housed in the John Stephenson Museum at the clinical school. Dr Swan’s extensive knowledge of anatomy was invaluable when labelling the museum pots which remain helpful tools available for teaching medical and nursing students alike.

**Tom Cincotta**
We recently lost Tom Cincotta from Sit N Chats and will miss his smiling face when delivering catering to many departments in and around the hospital.

**Appointment: Head of Surgery...**
Congratulations to **Prof Henry Pleass**, who has been appointed as the new academic Head of Surgery in the Sydney Medical School and Westmead Hospital. His appointment was made after an extensive international search and consideration of a large field of high calibre applicants. This is a pivotal appointment for the Sydney Medical School and for Westmead Hospital. He will shape the future of academic Surgery at Westmead, and ensure that teaching, training and research in surgery flourish and remain core pillars for Westmead Hospital. To achieve this he will work closely with Gary Morgan, the Clinical Director of the Division of Surgery & Anaesthetics.

Many of you know Henry well. For those of you who don’t, he received his undergraduate training at the University of Newcastle Upon-Tyne, England and was trained in general and transplantation surgery in the North East of England, Edinburgh and Sydney. He has published and presented widely on transplantation and his MD focussed on xenotransplantation. Until now he has been a Conjoint Associate Professor of the University of Sydney. His specialty interests are in liver and pancreatic surgery, in addition to laparoscopic surgery. He is widely respected for his surgical skills and clinical acumen. He is Surgical Head of the Australian National Pancreas Transplant Program, based at Westmead, and he also holds a number of key executive positions within his profession.

**Clinical Academic Titles & Promotions...**

Congratulations also to the following appointments which have been conferred recently:
- Clinical Professor Wah Cheung
- Clinical Associate Professor Janine Stevenson
- Clinical Senior Lecturer Kathy Wu
- Conjoint Senior Lecturer Sanjay Swaminathan
- Clinical Lecturer Yogesh Nikam
- Clinical Lecturer Ju-Lee Ooi
- Clinical Lecturer Audrey Wang
- Clinical Associate Lecturer Anvita Vema
- Clinical Associate Lecturer Nirantha Chinniah
- Clinical Associate Lecturer Ming-Celine Dubosq
- Senior Research Fellow Andrew Hamman
- Senior Research Fellow Najla Nasr
- Research Fellow Kerrie Sandgren
- Postdoctoral Fellow Helen Williams
Farewell...

Professor Rick Kefford will soon be leaving Westmead Hospital after 30 years of invaluable service to the hospital, university and to his patients. He will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Teaching Opportunities...

As you may know, we are continually seeking tutors for all stages of the course.

If you are interested in teaching, please contact Dr Amanda Harrison on 9845 6403 or email amanda.harrison@sydney.edu.au at the clinical school to discuss possibilities further.

We are happy to provide letters recognising your teaching contribution which can be included with your CV.

This quarter, we particularly require tutors for:-
- Med 2 OSCE exams (mid November); and
- procedural skills.

Thank you to all those junior and senior doctors who are assisting our students in practising their long case skills.

Thank you also to the many new and enthusiastic interns who are making themselves available to assist us with procedural skills teaching. We greatly appreciate their support.

Tutor of the Quarter...

Westmead Clinical School students, from Years 1-4, were asked to nominate their favourite tutor in recognition of their contribution to student teaching during the past quarter.

We are pleased to announce that, from a competitive field of nominations, Dr Martin Cullen from the Intensive Care Unit has been nominated as the Tutor of the Quarter for September 2013.

The tutor receiving the most nominations during the year will be announced at our Tutor Thank You Luncheon on Thursday, 5 December 2013.

Postgraduate Student Unit...

Westmead Researchers’ Society (WRS) Games Night
The WRS recently hosted a games night in the Student Common Room of the main hospital. The night involved Taboo, Scategories, mini sausage rolls and the necessary lollies and chocolate.

The WRS organises social events for the postgraduate students every few months, and they're free!! So keep an eye out for emails, and come along. It's a great way to meet other students within the hospital, and did you hear that they're free?

PG Annual Interviews
The PG Annual Interviews will be taking place from Tuesday 8 October – Thursday 24 October, with all Postgraduate Students, Supervisors and Associate Supervisors being interviewed. If you have not
received your interview letter/email from Naomi by beginning October, please contact Naomi.Muir@sydney.edu.au.

**Postgraduate Annual Progress Reports (APRs)**

APRs have now been sent out to all Postgraduate Students. Please note that Supervisors are required to fill out Section 4 of these forms and submit them ASAP so the APR can be completed (Interview and Postgraduate Coordinator sections) and submitted by the deadline **1 November 2013**.

**Postgraduate Research Seminars 2014**

There will be an overhaul of the Research Seminars for 2014. Following a generous contribution, we are planning on making the seminars a competition. There will be a seminar each month, with a winner chosen by a panel of 2-3 supervisors. These winners will then compete in a final competition in December. Lucky door prizes, along with lunch, will be given at each seminar to encourage students to participate. We hope this revamp will encourage student and supervisor participation in what we feel is a very important part of the Postgraduate experience!

**2013 WentWest Annual Conference.....**

This year’s WentWest conference will be held on Saturday, 2 November 2013, at the Park Royal, Parramatta. See [www.wentwest.com.au](http://www.wentwest.com.au) for further information and registration information.

