

celebrations

Blackwood Kindergarten 50th Anniversary

Blackwood Kindergarten will be marking its 50th anniversary celebrations with an Open Day on Sunday 20 September (between 11.00am and 3.00pm).

A warm invitation is extended to all teachers, parents and students that have had an association with the kindergarten. The newly renovated mud hut will be on show and Devonshire tea, sausage sizzle, memorabilia wall, twisted balloons and refreshment stalls will be available.

If you have an item, photograph, artwork, kindergarten memento or historical information that you would like to contribute for the memorabilia wall, please contact Rebecca Carpenter-Mew on 0417 353 776 or email rebecca.mew@internode.on.net

Kirton Point Primary School 50th Birthday Celebration

To honour this occasion an exciting community event is planned for Friday 21 August, starting at 8.45am with an Assembly and Flag Raising.

The program includes tours, displays, performance, time capsule opening and cake cutting. Memorabilia will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Reminisce on your days at Kirton Point and contribute to a DVD (to be produced after the birthday celebrations).

RSVP to Kirton Point Primary School (tel 8682 1003, fax 8682 6266 or email heather.curtis@kirtonpps.sa.edu.au).

Miltaburra Area School turns 25

Past and present staff, students, families and school community members are invited to attend a celebration for Miltaburra Area School's 25th Birthday, on the weekend of 26/27 September.

RSVP by 1 September to assist with catering and event planning.

To register your interest, please complete the form on the reunion page at <http://www.miltaburraas.sa.edu.au/>

Contact the school at 25year@miltaburraas.sa.edu.au or Tania Kelsh, tel 8769 6005.

Parndana Area School 50th celebration

Past staff and students of Parndana Area School will celebrate the 50th birthday of the school on Sunday 4 October.

Look for details on the Kangaroo Island Community Education webpage (under Parndana Campus/Special Events) at [Kangaroo Island Community Education \(K.I.C.E.\)](#).

Mannum High School 20 Year Reunion

It has been 20 years since the class of 89 graduated from Mannum High School. Planning is underway for a weekend reunion program including a dinner and family day on 3 and 4 October.

Staff members or Year 12 students during 1989 are invited to attend.

For information, contact Debbie, tel 0400 254 856 (email deb_clark@bigpond.com) or Natasha, tel 0403 068 127, or email derekfelusch@optusnet.com.au

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vacancies

information about available positions is accessible on the DECS website at www.decs.sa.gov.au (see Vacancies link on front page)

EdPod ABC online resource

EdPod is an online radio program about education that is delivered as a podcast every fortnight. It presents a mix of education stories from the ABC, from early childhood to the end of secondary school.

Presented by Radio National's Richard Aedy, it's a jargon-free look at the experience of educators, researchers, parents and students. From the classroom to the staff room and on to the home, EdPod brings you the latest ideas about teaching and learning. To subscribe, visit <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/edpod/>

Arbury Park Outdoor School programs

Arbury Park Outdoor School, near Bridgewater in the Adelaide Hills, provides outdoor and environmental learning programs in a residential setting. Over three to five days, students learn about their connections with the natural world and living sustainably. Camp program options include exploring ecology, group development, and Aboriginal cultural studies.

Bookings for term 1 and 2 (2010) camps close Monday 31 August.

Visit the website at www.arburypark.sa.edu.au for program options, application forms and booking criteria.

Further information: tel 8339 3237, email info@arburypark.sa.edu.au

Student radio ad to save lives

The 'Young Bloods' Radio Competition, conducted recently by the Australian Red Cross Blood Service, provided the opportunity for students to create their own radio ads about donating blood.

Entrants were asked to write and produce an ad based on the theme *Be the type to save lives*.

Over 90 entries were received for the competition nationwide.

Winning entries from each state and territory are now in national competition. You can listen to them on the Blood Service website at <http://www.donateblood.com.au> (search for Young Bloods and select the Radio Competition link) and vote for your favourite ad.

The competition is part of the Young Bloods youth program aimed at educating young Australians about the importance of donating blood.

Botanic Gardens

Plants in a Changing Climate . . .

Fully guided and FREE... a part of National Science Week.

What can plants tell us about our changing climate, past and present, and how might it affect where plants and animals live and interact? What type of gardens should we be growing in the future? Bring your students on a walk with Urban Biodiversity experts to explore these important environmental questions.

Years: 3-8. Sessions: 17 to 21 August, 10.15am, 11.30am and 1.00pm daily

Locally Wild . . .

