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Winding up for 2009!

It's hard to believe that we are in the final weeks of the school year! No doubt everyone is very busy with end-of-year assessments, reports, exam marking, and planning for 2010; all the very best!

Thank you for your support of BEAT this year and we look forward to your continued support in 2010. Best wishes for a safe, relaxed and reinvigorating holiday break!

National Curriculum update

As was the case this year, the National Curriculum will be a dominating focus for much of the work of BEA in 2010.

Small reference groups in Economics (led by Doug Cave) and Business Studies (led by Jules Aldous) have been established. These are the two areas that are listed in the Melbourne Declaration (see

http://www.mceetya.edu.au/mceecdya/melbourne_declaration,25979.html)

BEA will fund these writers in relation to developing the Economics and Business Studies position papers.

BEA is working hard at trying to raise the profile of Business subjects in the National Curriculum. The BEA Executive met with Dr Mark Askew, the ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) Manager of Curriculum at the recent VCTA's COMVIEW09 conference to continue discussions about the place of Economics, Business Studies and Accounting and how they fit into the shape of the proposed Australian curriculum.

The following information is taken from the ACARA website:

"The Australian curriculum will be developed collaboratively. Input is sought from teachers, school principals; partners from the training sector, industry and universities; parents, students, young people and the wider community – directly, and through a range of expert panels, committees and working groups. Your input into Australian curriculum development is welcomed and encouraged.

Be fully involved and up-to-date with Australian curriculum development by [registering for our online consultation and feedback system.](#) "

More information will follow in upcoming BEAT Sheets. BEAT members are strongly encouraged to visit www.acara.edu.au to find out more about ACARA, its mandate and the progress it is making with the National Curriculum (and how business-related subjects fit into it) and to be part of the consultation and feedback process.

It may be worthwhile to have these discussions at a school level and specific points could then be forwarded to BEAT who can then bring them to the table at the next BEA forum.

Financial Literacy Professional Learning – supported by AGQTP



After a good degree of interest from members, BEAT organised another Financial Literacy PL session for members. This was held at the Friends' School early in November and the presenters were Neil Walker (Calvin) and Haydn Betuel (Friends'). It was a very practical and informative session and the presenters appreciated the enthusiasm and professionalism of the participants.

In addition, positive feedback was received from all of the participants. In particular, they appreciated:

- Receiving handouts of student worksheets;
- Viewing and receiving copies of useful DVDs;
- Examining useful web-sites;
- Discussing and playing board games that assist in teaching financial literacy; and
- Receiving information about where to source excellent free Teacher Notes and Student worksheets.

Thank you to those participants who travelled down to Hobart for the session and special thanks goes to Haydn and Neil for being such willing and capable presenters. If you would like more information regarding the session, please email me on neeshamarie.hartog@academy.tas.edu.au.

The rich teaching and learning experienced at the session has already been put into action in some schools. David Westmore has spent some time writing a 6-module financial literacy training package as part of a Federally funded financial literacy grant. He recently ran a practical session for staff at the Hobart Campus which was very warmly received.

Stay tuned for more information in upcoming BEAT Sheets regarding more Financial Literacy PL sessions in 2010.

BEA Conference 2010: "Moving Forward Together"

Want to enjoy winter warmth in sunny Queensland while updating your educational knowledge and skills? Join the 2010 BEA National Conference, jointly hosted by BEAQ and QETA.

The conference will be held in Brisbane on **Thursday 15 July – Saturday 17 July** at the centrally located [Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre](#).



Thursday industry visits will be to Virgin Blue, Port of Brisbane Authority, Courier Mail, IKEA, Dreamworld and Sirromet and more with options for half-day sessions at the Convention Centre. Friday and Saturday will comprise of keynote addresses and four breakout sessions on each day. The conference dinner will be on Saturday at The River Room, Southbank with magnificent views of the city and river.

For further information and expressions of interest from possible presenters and offering sponsorship opportunities please contact [Kerri Schilling](#) at the conference office on (07) 3358 5880. Conference updates will be posted on the BEAQ [website](#).

