

From the Co-President...

There are four main areas I'll report on for this newsletter to give you a glimpse of what's going on nationally:

- ASLA National Council in August;
- an update on the new ASLA constitution;
- SLAQ/IASL Conference in Brisbane over the last holidays; and,
- the new National Standards for Teachers.

National Council: 6-8 August 2010

This is an annual event for all ASLA representatives and others who'd like to attend, held in Sydney. As a new member of the Council this year I found the weekend to be very informative about the way the Council works and was happy to be able to put names to faces of the state association representatives around the country.

The AGM was held on Friday night with a new president Darlene Hill from Bundaberg and secretary Olivia Neilson taking their positions. Saturday was devoted to feedback on the new constitution and by the end of the day it appeared that a lot of progress had been made in airing issues with the current document. The Executive Officer and Treasurer undertook to follow up on adjustments to the document and to send it to a lawyer to check on a few areas. The plan was then to send it back to councillors for a final look and comments before voting on it.

Sunday was devoted to discussions on other national issues, the budget, review of paid positions on the executive and a few other areas such as promotion of School Libraries, publications and the Federal Government Inquiry.

ASLA is a very busy organization and our own Marie Clarke who was Vice-President of ASLA has recently resigned from her position. We thank her for her time spent on ASLA on our behalf.

ASLA Constitution

The revised constitution now contains changes suggested by the state associations and has been read by a lawyer. It has been sent to the state committees for feedback before a final read by the ASLA executive. Once that has occurred, the revised document will be put to a vote by the National Council in November.

If this is passed there will be several changes to the way ASLA and WASLA operate.

The WASLA committee is preparing a document for the membership outlining the pros and cons of continuing as a member of ASLA. Due to the nature of the changes to ASLA we will consider the best way for us as an association to go forward into the future. This will be discussed and voted on at the AGM so it is necessary for all WASLA members to be there to vote.

Please keep an eye out on WATLnet for this information. It will also be on the Members Page of the WASLA website.



Jane Graham, Mary Hookey, Margaret Muthiga, Barbara Combes

SLAQ/ IASL Conference, Brisbane 27 September — 1 October 2010

I was one of 10 people from WA who travelled to Brisbane for this wonderful conference. As I paid for the whole trip myself, I set out to really enjoy it. I was very pleased I did. I travelled each day by ferry along the river for a short time to the conference venue and it was relaxing by day and glittering by night.

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The flavour of discussions was quite refreshing and very interesting to hear how other countries have achieved certain things such as in Brazil where there will now be a teacher librarian in every school library. In Japan there is a teacher librarian in every school with 10 classes or more. In the USA they have brought celebrities into their libraries and created press reports with photos galore to gain publicity for their plight.

I thoroughly enjoyed meeting authors and people from more countries than I could count, looking at new gadgets and signing up for free trials. In the coming weeks I will unpack my silky satchel and start digesting the many new ideas I have for my future programs. If I had to choose a highlight it would be John Marsden's keynote in which he discussed reading writing and language. I enjoyed listening to his in-depth exploration of language and how we use it. The final panel discussion involving John Marsden (*Tomorrow When the War Began*), Wendy Orr (*Nim's Island*) and David McRobbie (the Wayne series), on the progression of books to film, was a lively and informative dialogue on the process that for most authors is quite disempowering. It was an honest and open reflection on the realities of watching characters they had created take on unknown and often anti personalities

It was also wonderful to meet Margaret Muthiga from Kenya who was sponsored by WASLA to attend the conference.

National Teaching Standards

On 13 October, on behalf of ASLA, I attended the WA Forum on the National Standards for Teachers for AITSL (Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership) facilitated by researchers from the University of New England, Armidale.

Forums will be held in all states to gain feedback on the proposed standards that according to AITSL will be mandatory for teacher assessment from 2011. How successful AITSL is in having these introduced remains to be seen as there are significant changes to the content and skills necessary for a graduating teacher that lead into the other standards. Several issues were brought to light yesterday, such as an overlap in some areas and some criteria at the lead teacher end that are more for administrative positions, rather than classroom teachers. The four standards currently include: graduate, proficient, highly accomplished and lead teacher. These names might change.

The AITSL representatives, one of which was Margery Evans (previous Deputy Director General of Education in WA) who is the current CEO, were quite definite in saying they would take on board the suggestions and issues raised. Until such time as state and federal

legislation is passed the standards probably won't be introduced. However, be prepared: they will come in in the near future.

