

August
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KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDINGS OF ASIA TO EQUIP THEM TO LIVE IN TODAY'S WORLD
AND THEIR FUTURE.

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Summary of Term 3
Professional
Development

Mon 3/8 W3	Asian Cuisine Workshop BOOKED OUT
Tues 4/8 W3	Asian Cuisine Workshop Thai BOOKED OUT
Wed 5/8 W3	Visual Arts Workshop: Fly My Kite
Tues 11/8 W4	Travel Series: Laos
Wed 12/8 W4	Travel Series: Laos
Mon 17/8 W5	Visual Arts Workshop: Fly My Kite -
Wed 19/8 W5	Visual Arts Workshop: Fly My Kite
Tues 25/8 W6	Access Asia Annual Dinner & Guest speaker.
Sat 29/8 to Mon 21/9	Art Displays Rockingham Lib Melville – Bracks Lib

WEBSITES

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[www.det.wa.edu.au/education/
accessasia](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/education/accessasia)

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'Principal Matters': Journal for
Secondary School Leaders in
Australasia

Invitation to educators and secondary school
leaders to write a short article for 'Principal
Matters'.

Dear Education Colleagues,

We are writing to you to ask if you are able to
provide an article outlining new policies and
programs, legislation, trends, developments,
research and education debates in your own
country, State, Territory or locality that may be
relevant, and of professional interest, to school
leaders in Australia. The editorial board is seeking
short articles (500-2,500 words) and photos for
forthcoming issues of the journal.

Your own topic, based on your own area of
interest/expertise (and keeping in mind current
issues, trends, debates, reforms, research and
developments in education and educational
leadership) is most welcome. **Articles on school
leadership written by secondary school
leaders are especially valued. The editorial
board also warmly welcomes articles of
interest to school leaders that are written by
other educators, education policy makers and
education researchers from Australia, and all
countries.**

Next article submission deadlines: 24 July 2009
and 1 February 2010.

Debra J. Brydon
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information



Highlights in this issue

Invitation from *Principal Matters*
Journal

Korean-Australian BRIDGE Project

Korean-Australian BRIDGE Project.

There is an exciting opportunity for selected
Australian secondary schools to participate in the
Australia- Korea BRIDGE Project. This project is
aimed at supporting the development of [sister school
relationships between Australia and Korea](#) through
engagement using ICT, increasing the knowledge
and understanding of contemporary Korea in
Australian schools and [a visiting Korean and
Australian teachers program](#).

Interested?

The AEF are inviting applications from schools which
are interested in participating in this program which
will commence in August 2009.

Applications and further information available at
http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/index_noflash.htm

**Applications will close on Friday 7 August, 5pm,
so you'll need to be quick!!**

If you have any queries please email Ms Hilary
Smith at: h.smith@asialink.unimelb.edu.au or
alternatively call on 03 8344 3589.

Languages Week Film Festival, 4th-7th
August

Cinema Paradiso is screening a selection of films to
celebrate Languages Week, including *Hula Girls*
(Japanese), *Up the Yangtze* (Chinese) and *TBC*
(Indonesian).

For more information, look in the Languages
Education Newsletter in Support for Teachers at
www.det.wa.edu.au/curriculumsupport/languages or
contact Cinema Paradiso on 92271771



Increase in Funding for NALSSAP Grants!!

DEEWR have recently informed the AEF that it will double the funding available for Round 1 of the NALSSP Becoming Asia Literate: Grants to Schools, to \$1.8 million. This will, in turn, double the amount of funding available to be allocated to each state and territory.

Nationwide there were 687 applications, 67 from WA. A shortlist has been developed and from this, the National Assessment Panel (AEF and DEEWR) will make final recommendations for funding for Ministerial review and approval.

A reminder that schools can apply/ reapply for the next round of funding in 2010.

