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## Welcome to the AISWA Bulletin - May Edition

### This month's Bulletin covers the following items:

- AISWA Leaders Conference 2024
- The 2025 Premiere's Anzac Student Tour
- Independent Schools Australia (ISA) Report - Improving Outcomes for All
- Positive Schools 2024 Big Workshop
- National Youth Summit
- Premier's Reading Challenge 2024
- Micro-credentials for Classroom Confidence
- Creativity for Schools Funding Opportunity
- Australian of the Year Youth Leadership Forum
- Scams Targeting Schools
- Upcoming Professional Learning Events

### LAST CHANGE TO REGISTER FOR AISWA LEADERS CONFERENCE 2024

Prof. Donna Cross



Steve Sammartino



Mick Liubinskas



The Hon Julie Bishop



CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

DINNER SPEAKER

- Registrations for the inaugural AISWA Leaders Conference on **Monday, 20 May** at Optus Stadium close this **Friday, 10 May**.
- Do not miss the opportunity to hear from the amazing line up of guest speakers.
- Click [here](#) for more information or to register your attendance.

## THE 2025 PREMIERE'S ANZAC STUDENT TOUR

- The tour allows students to investigate the Anzac legacy and those who served in the armed forces in all wars and commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.
- 10 students and 2 teachers from public and non-government schools have the opportunity to join the tour.
- Japan is a significant destination to observe the 80th anniversary of the end of the World War II, reflect on the impact of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and to recognise the significant acts of reconciliation that have occurred since this time.
- All details and application packages are available on the [Department website](#).

## IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR ALL: LEADING REFORM THROUGH INNOVATION



- This report, authored by Independent Schools Australia (ISA) discusses how the Independent school sector is addressing the three identified national reform priority areas of: Equity, Wellbeing and Workforce.
- It features case studies of ten Independent schools, including Treetops Montessori School and Port School in WA, highlighting the innovative work these schools are doing to improve outcomes.
- This report was developed to contribute to the national discussions around school reform and to highlight how ongoing engagement and consultation with the Independent sector is vital.
- Click [here](#) to access the report.

## POSITIVE SCHOOLS 2024

- Register for the Positive Schools 2024 Big Workshop on **14-15 November 2024**.
- An opportunity to identify and build on 'the best of what works' in the classroom and whole-school context to support wellbeing in everyday action.
- Click [here](#) for more information and registration.

## NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT: APPLY NOW

- APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN to all Australian secondary schools for the National Youth Summit on **Monday, 12 August 2024** at **Parliament of Australia, Canberra**.
- The summit allows students to voice their ideas around diversity, inclusion and community cohesion.
- The event is created by Together For Humanity and supported by the Federal Government Department of Education.
- Applications close **1 June 2024**.
- Click [here](#) for more information or to apply.

## PREMIERE'S READING CHALLENGE 2024



- The Premier's Reading Challenge 2024 runs from **Monday, 6 May to Friday, 6 September 2024** and is open to all WA students from Kindergarten through Year 10.
- The challenge program is designed to encourage students' reading enjoyment.
- Each week, students who log their reading achievements go in the draw to win a prize.
- Find out more [here](#).

## MICRO-CREDENTIALS FOR CLASSROOM CONFIDENCE

- The Australian Government has funded a series of FREE specialised online qualifications (micro credentials) suitable for all educators. The qualifications address the following topics:
  - Classroom Management
  - Explicit Teaching
  - Teaching Phonics
- Enrolments commence on **20 May**.
- Click [here](#) for further information.

## CREATIVITY FOR SCHOOLS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, Creativity for Schools funding program is currently open.
- These grants support creative learning projects in schools, with funding available for activities commencing from **1 September 2024**.
- There are two categories for funding;
  - **Residency** (offering funds of up to \$20,000)
  - **Collaboration** (offering funding up to \$60,000)
- Applications close on **30 May**. Click [here](#) for further details.

## AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

- **Wednesday, 12 June 2024** at the University of Western Australia.
- A **FREE** Youth Leadership Forum with thought leaders and change makers recognised in the Australian of the Year Awards.
- Opportunity for secondary school students to hear from three of our country's most inspiring individuals:
  - **Nick Hudson** – 2024 WA Local Hero and Founder of The Push-Up Challenge
  - **Kate Kirwin** – 2024 WA Young Australian of the Year and Founder of She Codes Australia
  - **Catherine MacDougall** – 2024 WA Local Hero finalist and Co-Founder of Prepare Produce Provide
- For information on how to register, click [here](#).

