

Term 3 **mecu** Ecolinc Scholarship winner announced

Congratulations St Arnaud SC, winner of the inaugural **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship for Term 3. St Arnaud SC Year 12 Biology students will use the scholarship to complete the Ecolinc 'genetically modified organism' DNA SAC activity. Applications for the Term 4 **mecu** Ecolinc scholarship are now open to primary and secondary schools across Victoria. The scholarship will contribute \$500 towards the cost incurred by a school in visiting Ecolinc. Eligible schools can apply by completing the online application form available from the Ecolinc or **mecu** websites.

www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au
mecu.com.au

For Term 4 2006, applications will be received up until 15 September 2006.

Ecolinc celebrated National Science Week last week with 409 students from Myrning PS, Bacchus Marsh College, Balliang East PS, Coimadai PS and Pentland PS. Students participated in a range of new P-10 programs addressing the theme 'Our Dry Continent' including; 'Using Energy and Water Sustainably', 'Watching the Weatherwall', 'Stormwater Watch' and our very popular 'What's Growling in the Wetland?' and 'Sustainability Trail'. To top off the week, 45 Chinese educators toured the Ecolinc facilities.

Ecolinc recently hosted the launch of the 2006 savewater Education Awards with students from Syndal South PS (joint winners in 2005). For more information regarding the 2006 awards see the savewater website www.savewater.com.au

Ecolinc is open to the public as part of the 2006/07 Open Garden Scheme. Visitors can explore Ecolinc's extensive wetland and terrestrial basalt plains flora on **Sunday 10 September and Monday 11 September 2006** (10.00am-4.30pm). www.opengarden.org.au

Ecolinc is holding a free 'Open Afternoon' for teachers on **Monday 28 August** (4.30pm-5.30pm). Teachers can tour the facility, meet Ecolinc staff and investigate the range of P-12 programs available.

Ecolinc is conducting a VCE PD day for teachers of Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Environmental Science on **Friday 8 December** to explore new VCE study designs and SAC outcomes. Total cost including morning, afternoon tea and lunch is \$55 per teacher. **BOOK NOW!**



Bacchus Marsh PS students investigating water pollution during National Science Week

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NEW P-10 PROGRAMS FOR TERM 4

(All Ecolinc P-10 programs are designed to address VELS outcomes)

Discovering the Diprotodon 3-8

Follow Ecolinc's geology trail to recreate the life and discovery of the Diprotodon in Bacchus Marsh.

Watching the Weatherwall 5-8

Explore Ecolinc's Weatherwall to develop skills in weather data interpretation.

Stormwater Watch 3-10

Walk the Moorabool Shire Council storm water trail along the Werribee River, and explore the Ecolinc wetland, to complete an investigation of stormwater pollution.

Conducting habitat surveys 3-10

Determine the health of the Werribee River by conducting a habitat survey.

Using Energy and Water Sustainably 9-10

Explore Ecolinc's award winning ESD building and computerised BMS (building management system) to discover how water and energy use is minimised.

ECOLINC STAFF CAN ASSIST YOU IN
PLANNING HALF OR FULL DAY
EXCURSIONS WITH
END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE
**BOOK NOW TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT**

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