Celebrate Biodiversity Month... fully guided and FREE. Experts from the Urban Biodiversity Unit take students on a discovery walk to learn about local native plants and hear stories about the original Adelaide landscape. Other perspectives include Aboriginal plant knowledge, plant survival features, growing native plants and garden design.

Years: R-13. Sessions: 7 to 11 September, 10.15am, 11.30am and 1.00pm daily

'Out of the Box' walks

Michael Mills presents a series of interactive, educational and entertaining walks with a difference. Choose from the Plants and People of China, A Greek Odyssey, Ancient Egypt and Dinosaur Discovery.

Years: R-8. Sessions by negotiation.

Cost: \$3.50 per person

For further information, downloadable resources (including podcasts and vodcasts), virtual tours, details about special events, bookings etc, check out the term 3 flyer or visit the education service website at <http://www.openaccess.edu.au/botanic>

Bookings/inquiries: tel 8222 9354, fax 8222 9399, email bariamis.helen@saugov.sa.gov.au

SunSmart competition opens

Students aged 12 to 17 are invited to get creative with the SunSmart message and be in the running for some great prizes.

The Cancer Council is looking for the best text, image or video that conveys SunSmart messages about protecting your skin from the sun in the summer.

The competition (running until 6 November) has relevance to subjects across the curriculum.

For details on how to enter, competition guidelines, and terms and conditions, visit <http://www.cancer.org.au/sunsmartcomp>

For further information, email corrine.baker@cancer.org.au

*ATTENTION: Teachers of Biology,
Nutrition & Home Economics*

Solve the Food Science Mystery

One Wedding & Two Funerals!

This is a chance for students in years 9 to 12 to delve into the exciting world of investigative food science. Students must use problem solving skills to evaluate the data they have collected and deliver their verdict on the guilty party. *What food, which bacteria and who was responsible?*

Term 3, weeks 6 – 10; 2-hour sessions starting 9.00am, 11.30am and 2.00; CSIROSEC, EDC Building, Hindmarsh

Cost: \$5.00 per student (GST free). Minimum charges may apply. Max 30 students per session.

Bookings/inquiries: tel 8463 5920, email education.SA@csiro.au

DisABILITY & AGEING Expo

in partnership with work_skill

This Expo about the health and wellbeing of all people of all ages will have more than 160 stalls full of information on a huge range of topics including arts, Pathways from school (further education, employment assistance, day options), sport and recreation, and more.

Café dining facilities and loan wheelchairs available. Free admission and parking.

Date and time: Friday 14 August 10.00am to 4.00pm (official opening 9.45am)

Venue: Jubilee Pavilion, Wayville Showground

Contact: tel 8236 0555, email disabilityexpo@dircsa.org.au

Website: www.dircsa.org.au/expos/

Online film reviews

The Movie Reviewer Program is an initiative of Wallis Cinemas and the South Australian Association for Media Education (SAAME). Intended for students undertaking media studies courses, the program will also appeal to those interested in drama, film studies and journalism.

The Movie Reviewer is designed to engage students in first hand critical examination of film content by enhancing their skills in writing, research and critical thinking while simultaneously expanding their knowledge of the society and culture in which they live.

Students, in conjunction with their teachers, are invited to submit a film review via You Tube which will then be placed on the Wallis Cinemas website.

For details, visit the website at http://www.wallis.com.au/moviereviewer_79.html or contact Paul Besanko, marketing manager, tel 8352 1377 or marketing@wallis.com.au

Healthy Bones Week

Healthy Bones Week runs from Monday 3 to Friday 7 August.

For activity booklet and posters, contact Carol Spargo at Arthritis SA, tel 8423 0912.

School talks can be arranged.

MEC grants information session

The Multicultural Education Committee (MEC), as part of its promotion of human rights learning, invites South Australian schools and children's services to a free information session that will assist in preparing an application for the 2010 MEC School and Children's Services Grants program.

The session is designed to assist DECS, AISSA and CESA teachers to develop an individual or cluster site project that focuses on the theme of human rights learning.

Date, time and venue: Thursday 13 August, 4.30 to 6.00pm, EDC Hindmarsh

Contact: tel 8226 1190 or email mec@saugov.sa.gov.au

For information visit www.mec.sa.edu.au (select Grants link).

2009 is the United Nations International Year of Human Rights Learning and the Year of Reconciliation.

Combat climate change in 90 seconds!

