



HEIA (TASMANIA) NEWS

Newsletter of the Home Economics Institute of Australia (Tasmania)

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From the President

Dear members

At last the school term has come to an end. Teachers, students and their families are looking forward to a well earned rest!

In all aspects of home economics there has been much happening over the winter term, with several well attended professional learning sessions in the South and the North of the state. Rita Cawley facilitated an HEIA awareness raising and information session with undergraduate students at UTAS during July. Andrew Goodman and the Home Economics staff of the Friends School demonstrated their curriculum ideas using Google applications

From the National perspective, Kathleen Campbell has attended the face to face council meeting in Sydney with Melinda Williams. As well as council matters, Leanne Compton ran an ICT workshop for delegates. Read more about this in the newsletter. We thank Melinda for her many years of contributions to the national council as the Tasmanian delegate and welcome Kathleen to the role.

Unfortunately Gill Ginn has had a bad fall in July and is now on the mend. HEIA members have sent greetings and practical assistance to Gill and her family. Finally congratulations to Joni and Ben Chuter on the arrival of their baby daughter this month.

I look forward to our AGM in October and urge you to promote the event to friends and colleagues. Our guest speakers will be dietitians from the Department of Health and Human Services. See you there!

Karen Weitnauer

October State Meeting and AGM

Date: Saturday 15th October

Venue: ELCIES (Margaret Street entrance). Launceston College,
Launceston

Time: 10.00am

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Council Reports

From Melinda Williams.....

On the 23rd and 24th of July the HEIA council met in Sydney for a face to face meeting, rather than the usual mid-year teleconference. The purpose of this was to deal with council business on the Saturday, but also to participate in a hands on ICT PL session that was being run by Leanne Compton on the Sunday. Kathleen Campbell came with me to be an observer at the meeting, then to participate in the workshop.

On the agenda for the Saturday meeting was an update on progress of the IFHE congress being held in Melbourne 16-21 July 2012. Divisions had been asked whether they might be able to help out international delegates by offering local activities either before or after the conference. Whilst we will be in school term time, Tasmania has offered to host home stays, school visits or a social evening function if any delegates are interested in travelling to Tasmania. We will find out next year if anyone is interested in taking us up on this offer.

The introduction of the Australian Curriculum is very important to those members working in education. Work seems to be progressing very slowly in areas that we would expect HEIA to have some input. Deadlines that have been set regarding the formation and meeting of the advisory panels for Technologies and Health and Physical Education have been extended. HEIA have been given the opportunity to have a representative on both advisory panels. Jan Reynolds has been involved in the Technologies area earlier this year and, since the council meeting, has been confirmed as our connection to the Health and Physical Education panel as well.

Council have discussed the possibility of hosting a symposium to discuss the Australian Curriculum developments and what these might mean for our members working in education. The feasibility and timing of such a symposium are still under investigation. It was initially thought that holding this in Melbourne immediately before or after the IFHE Congress might encourage people already travelling to attend, but there are also a number of other PL opportunities scheduled at this time with which we would not wish to compete. Decisions on when this might be scheduled will depend on a number of factors including the progress of the national curriculum developments which, as mentioned earlier, are running behind schedule. We will bring you more information as plans are put in place.

Council are currently working with HETTANZ (Home Economics and Textiles Teachers Association of New Zealand) to investigate the possibility of holding a conference together in New Zealand. A survey is being developed to find out if members would be interested in going to a conference in New Zealand, and what they would expect from such a conference. This will be available on our national web site soon, please respond to it if you can - www.heia.com.au

Another major focus of our meeting was our national web site. This is a 'work in progress' as we are aiming to make it more dynamic, user-friendly and appealing to members. We spent quite a bit of time unpacking the strengths of our current web site and trying to work out how we can move forward with this site in the future.

Kathleen will be telling you all about our Sunday ICT workshop. We both hope to be able to share some of our ICT learning's with members in the future through regional workshops. I will be running one in the South, so if you are interested in new and interesting ways of using ICT in the home economics classroom then you might like to pencil November 7th in your diaries as a tentative date. I will confirm the date and venue in third term.

I also attended a recent Leading Curriculum Change forum in Hobart on behalf of HEIA and have written a piece about that for the national newsletter which will be out soon. Whilst not wishing to duplicate things in this newsletter, it was an interesting introduction to AITSL's new professional learning program which involves individuals planning for curriculum change by working with online communities of educators around the nation. If anyone is interested in reading more then have a look at AITSL's web site <http://www.aitsl.edu.au/leading-curriculum-change.html>

From Kathleen Campbell.....

