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Welcome to the AISWA Bulletin - April Edition

End of Term Message from the Executive Director



Chris Massey
AISWA Executive Director

Term 1 was always going to be short, but I don't think anybody could have prepared us for the speed at which 9 weeks can fly by! It seems like only yesterday that it was the first day of school, when you were welcoming students with the excitement for the year ahead. I hope that all the teachers, administrative and support staff, and leaders of our member schools can reflect positively on their achievements across Term 1. The work that our sector does to provide choice and diversity in education in Western Australia is fundamental to a successful education system. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to education and the Independent school sector.

For those that have time away from school over the break, I hope you return refreshed and ready to inspire students in Term 2. For staff working across the holiday period I hope the quieter time offers a chance for productive work and some reflection.

During the first quarter, AISWA staff have been working to execute our new Strategic Plan and bring about a rejuvenated approach to servicing our members. Here is a snapshot of what AISWA has achieved during Term 1:

- The commencement of a new executive structure at AISWA, with distinct portfolios and responsibilities
- Introduction of a streamlined communication process, reducing the number of newsletters you receive into consolidated approach linked to the new portfolios
- The launch of AISWA's new corporate logo, providing a new look and feel during a period of rejuvenation
- A visit to the Great Southern region where all 10 of our schools in the region met as a collective group
- AISWA staff workshop with Louka Parry and the team at The Learning Future to reimagine the AISWA services of the future in support of member schools
- The launch of the all new AISWA Leaders Conference taking place Monday 20 May
- Various representation of the Independent school sector at government and education forums. Significant advocacy around the following key discussions:
 - The recommendation by the Productivity Commission to limit access to Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status in schools.
 - The announcement by TISC to cease the bonus ATAR scheme for languages other than English, Maths Methods and Maths Specialist.
 - Representation at a roundtable with Federal Education Minister, Jason Clare, to highlight the agility and innovation that the Independent school sector can provide the education sector to assist in reform efforts.
 - Attendance by Minister Buti at the February meeting of the AISWA Board.

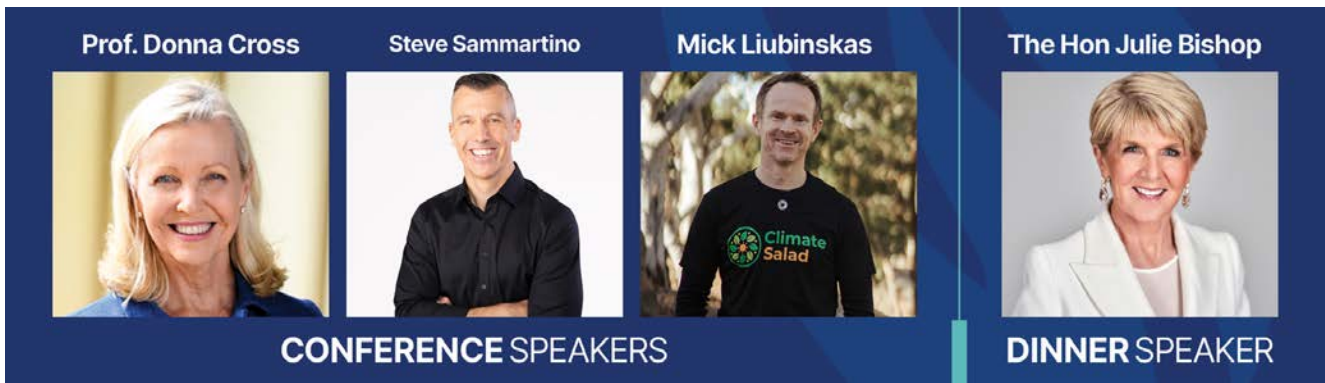
AISWA will continue our commitment to lead, serve and advocate for the WA Independent School sector throughout the break and into Term 2.

Kindest Regards
Chris Massey

This month's Bulletin covers the following items:

- Event and Professional Learning opportunities for Term 2
- WA Optional School Food Policy
- Food Safety Supervisors Information
- Bushfire Policy Update - Bushfire District Changes and Alert Ratings
- Curtin University Student Placement Information
- Upcoming Awards and Nominations
- FREE eSmart Learning Program Helping More School Kids Stay Safe Online
- Traffic Warden Recruitment

2024 AISWA LEADERS CONFERENCE - Embrace the Change



The ALL NEW 2024 AISWA Leaders Conference - 'Embrace the Change', has received an amazing response. Tickets and tables are selling fast. [CLICK HERE](#) for details on the event and follow the links to book your tickets and/or private school table.

The 2024 AISWA Leaders Conference is taking place at Optus Stadium on Monday, 20th May. We encourage school Principals, Board Members and Leaders to support this inaugural conference.

AISWA would like to thank our event sponsors for ensuring ticket prices have been significantly subsidised for AISWA Members. Thank you to:

- [Grange Insurance](#)
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Professional Learning Opportunities

For further information on the Term 2 Professional Learning opportunities listed below (by category), please click the links provided in the table. For additional information and a full list of 2024 PL and Event opportunities, you can also search the [AISWA PL & Event Calendar](#).