Entries are invited from primary, secondary and tertiary students in a competition addressing the theme *World Environment Day 2009 - UNite to combat climate change.*

Flinders University is organising the competition which requires entrants to produce a micro movie of no more than 90 seconds. Prizes will be awarded in each age category with winners receiving \$500.

Movies will be screened and the winners announced at the Flinders University Open Day on Sunday 16 August. Winning films will also feature on the Flinders Virtual Open Day website.

Closing date for entries, judged on creativity, originality, quality and flair, is 31 July 2009.

For entry and prize details visit the website at <http://www.flinders.edu.au/world-environment-day/>

National Science Week 15 to 23 August

Check out the info for schools at <http://www.scienceweek.gov.au/Schools/Pages/Gettinginvolved.aspx>

South Magnetic Pole quest

In conjunction with the SA Museum, the SA Maritime Museum presents a new exhibition which tells the curious story of a freezing and deadly race. For over 150 years scientists have risked their lives in a quest to find the South Magnetic Pole - if only it wasn't constantly shifting!

With interactive exhibits and original stereoscopic images, this exhibition is an ideal way for students to learn about exploration, polar regions, survival and magnetism. During science week (17 to 21 August), students visiting the exhibition can meet scientists who have worked in Antarctica.

Suitable for students in years 10-12.

Times: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Cost: \$3 per student

For information, contact Mandi Dimitriadis (education officer, SA Maritime Museum), tel 8207 6255, fax 8207 6266, or email mdimitriadis@history.sa.gov.au

Looking for quality VET providers?

Contact the Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) for a list of members who deliver quality VET services for school students across industry areas in your vicinity.

Members offer a wide range of VET pathways and are flexible and responsive to school and student needs.

See ACPET's Code of Ethics at http://www.acpet.edu.au/dmdocuments/ACPET_Corporate/Code_of_Ethics_20.5.02.pdf

When selecting a provider of VET for school students look for the ACPET logo.



For information about ACPET providers, contact Joy de Leo or Danielle Armfield, tel 8351 4844 or email sa@acpet.edu.au
Website: www.acpet.edu.au

TAFE SA Open Day 2009

TAFE SA will open its doors on Sunday 16 August for a fun and informative Open Day.

The event will run from 10.00am to 3.00pm in Light Square at the Adelaide Centre for the Arts and Adelaide City Campus.

This year's Open Day will be an excellent mix of course program area displays where visitors can speak directly with lecturers and students about their study options or speak to a student services officer for a one-on-one career counselling session.

Information sessions will be held throughout the day on a range of study areas including Hospitality, Automotive, Health, Paralegal Studies, Tourism and Digital Media to name just a few.

Check out www.tafesa.edu.au/openday for further information on the event.

Urrbrae Wetland

The Urrbrae Wetland is an ideal educational support site offering many innovative, across the curriculum learning options that focus on a wide range of themes . . . not just water.

Engaging and SACSA-relevant activity documents for students are available for use either at school or at the Wetland to make your job a little easier. These ready to use and editable documents can be sent direct via email, USB or courier.

If you have new ideas relevant to the Wetland please contact the manager (details below) who will expand your ideas into useful learning experiences.

Facilities at the Wetland are suitable as a venue for 2 to 4 hours of interesting learning events.

For further information, contact the Urrbrae Wetland Manager, Phil Coles, on 0403 447 064 or 8272 6010 (landline/fax/message bank) or email phil.coles@urrbraehs.sa.edu.au

art of giving competition

Students across South Australia could win their primary school up to \$20 000 in the inaugural Kmart *art of giving* competition. Entrants are invited to draw, paint a picture or make a collage that represents to them the spirit of giving.

Inspired by the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal, the competition is a fun and creative way to get children thinking about what it means to give. The national winning artwork will be used to promote the 2009 Kmart Wishing Tree.

Entries are open in two age categories and must be prepared by individuals currently attending primary school. Artworks can be prepared on any medium and should be in A4, A3 or A2 size.

Competition closes on Monday 31 August. For details, visit www.kmart.com.au/wishingtree

Adelaide Zoo photography courses

Four one-day photography courses are being offered at the Adelaide Zoo in the second half of the year, suitable for teachers, parents and senior secondary students using an SLR camera with full manual mode.

Beginners (SLR Basics) and Advanced (Advanced SLR) courses will be conducted by photographer Lindsay Poland. Participants will be treated to a 'behind the scenes' zoo experience. Courses include some theory as well as practical aspects.

The SLR Basics course (Sunday 6 Sept or Sunday 1 Nov) covers shutter speed, aperture and film speed, and the Advanced SLR Course (Sunday 4 Oct or Sunday 6 Dec) will include understanding of composition, light and design.

