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THE NSW SECONDARY DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION IS PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome back to the start of Term 3. Two 11 week terms back-to-back really tests you. I hope you have all had a great holiday and are ready for the term ahead.

There is a distinct Latin American feel about NSW education at the moment – all the revolutions we are leading.

By far, the greatest challenge for us all for the remainder of the year will be *Building the Education Revolution* and the *Digital Education Revolution*. These have huge implications for our workload and stress levels as we deal with outside contractors and providers and inside bureaucrats and obfuscators. The important thing to remember is that all of this is an investment in the learning by our students and we can only do that to the best of our ability.

The *gauchos, llaneros, caudillos, companeros and the sandinistas* will have to wait for us to lead the way - *buena suerte mis amigos*.

In the last *Newsletter*, I took the opportunity of thanking Greg Prior for his great support of secondary deputy principals as our DET liaison. We now have a new DET liaison in Debbie Hockings. Debbie has always been an enthusiastic and energetic advocate for public education and for all of us working for positive student outcomes. We look forward to her strong professional support.

We have received a number of applications for the 2010 **Academy Fellowship** and will be able to announce the successful recipient at the Annual Conference in the Hunter Valley. It is a good time for all members to consider applying for this annual fellowship for next year (applications close with the Executive Officer on 30 June each year). It does take a little time to decide on the nature and scope your project. The fellowship is awarded for a research project proposal with the best potential to create improved policy and practice to advantage public education and the work of Deputy Principals. There is potential for more than one fellowship to be awarded. See the Association webpage for details: <http://www.nswsdpa.asn.au> .

Nominations for executive positions of the Association are due with the Returning Officer, Glen Yates (at Northlakes High School – fx: 02 4399 1792) by 1st August. I invite all members to consider working at a higher level within the Association. If not an executive position, then seek election as a **delegate to State Congress** from your regional association. State Congress is the decision-making body of the SDPA, and delegates from all regions in NSW assemble on the Friday of Week 7 each term to set policy directions for the Association.

One for your diary in 2010; Northern Sydney will be hosting the Annual Conference in the city on 2 and 3 September 2010.

The program for the 2009 Annual Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley looks great with its theme of *Nurture Nourish Grow*, and the workshop selection is about to start. Congratulations to the Hunter Central Coast Region team that are pulling it all together. I look forward to catching up with you all there on 10 and 11 September.

Steve Ramsey

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

It is Friday 24th July – the last official day of the school holidays. I remember well the feeling on this day as the wheel is about to commence turning for yet another school term. Good luck for the 2009 winter term.

Welfare work with Deputies was down in Term 2. What this indicates I am not quite sure but just a reminder that I am available at any time to take calls on any issue that may be of concern. My contact details are:

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Newly appointed Principals as at 24th July 2009

