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Welcome

Welcome to the April edition of the CAP News. The end of Term 1 marks the completion of NAPLAN, and the logistics associated with managing the process. Congratulations to everyone involved in navigating the testing window which included the submission of over 100,000 tests across 144 Independent Schools, all while managing the usual busyness of a new school year. Absolutely, a job well done!

Over Term 1 we welcomed a new intake of Early Career Teachers, connected in with the Crowther Instructional Coaching Lab, commenced a year long Inquiry Project (with Kath Murdoch), continued support for Purnululu School to create a contextualised school-based curriculum, and lots more. Click through to the team pages to read more about some of this work.

I would also like to thank everyone who expressed interest in joining AISWAs inaugural Curriculum Reference Group. This group will provide a vital mechanism to connect with members and have some rich conversations to inform our work. We look forward to welcoming the group to the first meeting later this month.

All the best for a successful term ahead. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there's anything we can assist you with.

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Policy Updates

TISC Bonus update

The recent decision by TISC to scrap the bonus for ATAR Languages, Maths Methods and Maths Specialist from 2026 has been revised to now come into effect from 2027. This means the current cohort of Year 10 students will not be impacted by this change. TISC have also agreed to consult with stakeholders on the impact of changes to ATAR calculations over the remainder of

2024, and will provide an update by the end of the year. For more information, please visit the [TISC website](#).

Micro-credentials for Classroom Confidence

The Australian Government has funded a series of FREE specialised online qualifications (micro credentials) suitable for all educators based on the latest research evidence. There are three packaged credentials addressing the topics of: Classroom Management, Explicit Teaching, and Teaching Phonics. The Classroom Management credential will open for enrolment on 20 May, with the other Modules to follow later in the year. For more information, click [here](#).

Indigenous Cultural Self Reflection Tool

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) has recently reviewed its FREE [Indigenous Cultural Self Reflection Tool](#). New features include a group dashboard to track learning, additional videos and a reflective journal. In addition to being a diagnostic tool, it also guides teachers to learn and reflect on their perspectives, assumptions, and beliefs about their own identity and culture. 45-60 minutes minimum is required to work through the tool.

Team Updates

The Early Childhood team offer support and mentoring to early childhood educators and leaders. Our focus this month is school based support via staff meeting presentations or working one on one with staff.

Click [HERE](#) for the latest news and updates.

Leadership and Learning provide support to implement the P-10 WA Curriculum and Assessment Outline and the WACE, and assist schools to build leadership capability.

Numeracy and Literacy provide support to enhance teaching and learning outcomes.

Click [HERE](#) for the latest news and updates.

Targeted programs provide support to engage in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) and interpret and apply school and student data, and implement Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Career Education programs.

Click [HERE](#) for the latest news and updates.

Professional Learning Opportunities
Curriculum & Pedagogy

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 (PL)

2024 AISWA Leaders Conference - Embrace the Change

Tickets for the ALL NEW 2024 AISWA Leaders Conference - 'Embrace the Change', on Monday May 20 at Optus Stadium are selling fast. For school Principals, Board Members and Leaders. CLICK HERE for details and follow the links to book your tickets and/or school table and support this inaugural conference.

Brightpath Literacy and Numeracy – 23 April

Are you and your leadership team aware that Brightpath has been sold to 3P? The What's Happening with Brightpath webinar on Tuesday, 23 April provides an opportunity to hear from Kate McGrath, 3M Strategic Account Manager, in regard to their partnership with SCSA and how your school can access support. Registration closes soon! Secure your spot here.

Instructional Coaching with the Crowther Coaching Lab – commencing 29 April

AISWA schools are invited to register for 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 and classroom instruction. For more information and registration, click here.

Quantum Explorers STEM Club 6 week program: Discovering quantum technology – commencing 1 May

UWA Physics is offering a 6-week program for all Y7-Y10 students, where they will dive into the world of quantum technology. Students will have the chance to do hands-on experiments, learn from experts, and explore quantum challenges and tasks. The sessions will be held after school, every Wednesday starting 1 May - 6 June. More information here.