Cost is \$80 for each course or \$140 for both. Numbers are strictly limited.

Contact the Adelaide Zoo Education Service for information and bookings, tel 8267 2434 or email azes@zoossa.com.au

Learn, don't burn!

The SA Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) annual Fire Safety Poster Competition is on again, for all primary and junior primary students. Closing date is Friday 14 August.

This year's task is to design a graphic for a 'green' shopping bag. Winning posters will be displayed at the Royal Adelaide Show from 4 to 12 September.

It's an excellent reason to include fire safety in your Term 3 curriculum.

There are Dymocks book voucher prizes for all year levels from Reception to Year 7.

Look for the information package sent to your school at the end of June or visit www.mfs.sa.gov.au/ (via Community Safety and Teacher Resources links). Click on the poster for full details and an entry form.

For further information, email tonkin.francie@samfs.sa.gov.au or call 8204 3611.

Synthetic phonics

A teacher seminar explaining what synthetic phonics is, how it can be used and its effectiveness will be presented at Pembroke School, Kensington on Wednesday 19 August from 4.00 to 6.00pm.

The seminar is for early years teachers and primary school senior leadership teams.

For information, visit http://www.getreadingright.com/Rocketing_Reading.htm

Reserve a place on the website, phone (02) 8003 3847 or email info@getreadingright.com

Solar Boat Challenge

Get your creative and innovative students active with renewable energy and reuse of materials. The challenge is for teams of students to design and construct a model boat from recyclable materials and race it across a swimming pool using only solar power.

The competition is open to both primary and secondary student teams.

This year the SA Solar Boat Challenge is scheduled for Sunday 18 October at the Pembroke School pool and is supported by the Royal Australian Navy and the Design and Technology Teachers' Association (DATTA).

Refer to the DATTA website at <http://www.datta.sa.edu.au> for full details, including support videos, rules and entry forms.

Contact: co-ordinator Mike Willmer, email mjwillmer@internode.on.net

Eden Prize 2009

Great prizes are up for grabs for Year 10 students who have an opinion on how to make the world more environmentally-friendly.

In this year's Eden Prize, students must answer the question *What can the individual do to make the world more sustainable for future generations?*

Entries in the form of an essay, computer presentation, website or video will be judged according to relevance to the question, reference to current issues, communication skills, breadth and originality of thought on the topic, and level of engagement.

Entries close 30 September.

The Eden Prize is coordinated by DECS in association with the Geography Teachers Association of SA (GTASA).

For details, visit the website (via the News and Eden Prize links) at <http://www.gtasa.asn.au>

Social Inclusion in Education

The *Participation and partnerships for social inclusion in education* conference will be presented in Sydney in October.

Comprehensive information can be accessed at <http://www.informa.com.au/conferences/education/social-inclusion-in-education>

Health & PE Primary Years Conference

The ACHPER (SA)/SA Catholic Primary Schools Sports Association (SACPSSA) South Australian Health & Physical Education Primary Years Conference is coming up soon. The conference will offer practical strategies and tips to engage students in physical activity.

Come and get lots of ideas for lessons! Sessions include ideas for enhancing daily physical activity in primary schools, fundamental movement skills, how music and movement ignites children's learning, outdoor games/ideas for physical activity, nutrition in schools, play with purpose AND MORE!

Date and venue: Monday 3 August, Flinders University

Contact the ACHPER (SA) office for a program (tel 8232 7055, email info@achpersa.com.au) or visit the website at www.achpersa.com.au

A Framework for Understanding Poverty

The SA Primary School Counselling Association 2009 State Conference address, 'A Framework for Understanding Poverty', will be presented by Nairn Walker.

The Framework is based on the work of Dr Ruby Payne, who has spent 25 years as a teacher, principal, consultant and administrator. Her book, *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*, and resources, are powerful tools for educators dealing with children from different social classes. The presentation addresses:

- why students often behave the way they do
- how economic class affects behaviour and mindsets
- the hidden rules of generational poverty, middle class and wealth
- the eight resources that make a difference in success
- why education is often feared by some parents and students
- discipline interventions that improve behaviour
- strategies that make a difference to all of these issues.

Date, time and venue: Monday 17 August, 9.00am to 4.00pm, EDC Hindmarsh

Registration closes Wednesday 29 July.

