



# New South Wales Secondary Deputy Principals Association Inc.

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. Two weeks and two days was quite a holiday. I hope that you have all had a restful break and come back ready for action.

The year started at great pace for most of us and then sped up. I have a feeling that Term 2 will be more of the same. Building the Education Revolution has been occupying quite a deal of time with the consultation, submissions, meetings with AMU and all under the heavy pressure to complete with often unreasonable deadlines, and that was the easiest part. This term we will need to realise the works that we applied for – finalise the proposals, cost them, engage the work and manage the on time delivery. A key thought to hold onto is that this Commonwealth funded initiative is part of the stimulus package and is a job creation program (albeit in an education setting). It is about using it to the best advantage for students and schools. If nothing else, Deputy Principals are multi tasking geni.

Now that you're relaxed about that part of the term lift your gaze to L4L. Laptops for Learning will also be a huge challenge for all of us. The logistics can be a little overwhelming – managing the Year 9 rollout and the teacher rollout, and deciding on who is to receive the other large rollout. Not to mention the potential issues surrounding reliability, students leaving them at home, under charging of batteries, loss, theft, ...

I believe that we have to keep foremost in our minds that these are laptops for learning and that is where our skill as educators and professional developers will be tested. The greatest challenge is to use these educational tools to support student learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I have mentioned before that the one great constant for Deputy Principals is the relentless call on our time, our personal resilience and our professional expertise. Just trying to achieve the everyday expectations of staff, students, parents, and the system is exhausting enough, and then to prepare lessons, teach, assess and report for our own classes ... I sometimes wonder how we do it.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Greg Prior for his outstanding support of secondary deputy principals over the past few years. In his role as Director, School and Regional Operations at the Office of Schools, Greg has been our vital link with State Office as the Association's liaison. Greg always addressed DP issues promptly, forthrightly and respectfully. He was ever prepared to go into bat for us whenever we laid out a sound argument, and there are quite a few deputies who are

so much the better for the efforts of Greg Prior. We will certainly miss the strong professional relationship between frontline DPs and the Centre that he helped forge.

Western Sydney Region is most fortunate to have him serve them as the new Regional Director. We all wish Greg the very best in his new position.

Please consider colleagues who have made a significant contribution to public education and who may be eligible for Life Membership of the Association.

A member may be considered to have made a significant contribution if the member has:

- occupied the position of deputy principal for a minimum of five years, and has been a financial member of the Association during the whole period.
- has served the Association with merit as a member of the Executive, Regional/local Representative to State Congress or Leader of a project team for at least two years
- has been an active supporter of Association activities

Nomination forms are available on the Association's website, or at

<http://www.nswsdpa.asn.au/membership.html>

I hope everyone has set aside the dates of the Annual Conference in their school calendars. The 2009 conference will be hosted by the Hunter/Central Coast Regional Association at the Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley on 10 and 11 September 2009. Look out for the online registration in May.

I hope your regional meetings this term are successful and well attended.

**Steve Ramsey - President**

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT**

A busy term is well under way and it is only Week 2. Congratulations to those Deputy Principals appointed over the past two months. Unfortunately I have not yet received a list of those appointments but once I do, there will be a more personal form of contact made to each and every one of you.

A small number of Principal appointments since our Term 1 Newsletter are:

<b>Surname</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>Pos Level</b>	<b>Date Commence</b>	<b>Previous School Name</b>	<b>Previous Pos Level</b>
Cam	Annette	Windsor High	PH2	28/04/2009	Doonside Tech. High	DPH
Connell	Andrea	Sydney Girls High	PH1	28/04/2009	Syd Sec College Leichhardt Campus	PH2

Organisation for the 2009 State Conference is well underway and a conference report appears elsewhere in this newsletter. Just a reminder of the dates, 10 and 11 September and the venue is Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley.

I will be attending the following conferences during this term:

North Coast - Crescent Head  
Lower North Coast - Port Macquarie  
Western Sydney - Rooty Hill  
Selective Schools - Robertson  
Hunter - Rutherglen

Have a good Term 2

Barry Lovegrove - Executive Officer



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# *Nurture Nourish Grow*

**Annual State Conference 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2009  
Crown Plaza, Hunter Valley Vineyards**

Only 130 days to the 2009 State Conference and the **Crowne Plaza Pokolbin** is calling you. The Hunter valley has a place with your name on it.

Are you ready to embrace the future and **lead your school into the 21st Century?**

If the answer is YES, please keep the **10th and 11th of September** blocked out on your calendar as the most important Professional Learning Activity for you this year.

The Conference Committee is excited about the quality of our list of international and national keynote speakers. All of our keynote speakers come highly recommended.

Mark Treadwell, a renowned international educational speaker, from New Zealand will set the scene from the conference looking at “The Way Forward to the Future”. Lincoln Amidy will address maintaining a Passionate Performance in our Leadership and our daily lives. An insight into “Creating Habits for Success” by outlining the science behind how we think and how the brain works, will be given by our third speaker, Nigel Donovan. Shayne Yates & Patricia Cameron-Hill will conclude our conference with a funny but serious look at the way to feel less anxious and more relaxed.

Michael Coutts-Trotter, The director General of Education & Training, will also be presenting on the Thursday and is keen to meet and answer questions during lunch.

The workshops are presently being finalised but topics already decided include; Emotional Intelligence, Accreditation with the Institute of Teachers, the Laptop Revolution, Interactive Whiteboards, Aboriginal Education, Integrating Values Education into Learning, Retention and Engagement, Middle Schooling, The Digital School, Innovations in Secondary Schools and many more.

The organising committee looks forward to catching up with you and giving you some great ideas to go back to school, along with the opportunity to network, relax and unwind with friends.

Please log on to the DP website at: <http://www.nswsdpa.asn.au/> for registration. Registration commenced on the 4 May 2009. Early bird registrations and payments before the 12 June 2009 will go in a draw to win a **\$250 voucher** from Crowne Hotels to be used at any Crowne Plaza in Australia.

Stephen Barnett – Organising Committee Chairman

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