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Important Issues

Message from the AISSA Chief Executive, Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns

The commitment that schools have demonstrated to keeping school communities safe throughout the pandemic has been outstanding. With rising vaccination rates, I am hopeful that this will be the last term that students and schools spend under such strict COVID safe measures. Term 4 is always busy and I wish you all the very best for a productive and successful term.

COVID-19 – Continued Measures

While a range of activities can currently occur in schools, a number of restrictions remain in place:

- all interstate camps and travel must be postponed
- staff and students in Years 8 and above should continue to wear masks (masks are not required to be worn during SACE exams)
- schools should continue to limit the number of parents on site, and when on site they must wear a face mask and practice physical distancing
- where possible, parent teacher interviews should be held online
- all adults (including staff) should COVID-SAFE check in each time they enter the site.

All COVID-19 updates for school leaders are available on the AISSA [website](#) (restricted access).

AISSA Governance Conference – 7pm-8.30pm on 26 October, 4 November and 9 November

The AISSA Governance Conference, What Boards Need to Know about Wellbeing, will now be held as a series of three zoom sessions. Wellbeing is a significant area of responsibility, challenge and risk for school Boards and leadership teams and the sessions will cover:

- Supporting Principals and Thriving School Communities with Contextual Wellbeing
- What is the Board's Role in Influencing Culture and the Wellbeing of the School?
- Board Processes that Build Whole School Wellbeing (Panel Discussion)

The zoom sessions are a conference package and participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions. Registration and further information is available via the [website](#).

BGA Seminar

The 2021 BGA Seminar will be held on Thursday 28 October at 3.00 pm. For further information please download the [flyer](#).

NAPLAN

The 2021 NAPLAN Analytical Tool will be available for download by Principals from Monday 18 October. Principals will receive an email link from Kitemworks inviting them to access the Analysis Tool. It is recommended that schools download and securely save this tool and the related student data. Invoices for the 2021 NAPLAN have been sent to schools, the cost being \$42.08 (GST inclusive) per student. The 2022 NAPLAN Service Level Agreement will be circulated to schools during term 4. Please note that in 2022, NAPLAN will commence in Week 2 of second term, rather than from Week 3. The NAPLAN testing period will take place between Tuesday 10 May to Friday 20 May 2022.

Independent Schools Australia (ISA) 2021 School Choice Research Report.

Independent Schools Australia's latest research looks at the priorities, opinions and perspectives of around 2,000 parents of students at Independent, government and Catholic schools, from across all state and territories in Australia. It unearths what parents want from education and look for in a school, what information is needed to make decisions about schooling, who influences this choice, and for the first time, the impact COVID-19 has had on parents' perceptions of schools. The full report and infographic is available on the ISA [website](#).

All Business Managers Meeting

The All Business Manager meetings will be conducted via Zoom on Monday 25 October and face-to-face, on Tuesday 26 October. Key topics for the meeting will include Australian and State Government recurrent funding, Choice and Affordability Fund, Adobe licensing and legal and IR/HR updates. Due to room capacity restrictions, it is **essential to confirm attendance** for the face to face meeting to [Alison Hollis](#). A facemask must be worn when attending at the AISSA office. Please contact [Lynn Carter](#) if you have any questions regarding the meeting.

Group Purchase Agreement – Air Filters

AISSA member schools have been invited to take advantage of the group purchase agreement which ISV has entered into with Samsung which will provide member schools with 30% off RRP, plus free delivery, on air purifiers and filters as part of measures to improve school ventilation and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Further information on the offer has been forwarded to member schools (emails from Carolyn Grantskalns, 5 October and 20 October).

Webinar for School Leaders - Professional Donna Cross 16 November

Professor Donna Cross Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Western Australia, and Head of the Health Promotion and Education Research team at the Telethon Kids Institute is currently a lead investigator on several longitudinal research projects developed to promote wellbeing and prevent bullying, cyberbullying and associated mental health harms among Australian children and adolescents. Professor Cross has previously presented to AISSA member school leaders, including Boards, and returns to share her recent research findings and provide a wellbeing update. Registration is via the [AISSA website](#).

SAFA Loans

Round 2 of the SAFA School Loans scheme closes on 7 November. Further information including the Guidelines is available on the [website](#).

Grant Opportunity - Student Science Engagement and International Competitions

The Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources has released a grant opportunity for schools which will provide funds to sponsor students to participate in engagement activities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The prospective grants will be open between 25 October 2021 and 25 January 2022. Further information is available on the [website](#).

National Allergy Strategy - Best practice guidelines for anaphylaxis prevention and management in schools and children's education and care (CEC) services (Guidelines).

The National Allergy Strategy has released *Best practice guidelines for anaphylaxis prevention and management in [schools](#) and [children's education and care services](#)*. The Guidelines, together with comprehensive resources and research for health professionals, the community and schools and CEC services can be located on the [Allergy Aware](#) website which offers a hub for allergy awareness resources. Updated [ASCIA anaphylaxis e-training](#) for Australasian schools 2021-22 provides access to accurate and consistent anaphylaxis education throughout Australia and NZ.

Bullying Prevention Update

As part of the state-wide [Bullying Prevention Strategy](#) the SA Department for Education has developed the following resources for educators which are now freely available to access on the [Plink online LMS](#) (log-in required – same as RRHAN-EC)

- **Online Learning Modules for Staff:** four modules on bullying prevention: effective practices for recognising and responding to bullying behaviour
- **Bullying prevention lessons for Years 4 - 12:** SA laws about bullying, cyberbullying and online safety

Schools can use this Department for Education [guide](#) to protective physical environments to make changes to school grounds to reduce unsafe behaviours and increase positive behaviours. For further information: [Mary Pickett](#) and [Alice Duffield](#).

[Building Better Schools with Evidence-based Policy: Adaptable Policy for Teachers and School Leaders](#) (2021)

This resource is free to download and provides an extensive set of 40 policies for schools covering a broad range of popular topics that are not readily accessible, and each policy is built on theory, driven by research, and created by experts. All policies within this book are designed to be tailored to the unique diversity and needs of each school's context.



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Compliance Dates

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| STATS | Final date for reporting Term 3 data, 15 October Further Information: SchoolsHUB |
| School Card | Term 4 data collection due 18 October Further Information: DfE - External Relations |
| National School Chaplaincy Program | 2021 Acquittal and 2022 Application form due no later than 22 October Further Information: Bronwyn Donaghey |
| Superannuation | Quarterly payment due 28 October Further Information: ATO-Superannuation |
| Australian Taxation Office | Payments to and amounts withheld from businesses that did not quote their ABN report due 31 October Further Information: ATO Annual Reporting |
| Australian Taxation Office | Information about payments you made and amounts withheld from an investment where a payee did not quote their TFN (or in some cases, their ABN) due 31 October Further Information: ATO Annual Reporting |
| Term 4 Preschool Data Collection | Due 12 November (census reference period 18-29 October 2021) |

A full list of 2021 Compliance dates is available on the AISSA website 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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