

Wagga Wagga District

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Colleagues

All schools would have received my letter regarding the Education Week Expo in the Wagga Wagga Marketplace.

Please respond to this by the due dates to assist with the huge organization being undertaken. Distance is not a factor in the display of your bulletin boards and banners but rather all the more reason why your school should be featured as part of Wagga Wagga Districts' celebration of public education.

Congratulations to Bruce Norton for his hard work during the last holiday session to ensure the posting of the VET site to our district website. This site now offers schools a comprehensive range of information on programs and opportunities in VET as well as full details of the seven frameworks offered in our secondary schools. Those of you with children would do well to become familiar with the VET and School-To-Work programs which put public education well to the fore in this area.

The Inquiry into Male Teacher Numbers panel will be visiting Wagga Wagga on Friday, 23 September. Some visits to schools will be arranged as well as a public meeting at 4pm at the Bidgee. Please inform your staff of this meeting. A reminder will be sent closer to the date.

Thank you for invitations already arriving for end-of-year presentation events. I will accept as many as possible.

I have enjoyed reading of the many successes of your students in Maths and Science competitions, as no doubt did your communities that read your newsletters.

Regards,

Colin Parker
District Superintendent

Message from the CEO

Just a quick note to say that the new, improved version of SchoolMap is now available and I will be visiting schools with their copies. The areas that can be evaluated using this program are Teaching, Learning, Culture, Management, Leadership and Planning. Remember that one of these six areas MUST be evaluated in section 2 of your Annual School Report.

At the next district Principals meeting, the consultants and I will present a session on "Unwrapping BST Data". This will be a hands on session with many valuable hints and ideas.

Peter Brabin
Chief Education Officer

Privacy Issues

I would like to draw your attention to Privacy Bulletin Number 6. This particular bulletin contains questions that are commonly asked by staff relating to the publication of photographs of students and staff in school magazines and disclosure of personal information about individuals and students.

Further information is located on the DET website at:

<http://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/privacy>

From this website you will have access to:

DET Privacy Code of Practice

Privacy Bulletins

Law Foundation site

Privacy NSW site

Information is also available from the Privacy Unit in Administrative Services Directorate. Phone: 02 92445404.

Judy Grant
Office Manager

STLD Allocation School Survey

Please find the attached Primary STLD Allocation School Survey (in Excel format) which needs to be returned to district office by 31 August 2001. The information given will be used by the district committee in determining STLD allocations for the next two years. The survey form has also be faxed to schools today.

Kerrie Tweddle
Student Services & Equity Coordinator

Technology training for school staff

I am offering to help run training sessions at various school locations for school staff using Word, Excel and/or the Internet (Mac and/or PC).

Aims:

- assist/improve whole school everyday use of key software programs
- provide a resource for technology planning

Time and place negotiable. Interested school hosts can contact me on 69 373879, or 0402 085751, matthew.gown@det.nsw.edu.au

I can present or co-present at a beginner (can use a mouse) to middle level, for administration or curriculum purposes.

Understand that these sessions will not happen immediately, but if you are keen, we can come to some arrangement.

Matt Gown
Technology Adviser

Primary Writing Assessment (PWA)

This month, teachers from eight District schools and three Albury District schools will participate in in-school marking of the Primary Writing Assessment. Evaluation comments from past markers nominate in-school marking of the PWA as one of the most beneficial training and development courses conducted by the Department. A similar two hour professional development opportunity is available to teachers after school. District Office consultants are available to train teachers in criterion referenced marking. If you are interested in an after-school meeting to explain and trial criterion-referenced marking, please contact Ineke Kolder-Wicks on 69373800.

Ineke Kolder-Wicks
Literacy Consultant