



New South Wales Secondary Deputy Principals Association Inc.

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Illawarra Branch

Newsletter May 2010

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Hi Folks,

I hope term 2 is treating you kindly and that all is well in your schools.

The big news this term is that your hard working co-ordinators have been busy planning our Term 2 conference. I'm pleased to advise that it will be held on Friday May 21st, with the option of staying overnight on Thursday 20th May. The conference will be held at Coolangatta Estate winery at Shoalhaven Heads. Those who attended last year had a very enjoyable time at an excellent venue.

If you wish to stay overnight, we are planning to meet at 5pm on Thursday 20st May for a pre-dinner wine tasting, then perhaps a trivia quiz or something similar after dinner. The cost of this conference will be covered by your yearly membership of the local association, and also with the assistance of state association.

If you can't join us overnight, you can of course attend for the Friday program only if you wish.

A word of warning, if you nominate to stay on the Thursday night and then change your mind or simply don't attend and fail to notify us by Friday 14th May, we will be liable for your costs and we will invoice your school for the full costs we incur (about \$200). While on this subject, we had approximately six people who initially indicated they were attending but then failed to show at the Fraternity Conference in term 1. Because we were not notified and could not cancel, the association had to pay the costs of all those who failed to attend. I'm sure you'll agree that these funds could be better spent.

The program for Coolangatta looks very exciting. David Lewis is our local DET school development officer. Dave's talk will focus on the use of a number of tools available to schools to measure their progress and assist them in analysing their needs and making the 'right' decisions about school priorities. Dave is a previous principal of Flinders Public School and he has an excellent reputation as an engaging speaker who knows what he is talking about. He has lots of tips about what we can do to assist our schools to achieve excellence.

Mark Anderson will present our second session. Mark's position is Assistant Director Staffing Services. Kem Rakaposki and myself recently heard Mark present a session at the DP Professional Learning Day. We were very impressed with the presentation and we both felt that the subject matter was extremely relevant to the issues about staffing which deputy principals face on a regular basis. As an expert in his field, Mark is easy to listen to and his information is current and extensive. There is lots of useful advice about how the staffing process works and about some trials with 'flexible staffing' which you may have recently read about in the media.

Our third session will be short and interactive. Don Wilkinson will present a brief report from State Congress. This will be followed by a short presentation by Kem Rakaposki who will describe Corrimal High School's participation in the National Partnerships program. Finally, Raechel McCarthy from Figtree High will chair a DP forum, where current issues of concern can be raised and discussed by members.

Overall, it looks like an informative and useful program so we hope you can join us.

Don Wilkinson, Kem and myself will be attending the state DP Association meeting in Sydney on Friday 4th June, so if there are things you wish us to raise in that forum, please contact any of us.

State conference this year will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Sydney on 1st, 2nd, 3rd September. Further details are available on the DP Association website.

On the staffing front, congratulations to Ross Graham who was recently appointed DP at Corrimal High. Congratulations also to our very own Diane Trist, who was successful in gaining the principal's position at Wollongong High. She will be a wonderful asset to Wollongong HS and a sad loss from our DP ranks. The DP position at Wollongong will be filled shortly.

Finally, thank you to those of you who have paid your yearly subscription as it is with these funds that we pay for our conference program.

My thanks to our organising committee of Don Wilkinson, Kem Rakaposki, Noela Lewis, Raechel McCarthy and Lou Tome.

That's about it for now. Hope to catch up with you all at Coolangatta!

Take care!

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Term 2 Conference Registration
Coolangatta Estate Winery

Thursday 20th May 2010

Program

5.30pm onwards	Registration for delegates staying overnight
6.00pm	Wine Tasting
7.00pm	Dinner and social activities

Friday 21st May 2010

Program

8.30am - 9.00am	Coffee and Registration
9.00am – 11.00am	David Lewis – Achieving School Improvement
11.00am – 11.30am	Morning Tea
11.30am – 1.00pm	Mark Anderson - School Staffing – Past, Present....and Future?
1.00pm - 1.45pm	Lunch
1.30pm - 2.45pm	National Partnerships – Kem Rakaposki – Corrimal High Current Issues Forum – Raechel McCarthy – Figtree High. State Conference Report – Don Wilkinson
2.55pm - 3.00pm	Evaluation.

Cost – included in your annual fee

- includes lunch, morning tea and venue costs (including accommodation)
- please return registration forms to Alan McInnes at Warilla High on the above fax number by **Friday 14th May**.

I will be attending the conference and I require accommodation at Coolangatta Estate for Thursday 20th May.

I will be attending the conference on Friday 21th May only

I understand that if I withdraw from the conference after Friday 14th May, or I fail to attend the conference after notifying my acceptance, my school will be invoiced for the full costs incurred by the association

Signed _____ Date _____
Name _____ School _____