

Latest News

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WELCOME

Welcome to the September news. In this edition you can read about:

- Changes to AISWA's Facebook pages
- Consultation information for the revised P-10 Mathematics Curriculum
- Term 4 Professional Learning (there's lots happening!)
- Launch of the National Quality Standards cross-sectoral resource, and
- Team updates for Early Childhood, Leadership and Learning and Targeted Programs. Click through the team pages to read more about their latest news and Professional learning opportunities.

It was wonderful to connect with Principals and Board members from 10 schools in the Southwest region a few weeks ago. The breadth of AISWA programs and services was shared across a variety of presentations, including an overview of a very busy curriculum landscape and support provided by the Curriculum & Pedagogy Directorate.

A big thank you to schools who provided feedback to inform a submission to TISC in response to their discussion paper around Year 12 subject incentives. A big thank you also to staff who expressed interest in joining AISWA's Curriculum Reference Group. We will be in touch with everyone who responded before the end of the term.

Enjoy the holidays, warmer weather and longer days of sunshine! As usual, please get in touch if we can assist in any way.

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UPDATES



Closure of AISWA Teaching and Learning Facebook page

- Our official Facebook Page ([@AISWA.education](https://www.facebook.com/AISWA.education)) will now be the sole presence for our organisation on Facebook.
- As a result, other existing AISWA pages, including AISWA Teaching and Learning and AISWA Inclusive Education, will soon be decommissioned.
- To ensure continued engagement and access to relevant content, we have created corresponding Facebook Groups. We invite all members to join these Groups.
- Please find the links to our updated Facebook Groups below:
 - [AISWA Teaching & Learning](#)
 - [AISWA Early Childhood Education](#)
 - [AISWA Primary Leaders Network](#)
 - [AISWA HASS Teachers](#)
 - [AISWA Future Footprints](#)

POLICY UPDATES

SCSA P-10 Curriculum revisions - Mathematics

Proposed curriculum changes for the revised P-10 Mathematics Curriculum are now available for consultation. A series of workshops have been undertaken with one final online session remaining on 18 September. This session will familiarise stakeholders with the proposed curriculum including changes to the learning area content to assist them in completing the Authority's consultation survey. The consultation window will be open from 26 August until 27 September 2024. More information [here](#).

FEATURED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Afternoon tea with Australia's Children's Laureate - Sally Rippin – 22 October

Sally Rippin is the Australian Children's Laureate for 2024 and 2025. Sally's mission is "All kids can be readers!". Her immensely popular books are adored worldwide, with sales exceeding ten million copies in eighteen countries. Sally will provide an interactive workshop targeted at AISWA member schools and staff. More information [here](#).

BrightPath Next Steps – 22 October

Brightpath: Next Steps creates the opportunity to nurture and develop students' writing skills through literature and a focus on language, storytelling, character, and the creative process. This Train the Trainer course provides all the resources to engage staff to use quality literature to invigorate, stimulate, and explicitly teach students to write engaging stories. More information [here](#).

Sharp Reading: Guided Reading for Comprehension – 23 October

This course focuses on comprehension teaching through the GUIDED READING component of your reading program. Participants will be provided with an explicit, transferable routine for comprehension instruction that empowers students and simplifies the work of teachers, skills for recognising comprehension quality and addressing student needs, and many more. More information [here](#).

Sharp Reading: Developing Decoding Fluency – 24 October

This course provides a routine that allows the reader to practise the transference of the knowledge of letters, letter sounds, and spelling patterns that they are developing during phonics instruction to successfully figure out the pronunciation of printed words while reading authentic text. More information [here](#).

Communication and Difficult Conversations Course – 1 or 26 November

This upcoming course on Effective Communication and Courageous Conversations is designed to enhance your communication skills and empower you to engage in meaningful, courageous dialogues. Join us to unlock your potential and foster stronger, more authentic connections.

Register [here](#) for Leaders and Executive Staff.

Register [here](#) for Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff.

Professional Learning Opportunities

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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](#).