The main focus of the standards is to achieve national consistency in teacher accreditation but many people consider it will have implications for several other areas.

The second survey for teachers to comment is now up and running. It will close on 29 October. PLEASE TELL THE TEACHERS YOU KNOW TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY with link below (takes 30 mins). It will also be on the WASLA website.

www.une.edu.au/simerr/standards

Best wishes for the term ahead and I look forward to seeing you at the very important AGM in November.

Mary Hookey

More from the National Council Meeting...

Jo Critch: Projects Councillor

It was an honour to represent the WASLA members at the National Conference. As the state furthest removed from the Conference location it was a rare chance to meet and talk 'face to face' with other state representatives. It will certainly make taking part in teleconferences in the future a little less daunting as we now have a 'face to name'.

The weekend was very busy with a great deal of business to attend to besides the AGM. It was a shame that we were the committee that has had to see the Constitution changes take place as it has been a very time consuming project. However, while discussion on the Constitution took a great deal of the weekend, it was a time to celebrate the work of the states with their attendance at the National Inquiry meetings and also to hear of the upcoming Teacher Librarian publications, the **Learning in a Changing World** series, that ASLA has been working towards.

The National Council has some dynamic and hard working members and it was very invigorating to see it in action. With the hours and energy that has been employed in the Constitution due to be voted on in November, we can hope that it truly works for all of us across Australia and supports the work of the Teacher Librarians and School Libraries in all states and territories.

Tehani Wessely: Publications Councillor

What a fascinating experience to see behind the scenes of our National Association. When I took on the role of Publications Councillor for WASLA, I hadn't realised it came with a place on the National Council, but I was pleased to be able to participate in this year's AGM and Council meeting, as it was such an important one. Not only has 2010 been significant

in advocating for the role of the libraries and teacher librarians, but the proposed changes to the constitution mean we are at a major crossroads in the form the Association takes, which has implications for all members. This meant that our discussions over the three days at Council were crucial to ensuring equity for all members and states, and for the future of ASLA and of course, WASLA as a Member Association.

I thoroughly enjoyed the time in Sydney and hearing first hand the experiences of colleagues throughout the country. Some states and education departments are more fortunate than others in the way libraries and the people who staff them are perceived, and these experiences are part of the reason advocacy for the profession are so important. It was also great to meet the others on the National Council and be able to engage in what really was a fascinating professional learning experience.



WA National Councillors:

Jo Critch, Rebecca Murray (observer), Mary Hookey and Tehani Wessely

WA Library Officer / Technician of the Year

Library Officer Bronwyn Hogg of Helena College Senior School is the 2010 WA Library Officer of the Year.

A long-time staff member at the College, Bronwyn has fulfilled a range of roles across the Junior and Senior Schools, including working with children with special needs. Moving to a full-time Library Officer position in the Senior School in 1998, Bronwyn has enthusiastically embraced the role. Her expertise and work ethic make her an invaluable addition to the library and she epitomises the Helena College motto of "Bringing out the Best", not just in herself but also in others.

"Bronnie has been the most efficient and supportive library staff member I have ever encountered. She loves her job and it shows ... every day." **Julie Carlton**

An active participant in professional development, Bronwyn is always willing to share knowledge gained with other library staff. She has exceptional relationships with students and staff and is a superb advocate for the library and the services on offer.

"[Bronwyn's] enthusiasm and commitment to her work are always evident. She is always keen to learn innovative strategies towards her work goals and ... her friendly manner has made the Library a harmonious place to be." **Elizabeth Ashworth**

WASLA congratulates Bronwyn on her well-deserved nomination and win.

Teacher Librarian of the Year

The Australian School Library Association Inc. (ASLA) and Pledger Consulting Pty Ltd (LinksPlus/Weblinks) have pleasure in announcing the winner of the 2010 Australian Teacher Librarian of the Year Award:

Janice Wilson from Lake Tuggeranong College, Greenway, Australian Capital Territory.

This national award recognises and honours an exceptional Australian teacher librarian in a school setting whose professional practice has a positive impact on student achievement and information literacy. ASLA describes the role of a teacher librarian as having three key professional specialisations: curriculum leader, information specialist, and information services manager.

