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Guild Research Award Presentation Evening (GRAPE) Report

Dr Frederick Osman 2017 Research Awards Convenor

On Monday 7th August, the Guild launched a new format for its Guild Research Award Presentation Evening for all University Postgraduate Students and Experienced teachers who are currently completing or completed a research of direct benefit to classroom teaching.

The purpose of the event was to:

- Give presenters a chance to present their research work to a learned audience in the friendly environment of a school setting.
- Allow for reflection of the presenters' proposed research and progress achievements.
- Recognises a research-based contribution to improve classroom practices.
- Give the presenters the opportunity to liaise with other presenters, students, academics, staff, visitors and past students.

These awards were created to encourage excellence in research work, and all nominees who participated in these awards received a special certificate recognising the nominee's highest standing.

The evening was highly successful with seven different research presentations were submitted for consideration. These awards were created to encourage excellence in research work, and all nominees who participated in these awards had an opportunity to compete for the \$1000 'Guild Research Award' and \$650 'The Teachers Mutual Bank Award' and special certificates that recognise the nominee's high standing.

This new format and approach to presenting current research to peers in education highlights the positive work being done to ensure education continues to move forward into the future.

The 15-minute multimedia presentations of direct benefit to classroom teaching were judged on the criteria (1) content and scientific quality, (2) clarity and (3) presentation skills.

I would like to thank our judging panel for their time and dedication in judging the presentations:

- Professor Andrew Martin (Chair of judging panel) – University of New South Wales
- Mr John Kennedy – The Illawarra Grammar School
- Mr Rick Stevens – Teachers' Guild of New South Wales
- Mrs Sharrda Shah – Transform Education, Founder and CEO



2017 Presenters included from L to R: Claire Golledge, Lisa Hobden, Wendy Saeme Lee, David Herring (The Teachers Mutual Bank Sponsor), Lisa Allum, Lauren Knussen and Christine Mae

The judges ranked the candidates according to the criteria and determined the winners for the following categories:

- ⇒ **Guild Research Award Winner:** Lisa Allum from Queenwood School for Girls won first place, taking the Guild Research Award for her research on How does self-reflection aid in the development of self-efficacy in gifted mathematics students?.



From L to R: Phillip Heath, Lisa Allum with David Herring from the Teachers Mutual Bank

- ⇒ **The Teachers Mutual Bank Award:** Katherin Cartwright from The University of Sydney for her research which investigated Leading Differentiated Learning for the Gifted.



From L to R: Phillip Heath, Katherin Cartwright with David Herring from the Teachers Mutual Bank

- ⇒ **Highly Commended Award:** Christine Mae from the University of Sydney for her research on Understanding Relationships Between Teachers' Understandings of Mathematics, the Level of Cognitive Demand in the Tasks they Design and their Noticing of Students' Mathematical Thinking.
- ⇒ **Highly Commended Award:** Wendy Saeme Lee from the University of Sydney for her research on The Emotional Availability of Teachers and its Significance to Building Quality Relationships with Children and Students.
- ⇒ **Commended Awards:**
 Claire Golledge, The University of Sydney
 Lisa Hobden, The University of Technology Sydney
 Lauren Knussen, The University of Technology Sydney

It was wonderful to see so much diversity and such talented educators presenting at the Guild Research Award Presentation Evening. The Guild would like to acknowledge the wonderful presentation from the participants and wish them all the very best for the future. The contributed papers of the winning presentations are included in this *Proceedings*.

I would like to thank our major sponsor, The Teachers Mutual Bank for contributing towards the prizes of this event. To Mr Milton Cujes, Headmaster of Trinity Grammar School, we extend our thanks for his continued support of the Teachers' Guild and his readiness to allow the School to host our functions.