Surname	First Name	School Name	Pos Level	Date Commenced	Previous School Name	Previous Pos Level
Eather	Graham	Hunter River High	PH2	27/01/2009	Newcastle High	DPH
Haley	Marguerite	Binnaway Central	PC4	27/01/2009	Nyngan Public	PP4
Isemonger	Glenn	Warilla High	PH1	27/01/2009	Kiama High	DPH
Lange	Robert	Tumut High	PH2	27/01/2009	Henry Kendall High	DPH
Maddern	Noel	Urana Central	PC4	27/01/2009	Broken Hill High	HED
Myers	Geoffrey	Narrabri High	PH2	3/02/2009	Taree High	DPH
Tome	Christopher	Lightning Ridge CS	PH2	3/02/2009	Orange High	DPH
Tourlas	Jillian	Hoxton Park High	PH2	27/01/2009	Bega High	PH1
Dib	Jihad	Punchbowl Boys High	PH2	28/04/2009	Punchbowl BHS	DPH
Endicott	Karen	Sarah Redfern High	PH2	28/04/2009	Menai High	DPH
Fawcett	Meredith	Elderslie High	PH1	28/04/2009	Granville South	PH2
Finch	Daryl	Yanco Agricultural High	PH2	28/04/2009	Nyngan High	PH2
Forrester	Adam	Tullibigeal Central	PC4	28/04/2009	Menindee CS	HED
Gardner	Jennette	Bega High	PH1	28/04/2009	Jindabyne CS	PH2
Henry	Robert	Wauchope High	PH2	28/04/2009	Mendooran CSI	PC4
Hudson	Brian	Crookwell High	PH2	18/05/2009	Belmore BH	DPH
Morris	Paul	Eden Marine High	PH2	28/04/2009	Bega High	DPH
Noonan	Darren	Merriwa Central	PC3	28/04/2009	Merriwa CS	DPH
Pacey	Virginia	Kogarah High	PH2	28/04/2009	Lake Munmorah	DPH
Tracey	Paul	Callaghan College, Wallsend	PH1	28/04/2009	Rutherford High	PH2
Carline	Robert	Condobolin High	PH2	19/05/2009	Canowindra High	DPH
Chalmers	Kenneth	Wade High	PH2	19/10/2009	Narrabri High	DPH
Cracknell	Cara	Trundle Central	PC4	19/10/2009	Balranald Central	DPH
Fuller	Dana	Callaghan College Waratah	PH2	9/06/2009	Morisset High	DPH

Due to a communication problem, I am not receiving from staffing the complete list of newly appointed Deputy Principals. I apologise for my failure to contact those new appointees but I am attempting to rectify the situation.

A meeting of the State Conference Organising Committee was held at Kotara High School on Wednesday 29 July at 3.30pm. Only six weeks before the conference and I look forward to speaking to as many of you as possible over the two days.

Barry Lovegrove

STATE CONFERENCE REPORT

It is just six weeks to the conference and it is a very exciting time to see it all coming together. The **final registration date is the end of week 2 of this term, 7th August**. So if you have not registered please do so by going to the NSW Secondary Deputy Principals' Association website and clicking on the 2009 Conference Registration. For those of us who have registered it is time for you to choose your workshops. As soon as you receive the email asking for you to register for the workshop please complete the registration. This will allow the organising committee to allocate the appropriate room for each of the workshops.

Remember there are only 20 spaces for Socrates Training 2 hour workshop on Friday so you will have to get in early with your workshop registration. The conference program is looking very exciting and is available on the association's website. We are trying several new things this year

The first is the Sponsors Cocktail Reception on the Wednesday night starting at 6pm. About every five minutes prizes will be given to delegates talking to particular sponsors. This is designed to give both the sponsors and the delegates more time to access to each other. It must be remembered that through the support of our sponsors the conference committee has been able to reduce the cost of the conference by over \$150 per delegate so we need to support them.

In keeping with our "Wellbeing" theme of the conference on the Wednesday afternoon you will be able to participate in various activities around the local Hunter Valley, including golf, tennis, visits to wineries, The Hunter Valley Gardens and other tourist attractions. You will be able to register for these activities when you register for the workshops.

Note that both days will start slightly earlier than in previous years. On Thursday we will be starting promptly at 8:45am and on Friday we will start at 8:30am with the Deputy Principals' Association Annual General Meeting.

Looking forward to see you all at the conference

Stephen Barnett.

ACADEMY PHOTOGRAPHY/ATTENDANCE

As we hit the half year mark and the general time that schools look at making decisions about 2010 school photographers, yearbook printing and the possible implementation of a Student Attendance Management System, I would like to remind you to please give Academy Photography an opportunity to demonstrate, quote or tender on any products and services you might be looking at with other companies. As the initial and major business partners of the NWS DPA for the past 4 years and with the current economic climate we need your support more than ever. With over a dozen different products and services in the Academy stall these days, we know there will be something to suit your school needs whether it be saving time or saving money.

Just a reminder also of our new Web Based roll marking system which works with the new laptop roll out schools are receiving. Please Call - Vladimir on 1800 816 224 to arrange a time for a demonstration.

Thanks

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