



Small Schools Newsletter

MARCH 2011

Welcome new principals and teachers

A large number of P5 and P6 schools have new principals and teachers in 2011.

We would like to welcome you to the wonderful teaching environments of our small schools. There are 163 P6 schools and 420 P5 schools spread across all regions of NSW. Small schools comprise approximately 36 per cent of all primary schools.

Small Schools Committee

The NSW Teachers Federation has an elected Small Schools Committee which meets once per term to deal with issues facing our schools.

The current members of the Committee are: Kim Taylor, Corindi Public School; Christine Bentley, Goulburn East Public School; Paul Faulkner, Bedgerebong Public School; Michael Wood, Meadow Flat Public School; Mick Collins, Boomi Public School; Jeff Ainsworth, Officer attached to the Committee.

If you have any issues or questions you would like to raise please forward them to: newcastle@nswtf.org.au attention Jeff Ainsworth.

Officers

There is a Federation Organiser in your area.

Country

Bathurst John Pratt (02) 6331 5761

Broken Hill Brett Bertalli (02) 6882 6978

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Tamworth Mel Smith (02) 6766 9882

Wagga Wagga Deb Marten (02) 6921 4227

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City

Theo Bougatsas – Parramatta, Ryde-Macquarie, The Hills

David Ferguson – Manly-Warringah, OCAA

Amber Flohm – AMES, Fairfield

Jason Gerke – Blacktown, Liverpool

Ted Kenny – Picton, Sutherland

Henry Rajendra – Camden-Campbelltown, St Marys-Mt Druitt

Michelle Rosicky – Eastern Suburbs, Inner City

Leeanda Smith – Canterbury-Bankstown, St George

Fionie Stavert – Hornsby, Inner West, Middle Harbour

Michael de Wall – Blue Mountains, Lower Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury, Nepean

Theo Bougatsas, Michael de Wall and Jason Gerke are based at the Blacktown Office (02) 9622 9201. All other City Organisers are based at Mary Street, Surry Hills 1300 654 369 or (02) 9217 2100.

Welfare Officers

The Federation also has five Welfare Officers who provide assistance to members with problems in relation to their employment and employment conditions. Welfare Officers can be contacted by phoning 1300 654 367.

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Allowances

Some schools attract allowances to which teachers may be entitled. You can determine if your school attracts any of these allowances by accessing the *teach.NSW* Benefits Calculator www.det.edu.au/eAT/TchAllow?Command=Browse

Stewart House Day

Support Stewart House Day on Friday May 13. Tattoos and keyrings are available for purchase. Donation envelopes will be sent out to schools in term 1. There is a \$4000 family holiday to be won for returning an envelope with a \$2 donation! Details from Stewart House phone (02) 9938 3021 or go to www.stewarthouse.org.au

SAS Information Expo August 25-26

This 2 day training and development conference to be held at Novatel Pacific Bay Resort, Coffs Harbour is open to SAS staff throughout the state. It is also open to small school principals and teaching staff.

There are approximately 35 workshops over the 2 day conference with keynote speakers and a trade exhibition.

Each year the Coffs Harbour Information Expo Committee sponsor a number of SAS staff from isolated areas of the state.

Could Federation Reps please bring this information to the attention of the school's SAS staff.

For further information please email margaret.golsby-smith@det.nsw.edu.au or call (02) 6649 2734.

Football and touch football competition

There is a statewide football (soccer) and touch football competition for all small schools. Nominations are due by April 8 on the form located on the Sports Unit website: http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/nswpssa/forms/sm_ko_nom.doc

The sections are:

- Division 1 Touch Football
Total school population of up to 30
- Division 2 Football (Soccer)
Total school population of 31–60
- Division 3 Football (Soccer)
Total school population of 61–100