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of South Australia

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### Important Issues

#### Message from the AISSA Chief Executive, Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns

On behalf of the AISSA I would like to wish all schools a good start to Term 2. South Australia remains very lucky with regard to its successful management of the COVID-19 pandemic and there are no changes to the current requirements for schools.

#### AISSA Staff News

Ms Laura Bhalla, Specialist Policy and Compliance Consultant, commenced maternity leave on Friday 30 April. We wish Laura well for the birth of her first child and look forward to her return in March 2022. Mr John Wilson, Executive Officer, Block Grant Authority (BGA) has announced that he will retire on 14 May 2021. John has done an outstanding job in the role and the AISSA wishes him all the very best for his well-earned retirement. The AISSA is pleased to announce that Ms Jane Pike has been appointed to the role of Executive Officer, BGA. Jane, currently employed as Finance Officer for the AISSA and the BGA, has extensive experience with the capital grant program and we congratulate her on her appointment.

The AISSA has welcomed two new staff to its finance team. Ms Weiwei Zhang has been appointed to the role of Finance Officer (AISSA) and Ms Pru Carter to the role of Finance Officer (BGA). Both Weiwei and Pru will work 0.4 with Weiwei in the AISSA office on Mondays (from 8:45am to 5:00pm) and on Tuesdays and Fridays (from 9:15am to 1:00pm) and Pru in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Weiwei began her career as a Chemical Engineer before re-training in bookkeeping and accounting. She has spent the last six years undertaking a number of contracts with local accounting firms and businesses. Pru has extensive accounting experience, with her most recent role being with the Faculty of Engineering, Computing and Mathematical Sciences at The University of Adelaide. Pru has also worked as a School Business Manager in the UK.

#### Appointment of AISSA Indigenous Secondary Student Mentor

The AISSA is delighted to announce that Ms Sara Singapore has accepted the role of Indigenous Secondary Student Mentor, replacing Mr Justin Wilkey, and will commence with us on Monday 17 May. Sara is a proud Aboriginal woman who was running her own business until 2016 when she made a career change to work with young Aboriginal leaders. Currently, Sara is working as an Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer at Grange and West Lakes Primary Schools, a role in which she works alongside the teaching staff to implement Aboriginal perspectives across the curriculum, and supports Indigenous students and their extended families.

#### Meeting of All Business Managers

Regrettably, the May meetings of all business managers had to be postponed due to the late withdrawal of the Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE) who were going to provide a presentation on the Australian Government funding model. DESE had indicated that they would need the entire meeting time for their presentation. The AISSA will work with DESE to identify a new date and will advise this date as soon as possible.

#### AISSA Leaders' Dinner

The AISSA Leaders' Dinner will be held at the National Wine Centre on Thursday 10 June. The Hon Ms Rachel Sanderson, Minister for Child Protection, will be the guest speaker for the evening. Registration details have been forwarded to member schools (email from Carolyn Grantskalns 3 May 2021).

### **AISSA AGM**

The AISSA AGM will be held by zoom on Wednesday 16 June. Further information, including the papers for the meeting, will be distributed later this month.

### **Federal Budget**

The 2021-2022 Federal budget will be announced next Tuesday 11 March 2021.

### **National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP)**

It is a requirement that schools advise the AISSA of any changes in personnel funded under the National School Chaplaincy Program. Certification forms for new Chaplains/Religious Pastoral Support Workers are available under Other Programs on the AISSA [school funding page](#).

### **International Education**

On Wednesday 31 March 2021, the Hon Alan Tudge, Minister for Education and Youth delivered a [Ministerial Address on the future of International Education for Australia](#). This event was hosted by IEAA at RMIT University in Melbourne. The address can be viewed at the link above. The Minister also launched a Consultation Paper to support the development of a new Australian Strategy for International Education 2021-2030 (the Strategy). The AISSA is contributing to the Independent Schools Australia (ISA) submission and would welcome feedback from member schools on the strategy. Please provide this feedback to [Bronwyn Donaghey](#) by COB 7 May. Schools wishing to make a submission can do so via the [website](#) before COB 12 May 2021.

