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Hundreds of students take on science

More than 400 students from local primary schools will take part in the annual UTAS Science Fair on **Tuesday 3 September 2013**.

The Science Fair, sponsored jointly by the UTAS Faculties of Education and Science, Engineering and Technology, gives primary school students the opportunity to participate in investigations under the guidance of University students and staff. It provides a unique model for science engagement.

More than 40 pre-service teachers from the University's Master of Teaching program will plan, prepare and present science concepts to the visiting Year four, five and six students, giving them the opportunity to see that science and learning can be fun and rewarding.

Twelve activities will be on offer; each one exploring a different science concept through hands-on activities, demonstrations, models and puzzles. Topics range from polymer bouncing balls, identifying nutrients in food, balloon rockets, creating CO₂ and much more.

Students will make observations, test out ideas and ask questions - just like real scientists.

Teachers will also gain specific knowledge about a range of excellent activities that can be done in their classrooms.

The students themselves will benefit from undertaking investigations based on key scientific concepts that will whet their curiosity and encourage their continuing interest in science.

The UTAS Science Fair is supported through the National Science Week Young Tassie Scientists grant, and early career researchers will be on hand to share their experiences with the students

The UTAS Science Fair will be held from 9:30am – 2:30pm on Tuesday, 3 September, at the Activities Centre, Level 1 TUU Building, UTAS, Churchill Ave, Sandy Bay.

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