The Australian Teacher Librarian of the Year 2010 is awarded to a teacher librarian who demonstrates a high level of achievement in each of these three components of their role and thus provides a library and information service that improves student learning.

Congratulations to the other state / territory nominees – Elizabeth Greef (NSW), Kate Reid (Tasmania) and Jane Graham (WA).

More information about the award can be found at <http://www.asla.org.au/advocacy/award/>

ASLA extends its thanks to Pledger Consulting Pty Ltd (<http://weblinksresearch.com/>) for their continued support of this national award.

Best wishes for International School Library Day.



WASLA Library Officer Day

Friday October 8 2010

This program is an integral part of WASLA events and this year saw it in its regular place in the PD Calendar – the last day of the Term 3 holidays – to accommodate access to country library staff. And country people did attend, together with a great group of people from metropolitan schools.

The highlight of the event was our interstate visitor, Pru Mitchell from EDNA. Pru is well known to many long standing members of WASLA, and I personally was fortunate in being on many committees with Pru when she lived and worked in Western Australia, together with national school library association committees.

Pru is an expert in the use of EDNA tools, having worked with EDNA since 2002 when she and her husband returned to Adelaide. Over time, EDNA has evolved and has stayed at the cutting edge of technology as it relates to access to the Internet, especially in educational settings. This has included, in the early days, EDNA as a safe place on the Internet for students to search for their class topics – including EDNA having lists of websites which were curriculum focussed, safe and accurate. EDNA has now branched out into Web 2.0 tools, and these include the ME site – me.edu.au – a social networking site. And of course, WATLnet, our listserv, is hosted by EDNA.

In addition to a great morning tea and lunch, all participants were provided with information regarding the latest in Web 2.0, Creative Commons, and other aspects of tools to use with the Internet today. The presentations can be found in the secure area on the WASLA website. Pru also facilitated a hands-on session allowing an opportunity to explore and experience the items discussed, with a special focus on all participants joining the ME Community.

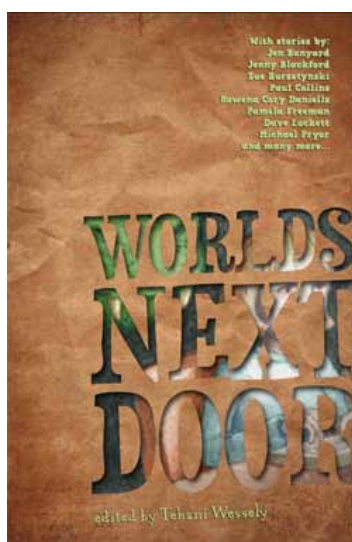
Other highlights of the day included Jean Anning from CMIS, who demonstrated the structure of the CMIS Evaluation website and the items available to all. The website continues to grow, including Web 2.0 options eg blogs, etc.

Barbara Combes, WASLA Co-President, shared a workshop she had presented at the IASL/SLAQ Conference the week before, on the use of spaces in libraries and how to maximise and develop these for best effect. This is also available on the WASLA members-only site.

Special thanks to all those who expressed their appreciation of the day and the content, and special thanks to all the presenters. I am confident there are will be another great day, same time, next year.

Check out #wapln on Twitter to see live tweets from the day.

**Val Baird
WASLA Committee Member**



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Diversity Challenge Resilience: School Libraries in Action Joint Conference of SLAQ & IASL

This is an abridged version of Jan's comprehensive and informative report.

Visit the WASLA website to read the full article.

Inspiring and innovative teacher-librarians, challenging and provocative keynotes, collegial and entertaining activities were all a part of the IASL/SLAQ Conference in Brisbane this year. Thanks to the WASLA committee for providing the lucky draw at the City Roadshow, I was privileged to experience the wide range of information literacy, literature/reading sessions, information competency strategies, cyber-safety presentations, author talks and social events at the conference.

The Keynote addresses highlighted the challenges we face in our roles as Teacher Librarians. The Governor of Queensland, Penelope Wensley AO opened the Conference by encouraging us to embrace with enthusiasm and energy the significant changes in our environment by discussing the relevance to our real world. The following speaker urged us to look back on the success of resourceful Teacher Librarian partnerships and advised us that to change the future we must intervene in the present by re-conceptualizing library services.

