

PostGrad Newsletter – 21st May 2008

Hi everyone,

Thanks so much for your prompt response about the preferred date for the UCTL information session and postgrad lunch, it was good to hear from you all.

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1. Postgrad lunch and UCTL talk:

The bulk of the responses were in favour of the 3rd of June, so we will go ahead with that date. My apologies to those of you who can't make it then, I will ask UCTL if they would like to do an update at the end of the year. Do however feel free to drop in at any time on the 3rd - even if it's just for a spot of lunch at 1pm!

I am sure that this will be an informative and useful session - Keith Comer and Kaylene Sampson are both very engaging speakers.

The times on 3 June are:

11.45am start,
12pm UCTL talk,
12.50pm questions
and 1pm lunch and Forum.

2. Quiz night

The quiz night is tomorrow, Thursday May 22nd, at 8pm and the theme is: Sports Quiz Where - Bentleys Wing Cost - \$5 per team, maximum of 5 people per team

3. Resources policy for PhD students:

The university now has a Resources Policy, which was approved by the Academic Board in March.

The correct title is "Provision of Resources Policy: Support for PhD Students" and it can be found at: <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/ucpolicy/> (you need to have the exact title, to search for policies on the Policy Library site).

Please read this carefully so that you are fully aware of the baseline resources to be provided for PhD students. A copy is attached. The Postgraduate Committee is now working on a similar policy for Masters students.

4. Library Committee:

Our postgrad representative on the university Library Committee, Therese Ahlers, reports the following:

There is some confusion with students regarding the approach by VDM Verlag to digitise their theses. The students did not know if they or the university owned copyright of the thesis. G Pattie, University Librarian, clarified that the student owns the copyright on their thesis and they can publish if they wish.

However, they will need consent from third parties if the thesis is subject to joint copyright or if it has been funded by an external body that has put a restriction condition on publishing.

This is an issue that probably needs to be raised at the post-graduate committee.

The Inter-Branch Delivery Services has been running for 6 weeks and is working well. Most traffic is between the Education Library and the Central Library as expected. It is a popular service but the Library has not been swamped by the demand.

5. Adult Student Centre:

Ever feel like some time-out in a relaxed homely environment on campus?

Did you know that the Adult Student Centre (formerly Family House) is available for you anytime that you'd like a break? It's worth making good use of the Adult Student Centre - it's a great place to drop in, make yourself a coffee and chat with other students. All students over 20 come into the category of "Adult Students" and are therefore welcome to use the Adult Centre facilities. You can go along as a visitor, or, if you wish to go to the house regularly, just fill in the registration form and you are automatically a member.

Another great service provided by Adult Student Support is their Adult Student contact list, whereby you are kept informed of events and activities of interest to adult students. Simply register at: <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/adultstudents/> and keep up to date with what's happening at the Adult Student Centre.

That's all for now, have a great week!

Cheers,
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