

SCHOOLS TOUR - JUNE 17 AND 18

ENCOURAGING MEDICAL RESEARCH - EIGHTEEN YOUNG SCIENTISTS VISIT SCHOOLS

ARARAT, BALLARAT, BENALLA, BENDIGO, CASTLEMAINE, HORSHAM, KYNETON,
LEONGATHA, SALE, SEBASTOPOL, WANGARATTA AND WODONGA

Ballarat and Sebastopol

- **Dr Megan Crane – Double Trouble, HIV and Hepatitis B.** With more than 30M people infected worldwide, Dr Crane is studying co-infections
- **Dr Clare Borg – Male Infertility**
- **Michelle Bertucci – Female Infertility: What makes a healthy baby?**

Kyneton, Castlemaine, Bendigo

- **Dr Ellen Menkhorst – Placenta for successful pregnancies**
- **Dr Sharyn Fitzgerald – Cardiovascular disease.** Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in Australia!
- **Davina Rosairo – What makes a healthy egg?** The ovaries are the twin jewels of the female reproductive system!
- **Dr Jyotsna Pippal -** Reducing the side effects of current heart medications. Dr Pippal was inspired to take up research by the selfless work of an Indian World War II Physician, Dr Kotnis.

Leongatha and Sale

Leongatha girls do make a difference - Dr Nancy Ilaya and Michelle Van Sinderen return to their hometown

- **Dr Nancy Ilaya –** Nancy is a biomedical research training officer at the Australian Stem Cell Centre.
- **Michelle Van Sinderen - Sex hormones, obesity and diabetes**
- **Ayan Dasvarma - Stem cells, synthetic scaffolds and regeneration of damaged tissue!**

Horsham, Ararat and Ballarat

- **Lisa Chiavaroli – HIV and the brain!**
- **Dr Anthony Argentaro – Sex determination in early development**
- **Dr Saleela Ruwanpura – Regulation of sperm development in the testis**
- **John-Luis Moretti – The nervous system and hypertension**

Wangaratta, Wodonga and Benalla

- **Jessica Wade – HIV researcher inspired by trip to Africa!**
- **Bobbie Andrionikos – Twins helping to understand low birthweights**
- **Daniel Czech – Why are men more likely to develop Parkinson's disease than women?**
- **Johanna Elms – Epilepsy and inhibiting the brain's electrical circuit!**

For more information or to speak to the researchers, Shahan Campbell (0433 113 454), Hilary Hoare (0401 240772). Media Releases available from <http://www.asmr.org.au/MRWMedia.html> High resolution photographs are available upon request.