I have had the privilege to attend the council meeting for Home Economics Institute of Australia as an observer with the Tasmania delegate. The council works extremely hard to ensure members have access to high quality professional resources which is why they are currently looking at the structure of the website categories and menus in the redevelopment of the HEIA website.

At the July meeting Leanne Compton facilitated an ICT workshop- 'Learning by Using'. We began with an overview of technology in the classroom and how we use this in the home economics classroom; identifying the needs, issues and opportunities that can contribute to learning. Discussion on software and making links to HEIA business and classroom uses in home economic such as: Blogs (including different types e.g. personal v corporate), wiki spaces, podcasts allowed us to share ideas.

Council explored and discussed a range of issues related to the purpose and use of online communities, with tips for working in an online environment, advantages and disadvantages of online environments. Council was encouraged to use Spruz, an online community set up for Council to explore a range of functions and deter what functions Council could use for its business and the relevance to divisions.

The ICT component - 'In the Australian Curriculum' is due to be implemented in 2012. ICT competence is presented as a continuum of learning that describes the knowledge, skills and dispositions that students can reasonably be expected to have developed at three stages of schooling (the end of years 2, 6 and 10). Council looked at the online continuum document and discussed the benefit to the classroom and how this aligns with the HEIA's Home Economics and Australian curriculum position paper.

During our morning tea break we were pleased to welcome Margot Riley, a freelance dress and textile historian who shared her enthusiasm of the upcoming *On Sale! Shops & Shopping* exhibition that was opening on August 28th at the State Library in Sydney. This would without doubt be worth a visit if heading north with some amazing images and displays that document the way people live as a nation of shoppers since settlement. Margot recommended a reference book *Basket, Bag & Trolley* by Beverley Kingston, A history of shopping in Australia.

With the development of the Australian Curriculum, HEIA is proactive in promoting the role of home economics and the priority of redeveloping the HEIA website to share the message of what 21st century education can look like from a home economics perspective.

As the year unfolds it is important to be aware of the IFHE Congress 2012 which will be held in Melbourne 16-21 July 2012. If the timing of the Congress aligns with the ACARA developments, Council have discussed the possibility to host a symposium prior to congress along with pre or post conference events that will certainly make this event one to mark on your calendar in 2012.

Tasmanian School Canteen Advisory Committee
Meeting Tuesday 29 March 2011

The following items and issues were discussed by the reference group.

The terms of reference for the group were discussed and some minor changes will be made. These will be circulated at the November meeting.

Discussion took place about renaming Cool CAP accreditation program to better reflect what the program is about. Ideas to be presented at the next meeting.

Discussion took place concerning the necessity of schools to belong to the TSCA to access the Cool CAP materials.

There has been a strong interest in canteens in schools with many schools developing and rebuilding their canteens during their redevelopment programs. Schools have also been working in conjunction with Move Well Eat Well, to incorporate the canteen into the curriculum.

National healthy School Canteen Guidelines are now available. Cool CAP will modify their publications to fit with the Red, Amber and Green recommendations. The resource will be distributed at workshops for canteen managers throughout the state during the year.

Tasmanian School Canteen Handbook to be updated and reprinted and made available online.

Next meeting to be in November 2011

Penney Furmage

News from the north

On Thursday 12th May 2011 a curriculum sharing afternoon was held for Food and Textile teachers in the North of the State. Teachers from Queechy, Exeter and Riverside High School, Scottsdale and Winnaleah District High School and St Patricks College met at Queechy to share project ideas they use in their foods and textiles classes. It was great to see some new faces, to hear how the curriculum is delivered in each school and to come away with some new project ideas. We shared a lovely afternoon tea supplied by the Queechy High School Catering Team.

Donna Francombe

On Wednesday 3 August I visited the University of Tasmania (Launceston) to speak to students specialising in the field of Home Economics. I was very warmly welcomed by Jillian Brandsema who has recently taken up a lecturer position in the Education Faculty - Design and Technology (Food Studies). This was a wonderful opportunity to connect with the University and inform the students of the benefits of being a member of their professional association. I hope to keep in touch with Jillian and the students and I am sure we will have their support at regional and state HEIA activities; in particular our upcoming events- Drysdale (Launceston) - Food Presentation Workshop in September and State meeting/Nutrition presentation in October.

Rita Cawley