

Central Schools Conference Saturday November 6

Mark this date in your diary!

To follow on from the Federation's Central Schools Conference in May 2008 and the Central Schools Campaign Courses at Wagga Wagga and Coonabarabran in 2009, the Federation will be holding a Central Schools Conference in Sydney at the Federation's Auditorium on Saturday November 6.

The aim of this year's Conference is to place the unique role and needs of our central schools in the political spotlight, in the lead up to the March 2011 NSW election.

Minister Verity Firth; shadow minister Adrian Piccoli; Greens education spokesperson John Kaye; and Richard Torbay, independent and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly have accepted invitations to speak at the Conference. They have also agreed to answer questions from the floor of the Conference.

In addition to the politicians, Peter Johnson, DET Director of Staffing Services and John Irving, General Secretary of NSW Teachers Federation will run a session about Staffing, other working conditions and will answer members' questions. Jonathon Mills, national training director for the Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance, will run a workshop on using the media.

The Federation will fund three delegates from each central school to attend the Conference. Please ensure that your school sends its full entitlement.

Conference dinner

Stay on after the Conference on Saturday evening for drinks, smorgasbord dinner and karaoke. Those who attended the 2008 Conference know what a good night it will be!

More information and application forms will be included in the next News in term 3.

Central Schools Committee 2010

The Federation's Council elects five teachers from central schools to the Committee for two years. In addition, a Federation Officer is attached to the Committee. Your Committee members currently are:

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