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Hundreds of students take on science

While our athletes take on the Beijing Olympics, Tasmanian students are taking on the challenge of science at this year's UTAS Science Fair.

How do you extract DNA from food, create 3D magnetic art, clean up an oil spill or make gummy bears scream? These are just some of the activities on offer.

The Faculties of Science, Engineering and Technology and Education are holding a fantastic extravaganza on the wonders of science for school children and their teachers as part of National Science Week activities.

Twenty-seven schools and 1100 students are expected to attend the UTAS Science fair sessions (Friday 15 August from 9.30am until 2.30pm) at the activities centre, UTAS Sandy Bay campus.

Fifteen activities will be on offer; each one exploring a different science concept through hands-on activities, demonstrations, models and puzzles. Students will make observations, test out ideas and ask questions - just like real scientists.

Background notes and explanations will be available for all teachers to take back to their schools.

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