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Calendar 2007

March

29 PAM Inservice, *Patterns and Algebra, Glenwood.*

April

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6 Good Friday
25 Anzac day

May

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June

1 Investigating: Mathematics, *Entry forms and fees due.*
11 Queen's birthday.
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Feedback and Advice Day at Macquarie University on Saturday 24th February and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Greg Murty for all his work in organising the day and all of the markers and Senior markers who voluntarily share their wisdom, insight and experience for the benefit of their colleagues.

The inaugural *National Mathematics Day* will be held this year on Friday 18th May and we hope all teachers will be able to find some time on the day to celebrate Mathematics in schools. Perhaps you'd like to organise a problem solving quiz? Or invite a guest speaker? Have a poster competition? Make mathematical cakes? There are many more ideas and suggestions on the AAMT website so please add the date to your school calendar and start planning now!

This year will see members receive an additional benefit: *MANSW e-news*. *MANSW e-news* is a brief online news bulletin that will provide members with up to date information between our printed newsletters. Please be sure to include a correct e-mail address on your membership renewal form to ensure that you receive this additional publication. Likewise, if your e-mail address changes throughout the year please contact our office to ensure that you are still kept informed of all the latest news and events. With the review of Stage 6 Mathematics well underway, we also encourage all members to keep their eyes on the MANSW website. As soon as any publications or reports are released

From the President

We are now more than halfway through Term 1 and the MANSW inservice program is in full swing! It was lovely to see so many of our secondary members at the *HSC and SC*

we will provide links from the website to ensure that our members are the first to know. There are already links to key documents such as the Broad Directions for Syllabus Development. The MANSW website also has the full details of our entire inservice program, registration forms, a calendar of events, information about Maths in Action at Luna Park, details of MANSW publications, useful websites and the latest conference information. When was the last time you looked at www.mansw.nsw.edu.au?

Each year, the NSW Government awards a number of *Premier's Teacher Scholarships* to teachers working in any school or TAFE in NSW. The purpose of the Premier's Teacher Scholarships Program is to promote teaching excellence in NSW by providing travel scholarships to NSW teachers to undertake a study tour overseas or in Australia. In 2007, there are TWO \$10000 scholarships available for mathematics teachers. One is designated for a mathematics teacher in a non-metropolitan area. Applications close on 4th May 2007 and must include a detailed study proposal of 1,000 words or less setting out how the proposed study will promote teaching excellence in NSW. More details are available at <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/awards/scholarships/index.htm> and we hope MANSW members will consider applying.

Margaret Bigelow and her conference committee are busy preparing another fantastic *MANSW Annual Conference* at Port Macquarie on 30th September – 2nd October. Have you considered presenting a workshop at the conference? Do you know someone who should? Conference evaluations always single out workshops run by classroom teachers for classroom teachers as the most valuable professional development, so please consider putting in an application now. Remember that all MANSW members who register before the end of June receive substantial discounts on conference registration, so be sure you renew your MANSW membership in 2007 and register for the conference as early as possible.

I hope Term 1 is being kind to you and look forward to seeing you at a MANSW event soon!

HOLLY GYTON,
President

Member of the Month

This month's lucky winner is David Whitehouse of Mosman. Congratulations David, please contact the MANSW Office to claim your book voucher prize.

Primary Program: Reminder for Term 1 Inservice

If you would like to attend inservice afternoon, *From Patterns to Algebra*, on Thursday 29th March at Holy Cross Primary School, Glenwood, please check with the MANSW office before you forward an application. We are expecting the topic and the venue to be very popular.

The Term 2 inservice focusing on Data will be held at Abbotsleigh School, Wahroonga on 17th May – you may like to put this date into your diary.

DIANE McPHAIL
Primary Program Manager

We have a new e-mail address

office@mansw.nsw.edu.au

New Financial Literacy

The YMCA NSW has launched a new website www.makingcent.com.au with financial education website for parents and teachers of primary school aged children. The website contains practical information about money and resources for parents to help them promote savings habits and wise spending. There are also teaching resources developed with the NSW DET linked to national maths and social studies curricula.

NSW Premier's Teacher Scholarships

Teachers in schools and TAFE NSW Institutes across New South Wales have the opportunity to apply for the NSW Premier's Teacher Scholarships that offer support for teachers to travel to research methods and ideas used in other classrooms.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS CONTACT:

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Marlene's New Adventure!

Marlene Ratcliffe, who has worked in the MANSW office for many years, will sadly be leaving us in March. Marlene's husband has accepted a job in Kuala Lumpur and while this is a very exciting opportunity for them both, we will certainly miss Marlene's wealth of expertise, knowledge and her understanding of the running of the MANSW office. Her dedication and willingness to go the extra mile have been very much appreciated by the

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MANSW members and the Executive. We all wish Marlene and her husband all the very best in this new adventure!

CensusatSchool Is Available Throughout 2007

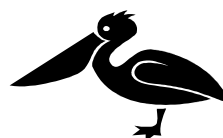
<http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/cashome.nsf/home/home>

Take a look at the web site, explore the data and see how useful it can be for your classes.

You can access lots of real, raw data about Australian students! Over 12,000 students are in the database.

Students in Years 5 through to 12 have been engaged by using the data.

What a great way to compare communities of students! The web site contains curriculum related student activities. If you have any questions phone 1800 623 723 or email ensusatschool@abs.gov.au



2007 MANSW Conference at Port Macquarie 30 Sept – 2 Oct

We'd love to see you there!

See the attached flier for further details and remember to put the conference dates into your diary now!

MANSW 2006 Student Prizes (Awarded in 2007)

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 sixteen nominations have been received from nine universities.

MANSW congratulates the following new teachers:

Primary

Ms Sandy Barjel	UWS, Penrith Campus
Ms Amber Bidwell	Macquarie University
Ms Lisa David	Wollongong
Ms Taryn Evans	Southern Cross University, Lismore Campus
Ms Bell Frolchenko	University of Sydney
Ms Samantha Hall	Charles Sturt University, Bathurst Campus
Ms Leah Martin	UTS
Ms Marie Pino	Australian Catholic University
Ms Tahlea Taylor	UWS, Bankstown Campus

Secondary

Mr Tony Denley	UWS
Ms Peiti Johnson	Wollongong
Ms Amanda Oudri	UNSW
Ms Leanne Peterson	University of Sydney
Ms Anna Robinson	Charles Sturt University
Ms Cara Williams	UTS
Mrs Amy Young	Macquarie University