



New South Wales Secondary Deputy Principals Association Inc.

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Illawarra Branch

Newsletter February 2011

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Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2011 and my first newsletter as local organiser (Noela Lewis and I are sharing this position). I hope everyone had a great holiday. I am sure for most of us holidays feel like a dim and distant memory as the first few weeks of Term 1 are always such a busy time for senior executive. I am therefore pleased to tell you about our first conference for this year and your opportunity to spend some quality time with your Deputy Principal colleagues.

Our upcoming conference will be held on Friday 4th March at the Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow. Once again, we will start the conference with a presentation by our Regional Director Maria Gray-Spence. As a new Deputy Principal to the region last year, I really enjoyed her talk at the Term One conference and thought it gave me a really comprehensive overview of regional priorities and issues. I believe that Maria will also dedicate some time to answer any questions you may wish to ask.

We have also invited our new Board of Studies Liaison Officer, Cheryl Russell to talk to the group. Cheryl is a very experienced Board of Studies Liaison Officer, working for many years in this role in South Western Sydney. She is very pleased to have the opportunity to talk to our group and will offer some useful advice on making best use of the Board of Studies website and explain the benefits of using the HSC components reports and the Results Analysis Package (RAP) for HSC and SC results. She is also willing to answer any particular questions you may have relating to Board of Studies matters.

Our DP Welfare Officer Barry Lovegrove will give a short talk before lunch and will be available to discuss individual matters with Deputy Principals throughout the day. Don Wilkinson will also provide an update on the DER Committee and a State Association report. Don and I will be attending the state DP Association meeting in Sydney later this term, so if there are things you wish us to raise in that forum, please let us know.

Our third session after lunch will be short and interactive and will be led by Doug Hearne from Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts. Our organising committee has identified five current issues that are having a big impact on the workload of Deputy Principals. Deputies will be asked to join

one of five discussion groups and share ideas and current successes in addressing these issues.

Overall, it looks like an informative and useful program so we hope you can join us. If you are able to attend, please fax your conference registration form to me at Figtree High School by Friday 25th February.

The Deputy Principal State Conference will be held in Albury in Term 3 this year. Details will be released soon.

On the staffing front, I am happy to welcome and offer congratulations to several new Deputy Principals in the region: Vero Joseph (Goulburn High), Martin Ind (Moruya High) Gerald Buckley (Nowra High), Karen Lissa and Barry Christiansen (Ulladulla High), Jenny Flowers (Warrarong High) and Jennifer French (Figtree High). A warm welcome to all of you! I would also like to wish Paul Delaney (previous Deputy Principal Figtree High) and Steve Hodgson (previous Deputy Principal Warrarong High and a valued member of our DP organising committee) a very happy retirement.

My thanks to Kem Rakaposki, Noela Lewis, Don Wilkinson, Lou Tome, Ian Walker, Doug Hearne and Alan McInnes for their organisation of the upcoming conference. Alan has been a fantastic local organiser and has been extremely helpful in giving me advice on the role of local organiser.

Invoices for local association membership will be sent out shortly by Cynthia Souter (SAM at Warilla High School). Cynthia has offered to keep managing the financial aspect of the association in 2011. The membership fee for the association will be \$100 (unchanged from last year). \$100 will provide you with entry to the three local conferences for the year, or if you wish to pay individually the cost will be \$100 per conference and we will invoice you separately. The fee is per Deputy Principal position and is NOT TRANSFERABLE between DPs, but it will cover people relieving in your position i.e. if there are two DPs in the school it is necessary to pay separately for both positions.

That's about it for now. Hope to see you all at the Fraternity Club.

Regards,

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Term 1 Conference Registration

Program for Term 1 Conference

Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow

Program

8.30am – 9am	Coffee and Registration
9.00am -10.30am	Directors Report – Maria Gray-Spence
10.30am-10.45am	DP Welfare Officer Report-Barry Lovegrove
10.45am-11.15am	Morning Tea
11.15am – 12.30pm	BOS Liaison Officer-Cheryl Russell How to make best use of the HSC components report and the Results Analysis Package (RAP) for HSC and SC results, navigating the BOS website, question time
12.30pm-1.00pm	Don Wilkinson-State Association report and Digital Education Revolution Committee update
1pm-2pm	Lunch
2pm-3pm	DP Group Discussion Sessions-Doug Hearne -Managing New Scheme Teaching Accreditation -Year 11 Laptop use -EARS/TARS process -Student leadership initiatives -New School Leaving Age strategies

Cost – included in your annual fee OR \$100 payable on the day
Please make cheques payable to Warilla High School and send to Cynthia Souter (SAM) at Warilla High School

- includes lunch, morning tea and venue costs
- **please return registration forms to Raechel McCarthy at Figtree High on the above fax number by Friday 25th February.**

I/we will be attending the conference

Name(s) of person(s) attending

School:
