It’s hard to believe it’s March already! We hope you’ve had a great start to the year!

2011 is shaping up to be another exciting year at Deakin University. We’re pleased to announce that during the holiday season Angela Fragiacomo, Senior Marketing Officer, had a healthy baby boy (Mitchell Thomas) and is currently on maternity leave. In other staff news Martin O’Brien (Marketing Officer at Warrnambool) has taken-up a position with the Business and Law Faculty with a replacement appointment to be made soon. We’re also pleased to announce that Alison Dunemann has joined the team as a Senior Marketing Officer. Alison brings 15 years of experience in student recruitment, marketing, management and communications roles. Alison is based at the Melbourne Campus at Burwood in the Greenwood Park office.

Our Careers Network Bulletins will keep you up-to-date with all the news and events at Deakin. In this bulletin we have included the contact details for our recruitment staff who are here to help you and your students, so please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any enquiries.

Alternatively you can catch up on all the latest news by visiting the Deakin web site at www.deakin.edu.au/future-students.

Careers advisers’ service packs containing important contact information and calendar dates and should have arrived at your school recently. If you haven’t received your pack, please contact Emily Bowser via email at emily.bowser@deakin.edu.au.

Included in your service pack is a change of details form. We would appreciate your assistance by returning this form to ensure the right materials and quantities are sent to your school.

You will be pleased to know your past students who have commenced a course at Deakin in 2011 are being well looked after, with an extensive support network at hand.

New students have been introduced to the University through a program of academic and social activities developed to help integrate students into their new environment. Academic sessions are tailored to help students succeed in their studies, while the social and recreational aspects of Orientation Week provide students with the opportunity to enjoy activities with free lunches, markets, comedy and movie nights, live bands and membership of any number of clubs and societies.

If you hear from any students who you feel might be in need of more assistance in making the transition to University, please remind them about Deakin’s support services and ask them to drop into the Division of Student Life where there are plenty of people ready to help. Alternatively they’ll find various contact details at www.deakin.edu.au/studentlife.
Deakin Nursing graduates are highly sought-after by employers for their nursing knowledge, communication skills, professionalism, enthusiasm, problem-solving capabilities and ability to deliver safe, effective health care. To make this rewarding profession accessible to more students, Deakin has reviewed the prerequisites for 2012 entry into Nursing single and combined courses. These changes have also been extended to the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy. Students interested in these courses now require VCE units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English.

**HONOURS@DEAKIN**

Are your students interested in learning what honours is about and what it means to consider a course which can lead onto honours?

In short, honours at Deakin:
- is a specialist year of study that occurs either as part of a degree or following an undergraduate degree
- offers the opportunity to pursue further study in a chosen field
- gives access to leading researchers and experts in the field
- offers great personal satisfaction
- enhances employment prospects.

The Deakin honours program seeks:
- high-achieving and motivated students
- those wishing to enhance their bachelors degree
- students with a passion and desire to make a difference.

For more information about honours at Deakin, visit [www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/honours](http://www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/honours).

**DEAKIN CAREERS ADVISERS’ DAYS**

At Deakin we understand and appreciate the important role that careers advisers play in ensuring their students are able to make well-informed decisions about tertiary education. To assist with this task we’ll again be holding Careers Advisers’ Days at the Melbourne Campus at Burwood and Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds. Please contact us if your invitation hasn’t arrived.

For your diary:
- **Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds**
  - Tuesday 5 April
- **Melbourne Campus at Burwood**
  - Thursday 7 April.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NATURAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Deakin University has put together a package of support to assist students who have been affected by the recent Queensland and Victorian floods and Cyclone Yasi. If any of your students from last year have been impacted they should visit [www.deakin.edu.au/floods](http://www.deakin.edu.au/floods) to find out what assistance is available.
Secondary schools from around Geelong and Warrnambool are being invited to take part in the region’s 2011 Science and Engineering Challenge being held at Deakin’s Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 May.

The challenge is a national outreach program designed to inspire Year 10 students to study science and engineering at a senior level. The annual event takes students out of the classroom and gives them a day of fun, teamwork and discovery. They will participate in a series of exciting, competitive activities designed to demonstrate the varied and practical elements of a career in the science and engineering industries.

Deakin has hosted a number of challenge events and the enthusiasm and determination students show in their efforts to win for their respective schools is always great to see. Feedback from previous participants indicates the challenge has a significant, positive and lasting effect on the students’ approach to science and technology in the classroom.

For more information about the 2011 Science and Engineering Challenge, contact Natalie Quick, nata@deakin.edu.au or visit our web site at www.deakin.edu.au/scitech/future/schools/challenge.

DISCOVER DEAKIN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Choosing a university is an important decision and one of the best ways to learn about a university is to visit a campus. Discover Deakin is a school holiday program offered at each of Deakin’s campuses, which provides students with the chance to get an up close look at what Deakin has to offer.

Discover Deakin will be held on the following days and more information will be sent to you later in the term.

Melbourne Campus at Burwood
- Tuesday 5 July, 11 am–1 pm
- Tuesday 27 September, 6 pm–8 pm.

Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds
- Tuesday 5 July, 11 am–1 pm
- Tuesday 27 September, 11 am–1 pm.

Geelong Waterfront Campus
- Tuesday 5 July, 2 pm–4 pm
- Tuesday 27 September, 6 pm–8 pm.

Warrnambool Campus
- Tuesday 27 September, 11 am–1 pm.
With the beginning of a new year it’s time to start thinking about booking in your next school visit with Deakin. To make this task easy, your service pack contains information about various presentations offered by the recruitment team, along with a broad range of topics about which the Faculties can speak to students. The recruitment team presentations remain a great way for students to find out about the wonderful opportunities that exist at Deakin, while the Faculty presentations can cover study areas which students are interested in or alternatively, introduce them to topics they don’t know much about.

DEAKIN VISITS AND PRESENTATIONS

While there is considerable focus on students getting into courses, you might not realise that Deakin also invests a lot of effort and resources into securing employment for final year students.

In 2010 more than 170 organisations participated in careers events which were attended by 4500 students across all campuses. The Graduate Careers Fair was held in March 2010 at the Melbourne Campus at Burwood followed by the Jobs, Work Experience and Volunteer Fairs in August, held at the Melbourne Campus at Burwood and the Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds. The Warrnambool Campus also hosted a Volunteer Expo in conjunction with the Deakin University Student Association. These events provided the opportunity for students to meet with prospective employers and learn more about the benefits of work experience and volunteering.

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

Preparation is in full swing for the 2011 Graduate Careers Fair to be held at the Melbourne Campus at Burwood on Monday 21 March. Participating employers who will be recruiting final year students for graduate programs commencing in 2012 include:

- large global professional services firms
- mid-tier firms
- Commonwealth and State Government
- banking and manufacturing firms
- engineering and IT firms.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 25–26 March
  National Careers Expo in Melbourne
- 5 April
  Careers Advisers’ Day at the Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds
- 7 April
  Careers Advisers’ Day at the Melbourne Campus at Burwood