



Association of
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of South Australia

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Important Issues

Message from the AISSA Chief Executive, Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns

I hope all those working in our member schools were able to have a restful holiday break given the challenges of Term 1. I wish all schools a successful start to Term 2.

COVID-19 Update

As previously advised, Professor Nicola Spurrier, Chief Public Health Officer, was unable to attend the Zoom meeting to discuss her vaccination advice due to being required to attend an urgent meeting. It was determined not to reschedule the meeting given the need for further advice to be provided in a timely manner. A number of questions had been submitted to Professor Spurrier in advance of the session and SA Health has committed to providing written responses to those questions where it is in a position to do so. These will be forwarded to member schools as soon as they are received. All COVID-19 updates are available on the [COVID-19 Updates for School Leaders web page](#).

AISSA Staff News

The AISSA has welcomed [Ms Jeanette Kociolek](#) to the role of BGA Finance Officer. Jeanette has worked in a range of early childcare settings, beginning her career as an early childhood educator and then Child Care Centre Director before undertaking further study and moving into administrative/finance roles. Jeanette will be in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (from 9:15am to 2:00pm). The AISSA has also welcomed back [Ms Laura Bhalla](#) Specialist Policy and Compliance Consultant who has returned from maternity leave. Laura will be in the office Mondays to Thursdays.

New State Government Minister for Education, Training and Skills

Mr Blair Boyer has been appointed Minister for Education, Training and Skills under the new Labor Government. Minister Boyer was Shadow Minister for Education under the previous parliament and a former Chief of Staff to the current Deputy Premier, the Hon Dr Susan Close, when she held the education portfolio. The former Minister for Education, the Hon John Gardner, is now Shadow Minister for Education, Training and Skills. The AISSA looks forward to working with Minister Boyer and would like to express its thanks to the previous Minister, the Hon John Gardner for the productive way in which he worked with and supported the Independent school sector.

2022 AISSA Leaders' Dinner

The 2022 AISSA Leaders' Dinner will be held on Thursday 9 June. The Honourable Blair Boyer MP, Minister for Education, Training and Skills, will be the guest speaker. Further information on the Leaders' Dinner, including the link to register attendance, is available on the [AISSA website](#). Please contact [Lynn Carter](#) if you have any questions regarding the dinner.

All Business Manager Meetings

The All Business Manager meetings will be held via Zoom, Wednesday 11 May, and face-to-face, Thursday 12 May. Both meetings commence at 4:00pm. Topics for discussion include: the Federal election, Choice and Affordability Fund, State Government recurrent funding, State Capital Grants, SAFA Loan Scheme, COVID-19 update/Q&A, legal update and IR/HR update. The meeting invitation, including zoom access details, was sent to schools by email from Lynn Carter, 28 April. To ensure compliance with any room capacity restrictions in place at the time of the meeting, it is essential to confirm attendance for the face-to-face meeting by email to [Alison Hollis](#). No registration is required for the zoom meeting.

Non-government Schools Recurrent Funding Acquittals and Financial Viability

The Department for Education has written to approved authorities to advise that acquittals and financial viability templates, required to be completed under the State government recurrent Funding Deed will be sent to schools this week. The completed templates are due 30 June 2022.

NAPLAN 2022

NAPLAN testing commenced on Tuesday 10 May and should be conducted as soon as practicable in the testing window. If schools have unexpected closures, or a high level of staff or student absenteeism, due to COVID-19, approval from the TAA can be sought to use the two-week security period (23 May to 3 June 2022) to complete testing.

TAA Helpline 1800 316 777

The TAA helpline is available to support schools with technical issues arising from the operation of the Assessment Platform during the NAPLAN period. The TAA can be contacted on 1800 316 777 or via [email](#).

AISSA NAPLAN Team

Protocol, test incident and general questions can be fielded by the AISSA NAPLAN team on 81791400 or via [email](#). These communication mechanisms are respectfully requested rather than the use of staff emails, desk phones or mobiles.

NAPLAN 2023

In March 2022, Education Ministers announced that NAPLAN will move to Term 1, commencing next year. In 2023, NAPLAN will be held from Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March. It is recommended that schools look closely at school events of significance, particularly camps, that may fall within the new Term 1 testing window. The dates for 2023 to 2027 NAPLAN are provided below.

Term One, NAPLAN test window dates 2023 to 2027		
Year	Test window	
2023	15/03/2023	27/03/2023
2024	13/03/2024	25/03/2024
2025	12/03/2025	24/03/2025
2026	11/03/2026	23/03/2026
2027	10/03/2027	22/03/2027

AISSA Aboriginal Immersion Program (7-13 August 2022)

The [AISSA Aboriginal Immersion Program](#) is held with the Nyinyikay Aboriginal Community in East Arnhem Land and brings together current and aspiring School Leaders and educators to experience first-hand the uniqueness of Aboriginal culture. The initial deposit is due 24 May and there is an online information session 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm Wednesday 11 May via [Teams](#). For further information, please contact [Kate Mount](#) or [Monica Williams](#).

7th Korea International Youth Olympiad

The 7th Korea International Youth Olympiad (KIYO 4i 2022), hosted by the World Women Inventors and Entrepreneurs Association, is being held online from 11-13 August 2022 and is inviting participation from across the world. The deadline for registration is 10 July 2022. Further information is available on the [website](#) (best opened using Chrome browser).

SA Civics Education Grant

The Commissioner for Children and Young People and the Parliament of South Australia are commencing a trial program offering a financial grant to support a class trip to the CBD, on the condition that the group makes a booking to visit Parliament House during their stay. Further information is available on the [website](#) and has been forwarded via email from Carolyn Grantskalns, 9 May.

State Government's Science Celebration Awards

[Nominations](#) for the 2022 SA Science Excellence and Innovation Awards are now open. The South Australian Scientist of the Year and the South Australian Innovator of the Year will receive a \$25,000 cash prize. The winners of the remaining categories will receive a \$10,000 cash prize to use towards their career development. Nominations close 5pm Tuesday, 24 May 2022.



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Compliance Dates

Update Details	Update details of changes to key personnel on SchoolsHUB, ongoing Further Information: SchoolsHUB
Update Details	Ensure details are accurate on the Child Care Subsidy System, ongoing Further Information: DESE - Child Care Subsidy
Update Details	Advise DfE External Relations of any changes to key personnel, ongoing Further Information: DfE - External Relations
NAPLAN	10-20 May Online Test Period AISSA Contact: AISSA NAPLAN Team
School Card	Term 2 collection date 16 May Further Information: Department for Education
Fringe Benefits Tax	Statutory date for return, 21 May Further Information: ATO-Fringe Benefits Tax
Department for Education Preschool Data Collection	Term 2 data due 27 May (reference period 9 - 20 May) AISSA Contact: Libby Worrell
Workplace Gender Equality Act	Workforce reports due (for applicable schools) 31 May Further Information: Workplace Gender Equality Agency - Reporting
Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA)	AGM must be held by 31 May for schools incorporated under the Act Further Information: Consumer and Business Services
NAPLAN	End of security period, 3 June AISSA Contact: AISSA NAPLAN Team
STATS	Commencement date for reporting Semester 1 Student Attendance on SchoolsHUB, 27 June Further Information: SchoolsHUB

2022 compliance dates are available under the [Compliance Framework](#) on the AISSA website. Not all compliance dates may be applicable to all schools. Schools are advised to check with the relevant authorities if they are unsure.

Authorised by Carolyn Grantskalns, AISSA Chief Executive
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