Dr Michael Hough Professorial Fellow at Uni of Wollongong encouraged us to make libraries i-Centres in our schools, to counsel our executives about scrutiny of performance and be aware of risk management as we could be held accountable for value adding. He also highlighted the fact that our kids are confident but careless. Therefore, we should be aware of the moral and ethical growth required for these students to cope in the real world. It was recommended that we use data to support our case for Teacher Librarians.

Dr Nancy Everhart from Florida State University reminded all Teacher Librarians that in order to be legitimate, we have to do what we say we do! A school library should give access to information 24/7, TLs need to work collaboratively with teachers by working from their curriculum needs, be involved in assessing students' learning and teach alongside subject teachers as well as offering leadership in technology.

Dr Erica McWilliam High spoke about standards in her keynote. She pointed out the generation gap concepts that we need to understand to prepare our students for the world as they see it. For example, learning for them is 'Just in time' and 'Just enough', along with a choice of when and how they learn.

Information Literacy was a key concept addressed by a variety of presenters. The 'Plato Project' at William Clarke College was an innovative information skills continuum presented by John Stanton, which has evolved

over seven years. He uses Bloom/Gardner Matrix to introduce students to critical thinking skills as they learn about their own learning and differentiation.

Information Literacy competence was also a prominent theme at Brisbane Girls Grammar where their use of notebooks enables learning to be seamless and continual with much learning occurring outside the classroom when the students are in charge of their learning. To develop competencies using information, the staff must know how to use the tools and software in their teaching. They used a wide range of Web 2.0 tools and software including free programs such as Jing, Wink, Moodle, Ziptales, Onenote, Turnitin and ebooks.

With the chance to see what our New Zealand cousins were doing, I chose the session on Inquiry Learning with Senior School Students by Jill Stotter and Kirsty Gillon. A new curriculum has been introduced but with no PD, practice is slow to change, if at all. However, Jill and the TL initiated a trial to teach Year 11 History using an inquiry method.

The importance of Web 2.0 tools was a dominant theme but it was recognized that many students still need significant instruction in basic strategies to be successful researchers and ethical users of information in the future.

Looking for inspiration for literature promotion prompted me to choose sessions on Literature Circles, Picture books and Portugal's National Reading Program. The value of Literature Circles for boys was highlighted at Brisbane Grammar. As part of the Years 6 to 8 English Program for the semester, the Teacher Librarian selects the novels and roles, the boys read to a set place and complete one role each week with some reflections being assessed. Habits of mind skills were taught to combat impulsivity, empathy and understanding and communicating with clarity.

An enthusiastic T-L from Hong Kong shared her passion for picture books for older readers. I was familiar with most of the authors and titles and share her recognition of their value as literary texts. It was equally refreshing to see the National Reading Program's successful development in Portugal where they worked in cluster regions and even had local businesses supporting the promotion of reading. The goal was to create a culture of reading for pleasure and reading as a central element in all curriculum areas. They have recognized that Teacher-librarians are an essential part of reading promotion and enjoyment by increasing numbers employed in schools.

Creative writing using technology provided more fascinating sessions, with one from a school and another

from the author, Hazel Edwards. Digital stories and narrative writing using web tools with Year 9 and 10 boys showed the quality of work that could be produced and exemplified the value of metacognition in the process of developing their work.

The GiggleIT Project was another session of interest and was featured at the Trade Exhibit area. The Illustrators Café allowed us to see the artists in action.

Responsible learners and Cybersafety are vitally important issues. The Cybersafety Awareness session by Greg Gebhart was full-on, with some cautionary tales for us to consider especially in relation to the next generation of kids who have access to mobile internet access from a very early age.

Day two began with 'Breakfast with the Authors'. A delightful range of stories from many authors including David McRobbie, Narelle Oliver, Michael Gerard Bauer, Hazel Edwards. John Danalis to name a few. With authors at every table and short presentations from the authors on interesting aspects of their writing, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the morning. Of particular interest was John Danalis showing us the possum cloak made especially for him after the return of the aboriginal relic to the tribe for burial.

The dinner was another experience. During the meal, there was an auction of donated items to raise money to support and promote reading in third world countries. Countries from around the world including Africa, Jamaica, Austria, Russia and other places in between had representatives attending this conference giving the auctioneer a captive audience to coerce into bidding for the items to take home and treasure. He did an amazing job and raised \$6000 that evening.

