

## ECOLINC NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR SEMESTER 2

Ecolinc successfully celebrated **Education Week** (16-20) May with 355 students participating in programs ranging from wetland discovery to plant DNA extraction.

**World Environment Day** was celebrated on 5 June attracting large numbers of community members to a range of environmental presentations and tours of the Centre and wetland. A second frog species to appear in the wetland, the common eastern froglet *Crinia signifera*, identified by its 'crick...crick...crick...' call, was heard calling in the background throughout the day.

A virtual tour of the Centre is now available to all on the Ecolinc website [www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au](http://www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au)

Ecolinc has been nominated in a number of categories for the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) award. Judging has been completed and award winners will be announced on 22 July.

Ecolinc staff have developed a number of unique new programs for Semester 2 with bookings now open.

Staff have also undergone extensive training in order to deliver the **CSIROSEC Biotechnology On Line** program to teachers. Enquiries from schools are welcome.

Planning is underway for the official opening of Ecolinc, due to take place on 28 July 2005.



Grade 4 students from Melton Christian College planting out the vegetable garden on a recent visit.

## Sponsorship

**Tripod Farmers** have very generously donated trays of seedling lettuces in four varieties for planting in the Ecolinc vegetable garden. Grade 4 students from Melton Christian College began planting these on their recent visit to Ecolinc. The trip to Ecolinc was awarded to the school by **Western Water** as a regional prize in a competition held to celebrate World Water Day.

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## SEMESTER 2 PROGRAMS

### BOOK NOW!

**P-10** Hands on environmental programs focusing on Sustainable Energy, Water and Horticulture including micropropagation.

#### VCE

##### Biology-Unit 2

Plants-Requirements for life, Plant reproduction & development including micropropagation.

##### Biology-Unit 4

Plants-DNA structure, extraction, electrophoresis, gene technology

##### Chemistry-Unit 2

Acids in the Environment-measure and investigate aquatic pH

The Atmosphere-explore the CSIRO Weatherwall

##### Environmental Science -Unit 2

Monitoring the Environment-identify and use environmental indicators to measure water quality

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