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Pre-service teachers to get great practice at Science Fair

Young primary students will find out what it's like to work as a scientist and university students will find out what it's like to teach, at the UTAS Science Fair tomorrow.

More than 500 school students and 50 of UTAS' pre-service teachers will be actively involved in learning about science at the event.

The Science Fair comprises numerous stalls, each staffed by a small group of pre-service science teachers of science where short science activities are presented.

The pre-service teachers plan, prepare, practice and present a concept in science to the visiting primary students using teaching strategies, including the supervision of hands-on investigations.

This year, there are 12 different activities on offer, with topics ranging from polymer bouncing balls, identifying nutrients in foods, investigating levers, creating CO₂ and much more.

These pre-service teachers, who are enrolled in the Masters of Teaching Primary degree program, benefit greatly through their interactions with children of a wide range of ages and capabilities.

The UTAS Faculties of Education and Science, Engineering and Technology are hosting the free Science Fair as part of the National Science Week "Celebrating the STARS" program.

The Fair has been held six times over the last seven years and has been praised by school students and by their teachers for the engagement of their students in a variety of science activities.

Who: School students in years 4-6, UTAS staff and pre-service teachers

What: UTAS Science Fair

When: 9.30am-2.30pm, Tuesday 4 September 2012

Where: Activities Centre, TUU Building, Churchill Avenue, UTAS Sandy Bay campus

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