**WASLA Mailout Term 3 2011**

**WASLA WEEKLY UPDATE (1)**

Welcome back everyone.

I hope you have come back from the break re-energised and that term 3 has started well for you all.

**School Library Conference***:* From all accounts the WA School Library Conference was that it was a fantastic success. Huge congratulations to everyone involved in the organisation and running of the conference. Well done to the AISWA Libraries and WASLA for an amazing professional development opportunity which allowed networking for Library staff state-wide.

**Website Accessibility and Legal Ramifications for Schools**:  This is a new national legislative requirement and **very important** so please get this message out to your Senior Admin, teachers and IT people – it is essential that schools are aware of this and comply as the penalties are substantial. Flyer attached. Presented by Vivienne Conway and Scott Hollier on 18th August, 4.30pm networking, 5 - 6.30pm session and questions at Trinity College. Flyer also available on the WASLA home page here: <http://www.wasla.asn.au/>

**Nominations: Library Officer of the Year & Library Technician of the Year**:  Don’t forget the nominations from the Library Officer of the Year and the Library Technician of the year close on 31st August 2011. Details can be found <http://www.wasla.asn.au/school-library-awards/>  WASLA would encourage you to nominate someone in your school. It would be great to see a winner in both categories.

**Ic3**:  By now you should have received Volume 2. Wow! What an edition. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue. Of course we need more from practitioners - what are you doing in your school? Please send any submissions for Volume 3 to the editor, Tehani Wessely editormum75@gmail.com  Tehani is interested in articles, photos, learning activities, interesting websites. In fact - anything!

**Government inquiry**:  The Inquiry into School Libraries and Teacher Librarians in Australian schools has been published. The report is available from: <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ee/schoollibraries/report.htm>

The impact of social media is growing, please 'like' the Facebook page "What a difference a school library makes" [www.facebook.com/pages/What-a-difference-a-school-library-makes/120543444695337?ref=ts&sk=wall](http://www.facebook.com/pages/What-a-difference-a-school-library-makes/120543444695337?ref=ts&sk=wall)

Don’t forget that Mary Hookey presented an excellent list of suggestions at SLCWA which anyone could take up to make a difference to this campaign. This is far from over!

**Library Officer Day**: On Friday 14th October at Perth College. Please put this date in your diary. More details will be available shortly.

**Check websites for latest updates**: Check ACARA and AITSL websites for the latest updates.

<http://www.acara.edu.au/default.asp>

<http://www.aitsl.edu.au/>

I hope to catch up with everyone on the 18th August at Trinity College. We will be doing what we can to ensure that this PD is available in some form for our rural colleagues.

**WASLA WEEKLY UPDATE (3)**

1.  **Website Accessibility and Legal Ramifications for Schools PD.**

**18th August, Trinity College Library**.  (See attached)

This PD is important to all who schools as the Commonwealth Government has passed 2 pieces of relevant legislation which will affect all Government agencies (including schools) and all other Australian websites. It is important information for Principals and IT personnel as well as teachers and teacher librarians. The flyer for this PD is attached – please feel free to pass on to any relevant departments in your school.  RSVP for catering to jo.critch@aquinas.wa.edu.au

2. **Library Officers/Technicians Day**.

The registration form for this day will be on the WASLA website tomorrow.  Please complete and fill in early as this day does reach maximum numbers quickly.

When: 14th October 2011

Time: 8.30 – 3.30pm

Where:   Perth College

Cost:  WASLA members $60

Non members  $75

3.  **LO and LT of the Year Award.**

Please nominate a worthy Library Officer or Library Technician for this great award.  The nomination form has been slightly amended so it is not an onerous task and such that you will no longer have to seek information from the nominee in order to complete the nomination.  The form will be attached and placed on the WASLA website.  If you have any problems completing the nomination but you are keen to nominate, please contact me and we will look at options.  The nomination should be to me by the 31st August 2011.  jo.critch@aquinas.wa.edu.au

Jo Critch

**WASLA WEEKLY UPDATE (4)**

Hi everyone,

It is certainly busy this time of year in schools – libraries particularly! I am sure you are all busy getting ready for next week’s Book Week. In my library, we are celebrating with challenges put to staff and students – quizzes, art and writing competitions to name a few. Incentives will go out to students who take out fiction books (jellybeans perhaps? bookmarks?) and we have been encouraging discussion about the world around us. As an international college, it is nice to take some time to celebrate differences and learn from each other. Members – please send in some examples of what you’ve been doing to celebrate.

DON’T FORGET:

Don’t forget – next year is Year of Reading 2012.
More here: [http://www.love2read.org.au/](https://webmail2.ststephens.wa.edu.au/owa/redir.aspx?C=155a4c9d202747c686918a67d259a130&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.love2read.org.au%2f)

2011 IS INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FORESTS:

This means there is opportunity to use the theme in your library and encourage discussion about sustainability and conservation, forests and forestry, the different uses of forests by different groups of people, and why trees are great for the Earth.  At the ‘Forests Learning’ Website: [http://www.forestlearning.edu.au/](https://webmail2.ststephens.wa.edu.au/owa/redir.aspx?C=155a4c9d202747c686918a67d259a130&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.forestlearning.edu.au%2f) you can find plenty of ideas and competitions for your students. Don’t forget to check the WASLA members only section for updates and competitions specifically for WASLA members.

IC3

We hope you have been enjoying our new colour journal IC3. Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution. It is lovely to see what other people have been doing in their libraries around the world. If you have something to contribute to IC3, please contact Tehani Wessely via email: [editormum75@gmail.com](https://webmail2.ststephens.wa.edu.au/owa/redir.aspx?C=155a4c9d202747c686918a67d259a130&URL=mailto%3aeditormum75%40gmail.com)

Have a great week!

Bernadette Greene, WASLA committee member.

**WASLA WEEKLY UPDATE (5)**

Hi all,

So what's new on the WASLA website this term? <http://www.wasla.asn.au/>

The website accessibility PD was filmed, combined with the Powerpoint presentations from the evening and uploaded to the Member's Only Resources page.

An abridged version of the library staff relief register has also been added to the Member's Only Resources page. The full version can be obtained by emailing me.

The guidelines for submissions to the ic3 journal are now available on the Publications page. Please forward any submissions to editormum75@gmail.com. We would love some photos and articles about last week's Book Week celebrations.

Finally, Tehani was recently interviewed for The West Australian and asked to compile a list of ten books that every child should read before leaving primary school. As you can imagine this was a difficult task and she ended up making three lists which are available on the Home page.

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If you are a WASLA member who has not registered on the website, please head to the website and select 'register' at the top. http://www.wasla.asn.au/ After registering you will be emailed a password generated by the website. After logging in (bottom left), **you can change your password** by selecting 'account information' at the bottom of the left menu.

**\*\*\*Please note: It may take up to 24 hours for your account to be activated (possibly a little longer at the moment with new memberships and renewals being sent to the EO - please contact me if you have registered and don't have access within 48 hours).\*\*\***

Regards,

Kate Flowers

WASLA Website Manager