Finally the last day began with the Keynote by John Marsden entertaining us with an impromptu activity where members of the audience enacted a dialogue without using any words with the letter 'S' when trying to buy an umbrella. This simple task could be used to help create stories. He provided other writing suggestions about the difference between plot driven nov-

els and literature where character consciousness is a focus. To help others to write, he suggested looking at the power of nouns and verbs to transform simple writing to another level. We were treated to readings from his novels where he explored the symbols and figurative images used to unconsciously implant ideas in the reader's mind. He also threw in the idea that weather is a common symbol used in fiction but in reality it effects everything and once the writer has determined what the weather is, the movements, behaviours, feelings and what happens can be developed. An interesting concept. The last aspect of the conference was the Author Panel Discussion on the transition of books to movies/TV. All were pleased with the results and explored the differences in their works.

Overall, the conference offered a wide selection of opportunities to enrich and inspire those who attended.



WA Delegates at IASL/SLAQ Conference

If anyone is interested in further information on sessions, please contact me (jan.finning@det.wa.edu.au) and I will be happy to follow up where possible.

Next year's ASLA conference will be in Sydney 2-5 October, with the theme of 'Innovation, Integration, Instruction'.

Jan Finning

It is with great sadness that we notify the WA Library community of the passing of Noreen Capes our longstanding Library Officer and founding member of our school community at Duncraig Senior High School.

A tireless worker, supremely competent and organised she was an integral part of the fabric of our school community and we are all diminished by her passing.

Our dear friend and colleague is missed by all of us.

**The Staff of the Library Resource Centre
Duncraig Senior High School**

ALIA National Library & Information Technicians Conference

Planning and preparation is well underway for ALIA's Libtech Conference Back to Basics – Perth 2011. Back to Basics aspires to provide a program that will stimulate discussion, challenge ideas and encourage new thinking. The Conference will offer a forum for library and information professionals to debate ideas, network with colleagues, participate in themed tours of best practice sites, enjoy trade exhibitions and experience a wide range of social activities.

The Conference takes place over five days with the first day devoted to Satellite Workshops. Library Tours follow on day two. The main program will be three days in duration and include six plenary presentations, concurrent sessions and workshops, industry focus groups and a panel discussion. With local and interstate speakers and Master of Ceremonies Grant Stone, the Conference promises to be an exciting, informative and rewarding experience.

Call for Abstracts are open and are being accepted via the Conference Website. Submissions are invited from library and information professionals, researchers, educators and students. Proposals that address the streams of Personal Development, Professional Development and Client Services are encouraged for submission. Further information on suggested topics, the submission process and requirements are available on the website. The closing date for submissions is Wednesday 1 December 2010.

Staying in Touch with Libtech 2011

Conference Website: <http://conferences.alia.org.au/libtec2011/>

Facebook: Find us at 'ALIA National Library & Information Technicians 2011 Conference'

Follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/ALIALibtech> Please use hashtag #ALIALibtec in your Tweets

Contact us directly via email: libtech2011@iceaustralia.com

Back to Basics – Perth 2011 will offer delegates the opportunity to re-address the values at the heart of working in an information service industry. Attending the Conference affords a wonderful professional learning opportunity. Plan now to join us in September 2011! Conference Registrations open on Thursday 27 January 2011.

Susan Courtland
Conference Convenor

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Western Australian School Library Association Professional Development Calendar

DATE	EVENT
Term 4	
Mon Nov 15	WASLA Committee Meeting, ECU, Building 13, Room 13.102
Wed Nov 24	WASLA AGM PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE: Library, Mt Lawley SHS, 65 Woosome St, Mt Lawley 4.30pm – 5.15pm Cheese and wine socialising 5.20pm – 6.30pm AGM
Mon Dec 13	WASLA Committee Meeting, ECU, Building 13, Room 13.102

Call for Newsletter Items

The WASLA Newsletter relies on input from WASLA members to look great and be informative and interesting to readers.

If you have any library-related news and events, articles, tips and suggestions that you would like to share with WASLA members, please email Tehani at:

editormum75@gmail.com

We really love to see photos accompanying your articles. Please send these as separate files, rather than embedded in your document.

I look forward to seeing your innovations, ideas and thoughts!

