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Hi Everyone,

I hope term 3 is treating you kindly and that all is well in your schools.

The big event this term is the New South Wales Deputy Principal Association *New Horizons* Conference in Albury on Wednesday 31st August to Friday 2nd September. The program looks excellent with some interesting and engaging keynote speakers (including Michael Carr-Gregg) and a wide range of relevant and current workshop offerings. I also think the black tie dinner in a marquee in the park sounds like a lot of fun. Unfortunately we have had to cancel the planned bus down to Albury as I only had six people interested. We will however, try to get together a car pool for these Deputy Principals as it is a very long drive to do by yourself. Doug Hearne has volunteered to coordinate this, so if you are interested, please call him at Wollongong High School of Performing Arts.

I have been advised that the 2012 conference will be held at the Pacific Bay Resort in Coffs Harbour 29th to 31st August so please make a note of this for your 2012 diaries. South Western Sydney will be organising the 2013 conference.

Late last term (Friday 10th June) I attended State Congress at Citigate Central Sydney. Heather Hukins (Relieving General Manager of the Better Schools Program Office) gave a very interesting explanation of the proposed program and the implications of this new program for our schools. Debbie Hockings (Director School and Regional Operations Office of Schools) also gave feedback on the "Forums for the Future"-what principals said about local decision making in schools. I will give a more detailed account of this meeting at our next regional meeting.

On the staffing front, congratulations to Belinda Wall (Deputy Principal Keira High School) who was successful in gaining the principal's position at Woonona High. She will be a wonderful asset to Woonona HS and a sad loss from our DP ranks. Belinda and I recently car pooled down to Cooma for the Term 3 Secondary Principal's meeting and I know she is very much looking forward to her new role. I would also like to welcome Kerrie-Ann Powell, Head Teacher PD/H/PE from Oak Flats who was successful in gaining the position of Deputy Principal at Lake Illawarra High School. I believe she will be starting this position later in the year.

Our organising committee Noela Lewis, Kem Rakiposki, Ian Walker, Doug Hearne and myself will be meeting at the end of this term to start organising our Term 4 regional conference. Many thanks for the positive evaluations I received for our last term's conference at Murramarang Resort. Our committee will be using your suggestions to plan the next conference, however, if you have any more suggestions, please do not hesitate to send me an email.

That's about it for now. Enjoy the rest of the term and I hope those attending the Albury conference find it useful and entertaining-they always are!

Take care!

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