15th Annual Access Asia Dinner

The focus is on food! Always sold out. A feast of Asian food prepared by the Hamilton Year 12 VET students at their purpose built restaurant. Followed by an 'after dinner speech' on China by Rachael Wyder. Just 30 seats. Just \$20. (Filling fast!)

Starts 6.30pm; finished before 9pm. Not PD. Tuesday August 25th.

Writing Singapore Short Fiction Competition

A reminder to get those creative stories from secondary students in by 25th September 2009.

The winning entry and runner-up entry will have their entries published on the Singapore WA Network website as well as receive cash prizes. Go to the SWAN website for further details at www.swan.org.au

27th Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest 2009

Aim: To encourage and develop a better understanding of Japan and Australia-Japan relations amongst students.

Rules: Open to students from government and non-government Australian secondary schools, including year 7 students in Qld, SA, WA and NT

Divisions:

- Junior A Years 7-8
- Junior B Years 9-10
- Senior Years 11-12

Prizes;

1st place winners in Junior B and Senior Divisions receive a **return air-ticket to Japan!!**
1st place winner in Junior A Division receives \$300 of books.

Closing date for entries: **Friday, 11 September**

For essay topics, where to post essays and other information go to www.au.emb-japan.go.jp

Laptops for Bali

Laptops were successfully delivered to Dauh Tukad Village School in July. Thanks to those individuals who made the donations that were passed on to the school by Greg Harper during a visit to Bali recently.

Greg is seeking further redundant laptops. These are cleaned up at Hamilton SHS where appropriate software is also installed before delivery. Greg is happy to pickup and will organise delivery in Bali.

Visual Arts Displays (Fremantle-Peel) (29/8 to 18/9)

In 2008, 29 teachers from 19 schools contributed over 1 400 pieces for display at either Melville or Rockingham for 3 weeks. The two libraries involved are looking forward to this year's visual feast. If you or your school would like to be involved then contact Greg for details:

Greg.Harper@det.wa.edu.au

(Displays Visual Arts incorporating Asian content or using Asian techniques; 2 and/or 3 dimensional material, individual or collaborative pieces of any size and shape)

Melville: Collection Thurs 27 Aug

Display: 29/8 – 20/9

Rockingham: Collection Fri 28 Aug

Display: 29/8 – 18/9

Your participation is sought in the Annual Access Displays held at AH Bracks Library (Melville) and Murdoch University Library (Rockingham). These displays have now run for more than 10 years and in the last few years exhibits have numbered well over 1 200. The displays are well covered by the local press and produce positive community feedback.

Features:

- Free and free pick up and return of student work
- Non-competitive and all work submitted displayed
- Certificates for every student issued at pickup which also gives parents the dates of the displays; simply issue direct to the students
- Small gift from Access Asia to every participating teacher
- Great child/family/community positives and feedback

Children's Books about Asia (primary and secondary)

Please find attached a comprehensive list of picture books, Access Asia anthologies, fiction, autobiography and non-fiction texts which has been prepared by Kate Shepherd for Austral Ed.

There's an outline and price for each book. It's well worth a look, then perhaps print it out and keep it around the office.

For additional lists, go to www.australed.iinet.net



Children's Books for Bali Orphanage

Bikabele is a WA organisation that set up with the aim of providing a school/orphanage for Balinese children with severe hearing disabilities. Apart from the running costs, they also provide an aural technician and pay for hearing aids and operations where necessary. 100% of donations to the organisation is spent on the project; there are no 'administrative' costs as the 4 founders of the organisation pay any administrative costs from their own pockets.

Gail Harper recently raised \$1040 in donations and has organised these funds to buy sporting goods and games as a sad reality is that many of the children spend their vacations at the school - orphanage.

Gail is keen to help further and noted their 'Library' has no fiction or fun books. She has approached a major book supplier for titles of suitable Bahasa Indonesian books suitable for the children (whose ages range from 5 to 18).

Why not get your class involved? Gail is happy to arrange purchase and delivery of books and to have the school/orphanage provide some sort of feedback to your students. If you'd like to know more, please contact Gail at kawanpub@bigpond.net.au.