Tehani Wessely

WASLA Newsletter Editor & Publications Councillor

City Roadshow

The first City Roadshow, presented by popular demand after the success of the Rural Roadshow in Term 2, took place on Saturday 31 July at the Edith Cowan University Library.

The first session on cybersafety and Internet by Barbara Combes gave everyone a lot to consider regarding privacy and our digital footprint. Session details with all links are in the Members Only section of the WASLA website.

Session 2 saw Val Baird talking about new Australian Curriculum, with all its challenges for resourcing and staying abreast of changes. The WASLA response to the K-10 Curriculum was submitted and is available on the WASLA website. WASLA also contributed to the ASLA submission for Senior Curriculum – this is on the ASLA website. The timeline for implementation of Australian Curriculum on ACARA website – 2013 is a date that stands out for K-10. CMIS will continue to provide annotated information about new resources matching new Curriculum, but publishers will most likely continue to play catch up for some time, making resourcing difficult, especially when we take digital texts into consideration as well. WASLA hopes to do some curriculum mapping of existing curriculum/resources to Australian Curriculum – anyone interested in supporting this process is encouraged to contact the WASLA Committee.

In Session 3 we discussed eBooks and Readers, which sparked a lot of interest. Readers are starting to become readily available in Australia and at lower prices than before, but eBooks aren't yet targeted to young adults, possibly because of the cost of hardware. Digital rights management and copyright are still problematic for libraries, but we are educating ourselves.

Barbara told us about GigglyIT in Session 4 – for more information see <http://www.iasl-online.org/sla/gigglyIT/index.htm>

In Session 5, we learned more about various search engines and the different purposes they can have.

Session 6 discussed the WASLA Mentoring Program, and then participants were advised about the Members Only section of the WASLA website, and the winner of the WASLA-funded trip to the IASL/SLAQ Conference in Brisbane. Jan Finning from Mt Lawley High was the lucky recipient (see her report in full on the website).

The City Roadshow was a great success, and WASLA plans more in various locations around the state in the future.

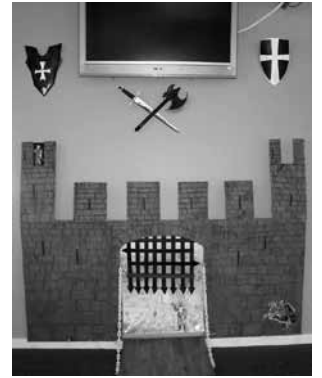
Tehani Wessely

Across the Story Bridge

Children's Book Week is always – besides a very worthy institution – an excuse for the staff here at Donnybrook District High School to dress up, have fun and entertain the school community and our public patrons. In the past we have dressed as pirates, though that seems to be a bit scary for the story time children, ghosts, and this year we emerged across the drawbridge as Knights Templar.

Our costumes were very easy to make using things we had on hand. Some calico was cut to length, folded in half and stitched up to make a rectangular shape. Holes for arms and head were made, and then a Maltese cross cut from some scrap red velvet were spray-glued onto the front. A belt from home, riding boots, and some very stylish Norman alfoil helmets completed the look. We made very simple swords from thick corrugated box board. As you can see in the photos, some helmets were easier to work in than others!

Our dragon was utilised in an earlier story time as well as Book Week, with his scales being the outline of the children's hands – they were very impressed to see their handiwork on display (pun intended!). The castle was strung from the TV mounting unit with fishing line, as were the toy swords, axe and shield. One of our staff is very artistic and drew/painted the backdrop through the portcullis. We also were lucky enough to be able to tie the whole to the Balingup Medieval Festival, which ran on the 28/29 of August. The festival runs every year and is always well attended. A Perth based group called The Grey Company



attend every year to thrill visitors with battle scenes and authentic costumes from most periods of the medieval era.

We are looking forward to International Talk Like a Pirate Day this September 19; we make bandanas, wear vests and generally amuse and bemuse the community at large – arrhhh!

Barbara Kay
Donnybrook District High School



The display from Atwell Primary School



At Methodist Ladies College we celebrated Book Week by having a free-dress day based on Book Characters.

Staff and Junior school students dressed up as their favourite book characters and Senior School students dressed as Song titles.



Book Week at Carson St.School

On Monday 23 August for Children's Book Week a group of students from various classes in our school visited the Victoria Park Library for a session with author/illustrator Wendy Binks .

