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From the President

Welcome to the second half of Term 2 2008. The recent PAM inservice 'Fun and Games: Card Games and Dice Games' was enjoyed by all who attended and a broad range of teaching ideas was provided. No doubt the Term 3

inservice 'Measurement Matters' on 14th August will fill quickly so I suggest you look for further details in this newsletter and mark the date in your diary.

I am very pleased to announce on behalf of the PAM committee that the 2008 MANSW submission for funding from the Australian Government Quality Teaching Program AGQTP, was successful. Funds were requested to support the implementation of a teacher professional learning project in the areas surrounding Moree and Griffith. Schools in those districts will shortly receive an invitation to nominate two teachers to participate. They will write and then trial a Mathematics unit of work based on the needs and interests of students in their school. This project will commence early in Term 3 and conclude in Term 4 this year.

Our Mathematics colleagues in secondary school are talking about the new stage 6 courses. In fact that may be all they're prepared to discuss.... so here are a few facts that you might like to use as conversation across a coffee table. Year 11, 2010, will be the first students to study the new stage 6 Mathematics material. They will be confronted with new content, new external assessment format and almost certainly new calculator functionality. For the first time, the new calculus courses will be assessed externally with some multiple choice questions. In fact there will be two sorts of multiple choice question. Some have a single correct answer surrounded by false answers; others have more than one correct answer and students need to identify all. More

details are in the secondary newsletter, and of course on the Board Of Studies website.

Now let's change the subject. Here's something that applies to both Primary and Secondary Mathematics. On Tuesday 3rd June this year, a Professional Learning package was jointly launched in Canberra by Senator Hon Nick Sherry, Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, and Paul Clitheroe, Chairman of the Financial Foundation Advisory Board. I understand that about five years of work has contributed to this Consumer and Financial Literacy Package, and it is available on the MCEETYA website using the address <http://www.mceetya.edu.au/mceetya/default.asp?id=14429>. It is intended to support both primary and secondary learning outcomes.

The 2008 MANSW conference is drawing closer, roughly three months until 19th,20th,21st of September. As always there will be a large contingent of Primary Mathematics teachers, and the conference design takes that into account, so I expect your intended presentations are taking shape. In the May newsletter I mentioned that novice presenters will find our friendly Professional officer, Bernice Beechey, very supportive and informative. She is happy to advise how to shape your conference presentation ideas into a successful session. Why not give her a call....go ahead....make her day!

Did your school take advantage of this year's National Mathematics Day, on Friday 23rd May? At MANSW we are interested in how beneficial it was. Please write an email or make a phone call to MANSW, office@mansw.nsw.edu.au, and let us know your story. We're happy to pass on your thoughts to the organisers of this national event, AAMT.

What was the reception like at your school for the new National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) ? Again, please write an email to MANSW office and pass on your thoughts.

DAVID KEANAN BROWN,
President

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Count Me In Too- **Penrith/Blue Mountains**

We have a small group of teachers in the **Penrith** area who would like to commence CMIT training in Term 3. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Diane McPhail diane.mcphail@optusnet.com.au so that we can negotiate dates and venues.

The duration and cost of the *Count Me In Too* course have been revised. The course now consists of one full day of initial training and two follow-up workshops each of two hours. The cost is \$440 per teacher or \$2, 200 for a team of six teachers. The course fee will include the provision of essential teacher resources.

DIANE McPHAIL
Primary Program Manager

Look on the MANSW website www.mansw.nsw.edu.au to see if the presentation notes from last year's conference are available for the sessions you are interested in.

Member of the Month

This month's lucky winner is Carla Gagliano of Cabarita. Congratulations Carla, please contact the MANSW Office to claim your book voucher prize.

2008 MANSW Conference at Novotel, North Wollongong 19-21 September 2008

Remember to put the conference into your school calendar and professional development budget.

MANSW 2007 Student Prizes (Awarded in 2008)

We are pleased to announce the prizewinners of the MANSW Teacher Education Student Prizes for outstanding final year student teachers in each teacher training institution in the state. These students have achieved excellent results in both academic work and internship. Each university may nominate up to two students - one is usually a primary education student and the other a secondary education student. This year 12 nominations have been received from 7 universities.

MANSW congratulates the following new teachers:

Primary

Susanna Brown	Charles Sturt University (Bathurst Campus)
Christie Goldspring	ACU National
Tania Marlin	Macquarie University
Kay Hannelore Prceвич	University of Wollongong
Sandy Quintal	University of Western Sydney (Bankstown Campus)

Secondary

Kelly-Anne Arul	University of Wollongong
Nathan Coughlan	University of Technology Sydney
Maryam El-Cheikh	University of Western Sydney
Alison Franks	Charles Sturt University (Bathurst Campus)
Daniel Harbridge	University of Sydney
Joranda Maria Jones	ACU National
Mark White	Macquarie University

