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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome back to the start of Term 3. It's been refreshing to have a winter to experience and contemplate this year. I hope the term goes well for you all.

We have continued to progress our three main projects for 2007:

- The Role of the Deputy Principal and its Impact on their Work and Teaching – the position paper has been completed and will be delivered to the department early this term.
- Constitution Review – the revised constitution (and the existing constitution it will replace) will be on the website soon. Members will be able to compare both and vote at the AGM. The revised constitution explicitly details the role and functions of the Association and outlines the organisational structures that give it its representational strength. The State Congress of the Association recommended this revised constitution to the AGM at its Term 2 meeting.
- Merit Selection – this one has proved difficult and the draft recommendations are being reworked by a project team. We still plan to present the Association position to the department during Term 3.

The Association's Deputy Principal's Welfare Survey 2007 has been written and ready for Annual Conference. I encourage you all to take the time to complete this survey as it will provide current data to inform our decisions on issues the membership are concerned about. It will also indicate some possible future directions for the Association as we provide professional leadership and support for NSW secondary deputy principals.

The program and workshops for the 2007 Annual Conference at Rosehill Gardens look great. Congratulations to the Western Sydney team that are pulling it all together. I look forward to catching up with you all there on August 30 & 31.

I hope your regional meetings this term are successful and well attended. Please encourage those unable to attend the Annual Conference to maintain their membership for the next year. It is important that all secondary deputies belong to our professional association so that we truly represent the views of all deputies. Membership application forms are available on the NSWSDPA website: www.nswsdpa.asn.au.

Steve Ramsey

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

As I write, the sun is shining brightly, the temperature outside is 8 degrees and my thoughts go out to you all in schools as you cope with students and staff alike complaining about the cold weather and how the heaters don't (?) operate properly in the staff rooms and class rooms. Good luck with the winter term 2007.

Meetings I attended during Term 2 included:

- State Congress June 6th at Bridge Street
- Sydney S.W. Regional Conference June 20th Liverpool Catholic Club
- State Conference Organising Committee Meetings
 - 30th April Rooty Hill R.S.L.
 - 24th May Rosehill Racecourse
 - 20th June Rosehill Racecourse

The next meeting of the State Organising Committee will be held at Crestwood High School on 27th July. Only six weeks to go to the Conference and I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible at this all important gathering.

I had an increasing number of contacts with welfare matters over the latter part of Term 2 and this has continued this first week of Term 3. Issues have been wide and varied but again relationships dominate – which only highlights the importance of good inter-personal skills in our profession.

Newly appointed Principals as at 20th July:

Family Name	First Name	School Name	Previous Position	Previous Location
Bryce	Michael	Bonnyrigg High	DPH	Hawkesbury High Employment
Cochrane	Peter	Cobar High	N/A	Canowindra High
Harvey	Steven	Young High	DPH	Singleton High
Jarrett	Anthony	Singleton High	DPH	Cobar High
Mowbray	Peter	Junee High	PH2	Chifley College
Mulas	Robert	Fairfield High	DPH	Dunheved Campus

Family Name	First Name	School Name	Position Level	Date Commence	Previous Position	Previous Location
		Tuggerah Lakes The Entrance Campus				Brisbane Water Sec Woy Woy Campus
Beattie	David	Crestwood High	PH2	23/04/2007	PH2	Cambridge Park High
Brewer	Stephen	Lisarow High	PH1	14/05/2007	PH1	Fairvale High
Bromage	Jeffrey	Tamworth High	PH2	23/04/2007	PEO	Penrith SA
Chaffey	Anthony	Denison College				Sydney Distance Education High
Compton	Kathleen	Bathurst Campus	PH1	23/04/2007	PH2	Hornsby Girls High
Das Neves	Mary	Girraween High	PH2	23/04/2007	DPH	Cowra High
Fahey	Anthony	Narooma High	PH2	23/04/2007	DPH	Doonside Tech. High
Garrard	Peter	Epping Boys	PH1	23/04/2007	PH1	

Heath	Brian	High South Grafton High	PH1	23/04/2007	DPH	South Grafton High Westport Technology High
Matley	Anne	Armidale High Nth Beaches Freshwater Snr	PH2	22/03/2007	DPH	Nth Beaches Balgowlah Boys Campus
Pikardt	Franciscus	Campus	PH2	23/04/2007	PH2	Asquith Girls High
Roberts	Karen	Inverell High	PH2	23/04/2007	DPH	Gulgong High
Smith	Anne	Dorrigo High	PH2	23/04/2007	DPH	Doonside Tech. High
Summerhayes	Deborah	Cranebrook High James Ruse	PH2	23/04/2007	DPH	
Treskin	Larissa	Agricultural High	PH2	21/03/2007	SES2	Liverpool
Wilson	Terrance	Cumberland High	PH2	23/04/2007	DPH	Cumberland High

A special thank you to those Congress Representatives who were able to provide reports on Term 2 Regional conferences and activities for inclusion in this Newsletter.

Barry Lovegrove

CONFERENCE 2007- LEADING THE RACE AT ROSEHILL GARDENS

The conference planning is in its final stages and it is pleasing to see the high level of interest from across the State, the current number of delegates is just fewer than 400. The buffet dinner on the Wednesday night has also been well supported with half the total delegates attending.

The buffet will be at Ridges and is designed to be a purely social event with no distractions from enjoying the food and each others company. It will provide a good venue for delegates to continue socializing into the evening and is only a few minutes walk to the other accommodation venues, Mercure Hotel and Quest Apartments.