Wendy read her book 'Where's Stripey' and drew some wonderful sketches for us which are now framed and hanging in our library.

Wendy also showed us her gorgeous pottery designs featuring emu pictures from her books.

Each of our students has decorated their own emu picture which we have put on a display board and it looks fantastic.



St Mary's Anglican Girls' School – Jan Nicholls

Book Week is always a major event in our library calendar and we are fortunate to have tremendous support each year from our Principal and members of the School Executive who participate fully in all activities including the now traditional Dress Up Day.



It is fun to transform the library according to the official CBCA Book Week theme, although some are more challenging than others. Some creative use of cardboard and masking tape allowed us to link our book stacks with arches across the story bridge and, using the template from *The Literature Base* (Vol 21, Issue 2), we made a model of a suspension bridge. Official CBCA merchandise such as the vibrant posters, banner and balloons added to the overall effect.



Lunchtime activities included a story time session with staff readers, a scavenger hunt, quizzes and a book character fashion parade on Dress Up Day where Little Red Riding Hood mingled with The Mad Hatter, Dracula and Mrs Twit to name but a few. Evelyn, the Library Prefect, aka the Cat in the Hat from Dr Seuss, was accompanied



not only by Thing 1 and Thing 2 but also by the entire Year 12 cohort who really led the rest of the school in a colourful celebration of books. There is great rivalry between various departments and honours were shared this year by Phys Ed (Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs) and the Technology & Enterprise Department who designed headpieces of the Story Bridge. A gold coin donation from participants meant that we raised over \$500 for charity. It was great fun and we're already looking forward to next year when the theme will be One World, Many Stories.



WASLA Membership — IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to proposed changes in the membership structure of WASLA, to be addressed at the AGM in November, renewal for memberships will be carried over to the beginning of 2011.

Membership renewals will now fall due in February 2011, with a renewal notice in the first Newsletter of the year.

If you have any queries or concerns about this, please contact co-presidents Barbara Combes or Mary Hookey.

To have your say about the future of the Association, come along to the AGM at the Library at Mount Lawley SHS, 65 Woosome St, Mount Lawley, on Wednesday November 24 at 4.30pm.

The AGM Agenda is on the WASLA website: www.wasla.asn.au

WASLA Website Update: Members Only section

The WASLA website has now been upgraded to include a 'members only' section. By registering and logging into the site, WASLA members will have access to materials from professional development sessions. To register, please head to the website

<http://www.wasla.asn.au/>

and use your name and the email address you included on your registration form (for cross-referencing with the WASLA membership list). The new section will become visible in the menu on the left once you have logged in.

With the recent resignation of our Executive Officer of over four years, Rosemary Burton, **WASLA is calling for Expressions of Interest** to the position. Please forward to Jo Critch on critch.jo@cathednet.wa.edu.au

The WASLA Committee would like to thank Rosemary for her dedication and hard work during her tenure as EO, and express our sincere hope she will continue on in an advisory Committee role.

WASLA COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

The following positions are available for the 2011/2012 WASLA Committee:

President

Vice President

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NOMINATIONS CLOSE: Friday 19th November 2010

Please forward to PO Box 1272, West Perth 6872

NOMINATION

I would like to nominate

For the position of

Name of person nominating

Nominee acceptance

WACOT Renewal

Are you prepared for your Registered Teacher Renewal with WACOT?

About 24,000 teachers are due to renew their Registered Teacher status in the coming months/year. Teachers due to renew their registration will be sent a letter six months prior to the expiry of their current period of registration. This process is separate to the payment of the annual membership fee which is due by 31 March each year.

The WACOT Board has extended the registration of a number of teachers to distribute the workload involved with such a large number of renewals over a longer period. Those members whose period of registration was extended were chosen randomly and informed of this in writing.

To help smooth the way through your RT Renewal process, be sure to have ready:

- Adobe Reader version 8 or above installed on your computer;
- Internet Explorer 7 or above – the latest version of internet browsers Firefox and Safari are also compatible with the online RT renewal form;
- details of your professional learning activities; and
- details of your 100 points of identification e.g. your passport; drivers licence; birth certificate.

It is a good idea to read all sections of the renewal form carefully to ensure you do not miss an important step.

For help or assistance with the process please email renewal@wacot.wa.edu.au or phone the College on (08) 9230 0600, country callers 1300 652 911.

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