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# Latest News Curriculum and Pedagogy



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## WELCOME

Welcome to the June edition of the CAP News. Earlier this month AISWA's Reconciliation Action Plan was endorsed by Reconciliation Australia. Many years in the making, the plan underscores AISWA's commitment to reconciliation and recognition of the importance of First Nations perspectives and knowledge in shaping a more equitable education system.

The inaugural AISWA leaders conference proved a wonderful opportunity for members to gather, network, and engage with a world class line up of speakers. As we continue implementing our new Strategic Plan, our goal is to ensure the ongoing provision of high-quality, value add learning events for members, driven by their evolving needs and challenges. This week, the Curriculum Reference Group will meet for the second time, and I am looking forward to a rich discussion about Professional Learning, focusing on their expectations, needs and priorities.

A few weeks ago Minister Buti released the *Post-School Success Expert Panel Report: [Consultation Draft](#)*, which includes a comprehensive suite of recommendations. To ensure these appropriately reflect the needs and aspirations for Western Australian young people, the expert panel is seeking feedback on the draft until mid-August. Many recommendations refer to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, acknowledging the current WACE refreshments and expansion of this work.

Please get in touch if you would like to discuss any aspects of the above report, or anything else!

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## POLICY UPDATES



## Adopt and Adapt Process for the Western Australian Curriculum

- At the time of publication, consultation for the proposed changes to the P-10 Science and Technologies curriculum will have ended.
- The full time line for the adopt and adapt process for all learning areas can be found [here](#).



## AITSL Professional Standards for Middle Leaders

- The new Professional Standards for Middle Leaders have been released and identify the key capabilities be effective as a middle leader.
- They acknowledge the key role of middle leaders in schools and are intended to bridge the gap between the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and the Australian Professional Standard for Principals.
- We encourage you to explore them [here](#).

## Generative AI Cross Sectoral Pilot Project

- AISWA are engaged in a cross-sectoral pilot project with the Department of Education, Catholic Education and SCSA to investigate the use of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) to reduce teacher workload in the adoption and adaption of Version 9 of the Australian Curriculum.
- The project aims to investigate the how AI can produce quality assured lesson resources for all teachers, including those working in challenging environments with diverse student cohorts.
- Supported by Minister Buti, this is a two year project partly funded by the State Government and the Commonwealth Workload Reduction fund.

## Australian Early Development Census

- The data collection for the Australian Early Development Census finishes on 28 June 2024.
- Now is the time to check that teachers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are nearing completion of the data collection.
- After the school has finalised all related activities, the School Profile can be downloaded from the Australian Early Development Census data collection system.
- Thank you to schools that have already finished.

## FEATURED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

### Weaving Connections Through the Journeys of Inquiry with Kath Murdoch – 6 August

In this practical, interactive workshop, Kath Murdoch, global expert in inquiry-based learning, will guide classroom teachers through a series of thought-provoking questions to challenge and extend thinking. Suitable for all primary teachers and curriculum leaders. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Early Years Learning Framework v2.0 – for Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2 Educators – 21 August

AISWA Early Childhood are excited to offer a 'catch-up' workshop for Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2 educators who missed our highly regarded Early Years Learning Framework v2.0 professional learning sessions in 2023, and those who would like a refresher. This is the only time this workshop will be offered in 2024. More information [here](#).

### De-implementation: Creating the Space to Focus on What Works! – 2 September

No matter how good an idea is, implementing new projects is not easy, particularly in the current landscape of busy and demanding workloads. Where teachers and leaders are spread too thin, they run the risk of constantly being reactive rather than proactive, leaving little time to improve, change and be effective. AISWA are delighted to present this workshop on de-implementation with international thought leaders Peter deWitt and Michael Nelson. Participants will explore internal and external self-awareness, how to declutter ineffective practices, and actionable strategies to improve instruction, engage families and communities, and use technology to manage competing priorities. Register [here](#).

### Crowther Coaching Lab – Term 3 & 4

Enrolments are now open for the online Crowther coaching Lab. Facilitated by experienced, practising coaches from Brighton Grammar School, this three session short lab scheduled for the weeks commencing 5 and 26 August, and 28 October, focuses on key coaching skills and solutions to common challenges and is ideal for teachers who want to implement coaching in a school; develop coaching skills; and move towards coaching mastery. Register [here](#).