Event Date	Title	
Early Childhood		
14 October	Education Assistant Professional Learning Day (REPEAT)	Register by 8 October
28 October	Little Scientists Workshop - Engineering	Register by 8 October
17 October	Mathematical Learning in the revised Kindergarten Curriculum Guidelines and EYLF v2.0 (PK and K educators)	Register by 9 October
21 October	Leading with the National Quality Standard	Register by 15 October
22 October	Literacy Bites - Children's Laureate Sally Rippin	Register by 15 October
Languages		
18 September	Professional Learning for Arabic Language Teachers	Register by 13 September
18 October	23 Things: Exploring digital technologies and AI in the Languages classroom	Register by 10 October
Literacy		
30 September	Handwriting, Why and How to Teach It	Register by 24 September
22 October	BrightPath Next Steps	Register by 15 October
23 October	Sharp Reading: Guided Reading for Comprehension	Register by 17 October

TEAMS UPDATES

EARLY CHILDHOOD

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**
- **PL Events**

LEADERSHIP *and* LEARNING

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:

- **Free In-School Workshop for 2024**
- **New Online Resources**

TARGETED PROGRAMS

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:

- **Term 3 VET Network Meeting**
- **Funding Grants**

OTHER NEWS



National Quality Standards in Action: Publication

On behalf of the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA), Department of Education and Catholic Education WA, we are thrilled to announce the launch of the National Quality Standard in Action: Western Australian Schools publication. This resource, born from the collaboration of WA's three education sectors, showcases the incredible quality of early childhood education across our diverse schools. It highlights the shared commitment to ensuring the best outcomes for children from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2, with contextualised stories of practice from schools in remote, regional, and metropolitan areas.

Chris Massey, Executive Director of AISWA, expressed, "*This unique cross-sectoral collaboration not only reflects the strength of early childhood education in WA but also demonstrates our shared commitment to quality practices that will benefit children and educators alike.*" We were honoured to have the Hon. Sabine Winton MLA, Minister for Early Childhood Education, as a special guest at the launch, recognising the importance of cross-sector efforts to elevate early childhood outcomes in our state.



Healthy Heroes: A Character Quest

The Literature Centre has partnered with Healthway to bring you an epic Healthy Hero Competition for WA Primary School students. Over \$600 in book vouchers to be won for three lucky individuals! More Information [here](#).



Commissioner for Children and Young People Voting age Survey

The Commissioner is seeking feedback from children and young people about the voting age. Secondary teachers are invited to share this link with students to have their say. More information [here](#).

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING – EXTERNAL PROVIDERS



Google Educator Conference 2024 at UWA

[Registration Open NOW!](#)

The Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering at the University of Western Australia, with generous support from Google, is holding an Educator Conference on **October 5th** at UWA. The conference is FREE and aimed at helping K-12 teachers (both pre- and in- service teachers) and educators learn more about using ICT through hands-on activities, presentations and the sharing of innovative teaching and discussions with other educators, industry speakers, and UWA researchers.

Please note we have limited spots in the conference/workshop, so please register ASAP.

Click [here](#) for the Preliminary Conference Schedule.

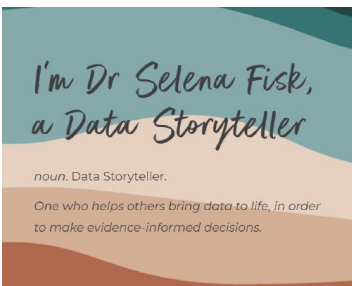
Click [here](#) for FREE Registration.



Children's Book Council of Australia

Now that the dust has settled on a truly magical Children's Book Week 2024 the next event is planned for Sat 9th Nov. This event will be of interest to English teachers, parents, aspiring writers and booklovers.

Save the date and look out for [more information](#).



Selena Fisk - Suitable for teachers and middle leaders

In this professional learning event, Dr. Fisk will delve into the pivotal role of data informed pedagogy and how to create learners who are data informed.

Participants can expect to gain valuable insights, practical strategies, and a deeper understanding of how to integrate evidence-based approaches into their leadership practices. This event promises to be an enlightening experience for school leaders, as they engage with Dr. Fisk's expertise and elevate their commitment creating data informed learners. More information [here](#).

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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