



Catholic Assistant Principals' Association of Western Australia

Monday 16th March 2009

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the start of a new school year! Welcome especially to those who are new to our Association.

Let me begin by introducing the CAPA Executive Committee for 2009;

VICE PRESIDENT: Ben Doyle, Queen of Apostles CPS, Riverton

SECRETARY: Rebecca Mola Aranmore CPS, Leederville

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CONFERENCE

COORDINATOR: Pip Herzog, Good Shepherd CPS, Kelmscott

EXECUTIVE

MEMBERS: Daine Burnett St Emilie's CPS, Canning Vale

Wendy Landwehr, St Joseph's CPS, Queen's Park

Kelly Smith, St Augustine's, Rivervale

BELIEVE!

Your Executive has spent the first part of the year looking at the future purpose for our Association. Past members of our Executive have forged the way for us all and have worked doggedly to provide a firm and viable foundation. With much of the backbreaking groundwork having been done, we believe that we are now in the position to 'dream' our future by continuing to develop the Aims of our Association. As Assistant Principals of Catholic Education, we believe in an education based on the life of Jesus Christ; we believe in ourselves and in the work we do; and perhaps now is the time that we 'actively' believe that as individuals and as an Association we **can** make a difference and contribute to our society in ever more dynamic ways.

With this in mind, your Executive has determined that our Conference theme this year will be simply, "Believe". Our Committee has sought out inspirational speakers from around the country to lead us on this journey of belief. I look forward, in the next Newsletter, to informing you all of our Conference Program and to confirm the presenters and topics.

CAPA GOALS 2009

So far, your CAPA Executive has highlighted the following goals for the start of 2009;

1. To provide a cohesive, representative voice to express the opinion of members.
2. To look at opportunities for an increase in Social events for members.
3. Major upgrade of CAPA website
4. Investigating and facilitating the use of Web- conferencing facilities, to provide better opportunities for APs in remote areas.
5. To extend the services provided by CAPA with the aim to establishing a concrete and viable purpose for our Association.
6. To revisit our current Deed of Agreement, staying informed of current developments.

BUSHFIRE APPEAL

The tragedy of the firestorms in Victoria have I am sure, touched us all. On behalf of all members of CAPA a donation of \$1000.00 has been sent to the Red Cross

CAPA MEMBERS DAY

WHEN: Friday 3rd April 9.00 – 3.00pm

**WHERE: The Rothschild's Room at Perth Zoo.
20 Labourchere Rd, South Perth
(Opposite Richardson St. Free parking on corner of Richardson and Labouchere Rd)**

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO SIT WITHIN THEIR REGIONAL GROUPS WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE MEMBERS' DAY.

I urge all Assistant Principal's to make an effort to attend our Members' Day. If you have not RSVPed as yet, please contact Rebecca Mola ASAP.

Many important developments in Education will unfold over the next twelve months. Two which may be of significant importance to us all, as leaders in our schools, are the release of the **National Curriculum** and the Catholic Education initiative of **Whole School Improvement**. To ensure that all of our members have a working knowledge of these projects we have sought out presenters to speak to us about each. Mandy Connor (with the support of the new Project Leader of Quality Catholic Schooling Mr Brendan Spillane) will inform us about the Whole School Improvement Project while Trish Jackson, (Co-Team Leader Learning and Teaching K-12) will get us up to date on the National Curriculum.

Also on the day, we will hear from Mr Eric Chidlow, Friend of CAPA, who will discuss the future of CAPA- Where to from here?

Finally, we will have time to discuss relevant topics within our Regions.

A Final Agenda and any last minute details about the Members Day will be sent out to you in coming weeks!

EXCITING NEW INITIATIVE: CAPA Business Directory

Mark Marando and Steve Gibbs have worked for twelve months to prepare this great new resource for Assistant Principals. Not only has it generated a lot more interest in sponsoring for our Association but it will provide a very useful tool for those of us charged with locating goods and services for our schools. We are keen to have Business Directories available to all Assistant Principals at our upcoming Members' Day. ***Please make use of this resource, and when you do, be sure to say that you found the contact in the CAPA Business Directory.***

On behalf of myself and all CAPA Executive Committee Members, I look forward to catching up with you at our first official collaboration for the year, the CAPA Members day.

Warm regards

PAUL CRANLEY

PRESIDENT

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