Early Childhood Special on Tigers

These previously advertised sessions have been rescheduled to early 2010. Details will be made available in a later newsletter.



Asian Art Exhibition

Public Library Display for schools in the Fremantle and Peel districts.

Calling for art work!

This is a great way to showcase your school through a display of student art work in either of two large public libraries.

Over 1 400 pieces of students' work was displayed in 2008 and whether you are primary or secondary, your school can be part of it this year.

There are two displays; in Fremantle and Rockingham. The displays open on the 28th August which gives you enough time to plan for something impressive!

Artwork can be dropped at the Rockingham City Library or the Bracks City of Melville Library the week before, or contact Greg to arrange for him to pick it up.

- All submitted work is displayed.
- All work gets a certificate.
- No cost.
- Free pickup and return.

BOOKED OUT!

Both Term 3 and Term 4 Asian Cooking Workshops at ORSHS are already overbooked.

There are limited spaces still remaining for the Thai Cooking Workshop at Hamilton SHS on Tuesday 4 August only.

A third host school in the north / north-east will be sought for 2010.

Contact Greg if you would be prepared to host evenings.

Register Now!

FLY MY KITE

Kites have been an integral part of the culture of many Asian countries. With many different shapes, functions and decorative details kites are not only about the art of making them, but also the art and thrill of flying them.

The focus of this workshop is to consider how Kites can become a collaborative project across countries - an ideal project to help develop the bonds between sister schools. By each school creating its own kites with a theme to share understandings about themselves.

The session will cover the history and diversity of kite design across Asia and an investigation of themes that might be suitable to use to decorate the face of the kites, as well as possible materials and various techniques that might work well with different surfaces.

Especially suitable for schools looking for projects to enrich their sister school relationships, all primary teachers and those with a Visual Arts interest.

Fly My Kite:

Wed 5 Aug St Marks PS, Hillarys
Mon 17 Aug Beaconsfield PS, Beaconsfield
Wed 19 Aug John Wollaston ACS, Westfield
All sessions: \$15 includes a meal.

6.30 – 9.30pm

Travel Series: Laos

How can the 'most bombed country on earth' also be the most peaceful and most relaxed? Join Stephen Hyde and Greg Harper for a visual feast of this beautiful, rarely-visited country.

This series aims at encouraging teachers to consider a vacation in Asia. If you're interested in travel to safe, exotic destinations with magnificent scenery, the mysterious Plain of Jars and strong Buddhist traditions, Laos may be for you. The excellent cheap food and coffee is just a bonus!

Travel Series: Laos

Tues 11 Aug The Stage Door, Mandurah
Wed 12 Aug Thai D'Lish, Palmyra
Both sessions: \$20 includes a meal

6.30 – 9.30pm

Registrations

Registrations for any of the above sessions can be made by emailing Jo (see last page):

Jo.Sciano@det.wa.edu.au

or better still by faxing Jo on 9314 1490

Emailing or faxing, *please remember to include the date and venue of your PD booking and your school fax number.*



PD Registration for Access Asia

ALL registrations for workshops should be made on this form.

Multiple registrations of different sessions will require multiple forms.
Multiple registrations for a single session are okay.

FROM THE ABSTRACTS, PLEASE ENSURE YOU SEND YOUR REGISTRATION TO THE CORRECT ORGANISOR

Either copy and fax to **9314 1490** OR save and email back as an attachment to
Jo.Sciano@det.wa.edu.au

PD Title	<input type="text"/>
PD Date	<input type="text"/>
Staff attending	<input type="text"/>
School	<input type="text"/>
School Fax	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>

A reminder / Tax Invoice will be faxed or emailed to the first named person listed at least a day or so before the event.

Payment at the door by cash or cheque. School cheques any time within reason.
Always assume you are booked in:

We make immediate contact if a session is booked out.

Certificates issued at all PD and workshops.