This conference is suitable for GPs, GP registrars, Practice Managers and Nurses, Allied Health Professionals, Community Services staff and other professionals of the primary health care industry.

**EduRoam coming to Westmead....**

Some of our students are assisting with the University’s trial phase of the EduRoam wireless internet system at Westmead.

Eduroam allows users from participating institutions to gain secure access to the wireless network using their standard username (email format)/password credentials as they do at their home institution.

It is expected that EduRoam will be fully launched in the coming weeks.

**Sydney Medical School Events 2013....**

Please see the Sydney Medical School link below for 2013 events which may be of interest to you.


**Engagements/Weddings...**

Congratulations to:-

**Jillian Mellor** (Y4 student) who was recently engaged to Dr Alex Khleitzos. Jillian will be joining Alex at Dubbo Base Hospital in 2014.

**Mark Lin** (Y4 student) who married Anita An on Sunday, 6 October 2013.
ELECTIVE STUDENT REPORT
Xiangya School of Medicine, China

Left to right: Xiaomei Guan, Xianzhe Huang, Prof David Harris & Minhua Deng

From July to September this year, three Chinese medical students undertook electives at Westmead Hospital. The students were from Xiangya School of Medicine, Central South University in Changsha, based at Second Xiangya Hospital, where they have a state of the art medical school. The medical school is one of the best in China and has received numerous awards for the excellence of its teaching.

Xiangya School of Medicine and Sydney Medical School Westmead recently signed a memorandum of understanding to promote an academic exchange between the schools. Westmead medical students will be welcome to undertake an elective in Xiangya in the future. It is planned that from next year collaboration will extend to research, with occasional students coming to Westmead for one to two years.

The following article includes comments and experiences from our three Xiangya visitors:
- Xiaomei (Carol) Guan - Head & Neck Oncology & Breast Surgery;
- Minhua (Christina) Deng - Rheumatology and Cardiology; and
- Xianzhe Huang - Orthopaedic Surgery

What did you enjoy the most about your elective term?
- Xiaomei - very nice team, attending the lecture theatre and wonderful weekends.
- Minhua - the learning experience Professor Manolios provided for me, including not only clinics and ward rounds but also research meetings, tutorial meetings and writing a paper under his guidance. The high value doctors attach to patient care.
- Xianzhe - the operating theatre. Westmead Hospital is a perfect home for learning orthopaedics as there are operations every day. Consultants and registrars are very willing to teach and I have learned a lot from them.
### How does the Westmead Hospital campus compared to your “home” campus?

- **Xiaomei** – there are less patients and staff so better relationships. All facilities are in one building, easy to find but also easy to get lost at first.

- **Minhua** – compared to The Second Xiangya Hospital with a larger amount of patients, the Westmead Hospital campus is more patient-friendly from aspects of both facilities and the relationship between patients and doctors.

- **Xianzhe** – maybe my “home” hospital is larger than Westmead with more patients and more beds, but the medical environment in Westmead is better, the relationship between patient and doctor is more harmonious.

### Other comments:

- **Minhua** – Words cannot express how grateful I feel at the moment for your kind and committed support and excellent learning experience I have gained. The last two months have presented me with a valuable perspective on the medical system in a totally different environment. Finally, I want to express my gratitude to my “home” hospital – The Second Xiangya Hospital for establishing such a wonderful program for us to undertake electives at Westmead Hospital.

- **Xianzhe** – Everyone in Westmead Hospital I have met is very nice and they helped me a lot. I had a great time in Westmead Hospital. Thank you everyone.
**Births...**

Congratulations to:-

**Colin Moncrieff** (Y3 student) and his wife, Conor, on the birth of their daughter, Isolde, on Wednesday, 3 July 2013.

**Katrina Giskes** (Y3 student) and Jonathan Jong Wah on the birth of their daughter, Alina, on Thursday, 1 August 2013.

**Changes to ethics review process for external ethics approval...**

Projects that have received approval from an external ethics committee registered with the NHMRC will not require additional approval from the University’s ethics committee.

Projects will still require approval from the University’s ethics committee if they have been reviewed by:-

- an Australian ethics committee not registered with the NHMRC
- an overseas ethics committee where there is a grant administered by the University of Sydney.

For further information, visit the [Research Support Website](mailto:ro.humanethics@sydney.edu.au) or email ro.humanethics@sydney.edu.au.

These changes are fully compliant with the University’s obligations under the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007.

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**University Phone Book Updates...**

To ensure that you can be contacted quickly and easily, you can update your own entry by looking yourself up in the [phone book](mailto:ro.humanethics@sydney.edu.au) and selecting ‘Change Entry’.

**Sydney Alumni Magazine 2013 Travel Photo Competition “People, Places & Nature”.....**

Entries for the Sydney Alumni Magazine (SAM) competition will close at 11.59pm on Friday, 1 November 2013.

For entry information, FAQs and full terms and conditions, please visit: [http://sydney.edu.au/alumni/photo-comp/](http://sydney.edu.au/alumni/photo-comp/)

**Christmas Closedown 2013/14**

The University will close for two weeks over the Christmas period from Thursday, 19 December 2013 to Wednesday, 1 January 2014 (inclusive).