Cost (GST free) includes morning tea, lunch and workbook: financial members \$120, non-members \$160

For information, contact Norma Howson (email norma.howson@karrendips.sa.edu.au), or Rosemary Rowley (email rosemary.rowley@mbsouthps.sa.edu.au)

SHine PD

Sexual Health information networking & education SA (SHine) is conducting a *Relationships & sexual health education* training course for middle school teachers in September.

Participants will receive a copy of the 'Teach it like it is' resource and:

- explore what makes an effective program for students, and current thinking about best practice in relationships and sexual health education
- access up-to-date information, resources and classroom strategies for teachers of students in years 6-10.

Date and time: Mon 28/Tues 29 Sept, 8.45am to 4.15pm. Cost per course: \$110.00

Venue: 64c Woodville Rd, Woodville

Registrations close one week before start of course.

Registration: course administrator, email SHineSACourses@health.sa.gov.au (tel 8300 5317)

Information: Jane Flentje, co-ordinator Teacher Education, email jane.flentje@health.sa.gov.au (tel 8300 5321)

A certificate of achievement and recognition for training and development will be provided at the end of the course.

Child Protection Curriculum training

Before incorporating child protection into teaching and learning programs, educators should participate in formal professional learning. The next course will be held on Thursday 17 September.

Visit the CEASA website at http://www.ceasa.asn.au/teachers/child_protection_curriculum.htm for information and registration form.

Child-safe education & care environments: Responding to abuse and neglect (formerly known as Mandated Notification)

Full-day courses are scheduled throughout the year for people who are required to undertake this course.

For those who have undertaken the full-day course and only need to undertake the update (half-day) course, this is now available.

Site-based staff can undertake the update course in their school – DVD packages have been distributed to all DECS sites.

For people not based in a school, CEASA manages the update course held at the Education Development Centre, Hindmarsh.

Go to the CEASA website at http://www.ceasa.asn.au/teachers/mandated_notification.htm for details of courses and registration forms.

Singing Classrooms

If you teach years 3 and 5 and would like to be more confident in leading singing and music making with your students, this course could be for you:

- workshop with ½ day TRT supplied
- practical hands-on activities
- no music skills required
- led by members of music professional associations, Kodaly, Orff and ASME.

The course is designed to:

- increase teachers' confidence, skills and strategies in singing and music making
- integrate music making into everyday teaching
- increase the music making experiences, wellbeing and self-esteem of students.

Date, time and venue: Monday 10 August, 1.00 to 6.30pm, Klemzig PS, 2 Hay Street, Klemzig

Cost (incl. folder of resources): \$50 per participant

Information: Suzanne Rogers, email suzanne.rogers@musicfest.sa.edu.au or tel 8261 0900

Applications are due 31 July.

Xtra+ is published online fortnightly during term time by DECS Strategic Communications.

Notices about events, activities, celebrations, resources, HR matters and training etc are invited from department worksites.

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For further information, past editions and deadlines, visit the website at <http://www.decs.sa.gov.au/mediacentre/>

Contact for submissions/inquiries: email xtraplus@saugov.sa.gov.au

To subscribe, send a blank email to join-xtraplusalert@lists.decs.sa.edu.au (subscribers receive an email with a direct link to Xtra+ on publication day)

New SACE teacher workshops

Teacher workshops on the new South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) are being presented in regional and metro venues.

Secondary school leaders and teachers are invited to register for the one-day workshops which will help schools prepare to teach Stage 1 subjects in 2010, as part of the new certificate.

For more information and to register, visit www.saceboard.sa.edu.au/newsace/

Alternatively, email fso.registrations@saugov.sa.gov.au or phone the future SACE office, 8226 2362.

Neuroscience: The brain at school

The Australian Guidance and Counselling Association SA, together with the Australian Association of Special Education, is presenting a twilight session on The brain at school: Neuroscience for educators.

The presenter John Geake (Professor of Learning and Teaching, School of Education, University of New England) will explain some of the neuro-myths and neuro-nonsense that abound and will highlight what educators can learn from neuroscientists.

This session is relevant to teachers, psychologists and counsellors working with a diverse range of learners.

Date and time: Thursday 20 August, 4.00pm (for a 4.30 start) to 6.30pm

Venue: Enterprise House, 136 Greenhill Road, Unley

Cost: \$30 for AGCA SA or AASE members, and \$35 for non-members (incl. light refreshments on arrival)

For downloadable flyer/registration forms, visit the website at www.agca.com.au (select SA tab at top of page, then Events button).

Contact: Libby Brown, tel 8226 5021 or email brown.libby@saugov.sa.gov.au

Applications close 14 August.