## SCAMS TARGETING SCHOOLS ON THE RISE



- AISWA has been made aware of several scams, some of which are quite sophisticated, currently targeting schools.
- There are a few simple messages that you can deliver to your staff to help your school falling victim to such scams. These include:
  - **Stop** - Don't give money or personal information to anyone if unsure
  - **Think** - Ask yourself could the message or call be fake?
  - **Protect** - Act quickly if something feels wrong
- For additional information that may help to educate your staff and protect your school we encourage you to head to [scamwatch.gov.au](https://www.scamwatch.gov.au).

## 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

### Mastering the Media

This module is targeted at those who have had previous media training or those who have

completed the *Mastering The Media - Module 1* masterclass. Topics include:

- Engaging the media as a community leader
- Battle-tested communication strategies
- Media and influence drills (putting you in the spotlight)
- Media conference mastery
- Preparing to influence as a community leader
- Making the media work for you

Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Many Languages - One Methodology Course**

This course has been offered by AISWA for more than a decade and assisted many practising teachers to up-skill and engage in valuable second language methodology training. Held over 7 days throughout 2024, this program is designed to provide teachers with a collaborative and supportive environment through which they can engage with contemporary approaches, and future challenges associated with the implementation of the Australian and Western Australian Curriculum for Languages. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **Train the Trainer Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum**

Presented by Department of Education South Australia expert trainers, this 2-day train-the-trainer program for teachers to facilitate the KS:CPC Educator course with other teachers at their school. Register [here](#) before 27 May.

### **Bringing Hope and Action to Teaching and Learning - Purposeful Pedagogies Masterclass**

AISWA is proud to bring Hamish Curry, General Manager of Cool.org, to Perth for this very special, socially-purposeful event. This hands-on workshop will guide educators through two new learning scaffolds - the Cool.org Hope and Act Frameworks. These research-based resources are designed to support all teachers in navigating complex issues and providing approaches to help students understand different perspectives and work towards addressing big challenges. More information [here](#).

### **Weaving Connections through the Journeys of inquiry with Kath Murdoch**

In this practical, interactive workshop, Kath Murdoch, global expert in inquiry-based learning, will guide classroom teachers through a series of thought-provoking questions to challenge and extend thinking. Suitable for all primary teachers and curriculum leaders. Click [here](#) for more information.

Event Date	
Title	
<b>Administration and Governance</b>	
<b>17 June</b>	<a href="#">AICD The Role of the Chair</a>
	Register by 24 May
<b>12 June</b>	<a href="#">Business Managers - Funding for Student's with a Disability &amp; Industrial Relations Update</a>

Register by 7 June

## Arts

**24 May**

[Visual Arts Network Day](#)

Register by 15 May

**27 May**

[Drama Network Day](#)

Register by 20 May

**31 May**

[Dance Network Day](#)

Register by 23 May

## Early Childhood

**28 May**

[Literacy Bites - Story Books](#)

Register by 19 May

**29 May**

[Education Assistant Professional Learning Day](#)

Register by 21 May

## Humanities and Social Sciences

**14 June**

[Bringing Hope and Action to Teaching and Learning - Purposeful Pedagogies Masterclass](#)

Register by 7 June

## Inclusive Education

**19-20 June**

[Train the Trainer Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum](#)

Register by 27 May

## Languages

**30 May**

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

Register by 22 May

**4 June** *(Multiple sessions)*

[Many Languages - One Methodology 2024](#)

Register by 25 May

## Leadership and Learning

**16 May**

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

Register by 10 May

**14 August** *(Multiple sessions)*

[Women in Educational Leadership Network Meeting](#)

Register by 16 May

**27 May** *(Multiple sessions)*

[Aspiring Leaders](#)

Register by 21 May

**13 June** *(Multiple sessions)*

[Motivating Powerful Student Learning and Engagement with Dr Jared Cooney Horvath \(Sessions 2 and 3\)](#)

Register by 3 June

**11 June**

[Mastering The Media Training](#)

Register by 4 June

## Literacy

**16 May**

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

Register by 10 May

**28 May**

[Literacy Bites - Story Books](#)

Register by 19 May

**21 June**

[Literature ATAR and English ATAR Network Day](#)

Register by 14 June

## Numeracy

**27th May**

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

Register by 20 May

**21 June**

[Developing a Whole School Approach to Problem Solving in Mathematics Year 2 to Year 8](#)

Register by 17 June

## Technologies

**16 May**

[3D Design and Printing](#)

Register by 10 May

**5 June**

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

Register by 30 May

**12 June** (*Multiple sessions*)

[Developing = "Digital Literacy" | Grok Academy X AISWA](#)

Register by 31 May

**10 June**

[Using AI to reduce teacher workload](#)

Register by 4 June

**20 June**

[AI for Educational Leaders](#)

Register by 14 June

*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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