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Calendar 2007

May

- 17 PAM Inservice, *Data, Abbotsleigh, Wahroonga*
- 18 Newsletter 4 copy to editor

June

- 1 Investigating: Mathematics, *Entry forms and fees due.*
- 11 Queen's birthday.
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July

- 20 Investigating: Mathematics projects due at MANSW

September

- 30, 1-2 October – Annual Conference

schools - in your classroom, within your school and in the wider community!

Did you get your *MANSW e-news* at the end of last term? MANSW e-news is a brief online news bulletin that will provide members with up to date information between our printed newsletters. If you didn't receive it, please e-mail our office to make sure we have your current e-mail address and this will ensure that you are always kept informed of all the latest mathematical news and events. With the review of Stage 6 Mathematics well underway, we also encourage our members to keep their eyes on the MANSW website. According to the timelines advertised in previous *Board Bulletins*, we expect that the Board of Studies will release the Draft Writing Brief to schools during Term 2 for consultation and discussion. As soon as this information is available, we will provide links from our 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. When was the last time you looked at www.mansw.nsw.edu.au?

From the President

Welcome back to Term II! I hope that your break over Easter was a relaxing and refreshing one and that you are ready for the adventures of the term ahead – particularly on Friday 18th May which is the inaugural *National Mathematics Day*. We hope this day is marked in your school calendar and that you have some plans underway to celebrate mathematics in

Have you and the staff at your school registered for the 2007 MANSW Annual Conference? Margaret Bigelow and her conference committee are busy preparing another fantastic adventure at Panthers Port Macquarie from 30th September – 2nd October and we'd love to see you there. There will be a River Cruise on the Sunday evening and the conference dinner on Monday night has a Jungle Fever theme - we

look forward to seeing some of our mild-mannered mathematics teachers once again transformed by some creative costumes. Remember, MANSW members receive substantial discounts on their registration!

Most importantly, our annual conference evaluations always single out workshops run by classroom teachers for classroom teachers as the most valuable professional development, so please consider presenting a workshop.

- What great classroom activities have worked with your students?
- How did your school tackle the issue of grading for the School Certificate last year?
- What technology based activities have helped facilitate mathematical learning in your classroom?
- How has your Stage 5 program gone the first time through – what worked and what didn't?

The possibilities for session topics are endless and we would like to encourage all members to consider contributing to the professional learning of the wider mathematics community as there is always so much that we can learn from each other. Bernice Beechey, our professional officer, is always available to talk through any ideas about possible workshops, so please don't hesitate to give her a call at the office. We would love to see you there at the conference.

As always, I hope Term 2 is kind to you and look forward to talking with you at a MANSW event soon!

HOLLY GYTON,
President

We have a new e-mail address

office@mansw.nsw.edu.au

Member of the Month

This month's lucky winner is Susan Pike of Cremorne. Congratulations Susan, please contact the MANSW Office to claim your book voucher prize.

Primary Program: Term 2 Inservice

Vital statistics: Making local and individual data alive and personal

Our Term 1 Inservice held at Holy Cross Primary School at Glenwood attracted a record number of participants. Our thanks to Principal Leanne Nettleton and her teachers for making all of us so welcome in their lovely, new school. Cathy Attard and her Stage 3 students organised large working spaces for our inservice group, and we very appreciate of their efforts to ensure our comfort. We have school-based venues organised for the remaining inservices this year, and have also received an offer for 2008.

The Data inservice in Term 2 at Abbotsleigh Junior School will have a strong focus on the use of technology in collecting, reviewing and representing data. The session will commence with an eclectic overview of the use of data in our students' everyday lives. The workshops will demonstrate students' active involvement in the selection of appropriate data sets and graphical representation. Teachers will be invited to participate in three of the four workshops.

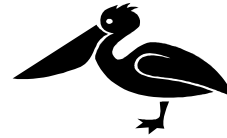
Please register NOW if you would like to attend this very special afternoon. The date (17th May) is reasonably early in the term, and doesn't give much time to think about attending before you will need to take action!

DIANE McPHAIL
Primary Program Manager

Welcome, Ann, to MANSW!

Ann Dinning started full time in the MANSW office towards the end of last term and we all warmly welcome her to MANSW! She brings strong administration skills, experience in project management and a wealth of knowledge about balancing the demands of innovation with the financial constraints of a non-profit organisation. In previous roles, Ann has worked with databases, archive systems, targeting sections of a client database for particular e-mail campaigns as well as some prior experience with MYOB and accounting software – all in all, a perfect fit for the team at North Ryde.

We welcome Ann to MANSW, knowing she will do a wonderful job, and we look forward to her invaluable contribution to the great team in the MANSW Office!



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!