For those of you who are interested in a great Professional Learning opportunity, put this date in your diary so you can start making plans for attending this event next year.

To make it even more inviting, NEAT (Network of Education Associations of Tasmania) is offering a **scholarship of \$700** for one BEAT member-teacher to attend this national conference. The catch? The successful applicant should be a 'new' teacher (someone who has been teaching for 3 years or less) and be prepared to make a commitment to supporting the activities of BEAT in the future. This may take the form of speaking at a BEAT-organised PL event for teachers, writing an article for an edition of 'The BEAT Sheet' or being a guest speaker at a BEAT meeting.

If this is something you would be interested in, please email me for more information. neeshamarie.hartog@academy.tas.edu.au

ATTENTION: Teachers of Economics!

A reminder to teachers of Economics: you are invited to access the members' section of the QETA (Queensland Economics Teachers' Association Inc.) website for fantastic educational activities, ideas and support. The website is <http://www.qeta.com.au/>

User Name is 2009member and the Password is globalcrisis

Please make use of this very worthwhile resource; it may be useful when planning courses next year!

ABW (Australian Business Week)

ABW is a national competition where students compete in teams (companies) to run an existing business for a two-year period. Students build business awareness and self-development and the principles they learn as they work as a member of a team should make them more confident and ready for future challenges.



BEAT members are encouraged to find out more about the ABW program to see if their school and students could benefit from participating in this fantastic educational opportunity next year. Check out <http://www.abw.org.au/> for more information.

Membership for 2010

Just in case anyone wants to get organised for next year, there is a new Membership Renewal Form at the end of this BEAT Sheet.

Northern PL Session: Enterprise Workshop

A professional learning day for Business Studies teachers in the North of the State and facilitated by Amanda Claridge from Riverside High School, was held on August 26 at Launceston College to address the **teaching and assessment** of the curriculum.

The main aim of the workshop was to help teachers develop a proforma for creating a Scope and Sequence for Business and Enterprise. Five teachers attended and shared what Business and Enterprise looked like in each of their schools - Kings Meadows High School, Riverside High School, Launceston Church Grammar School and Prospect High School. Participants worked on linking learning tasks and activities with strands and stages and discussed how to assess students. They compared Society and History with the VAL document and also collectively worked on a unit of work on Enterprise from Riverside High School and made specific links with each assessment document.

The feedback from the session was that it was terrific to have dialogue with teachers that were endeavouring to develop a more appropriate sequence for teaching the subject. Moderating standards is still an issue and dialogue is encouraged. This valuable session allowed each participant to take away ideas to use in their own schools.

BEAT was very pleased to be able to support such a practical, useful session. Our thanks goes to all participants for being involved, and particular thanks goes to Amanda for being such a dynamic and inspiring presenter. If you would like to know more about creating a scope and sequence for Business and Enterprise at your school, please contact Angela Hudson for more information.

It would be great to have a follow up session early next year in Term 1 and keep these conversations happening. Contact me on neeshamarie.hartog@academy.tas.edu.au to register your interest if you would like to be involved!

Over 70 students from 5 schools participated in the competition this year, with 24 entries in Division One, 19 entries in Division Two and 15 entries in Division Three. It was a pleasure receiving the many entries from a range of schools and seeing the wealth of knowledge and talent that our young people have.

Nine individual finalists and two group finalists were short-listed by a panel consisting of Debbie Bryant, Neesha-Marie Hartog and Jodie Schafferius. The two judges were Colin Jones from the School of Management at UTAS and Ian Davenport, CPA.

Finalists and Winners were presented with their awards at a Presentation Ceremony at the University of Tasmania on 23 September. We are grateful to Dr Martin Grimmer of UTAS for his generosity in providing the venue. Awards were presented by Sarah Bryan, Business Development Executive of the Tasmanian Division of CPA Australia and Haydn Betuel, President of BEAT.

The winners were:

Division 1: Mathew Hey, Guilford Young College, Glenorchy

Division 2: Nanak Narulla, The Hutchins School.

Division 3: Henry West and Charles Haward, The Hutchins School.