Motivating Powerful Student Learning and Engagement with Dr Jared Cooney Horvath – 8 May
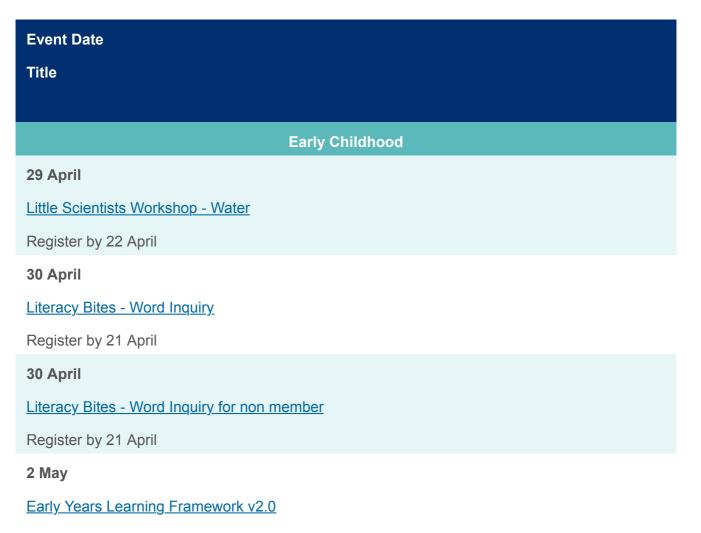
Why don't some students engage with school or feel connected to their peers? Why don't students do well on assessments after performing brilliantly on assignments? Cracking the code of student motivation and engagement in learning is an ongoing journey for educators. By combining neuroscience and the latest research in learning, this series of three webinars will explore the science of motivation, how engagement works and how teachers can address persistent and common learning dilemmas. Thanks to the generous support of our colleagues at the Association of Independent School South Australia, members can join the first session for FREE. [Register now](#)!

The Aspiring Leaders Program – commencing 27 May

Are you an educator eager to take the next step in your career? Commencing 27 May 2024, this dynamic 4-day program offers comprehensive evidence-based training for participants to delve into cutting-edge leadership strategies while sharpening their own individual management style. Whether you're a teacher with a vision or an administrator with ambition, join us and unlock the tools you need to lead with confidence and impact. [Register](#) now!

Cybersecurity Incursion + CISCO Cert – Yrs 7-10

STEMSmart, in partnership with Curtin University, offers a FREE 1 hr class incursion to introduce students/teachers to Cyber Security – skills and career benefits. Students receive access to the "*Introduction to CyberSecurity*" course on Cisco's *SkillsForAll* Platform and have 3 months to complete this course and earn their CISCO certificate of completion. Mentors will also upskill the teacher to use this Cisco platform. Access to resources are included and options for neuro-diverse students are available. The school must provide at least 3 interested classes (Yr 7-10), available on the same day, and based in the one classroom. Please contact [Amy at *STEMSmart*](#) for more information.

Event Date Title
Early Childhood
29 April [Little Scientists Workshop - Water](#) Register by 22 April
30 April [Literacy Bites - Word Inquiry](#) Register by 21 April
30 April [Literacy Bites - Word Inquiry for non member](#) Register by 21 April
2 May [Early Years Learning Framework v2.0](#)

Register by 26 April

8 May

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

Register by 1 May

22 May

[Leading with the National Quality Standard](#)

Register by 15 May

Leadership and Learning

15 March *(Multiple sessions)*

[2024 Middle Leaders Program](#)

Contact [Shanta Patel](#) for enquiries

3 May

[Media Arts Network Day](#)

Register by 24 April

Multiple Modules

[Media Training](#)

8 May *(Multiple sessions)*

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

Register by 30 April

8 May *(Multiple sessions)*

[Women in Educational Leadership Network Meeting](#)

Register by 16 May

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

17 May

[Music Network Day (P-12)](#)

Register by 8 May

20 May (*Multiple sessions*)

[Positive Workplaces](#)

Register by 14 May

22 May (*Multiple sessions*)

[National Certification Project 2024](#)

Register by 8 May

24 May

[Visual Arts Network Day](#)

Register by 15 May

27 May (*Multiple sessions*)

[Aspiring Leaders](#)

Register by 21 May

4 June (*Multiple sessions*)

[Many Languages - One Methodology 2024](#)

Register by 25 May

Literacy

23 April

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

Register by 18 April

2 May

[Secondary English Network Day](#)

Register by 25 April

16 May

[Scaffolding Adolescent Literacy (New)](#)

Register by 10 May

Technology

9 May

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

Register by 3 May

16 May

[3D Design and Printing](#)

Register by 10 May

22 May

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

Register by 16 May