

Wagga Wagga District NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 5 June 2001

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Dear Colleagues,

I look forward to working with you tomorrow at Cootamundra. The agenda is attached.

Information regarding General Assistant Cluster allocations for primary schools was emailed to the school address on 25 May and closed last Friday. With only 27 schools having responded, the submission date has been extended until this Thursday, 7 June.

Last week's Combined Primary Principals' Conference in Albury was a very professional and motivating experience for all involved. The attached media article by guest speaker, Maralyn Parker, was a wonderful message to city dwellers on the professionalism of our country principals and the quality outcomes of primary and secondary schools.

Coolamon Central School's gender equity program has also received good publicity in line with the attached article on boys' education.

The District Diary continues to be accessed on our website by schools and district office staff planning events. Principals are invited to include events, which include across school events that are a major change to routine and staff availability. Information can be emailed or faxed to Marg Simmonds at the District office. Marg updates the diary each Friday.

Congratulations to those schools involved in the Beyond The Frame project which will see your students' work exhibited in the Wagga Wagga gallery. I look forward to opening the exhibition this Friday evening. Details included below.

Regards,
Colin

From the CEO

Thank you to those Principals who have sent me their evaluation topics for 2001. As the purpose was to collate and distribute this information to all schools, I will have to extend the date to allow a greater response. Therefore, I propose to have the database available at the Principals' Meeting at Cootamundra on Wednesday to add in any further nominations and hopefully print copies for all schools by the end of the day.

PLEASE BRING YOUR EVALUATION AREAS TO THE MEETING.

Peter Brabin
Chief Education Officer

\$750 OASIS server cabling grant

This grant is to ensure that every school's OASIS server is connected to the school's router and ISDN line with CAT5 cable (also called UTP; often a blue cable).

If you are unsure if you need to upgrade your OASIS server cabling, or are having difficulty completing the CONNECTIVITY test, please ring me on 6937 3879.

When connectivity has been established, fax CABLING COMPLETION ADVICE back to Sydney (this is page 4 of Guidelines for Schools: <http://www.intranet.schools.nsw.edu.au/staff/F6.0/guide.pdf>)

If your school's OASIS server is already connected to router with CAT5 cable then you can use the \$750 to enhance your school network. For example, this could be spent on more cabling, go toward a network printer, or go toward the purchase of a new workstation to enable someone better access to the network.

Matt Gown
Technology Adviser

VET Management Committee Meetings

Principals and teachers in charge of VET

Please confirm the dates for the VET Management Committee meetings. The northern cluster meeting is to be held at Young High School on 25 June from 1 pm to 3 pm.

The Southern Cluster meeting is to be held on 20 June from 1:30 to 4pm in meeting room M block in the Wagga Campus of TAFE.

The term 2 IEAC meeting will be held on 4 June from 1 pm to 4:30 pm at the Riverine Club in Tarcutta Street, Wagga.

Bruce Norton
Vocational Education Consultant

Visual Arts Exhibition

All principals and staff are invited to the opening of the *Beyond the Frame* exhibition of student work at the Wagga Regional Art Gallery on June 8 at 6:00pm. (RSVP 69269660)

This project is based on the *Beyond the Frame* image kit that was sent to all schools earlier this year. Over 130 students and 6 teachers from Wagga Wagga HS, Mt Austin HS, Mt Austin PS, Sturt PS and Lockhart CS have participated in the project, which involved workshops at the gallery with artist Robert Knottenbelt and gallery guides. Using two works from the gallery as stimulus for their own artmaking, students explored various ways of responding to these works.

A selection of student work will be hung around the original stimulus works. Each of the participating schools will be well represented.

The exhibition closes July 8.

Julie Webber
Creative Arts Consultant

National Literacy and Numeracy Week 3-9 September.

Two aims of National Literacy and Numeracy Week are to

- affirm the importance of the role of parents and caregivers in supporting students' literacy and numeracy learning

- raise community awareness of the importance of developing students' literacy and numeracy skills.

To support these aims, District Office consultants will be available to conduct community workshops. Parents will join in typical family games and find out how home literacy and numeracy activities support their children's education. Workshops last about an hour. They can be held during the day or in the evening at a time to suit the participants. The program is available for parents of children in pre-school to Year 8. District Office will provide refreshments at the end of the session.

Principals wishing to book workshops should call Ineke Kolder-Wicks at District Office on 6937 3800.

Ineke Kolder-Wicks
Literacy Consultant

Training days for Support Teachers Learning Difficulties will be held in June. Friday June 22 2001 will be for Primary Support Teachers Learning difficulties.

Monday June 25 2001 will be for Secondary Support Teachers Learning Difficulties. The training days will be at the Bidgee Technology Centre.

Judith Laverty
Learning Difficulties Coordinator

Term 2 District Principals' Meeting

Wednesday 6 June 2001

Wattle Lounge
Cootamundra Ex-Servicemen's Club
Parker Street, Cootamundra

AGENDA

9:00-9:15am	Arrival
9:15-9:30am	Introduction
9:30-10:30am	Session 1: The School Accountability and Improvement Cycle
10:30-11:00am	Morning Tea
11:00-12.30pm	Session 2: The Principal: Leading Learner
12.30-1.15pm	Lunch
1:15-1:45pm	Session 3: Technology Update for Principals
1:45-3:15pm	Session 4: New Child Protection Procedures