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PUBLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2009: Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

The opening of Public Education Week will take place at the Reid Campus of the Canberra Institute of Technology on Monday 18 May 2009 with the opening address by Kim Sattler, Secretary of UnionsACT.

Throughout the week schools will be celebrating within their own school communities, highlighting the good work of public education and its teachers.

On Public Education Day, **Thursday 21 May 2009** a number of schools will be participating in performances in Canberra City, again showcasing public education. Libraries throughout the ACT will also be showcasing the work of public school students from preschool through to secondary college.

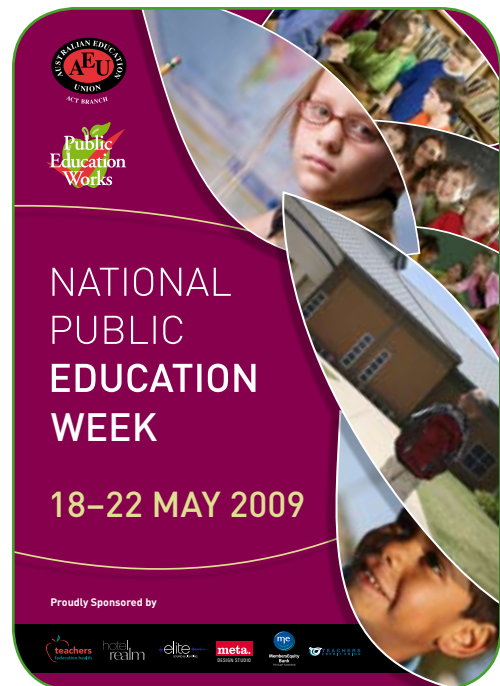
Notices have been distributed to workplaces and/or home addresses inviting members to attend the Public Education Celebration drinks on Friday 22 May 2009 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Hotel Realm. Entertainment will be provided by Comedian and Green Faces Winner, Tom Gibson.

The cost to members is \$15 [member's partners \$20] and payment is required at the time of booking. Contact Sue Billington on 6272-7900 ASAP to book as places are limited to 120.

Attention Preschool Members:

Preschool Members are reminded that the Survey recently distributed regarding the *Proposal to restructure Preschool representation in the AEU - ACT Branch* should be returned in the reply paid envelope provided or faxed to the Union office on 6273-1828 **by close of business on Friday 8 May 2009.**

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Public Education Week 2009

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Join in Australia's biggest celebration of public education.

Back to School is a nationwide campaign where people from all walks of life go back to their former schools as positive role models. It's about connecting schools with communities and inspiring young people to succeed.

As a teacher, principal, parent or former student you can help support this great campaign in 2009. Back to School events will be held across the country in May - make sure your school, business or community gets involved.

For more information check out www.backtoschool.org.au or call 03 9670 5436

Back to School is a campaign by Education Foundation in partnership with Coles

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David Wirrpanda, West Coast Eagles Footballer

What is Back to School?

Back to School is a nationwide campaign that celebrates the incredible role public schools play in our nation's development and success. Across the country people from all walks of life go back to school to tell their stories and provide positive role models for young people. It's about connecting schools with the wider community and inspiring students to succeed.

Now in its eighth year, Back to School is the only national campaign that reconnects past students with their public schools. Students and teachers love hearing from people who went to their school and role models can help young people gain insight into their own purpose, passion and pathway in life.

When is Back to School?

Back to School events will be held from May in 2009. Where possible they should coincide with State Education Weeks but Back to School is a flexible campaign and schools can hold events whenever it suits them.

For more information on Back to School contact:

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Who takes part in Back to School?

Since 2002, over 2000 schools across the country have participated with more than 6500 former students returning to their schools to inspire an estimated half a million young people.

This year Back to School is supported by a diverse group of publicly-educated community role models including: Lisa Wilkinson, co-host of the Nine Network's TODAY Show and one of Australia's most admired and respected journalists; Adam Cooney, AFL player with the Western Bulldogs and 2008 Brownlow Medal winner; Matthew Mitcham, Queensland Olympic gold medal winner; David Wirrpanda, AFL player with the West Coast Eagles and Director of the David Wirrpanda Foundation; and Shannon McGuire, model and third place winner on Foxtel's Australia's Next Top Model.

Former public school students who have participated in the campaign previously include: businesswoman Janet Holmes a Court; racing car legend Dick Johnson; entrepreneur [the late] John Ilhan; former Qantas Chair Margaret Jackson; Olympic hurdler Kyle Vander Kyup; Hockeyroos' Captain Nikki Hudson; political reporter Laurie Oakes; and former NSW Premier Bob Carr.

Who is behind Back to School?

Back to School is a campaign by Education Foundation in partnership with Coles. Education Foundation is a division of the Foundation for Young Australians [FYA] - a dynamic, independent, not for profit organisation. FYA focuses on funding and supporting partnerships and initiatives that positively contribute to the development of young people, their education and communities.





Bulletin Board

2009 Awards

Nominations for 2009 Public Education Awards & Reconciliation Awards **close on Friday 8 May 2009**. Go to the Union's website [www.aeuact.asn.au] for copies of both the criteria and nomination forms for these Awards.

Elections

The Australian Electoral Commission will call for nominations on Tuesday 5 May 2009 for all positions on the Branch Executive: 8 General Membership Representatives; 1 Preschool Rep/1 Preschool Alternate; 1 TAFE Rep/1 TAFE Alternate. Nomination forms and notices will be distributed to all workplaces.

AEU Training

For the full training program go to www.aeuact/asn.au/membership/training.html

TRAINING FOR AEU MEMBERS:

The following training still has places left. If you are an AEU member please RSVP to Sue at the Union office on 6272-7900 or email sbillington@aeuact.asn.au asap to register.

1. MY RIGHTS AND CONDITIONS AT WORK

For Schools Service Officer Members

Tuesday 5 May 2009 from 4:00-6:00pm in Meeting Room 5-6
Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling

Trainers: AEU Officers
Afternoon Tea Provided

2. PREPARING FOR A JOB INTERVIEW

Tuesday 5 May and 12 May 2009 [must attend both sessions]
4:00-6:00pm in Meeting Room 2
Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling

Trainer: Steve Provins
Afternoon Tea Provided

3. NEW EDUCATORS' SEMINAR

Wednesday 6 May 2009 from 9:00am-1:00pm in the Multipurpose Room
Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling

Trainers: Various Presenters
Morning Tea and Lunch Provided

4. UNDERSTANDING MY WORKPLACE RIGHTS

For Teacher Members

thursday 14 May 2009 from 4:00-6:00pm in Meeting Room 10
Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling

Trainers: AEU Officers
Afternoon Tea Provided