



New South Wales Secondary Deputy Principals Association Inc.

Website: <http://www.nswsdpa.asn.au>

ILLAWARRA BRANCH Newsletter November 2009 (3 Pages)

Hi Folks,

Welcome to Term 4. Its only a short term but I think it will be very intense.

The major news this term is our local conference, to be held on Friday 20th November at Shellharbour Workers Club. The program for the day looks excellent. The theme for the day is once again technology. Currently, many of us are coping with the roll out of Year 9 laptops. Many staff are looking to us to provide some leadership in the area of laptops for learning, and how we can ensure their effective use in the classroom.

Our presenter for the day will be our very own Darcy Moore. Darcy is deputy principal at Dapto High School. If you have ever spoken to Darcy you will know that he has a passion for the use of technology as a teaching/learning tool, and the use of Web 2 tools in the classroom. Darcy has tremendous experience in this area, and he has presented very well received sessions at the last State Deputy Principal's conference in the Hunter Valley and at numerous other conferences. The conference is designed as a hands on experience, so **you will need to bring a laptop on the day** (either a DET issued one, or a personal one). **Please ensure it is fully charged** as there may be a problem with having sufficient power points available at the venue.

If you are attending it is essential you return the fax back form by the due date as we need to notify the venue of numbers. Please note that if you cancel after the due date or fail to attend after confirming your attendance by faxback, your school may be invoiced for costs incurred by the association.

Don Wilkinson, Kem Rakaposki and myself will be attending the state congress of the DP Association on Friday 4th December. If there are issues you would like us to raise at this meeting please speak to us at the conference or email either Don, Kem or myself.

On the staffing front the Deputy Principal's position at Illawarra Sports High has been recently advertised. On behalf of our members I want to wish Paul Newberry all the best for a long and happy retirement. John Kennedy's position at Figtree High will also shortly be advertised, as John is also retiring. Again I want to wish him all the best for his retirement and also acknowledge the wonderful contribution he has made to our local association. John has regularly attended co-ordinators meetings over a number of years and has been the inspiration behind many of our conference sessions. I had the pleasure of working with him in organizing dinner for five hundred, at the state conference which we organized. The surfboat suspended from the roof of the Wollongong entertainment centre, and the rubber duckie full of beer, were John's idea! We will also miss his wonderful sense of humour and wit.

Have a good term! Hope to see you all at the conference in a few weeks!

Al McInnes
Warilla High School

alan.mcinnnes@det.nsw.edu.au

NSW Deputy Principals Association- Fax Reply

ATTENTION: ALAN MCINNES
Warilla High School
FAX - 42972817

Term 4 Conference Program

Shellharbour Workers Club

Friday 20th November 2009

8.45am-9.00am Coffee and registration

9.00am-10.30am **Session 1 - Leading Learning with Laptops**

How can I assist my colleagues to have successful lessons with laptops? What can stay the same? What has to change? What online tools, what software, what lesson structure? What's DET about to release? How can a traditional lesson be updated? Who can help me? Who can I help?

10.30am-11.00am Morning Tea

11.00am-12.45pm **Session 2 - Smorgasboard: Web 2.0 and other tools**

Tools such as Delicious, Google Reader, blogs, twitter, Edmodo, RSS feeds, MOODLE, Microsoft OneNote and wikis can assist us to lead learning at our schools and help us continue to stay up to date. Here's a chance to explore and experiment.

The idea is that session 1 sets out some ideas and we make a start with some explanation of tools and session two really is totally hands on.

12.45pm-1.45pm Lunch

1.45pm-2.45pm **Session 3 - Discussion session, ideas, reports from the floor.** What works/what doesn't. Please bring your ideas, suggestions, practical tips and inspiration.

Cost – included in your annual fee

- includes lunch, morning tea and venue costs
- please return registration forms to Alan McInnes at Warilla High on the above fax number by **Monday 16th November** .

I will be attending the term 4 conference

Signed _____ Date _____

Name _____ School _____