FEATURED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Gen AI Insights: Ethics, assessment and application with Leon Furze

This PL is curated for educational leaders who are at the forefront of implementing change, keen on incorporating generative AI into their practice and leading AI integration efforts in their institutions. Key themes include: (Re)Introduction to GenAI and AI Ethics, The AI assessment scale, and Practical application workshop. Registration is closing soon, [sign up](#) now.

Crowther Instructional Coaching Lab

AISWA schools are invited to attend the Term 2 intake for the Crowther Instructional Coaching Lab. Over three 35-minute sessions (online) and delivered by practicing coaches Dr Mark Dowley and Raylene Plozza from Brighton Grammar, these flexible, short practical sessions are designed to improve the quality of coaching conversations. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Teaching Multilingual Learners: EALD Hub +

Expressions of interest are sought for this program involving a year-long hybrid course, combining the EALD Hub online course (comprised of 29 eBooks) and 10 webinars, facilitated by AISWA Consultants throughout 2024. Available to teachers in AISWA-member schools who teach learners for whom English is an additional language or dialect (EALD) in metro, regional and remote settings. Cost - \$200 per teacher, for a minimum of 40 PL hours. The course has started but registrations are still open. Contact [Kate Reitzenstein](#) for inquiries.

Mastering the Media

Ready to elevate your confidence in today's challenging media landscape? Then don't miss our introductory session on Media – a vital, interactive mini-workshop for Principals, Board Chairs, Executive and Aspiring Leaders. Respected TV presenter Tina Altieri will show you how to navigate the tough issues you could face and reveal latest techniques on how to best prepare for interviews – in good times and in bad. Don't miss this opportunity with limited seats available! More information [here](#).

Event Date

Title

Administration and Governance

6th May

[Business Managers - Risk Management - Psychosocial Hazards in Education](#)

Register by 1st May

Early Childhood

29th April

[Little Scientists Workshop - Water](#)

Register by 22nd April

30th April

[Literacy Bites - Word Inquiry](#)

Register by 21st April

2nd May

[Early Years Learning Framework v2.0](#)

Register by 26th April

8th May

[Term Two: Early Childhood Sustainability Network Meeting](#)

Register by 1st May

22nd May

[Leading with the National Quality Standard](#)

Register by 15th May

28th May

[Literacy Bites - Story Books](#)

Register by 19th May

29th May

[Education Assistant Professional Learning Day](#)

Register by 21st May

Inclusive Education

18th April

[Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum \(Broome Conference\)](#)

Register by 15th April

7th June

[Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum at AISWA](#)

Register by 31st May

Languages

18th April

[Embracing Culturally Diversity](#)

Register by 10th April

24th April

[Supporting EALD Learners in the Classroom \(Term 2\)](#)

Register by 17th April

24th April

[Secondary School: Sharing Effective Strategies in the Languages Classroom](#)

Register by 18th April

8 May (*Multiple sessions*)

[23 Things: Exploring digital technologies and AI in the Languages classroom](#)

Register by 30 April

30th May

[Cross-Sector Languages Workshop #1: Exploring current trends and implementation in Languages education](#)

Register by 22nd May

4 June (*Multiple sessions*)

[Many Languages - One Methodology 2024](#)

Register by 25th May

Leadership and Learning

22 April (*Multiple sessions*)

[Early Career Teachers 2024 \(Year 1 of a 2-year Induction Program - Intake 2\)](#)

Register by 17 April

13 May (*Multiple sessions*)

[2024 Early Career Teachers \(Year 2 of a 2-year Induction Program\) ECTs from 2023](#)

Register by 7 May

16 May

[Mentors for Early Career Teachers \(Intake 2\)](#)

Register by 10 May

27 May (*Multiple sessions*)

[Aspiring Leaders](#)

Register by 21 May

Module 1: 3 May
Module 2: 11 June

[Mastering The Media Training](#)

Module 1: 29 April
Module 2: 4 June

20th May (*Multiple sessions*)

[Positive Workplaces](#)

Register by 14th May

Literacy

23rd April

[What's new with Brightpath?](#)

Register by 18th April

2nd May

[Secondary English Network Day](#)

Register by 25th April

16th May

[Scaffolding Adolescent Literacy \(New\)](#)

Register by 10th May

Numeracy

29th April

[Mathematics - A Whole School Approach for Teaching Place Value PP to Year 6](#)

Register by 26th April

1st May

[Developing a Whole School Approach to Teaching Basic Number Facts Year 1 to Year 5](#)

Register by 26th April

7th May

[Launching Mathematics Lessons with Routines Year 1 to Year 6](#)

Register by 2nd May

27th May

[Combined Secondary AISWA/CEWA Maths Network Day](#)

Register by 20th May

Technologies

17th April

[Gen AI Insights: Ethics, assessment and application with Leon Furze](#)

Register by 15th April

9th May

[Teaching Digital Technologies: The curriculum and the classroom](#)

Register by 3rd May

16th May

[3D Design and Printing](#)

Register by 10th May

22nd May

[Developing a digital pedagogy: Integrating ICT into your classroom](#)

Register by 16th May

5th June

[STEM: Getting the ball rolling and building momentum](#)

Register by 30th May

WA School Food Policy [Optional for WA Independent Schools]

The [Department of Education's Student Health in Public Schools Procedures, and Appendix B: Healthy Food and Drink](#), has been updated, however, no changes are required immediately, see the [frequently asked questions](#) on the WA School Canteen Association website for further details.

