



ECAWA eNewsletter

Welcome to the ECAWA's fortnightly eNewsletter.

This eNewsletter provides updates and news for Week Ending 20 July 2012

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Edition 02/2012

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

Welcome: Welcome to the second newsletter. Thank you for positive feedback. It was appreciated. This edition has been delayed due to problems with our group email accounts, so thank you for your patience.

List Serv: Our email lists are now operational. eChalk, along with all of ECAWA's group email accounts, and other email lists hosted on ESA's (Education Services Australia) Lyris list service, have experienced significant problems over the last 3 weeks. ESA engaged Lyris in the United States and Australia to assist with the resolution of the problem. We have been assured that the issues are reversible and no user information will be lost.

Membership renewal: Members should have received their renewal notice by now, but if not, the renewal form on ECAWeb at <http://ecawa.wa.edu.au/about/join/> becomes a Tax Invoice when completed. Renew your membership and take advantage of the FREE or low cost professional development sessions in the following categories: Mobile learning, K- 7, Applied Information Technology, Computer Science and ISTE Webinar presentations supported with keynote speakers. ECAWA Members may also purchase ACEC2012 tickets at a discount.

Australian Curriculum: Have you read the position paper submitted by The Australian Council for Computers in Education? <http://acce.edu.au/ict-and-australian-curriculum-part-2>

National Computer Science School Challenge 2012: National Computer Science School, NICTA, and the School of IT at the University of Sydney are inviting teachers and their students to participate in the NCSS Challenge 2012. This annual event has been a continued success for both teachers and students, in 2011, 2200 students and teachers from 237 schools participated in the competition. Although aimed at computing and IT students, students do not need to have programming experience with students developing their programming skills throughout the competition. There are three challenge streams – Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced. The competition starts on Monday 6th August, 2012. <http://challenge.ncss.edu.au>

2. ACEC2012 in Perth update

Take the opportunity to find out about the conference keynote speakers

Dr Ramona Pierson

Dr Neil Selwyn

Prof Jean-Michel Boucheix

Dr Christine Stephenson

Dr Milton Chen

Prof Sasha Barab



Visit the **Keynotes** page of the conference website for details about the Speakers and their topics. <http://acec2012.acce.edu.au/keynotes>



A list of confirmed presentations in the ACEC2012 concurrent program is at <http://acec2012.acce.edu.au/program>

Early bird registrations will remain open for the next week or two so that our staff and volunteers have the chance to respond to queries from delegates, however you need to register as soon as you can at <http://acec2012.acce.edu.au>

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. A 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

Australian Curriculum – Technologies **Associate Professor Paul Newhouse**

Take this unique opportunity to receive the latest news on the Development of the Australian Curriculum for Technologies. The Australian Curriculum is aiming to be suitable for the needs of our 21st Century society and as such has explicitly defined a number of key roles to digital technologies. This should provide opportunities for schools and teachers to build on past reforms in the near future. As a writer and advisor to ACARA for the Technologies shaping paper, ICT competence capability, and the use of ICT across the Phase One curriculum areas Paul will share his understanding of the place of digital technologies in the Australian Curriculum and the connection between these different roles.

Date: Tuesday 14 August 2012
Place: Edith Cowan University, Mount Lawley Campus, Room 16.105
Time: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Cost: Gold Coin Donation – Afternoon tea

From Edition 01/2012

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>

5. ECAWA eCalender

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/>

2. EVENT: **Australian Curriculum - Technologies** – an update

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RSVP for catering purposes: <http://bit.ly/ECAWAa12a>

6. Executive meeting notes

Update: Edition 02/2012 indicated the approval of the allocation of funds to develop curriculum materials to support the updated WACE Computer Science Course. The WA Branch of the Australian Computer Society, supported by some Perth based universities, has offered to support the development of the Computer Science resources, particularly the development of resources supported by scenarios and real world examples of the theory covered in the curriculum.

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 ACEC2012 in Perth or participating in the Trade Exhibition. Please visit their websites, explore the services they provide and support the people and companies who support you.

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