Information for staff working in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga

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The National Safe Schools Framework (NSSF) definition of Bullying

Bullying is a pattern of repeated physical, verbal, psychological or social aggression that is directed towards a specific student by someone with more power and is intended to cause harm, distress and/or create fear. Bullying may be carried out overtly (e.g. face – to – face) or covertly (e.g. through repeated social exclusion or via technology). It is a sub-category of aggression and is different to, but also related to, harassment and violence. It is not the same as conflict or social dislike even though, in some cases, the outcome of both can be bullying.

The different types of bullying identified by the NSSF include:

- Face-to-face bullying (sometimes referred to as direct bullying) involves physical actions such as punching or kicking or overt verbal actions such as name-calling and insulting. Covert bullying (sometimes referred to as indirect bullying) is a subtle type of non-physical bullying which isn’t easily seen by others and is conducted out of sight, and often unacknowledged by adults.

- Cyberbullying occurs through the use of information or communication technologies such as Instant Messaging, text messages, email and social networking sites. It has many similarities with offline bullying but it differs in that the student(s) who is/are bullying can be anonymous, it can reach a wide audience and the sent or uploaded material can be difficult to remove. Most students who cyberbully also bully off-line. It is now recognised that many forms of covert bullying appear to have significant potential for serious harm. This definition has been accepted by Diocesan Directors of Education and should be included in school Bullying documents as required.
Updates from CSO Team members:

Christine Richmond Days – Marg Schirmer

Dr Richmond will be working with staff on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th October. Her particular skill is in offering a practical, generic and minimalist approach to behaviour management which allows teachers and school leaders to reduce their frustration and get on with what they do best, educating students.

Teach more, manage less is her workshop for teachers which will be held at St Francis de Sales College Leeton on Monday 8th October.

On Tuesday 9th October, Christine will present Lead more, manage less to school executive teams in Wagga Wagga. Release funding is not available for these days. If you would like to know more, please email Marg Schirmer.

Employee Services – Julie Price

PRINCIPAL – 2013 St Patrick’s Primary School, Griffith (Enrolment 512)

Contact Mr Dave Collie, Primary Schools Consultant on 0428 492856 for further information

Closing date: 7th September 2012

Applicants who are successful in gaining an interview will receive an interview travel allowance. Relocation expenses will be provided for the successful applicant. Salary and Conditions are in accordance with the Principals (Country and Regional Dioceses) Enterprise Agreement 2011.

Application forms and information packs can be accessed via our Webpage: www.csoww.catholic.edu.au or by contacting Employee Services by telephone on (02) 69370014, fax on (02) 69212286 or email office@csoww.catholic.edu.au

Applications marked Private and Confidential to be received by Friday 7th September 2012:

Employee Services Manager, Catholic Schools Office PO Box 1012 WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650

NSWIT Updates – Karen Gardiner and Caitlin Grant

• 2012 dates - for Accreditation at Professional Competence and Maintenance of Accreditation at Professional Competence
• Transition to the National Professional Standards for Teachers
• Closing off of courses/programs currently registered with NSWIT
• Registering of courses/programs for 2013

2012 Dates
Annotated Accreditation Reports for teachers seeking accreditation at Professional Competence are due to CSO on **September 7, 2012**. Teachers who are finalising their Maintenance of Accreditation period are to have their Maintenance of Accreditation Reports to CSO 3 months prior to their Maintenance period ending.

The Accreditation Panel: will meet on Monday, September 17 at 12:00pm in the Conference Room. Advice will be provided to schools after the panel have met.

**Transition to the National Professional Standards for Teachers**

Teachers who are starting to formally collect and annotate evidence against the standards at the end of 2012 or the beginning of 2103 will use the National Professional Standards for Teachers.

This means that:

- All teachers given initial accreditation on, or after 1 October 2012, will be required to use the National Professional Standards for Teachers - Proficient level to undertake their next accreditation requirements

- Teachers initially accredited before 1 October 2012 who wish to continue using the NSW standards to meet Professional Competence requirements will be expected to complete their accreditation process by the end of 2014.

**Closing off of courses/programs currently registered with NSWIT**

The NSWIT will be closing off courses, which are no longer offered, from its database. This is to assist in the transition to the National Professional Standards for Teachers. Teachers have been advised of this by the NSWIT and have been encouraged to validate their PD.

> Once the courses have been closed off teachers will be unable to do so.

**Registering of courses/programs for 2013**

Courses/programs requiring registration with NSWIT will need to be registered against the National Professional Teaching Standards.

The naming convention for courses/programs registered for 2013 will be as follows:

Example for Schools

Course/Program Title: XHS - embedding learning technologies

Course/Program Sessions: Session 1 - Read and Write Gold, GoogleApps [with dates included]

**BEST START – Bernadette Gibson**

Briefing sessions for principals, leadership teams and Kindergarten teachers will be held in term 4. (refer to dates in this edition) Sessions will commence at 3.30 with light refreshments before the 4 – 5pm briefing.

This is an opportunity to discuss Best Start for 2013 with colleagues. You will:

1. Develop an overview of the implications for learning and teaching in your school
2. View a Best start interview with a student
3. Re-visit schoolsWeb for the Administrator Guidelines
4. Discuss local implications
**SENA Training**

Catch up SENA training will be held at Sacred Heart Kooringal on Friday 21st September (last day term 3). Year 1 and Year 3 teachers who have not been trained are invited to attend. Any school leadership team members or Numeracy leaders interested in attending would also be welcome.

Nominations for training should be emailed to Bernadette Gibson before Friday 14th September.

**Resources**

**Focussing on digital citizenship**

Join this Diigo group - Explore the concept and practice of digital citizenship, from social, economic, political, ethical and technological perspectives, and consider how a knowledge of new media strategies and activities coupled with information policies in schools can develop the capacity of students and teachers as digital citizens.


**Broken Bay Parent Council**


**Apps**


EnhanceTV (the non-profit subsidiary of Screenrights) has just announced its new EnhanceTV Direct service for educators. This new web streaming service gives librarians, teachers and students access to over 11,000 high quality education programs from broadcast TV. Lesson plans can be created using clips or entire programs, then shared with students in a secure, curated and ad-free environment. There are also free study guides to download.

Because the programs are streamed, EnhanceTV Direct can be accessed anywhere in Australia with an internet connection. There's no onsite storage or equipment and all programs are available online indefinitely. EnhanceTV Direct is also completely copyright compliant.

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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING, CELEBRATIONS AND NETWORK DATES FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- 28th August Curriculum Review primary schools cluster 2 St Joseph’s Narrandera
- 29th August Curriculum Review primary schools cluster 3 St Joseph’s Leeton
- 30th August Curriculum Review primary schools cluster 4 Holy Spirit Lavington stormbirds companion training St Joseph’s Primary School Library 9.00 – 3.30

14th September – nominations for SENA training to Bernadette Gibson
- 21st September SENA Training

- 8th October Dr Christine Richmond Teach more, manage less SFDS Leeton
- 9th October Dr Christine Richmond Lead more, manage less Wagga Wagga
- 22nd October Best Start Briefing Slattery Centre Albury 3.30 refreshments 4-5 Briefing
- 23rd October Best Start Briefing St Francis Xavier Urana 3.30 – 5
- 29th October Best Start Briefing St Joseph’s Leeton 3.30 – 5
- 30th October Best Start Briefing McAlroy house 3.30 - 5

Contests:

World Food Day Poster Contest 2012. More details [here](#).