



PILBARA EDUCATION DISTRICT OFFICE

what's on JULY 2003

Secondary Update

Hi everyone

As we look towards the end of Term 2, there have been a few developments in the support for secondary schools in recent weeks.

As part of my role supporting Secondary Schools in the Pilbara, along with Kerryn Powell, Curriculum Resource Officer, the Curriculum Leaders Reference Group has been formed and had its inaugural video-conference in week 4. Rosa Lincoln officially opened the forum and all participants have demonstrated a commitment to sharing professional knowledge and to meet regularly to discuss common issues and concerns. This will provide the forum for a network that will support the strengthening of professional links in the Pilbara District. The network will assist to review and refine teaching practices and prioritise areas for action and improvement directly related to the Curriculum Improvement Program in Pilbara Secondary Schools. Curriculum Leaders will then disseminate information to other HOLAs/TICs to discuss further the curriculum issues and professional development needs and will refer feedback to the group.

As *Secondary Updates* will be a regular circulation of twice per term, I would appreciate receiving any other news/updates/issues that can be shared.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future with any suggestions and feedback.

Regards

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Professional Reading:

A few sites you may also be interested in having a look at, if you haven't already:

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/deo/esperance/Curriculum/Outcomes%20Plan%20Frame.htm>

Esperance Education District Office has some great planning frameworks that have help cues.

<http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/ProgressMaps/>

Access the working version of Curriculum Framework Progress Maps - changes to Learning Area elaborations that will assist with planning.

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

National Quality School Framework

Showcase your school improvement initiative and become part of a national interactive professional learning environment.

<http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/olps>

Mentorship Program

It is still possible for graduate teachers to participate in the Mentorship Program... Application forms are on the web-site. I would be interested in knowing if/how you are using this at the moment with your staff.

Gender and Achievement—See whats happening in the UK at

<http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/genderandachievement/>

Professional Development Opportunities:

Upcoming events/Professional Development for staff:

Performance Management Workshops at <http://www.extension.uwa.edu.au>

Click on Extension Courses and then go to Working Life

Country Arts WA

Horizons:Regional Arts—A Shared Road - Country Arts WA Conference July 24th—27th

Karratha is host to the annual State Conference for regional arts in Western Australia

www.countryartswa.asn.au - Go to Calendar of events and for Registration and information go to Downloads and Forms.

Leadership Centre Website www.eddept.wa.edu.au/lc

The Leadership Centre has created some new web-based tools - Upcoming professional learning events for aspirants / school leaders have been placed into an on-line calendar. More significantly, the content of the professional learning experiences has been mapped against the Leadership Framework and included in the calendar.

www.kisser.net.au/pdeo