Mathew Hey personally presented his plan to the judges at the National Finals in Brisbane on Monday 19 October to contest for the First Prize trip to Shanghai. While Mathew did not win the National Award, his business plan for "The Shack" was extremely well-researched and presented. Well done, Mathew!

BEAT would like to thank all those schools who supported and participated in the competition. A special thanks goes to Jodie Schafferius for all her tireless hard work in co-ordinating the Tasmanian division.

You can read a snapshot summary of the winning entries of each division below:

Division Three: *Ciclovida*, by Charles Haward and Henry West of The Hutchins School. This name combines the Spanish words for 'cycle' and 'life'. Ciclovida is a cycling lifestyle centre located in Melbourne's CBD. It will provide bike lockers and change room facilities to members, all in the same location where they can get their bike serviced, buy any bike related products or clothing and grab something to eat.

Division Two: *Indulgence Cupcakes*, by Nanak Narulla of The Hutchins School. This upbeat patisserie will bring a luxury snack time experience to Hobart. The cupcakes will be elaborate creations abundantly topped with colourful icing, lollies and various toppings.

Division One: *The Shack*, by Mathew Hey of Guilford Young College, Glenorchy. The Shack is an accommodation park situation on the northern tip of Bruny Island. Containing 12 fully self-contained 'shacks' or bungalows, the Shack is the perfect family vacation spot for locals wanting to escape the frantic pace of the city or for interstate and international tourists who are keen to make the most of a relaxed and scenic vacation.

THE COMPETITION NEXT YEAR.....

This competition is a fantastic opportunity for students to delve into the world of small business. The competition requirements - whereby students need to incorporate business name, prime function, location, legal structure, business mission, staffing requirements, marketing plan, financial plan and future prospects - fit perfectly within many of our subjects. It is firmly embedded in Senior Secondary subjects such as Business Studies and Accounting, and it fits well with the new Tasmanian framework for education in the compulsory years.

BEAT is planning on running PL sessions early next year to encourage teachers to get their students to participate in this very worthwhile educational experience. Stay tuned for more information!



Back Row: Sarah Bryan, Henry West, Charles Haward, Nanak Narulla
And Haydn Betuel
Front Row: Mathew Hey (Div 1 winner)

UTAS Uni Links

This year, BEAT has attempted to increase the links between schools/colleges and UTAS. We have been contacted by the Faculty of Business at UTAS to find out what teachers in both High Schools and Colleges want, in terms of **support** and **information**.

- What do YOU think your students need to be hearing from UTAS?
- What can UTAS do to make Business an attractive career path and keep students in Tasmania (rather than going to mainland Unis)?
- What do YOU want, in terms of PL opportunities as a teacher?

If you have any questions, queries, suggestions, or want BEAT to organise some PL with UTAS representatives, PLEASE contact me on neeshamarie.hartog@academy.tas.edu.au or get in touch with Suzie Moehrke, Faculty of Business Marketing Officer at Suzie.Young@utas.edu.au or on 0417 152 852.

Financial Literacy

We have received the following information from Christine Reid, Executive Director of National Curriculum Services:

Updated www.financialliteracy.edu.au website

"I have been working with Curriculum Corporation to update / streamline the Financial Literacy website. This updated site went live a few weeks ago. Please explore it and promote it through your networks.

A new feature is the automated e-alert so visitors to the site can register to receive notification when new content is uploaded.

You may be interested in having a look at the range of approaches that have been taken by states and territories in integrating consumer and financial literacy into their state curriculum frameworks thus far. There are websites, units of work and case studies, with more to still be uploaded. Please see the link below for more information: http://www.financialliteracy.edu.au/professional_learning/states_and_territories.html

More resources and links to useful websites, including international sites, will be added over the next few months. I will be cross-referencing the resources on the *Understanding Money* website to ensure they are included on the financial literacy website. Best wishes. Christine."