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING – EXTERNAL PROVIDERS



## Brain Development Event with Nathan Wallis – 16 July

- Nathan Wallis, New Zealand's renowned neuroscience educator, will share his expertise on brain development and the importance of the first 1000 days of a child's life.
- These presentations are a partnership between IPSHA and AISWA and are subsidised to support your attendance. This event is hosted by All Saints College.
- Follow the links below to register:
  - [Leaders Session](#): Tuesday, 16 July 2024 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
  - [Educators Session](#): Tuesday, 16 July 2024 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



## The Parenting Revolution with Justin Coulson – 18 July

- MRIS and AISWA are proud to present an empowering event tailored for parents in the southwest region!
- Renowned parenting expert, Dr. Justin Coulson, brings his revolutionary approach and practical strategies to the forefront, promising to transform your parenting journey forever.
- Register [here](#).



## Explore the Changing Landscape of Education with EduFest WA – 11 September

- EduFest WA will empower West Australian educators develop a culture of intrapreneurship and innovation in their school communities.
- Through workshops, seminars, and hands-on activities, EduFest WA attendees will have the chance to learn from industry leaders and experts, as well as collaborate and network with other educators.
- Visit their website [here](#).

## OTHER NEWS



## PECAN+ Capture The Flag Cyber Security Competition is OPEN

- PECAN+ CTF is a collaborative initiative that brings together Australian higher education and vocational institutions, cyber security industry, teachers and students around the aim of raising cyber security awareness, skills and aspirations.
- This free event is open to high school students (Yrs 10-12) nationally.
- Register [here](#) as a TEAM of up to 4, or as an INDIVIDUAL in your State/Territory to compete nationally.



## Design Thinking Challenge

- The Design Thinking Challenge is for students in Yrs 4-8.
- It is a fun, inclusive, engaging way to learn about creating products/services using the design thinking process.
- Are there any other WA Independent schools who'd like to join in and benefit from the free incursions? Benefits for teachers and students.
- Final judging not until 27 October 2024.
- More information [here](#).

## TEAM UPDATES

EARLY CHILDHOOD

LEADERSHIP *and* LEARNING

TARGETED PROGRAMS

The Early Childhood team offer support and mentoring to early childhood educators and leaders. Our focus this month is school based support via staff meeting presentations or working one on one with staff.

Click [HERE](#) for the latest news and updates, including:

- **AISWA Early Childhood Study Tours**
- **AEDC**
- **Teacher Relief**
- **PL Events**

Leadership and Learning provide support to implement the P-10 WA Curriculum and Assessment Outline and the WACE, and assist schools to build leadership capability.

Numeracy and Literacy provide support to enhance teaching and learning outcomes.

Click [HERE](#) for the latest news and updates, including:

- **HALT Certification Ceremony**
- **Timeline of the Review of the Western Australian Curriculum: Mathematics**
- **Upcoming PL Events**

Targeted programs provide support to engage in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) and interpret and apply school and student data, and implement Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Career Education programs.

Click [HERE](#) for the latest news and updates, including:

- **2024 AISWA VET Funding Applications**
- **Term 2 VET Coordinators Network Meeting**

## Professional Learning Opportunities

### Curriculum and Pedagogy

For further information on the upcoming Professional Learning opportunities listed below (by category), please click the links provided in the table. For additional information and a full list of 2024 PL and Event opportunities, you can also search the [AISWA PL & Event Calendar](#).

### AISWA Online Learning Reminder

- Final reminder! Registration for Online Learning courses closes **Sunday, 23 June**.
- Access to Online Learning courses closes **Sunday, 30 June**. Please complete your course(s).
- Click [here](#) to view and register to our Online Learning courses.

**Event Date**

**Title**

**Early Childhood**

**26 July**

[I am a Writer! Introduction to the Bookmaking Approach with 3-8 year olds \(with Lisa Burman\)](#)

Register by 11 July

**30 July**

[Literacy Bites - Literacy Hub and Phonics](#)

Register by 21 July

**29 July**

[Little Scientists Workshop - Air](#)

Register by 22 July

## Leadership and Learning

**15 March** (*Multiple sessions*)

[2024 Middle Leaders Program](#)

Contact [Shanta Patel](#) for enquiries

**19 June** (*Multiple sessions*)

[National Certification Project 2024](#)

Register by 28 June

## Literacy

**21 June**

[Literature ATAR and English ATAR Network Day](#)

Register by 14 June

**25 July**

[Sharp Reading: Guided Reading for Decoding](#)

Register by 19 July

## Technology

**20 June**

[AI for Educational Leaders](#)

Register by 14 June

**28 June**

[Using digital tools and AI to create rich tasks in second language learning](#)

Register by 24 June

For any inquiries or assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team [here](#) or call us at (08) 9441 1600.

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