



ECAWA eNewsletter

Welcome to the ECAWA's fortnightly eNewsletter. This eNewsletter provides updates and news for Week Ending 6 July 2012

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1. Important Notices: From the desk of the President.

Welcome: I would like to welcome you to our first eNewsletter. This eNewsletter will be emailed to all members of the association fortnightly with regular news, updates, and information about professional development opportunities. Although the first edition will be sent to all on our mailing list, this eNewsletter will eventually be distributed to only financial members. Selected items will also be distributed through a number of forms of social media. It is our hope that this eNewsletter will not only inform but also support ECAWA's membership.

Membership renewal: Membership renewals have been distributed; please take the opportunity to renew your membership.

Sponsors: Each edition of our eNewsletter there will be a section allocated to our conference sponsors or trade exhibitors. Please take the opportunity to visit their websites and explore the services they provide.

2. ACCE National Conference update

Have you placed ACEC2012 in your calendar? Tuesday October 2nd to Friday October 5th 2012 at Wesley College in South Perth. ECAWA is hosting the ACEC, the biennial Australian Computers in Education Conference. This is a major event on the educational computing calendar and feature prominent Australian and international speakers. There is also a range of pre- and post-conference workshops and tours, as well as a trade exhibition. A full social program will run in conjunction with the conference. You will see more on this outstanding event over the coming months.

The call for papers has closed, now is the time to check out the conference streams, do not miss out. Bookmark the conference - <http://acec2012.acce.edu.au/>

Early bird registrations close on the 31 July. Register now and save.

3. Up Coming Events

Forum- SOE 4 - The Executive has been approached by a number of members seeking guidance and support on the recent Department of Education's SOE 4 implementation. This forum will be held in conjunction with the Design and Technology educators' professional education.

Forum- Australian Curriculum - Learn more of the developments of the Australian Curriculum, the role of the Information and Communication Technology capability and the ACCE's submission to ACARA on the draft Technologies Strand. This forum will also be held early in Term 3.

4. Professional Development

Oracle - Java Fundamentals Course - The ACCE, through its Partner, Oracle, and The Oracle Academy have announced plans to offer Java Fundamentals Courses in Australia starting during the latter half of 2012. This unique opportunity is only available to ECAWA members. Further details <http://acce.edu.au/oracle-academy-offer-java-fundamentals-courses>

ISTE Webinars- ECAWA – through its affiliation with the international Society of Technology in Education has gained access to the vast collection of ISTE webinars. The ISTE webinar introduces the audience to a digital tool, classroom strategy, or innovative technology and highlights practical approaches to help educators improve the educational experience for students and capture value from new and existing technology. Each Webinar presentation will be hosted by a **local** guest speaker and allow for discussion on the key aspects of the webinar and its applicability to Western Australian context. Dates will be published at the start of term 3.

5. ECAWA eCalendar

Professional development calendar- Dates for each professional development event, forum or function when confirmed, will be listed here.

1. **EVENT: National Conference: ACEC2012 in Perth hosted by ECAWA**

Date: Tuesday October 2nd to Friday October 5th 2012

Place: Wesley College - 40 Coode Street, South Perth, WA, 6151

Details: <http://acec2012.acce.edu.au/>

6. Executive meeting notes

A significant proportion of the work of the executive has been devoted to and dominated by the planning of the ACCE Conference. However, highlights of the last executive committee meeting held in June include:

- Approval of allocation of funds to develop curriculum materials to support the updated WACE Computer Science Course.
- Development of a professional development plan for semester 2

7. Conference sponsors and exhibitors.

Our sponsors and exhibitors help us to keep PD and Conference costs for members as low as possible. These sponsors will be either presenting at the ACCE conference or participating in trade exhibition. Please visit their website, explore the services they provide and support the people and companies who support you.

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Web 2.0 Tools for the Classroom: Professional learning presented by Anne Mirtschin of Education Services Australia.

Anne Mirtschin is one of the Action Stations series authors. Her book, Cool Tools for the Connected Classroom, has been widely popular as it clearly demonstrates both why and how teachers can practically and meaningfully use specific new technologies in their classroom to develop literacy and analytical thinking skills.

Anne will be conducting an all day pre-conference workshop at Wesley College in Perth on 2 October 2012. The workshop will explore:

- the best Web 2.0 tools,
- provide suggestions on how to get started,
- practical classroom examples,
- lesson plans, activity sheets, tips and hints.

It will cover:

- the best tools for connecting school and the global community;
- the best tools for communicating: podcasts, blogs, Google applications, Timebridge, live-blogging, back-channel chat;
- The best tools for creating: including wikis, blogs, voice threads and more.

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