We encourage independent schools and their canteens to operate as usual and take the time they need to consult with Principals and their communities, and make any adaptations to their canteen menu that also take into account operation needs like workload and financial considerations. If your school is satisfied and comfortable with their current menu, they can still continue to offer this and use the [Star Choice™ Buyers Guide](#) as a menu planning tool. Further details [here](#).

Food Safety Supervisors

A new National Food Safety Standard, 3.2.2A – *Food Safety Management Tools* has been introduced across Australia for all food businesses, including school canteens. There are three requirements:

1. Appoint a Food Safety Supervisor, they must complete accredited Food Safety Supervisor training
2. All other paid and volunteer staff must complete Food Handler training* (e.g. FoodSafe, 60-minute online training). WASCA members can access FoodSafe online for FREE
3. Show your food is safe by implementing food safety records (e.g. paperwork and procedures). See the [WASCA's website](#) for details and dates for our training (which has been customised to school canteens) and see the [Department of Health](#) for information about the new standard.

Bushfire Policy Update - Bushfire District Changes and Alert Ratings

The AISWA Bushfire Management Policy Guideline has been updated and now includes the changed Fire Weather Districts used by the Bureau of Meteorology, a list of Independent schools in each district as well as some other minor changes. Click [here](#) to view more.

Undergraduate Student Teacher Placements

- This year Curtin University, School of Education has introduced the Graduate Diploma of Education (Primary Education) and Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary Education), in response to the current teacher shortage in Western Australia. This has seen a strong increase in enrolments.
- Curtin University, School of Education is seeking assistance sourcing placements for these aspiring teachers.
- Our Graduate Diploma program is designed for students to complete all three placements in the one school. PE1 and PE2 will be with the same mentor/classroom and PE3 will need to be with a different class/mentor.

- The practicum dates for our Graduate Diploma of Education course are:
 - (PE1) 1st Practicum: 10 day placement 13 May to 24 May
 - (PE2) 2nd Practicum: 15 day placement 05 Aug to 23 Aug
 - (PE3) 3rd Practicum: 20 day placement 28 Oct to 22 Nov
- Mentor teachers are paid \$25 per day
- We are also placing Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary) and Master of Teaching (Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary) students as well
- Contact Professional.Experience@curtin.edu.au for enquiries

Upcoming Awards and Nominations

Plain English Speaking Award 2024

- PESA is a public speaking competition open to students in Years 11 and 12.
- The winner of the competition will receive funding from the Australian Britain Society to represent the state at the national final in Sydney this year.
- Registrations close on 1 May 2024. Click [here](#) to view the 2024 schools package.

2024 Premier's Science Awards

- [The Premier's Science Awards](#) recognise and celebrate the outstanding scientific research and engagement taking place in Western Australia.
- WA scientists, researchers, STEM tertiary students, STEM teachers and educators, and STEM engagement providers are encouraged to apply.
- There are 8 categories in the 2024 Awards, with prizes ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000.
- Winners will be announced at the Premier's Science Awards ceremony later in the year.
- Applications close at 10:00AM AWST on 26 April 2024. To learn more of apply, click [here](#).

Nominations for 2024 WA Science Hall of Fame are open

- [The WA Science Hall of Fame](#) was established in 2007 to recognise exceptional lifelong contributions from Western Australians to STEM.
- Nominate yourself or others who are pre-eminent in their field to be considered for induction into the WA Science Hall of Fame.
- The 2024 Inductee will be announced at the Awards ceremony later this year, and will join other esteemed members of the WA Science Hall of Fame.
- Applications close at 10:00AM AWST on 26 April 2024. To learn more or submit a nomination, click [here](#).

FREE eSmart Learning Program Helping More School Kids Stay Safe Online

- Digital Licence+ program is available to all schools to support students aged between 10 and 14 years to build digital skills and intelligence, including how to identify digital scams and report cyberbullying
- The Media Literacy Lab – which helps 12 to 16 year-olds develop critical thinking around online content – is also freely available
- Click [here](#) for more information

Traffic Warden Recruitment

- The WA Police is seeking support to find traffic wardens for several crossings
- These may be crossing specifically associated with your school
- The WA Police is asking for all schools to support recruitment of wardens by actively promoting through their communities
- Click [here](#) for more information

For any inquiries or assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team [here](#) or call us at (08) 9441 1600.

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