



Message from the President – Jenny Dickman

Term 1, 2008

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Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing holiday and you are all feeling revitalised for the year ahead.

Following our very successful AGM held at the Mill Street Book Caffe in South Perth on Wednesday 21 November, we welcome back our hard working committee from 2007 with three new additions, Cathy Corbitt, Lise Legg and Rochelle McDonald. This venue was an excellent choice for our AGM followed by a great presentation of summer reading by Celia Cole. I would recommend considering this as a staff professional development opportunity where you can draw on the wonderful expertise of Celia. We all came away with lists of “must reads” for the holidays.

The committee went straight into organisational mode to prepare our Professional Development calendar for 2008, a copy of which is included in this newsletter. Remember to mark your diaries for Saturday 14th June for the School Library Conference and look out for the flyers going out in Week 3 of term 1. Links to the conference website will be available through AISWA and WASLA websites. WASLA also offers funding for members to attend the conference and the funding application criteria is in this newsletter.

Our first PD for Term 1 will be on Friday 22nd February at the new Wesley School Library Annexe commencing at 1.30pm. Jane Graham will be presenting the “Reading Olympics”. Information for this event will be on the website and watnet. Remember to get your membership subscriptions in as the draw for a refund of membership subscription will be held at the Reading Olympics on 22nd February. Renewal of subscriptions or new memberships must be received by close of business 21st February, 2008.

Another date to note for your calendars this year is Library Officer's Day which will be held on Friday 10th October, 2008. The conference committee for ASLA XXI, 2009 are in the initial planning stages of the conference and have been involved in the tender and selection process for a Professional Conference Organiser for this event. The conference will run from 29th September, 2009 to 2nd October, 2009 so bear this in mind when budgeting for your professional development in 2009. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Western Australian members to be able to attend a national conference.

I wish you all a trouble-free and stress-less Term 1 and look forward to seeing you at the Reading Olympics at Wesley College on 22nd February. Please also spare a thought for our IASL sponsored member, Margaret Muthiga at Kilimo Primary School in Kenya. Margaret is providing great programs for her students and with the added support of some funding through monies raised during Refugee Week, was excited about the prospects for 2008. Due to the strife in her country, the students have been unable to return to school this week.

Jenny Dickman



'Congratulations to Brenda (one of our committee members) and Michael Clover on the arrival of their precious daughter Nicola Regan Clover on Thursday 11th October, weighing 5 pounds 14 ounces (2.665kg)'

WASLA COMMITTEE – 2008

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W.A. SCHOOL LIBRARY CONFERENCE 2008 FUNDING

Do you want to attend School Library Conference 2008?

Guidelines for Applications

The Western Australian School Library Association is offering assistance with funding for members to attend the Conference to be held at Wesley College on 14th Jun, 2002.

Guidelines for applications are as follows:

1. Persons will be considered for funding if they meet the guidelines outlined.
2. A maximum of 4 recipients will receive a proportion of a total of \$2,000 to go towards the cost of registration and expenses.
3. Applicants will submit their application submission stating:
 - An outline of work history, including current position.
 - Potential benefits for your school from attendance at the Conference.
 - Financial membership of WASLA
(You may use either your School's membership or your personal membership).
 - Involvement in professional development activities.
4. Successful applicants will be expected to:
 - Use funds only to attend the W.A. School Library Conference.
 - Submit a one page report for the WASLA newsletter outlining a seminar experience which will change your current practice.
 - Submit the report to the WASLA Committee for newsletter publication.
5. A sub-committee of three will be appointed by WASLA for consideration of applications. This committee will:
 - Consider all applications and select up to 4 recipients.
 - Notify the President of WASLA of its decisions.
 - Notify successful applicants by Monday 21 April, 2008.

Applications are to be sent to:

W.A. School Library Conference Funding Committee,
WASLA
PO Box 1272,
WEST PERTH 6872

Or email to ceo@wasla.asn.au

Applications to reach the W.A. School Library Conference Funding Committee by last mail Monday 7 April, 2008.

**Western Australian School Library Association
Professional Development Calendar, 2008**

DATE	EVENT
Term 1 - Friday 22nd February	"Reading Olympics". Presented by Jane Graham. Venue: Wesley School Library Annexe. Time: 1.30pm Information for this event will be on the website and watlnet.
Term 2 – Saturday 14th June School Library Conference	Flyers going out in Week 3 of term 1.
Term 3 Holidays – Friday 10th October	Library Officer's Day Venue: Schools of Isolated and Distance Education, Leederville
Term 3 Wednesday 3rd September at 4.00pm	Copyright Presentation with Caroline Brassnet. Venue: St. Stephen's School, Duncraig theatre.
Term 4 – International School Library Day Dinner October	Venue to be advised
Term 4 - WASLA AGM Wednesday 26th November	Venue to be confirmed

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Personal stories add depth and interest to our newsletter- it would be great to have some input from someone out there in library land. Just let us know what you are doing in your library, as professional learning, a great book, author, website. Editing can be provided if you are unsure of your writing skills.

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