

**Placements** have now ended and hopefully everyone has gained something from the experience and the school students are a little more knowledgeable about maths and science. We ended the placements with some sad faces as the students saw their Mentor for the last time.

At this stage we have over 120 applicants for semester one 2008!

### In2science on the radio

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, Mentor Gemma was interviewed about her role in the program for “*Panorama*”, a science related show on **Student Youth Network (SYNfm 90.7FM)**. Gemma did a great job explaining why she got involved and what she got out of the program. **In2science** was asked to participate by the show’s producer (who happens to have applied to become a Peer Mentor in 2008!).

### Mentoring in Action

Congratulations go to the following Mentors who during 2007 completed their third or more placement as part of the **In2science** program. These are indeed students that have given much to the program. Congratulations to LTU students **Sharon H and Erin S** and University of Melbourne students **Alisa S, Pramana T and Vincent L**. Each receives a letter of commendation from their respective Deans for reaching this milestone.



Mentors Sharon and Erin with Prof Finlay

At **Fitzroy HS**, Mentor Victoria organised lots of geology-based resources for students to use in their investigations into the Earth. Thanks go to the Dept. of Earth Sciences at the University of Melbourne for helping with these.

Mentor Peta helped organise an excursion to La Trobe’s Microbiology Dept. for her Y10 students from **Northcote HS**. They investigated the basics of microbiology and the role of microorganisms in everyday life. Thanks to Anna Morris from the University for helping with this exciting session.



Mentor Peta (left) helps students prepare a plate.

Students at **Gleneagles College**, Eumemmerring wrote essays based upon nanotechnology that were reviewed by nanotech Mentors Tom, Anna and Emma. The essays made interesting reading and a winner was chosen after careful deliberation. The winner is to receive a prize from **NanoVic Ltd**. Thanks go to Dr Peter Binks from NanoVic for supporting this activity.

### Information for Mentors

Many thanks for all your hard work this semester. Make sure you have filled in your **travel claims Forms** and the online **evaluation form**.

**BEST WISHES FOR YOUR EXAMS**

### In2science Website

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/scitechen/mentoring/index.html>

**2008 – International Year of Planet Earth**  
[www.ga.gov.au/about/event/IYPE.jsp](http://www.ga.gov.au/about/event/IYPE.jsp)

### Information for Schools

Please pass our thanks to all teachers who had Mentors this year. We look forward to working with them in 2008 to **inspire** the next generation of scientists and mathematicians.

We are organising times to meet with **Link Teachers** to discuss the program for 2008. Contact us soon to book a time.

### Website to try

**Geoscience Australia** has some fantastic resources for schools based on earth science and natural resources: [www.ga.gov.au](http://www.ga.gov.au)

If you are looking for some excellent simulations for **physics** and **chemistry** the following award winning site at the University of Colorado is excellent:

<http://phet.colorado.edu/new/index.php>

### News from the institutions

#### La Trobe University

Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> November is a **Discovery Day** for Y9/10 at the Bundoora campus. To find out more and register visit: [www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/index.html#DiscoveryDay](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/index.html#DiscoveryDay)

#### The University of Melbourne

The Faculty has an excellent newsletter (*Science Matters*) available online. The latest one from September has some useful articles:

<http://www.science.unimelb.edu.au/newsletter/index.php>

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