A number of people have been asking about the allocation of workshops, these will be finalized by week two of this term, the information will then be sent as soon as is practical.

We have strong support from our sponsors again this year with many returning as a result of a high level of support from our delegates. All delegates are encouraged to continue their support for our long term sponsors and make the new sponsors feel welcome.

Keep looking in your email for updates and information on the conference. Have a good term; we will see you at Rosehill at the end of August.

Frank Land

Illawarra Deputy Principals Association

Conference Report

The Illawarra branch of the DP Association organized a residential conference on 24th and 25th May at Ranelagh House, Robertson in the Southern Highlands.

Thirteen DPs from across the region stayed for the overnight portion of the conference. Most participants travelled to Robertson from the Illawarra and we were joined by DPs from as far away as Braidwood and Batemans Bay. We welcomed new members Ro Richardson/Bill Waterhouse (Braidwood), Kim Paviour (Goulburn High), Wayne Southwell and Neil Wardle (Mulwaree High). Strong networking occurred following dinner on the Thursday night. This time allowed group discussion of shared concerns and the building and strengthening of friendships. This was a really valuable time which served to reinforce the strength of our local association.

On Friday a further 15 DPs joined our overnights for the one day conference, giving us a total of 28 participants. Session 1 was presented by two local DPs from Wonoona High- Martin Arrowsmith and Mary Martin. Their presentation examined the role of the DP as an educational leader. Martin presented information which had inspired him from his participation in a DET professional learning course on ‘Creating Magnificent Schools’. Mary presented a model which had been developed at Wonoona HS for involving head teachers in leading educational change.

Session 2 was presented by Elizabeth Le Brocq and Ann Henkins from the Child Protection section of EPAC. Elizabeth is senior adviser, systems and practice, and her role is to ensure procedural fairness in EPAC child protection investigations and to review investigations when complaints are made. Ann is a senior counsellor with EPAC. Her role is to provide support to parents, staff and victims in child protection investigations. This was an excellent session with essential advice for all teachers and DPs. There were lots of examples of actual cases with ample opportunity for participants to discuss issues and ask questions.

Session 3 continued with discussion of issues raised by the EPAC presentation. This was followed by our election of local office bearers for the Illawarra Association for the next two years. The local organizer position has been referred to the first meeting of the organizing committee. The following people were elected to this committee: Alan McInnes (Warilla High), Stephen Hodgson (Warrawong High), Di Trist (Wollongong High), Noela Lewis (Kiama High), Lou Tome (Bulli High), Don Wilkinson (Lake Illawarra High), John Kennedy (Figtree High). In addition Alan McInnes and Don Wilkinson were elected as representatives to State Congress. This was followed by a report from State Congress by Don Wilkinson.

A motion was unanimously carried by the meeting to thank State Congress for the generous grant of \$2000 to allow this conference to occur. Total cost of the conference was \$2328.50.

Alan McInnes

Sutherland Shire Deputy Principals have again held a meeting each term this year in different school sites as has been our pattern for the last decade. So far this year we have met with our HSLO regarding the ‘recent’ Attendance Policy and discussed its actual implementation. We had the principal of the local behaviour school lead us through the programs in place for students involved there; and the DGO spoke to us about growth and development in adolescents which was quite illuminating. At a further meeting we were addressed by the Deputy Principals from Engadine, Heathcote, The Jannali and Gynea Technology HS with a comprehensive PowerPoint put together by Rick Turansky & Lynne Edwards. These schools are involved in a joint project in the area of Values Education utilising Federal funding including a community based values forum. From their attendance at a conference in Melbourne for such funded schools they reported that clusters of high schools only was very very rare with most being primary/high combinations. Round table discussion was held in relation to our schools’ responses and activity to the DET Middle Years of Learning document and also about the recent bullying case in which a ruling was made in court. A further speaker was Jacqui Conwell DET Autism Support officer who along with Tony James from Caringbah HS [a selective school] spoke about dealing with autism in high schools, providing strategies and wisdom from their experiences. In term 3 we look forward to our meeting on 13 September at Caringbah HS.

Mark Christison Lucas Heights Community School

Sydney Region

Sydney Region DP Planning Committee organised a conference at St George Rowing Club late Term 2. Focus speaker was Judy Hatswell on Dealing with Difficult People. This topic was derived from evaluations at last year’s regional conference where 60% of respondents sought more input in this aspect. This year approximately 55 Deputy Principals from Sydney Region attended what was based on preliminary reading of evaluations was again a highly successful day.

Mark Christison for the Sydney Region DP Planning Committee

Western N.S.W.

This is the photo and caption that was in the Gilgandra local paper from our Term 2 meeting. Other speakers were Regional Director - Carole McDiarmid, School Education Director - Warrambungles - Michael Cronk (Aboriginal Education), Western Region Promotions Officer - Andrew Woodcock, Lousie Stanley - Gilgandra Adolescent Resilience Program, Bryson Luff - Macquarie Darling Work Placement - Opportunities for your School. We also had a session on policies that work (sharing and discussing policies) Greg Horton, Stacey Exner, Debbie Head, Sue Francisco. Greg HoGreg Horton Deputy Principal at Gilgandra High did an excellent job organising the meeting Thursday 31st May - Friday 1st June.

“Deputies meet in Gilgandra

Gilgandra High School held a deputy principals’ conference on Thursday May 31 and Friday June 1. Deputy Principals from high schools and central schools across the region traveled to Gilgandra for the event. Gilgandra High School deputy principal Greg Horton and staff members Louise Stanley and Bryson Luff all addressed the conference. Year 10 food technology students hosted the group for lunch on both days.”