### **ISA and AHISA National Education Forum**

The ISA and AHISA joint National Education Forum will be held at the Hotel Realm, Canberra on Thursday 5 August 2021. This is an important one day forum which will bring together Principals, Board Members and other sector representatives from national and state-based organisations. The forum will feature presentations from education specialists, national political leaders and other thought leaders. A program and forum brochure will be released shortly.

### **Respect Matters Program**

The Department of Education, Skills and Employment has advised that a suite of respectful relationships education resources, known as the Respect Matters Program, is now available for use in schools nationally. The resources are available on [The Good Society education platform](#) and are intended to provide students from Foundation to Year 12 with the knowledge and skills to better communicate with one another, make responsible shared decisions, solve conflicts, and engage in healthy and positive relationships. Program content is aligned with the Australian Curriculum and complements respectful relationships education programs being delivered in each state and territory.

### **Deadline extension for applications for 2021 South Australian Training Awards**

The deadline for applications for the [2021 South Australian Training Awards](#) has been extended, with the state's peak awards for Vocational Education and Training (VET) now open until 17 May. The 2021 South Australian Training Awards, presented by the Training and Skills Commission, and supported by Collaboration Partners MEGT and Mas, celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of the state's best and brightest students, trainers, training providers, schools and employers, and deliver a range of activities and initiatives designed to highlight the increasing opportunities available to trainees and apprentices in South Australia. Winners will be named at the South Australian Training Awards recognition event to be held at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Friday 27 August.

### **Copyright 4 Educators May 2021 online course**

Enrolments are now open for the National Copyright Unit's (NCU) seven week online 'Copyright 4 Educators' course. The course will run from 10 May to 29 June 2021. To enrol please complete the [Registration questionnaire link](#). The NCU is also running a series of free copyright webinars for school and TAFE teachers/staff. Further information is available on the [website](#).

### **Museum of Australian Democracy – Free Resources**

The Museum of Australian Democracy, located in Old Parliament House, has a range of free resources for teachers of Civics and Citizenship including Teacher Professional Development webinar opportunities and Digital Excursions suitable for students K-12. Further resources and information can be found on the Museum of Australian Democracy website [here](#).



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## Compliance Dates

<b>School Card</b>	Term 4 collection date, 10 May <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">Department for Education – External Relations</a>
<b>NAPLAN</b>	NAPLAN paper test period, 11-13 May Final date for students absent for a particular test to catch up, 14 May <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">National Assessment Program</a>
<b>NAPLAN</b>	NAPLAN Online test period, 11-21 May <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">National Assessment Program</a>
<b>STATS</b>	Final date for schools to undertake acknowledgement process in SchoolsHUB, 14 May <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">SchoolsHUB</a>
<b>Fringe Benefits Tax</b>	Statutory date for FBT return, 21 May <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">ATO - Fringe Benefits Tax</a>
<b>Tuition Protection Services (TPS)</b>	Levy payment due 30 days after invoice date (CRICOS schools only) <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">Australian Government - Tuition Protection Service</a>
<b>DfE Preschool Data Collection</b>	Term 2 collection due date (reference period 3-14 May) due 28 May <b>Enquiries:</b> <a href="#">Libby Worrell</a> ; <a href="#">Lynda Secombe</a>
<b>Workplace Gender Equality Act</b>	Workforce reports due (for applicable schools), 31 May <b>Further Information:</b> <a href="#">Workplace Gender Equality Agency - Reporting</a>
<b>Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA)</b>	AGM must be held by 31 May for schools incorporated under the Act <b>Further information:</b> <a href="#">Consumer and Business Services - Incorporated Associations</a>
<b>NAPLAN</b>	End of NAPLAN test security period, 4 June

A full list of 2021 Compliance dates is available on the AISSA website [www.ais.sa.edu.au](http://www.ais.sa.edu.au). Not all compliance dates may be applicable to all schools. Schools are advised to check with the relevant authorities if they are unsure.

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