National Symposium for Education Leaders

BEAT has received notification regarding the upcoming Symposium to be held in February 2010 and the following email from Professor John O'Toole has been included for your information:

Melbourne Graduate School of Education is proud to announce and invite you to a National Symposium for Educational Leaders on:

Enriching the New Australian Curriculum - designing a rich, creative and coherent plan for education

Dates: 25-27 February, 2010
Location: The University of Melbourne
Cost: \$450 for all 3 days; \$350 for days 1 and 2 only.

The Symposium is in association with ACARA (*The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority* - formerly National Curriculum Board), and will be attended by their Panel Chairs and Senior Project Officers.

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National Symposium for Education Leaders continued

This is a preliminary notification and date-claimer for this important Symposium, which is your chance as a leader in Australian Education to have your say in the design and content of the new Australian Curriculum, to ensure it is rich, creative and coherent for all young Australians.

ACARA Chair Prof Barry McGaw AO will give the reflective keynote. The opening keynote will be by Prof Robin Alexander, Director of the influential new Cambridge Review of Primary Education, and other speakers include Profs Celia Hoyles and Richard Noss of the London Knowledge Lab, and Melbourne's Joe lo Bianco, as well as ACARA Panel Chairs: Profs Peter Freebody (English), Peter Sullivan (Maths), Denis Goodrem (Science), Stuart Macintyre (History) - and representatives from LOTE, Arts and Geography, as well as Health & Phys Ed.

However, this Symposium is not just a public talk-fest; your opinions and concerns are sought, and the ACARA Project officers and representatives will be on hand to ensure that they are heard; the second part of the Symposium will be interactive, with all participants given a voice in discussion.

The formal invitation and registration details will follow soon; we are sending this preliminary notification to give you time to put it in your schedule. We are expecting the Symposium to be very well-attended and places are limited. Therefore you may wish to send a preliminary expression of interest to Emma Brimfield, Project Manager: e.brimfield@unimelb.edu.au (Tel: 03 8344 8531; Fax 03 8344 8612)

Best wishes
Professor John O'Toole
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See us at:

www.afsso.asn.au/beat/index.htm

BEAT supports activities in schools

What's going on at your school? Are you or your students involved in exciting business-related activities?

Let us know if something exciting is happening in the business area in your school/college/campus that BEAT can support.

Contact the Executive by emailing Neesha-Marie Hartog.

BEAT Members are welcome (and encouraged!) to make suggestions for **professional learning** ideas that may be organized by BEAT in the upcoming year.

Please drop me an email – neeshamarie.hartog@academy.tas.edu.au

About Our Organization...

Business Educators Australasia, Tasmania (BEAT) represents the interests of teachers of Accounting, Economics, Business Studies, Legal Studies, Computing (Business), Consumer Issues, Enterprise, and Certificate courses in Financial Services, Retail, Business, Micro Business, Information Technology and Customer Contact.

BEAT is affiliated at a national level with the peak

body, Business Educators Australasia (BEA).

BEAT is also affiliated with the peak teacher professional association in Tasmania, NEAT (Network of Educational Associations of Tasmania). See:

<http://www.neat.tas.edu.au/>

NEAT represents Tasmanian teacher associations on The Australian Joint Council of Professional Teaching Associations (AJCPTA) which is a federation of state

and territory joint councils of teacher professional associations representing over 100000 teachers. See: <http://www.ajcpta.edu.au/index.php>

BEAT activities are organized by a small group of volunteers who source resources and provide professional learning opportunities for members.

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Membership Renewal – 2010

Tax Invoice – ABN 57 984 913 285

(Please note: NO GST is payable as part of this membership)

Membership is current from 1 March 2010– 28 Feb 2011	Annual Subscription Fee	Please tick appropriate type of membership
High School or College Membership (for up to 3 teachers) With school enrolment of more than 300 students	\$60.00	
High School or College Membership With school enrolment of less than 300 students	\$40.00	
Student Teacher Membership	FREE	
Non-school based Associate Membership (individual or corporate)	\$60.00	

Please complete details as appropriate:

Name of Member:

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Cheque: Please find enclosed a cheque for \$_____ payable to Business Educators Australasia (Tasmania) Inc, being for _____ membership.

**Please forward this application form together with your payment details to:
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