Report to Affiliates – State Council 2, June 11, 2016

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2nd ROUND WACSSO ELECTORATE BOUNDARY CHANGES
In 2014 WACSSO began the process of an organisational review to ensure that we remain effective and sustainable well into the future. WACSSO has begun action to reduce the number of electorates across Western Australia from 32 to 20, to ensure the highest possible rate and quality of representation for affiliates. State Council resolved at SC2 on a second round of boundary modifications as follows:

- Bunbury renamed ‘South West’ electorate.
- Albany renamed ‘Great Southern’ electorate.
- Narrogin renamed ‘Wheatbelt South’ electorate.
- Joondalup North and Joondalup South abolished and reformed into new electorates ‘Joondalup West’ and ‘Joondalup East.’
- 8 schools from Swan West move to new ‘Joondalup East’ electorate; Arbor Grove PS, Ashdale PS, Ashdale SC, Ellen Stirling PS, Ellenbrook PS, Landsdale PS, Madeley PS and Malvern Springs PS.
- Bullsbrook College and Upper Swan PS move from Swan North to new ‘Joondalup East’ electorate.
- Perth North, Perth Central and Perth South abolished and reformed into new electorates ‘Perth North’ and ‘Perth South.’
- 13 schools from the Swan West move to new ‘Perth North’ electorate; Balga PS, Balga SHS, Girrawheen SHS, Gladys Newton S, Hudson Park PS, Marangaroo PS, Mirrabooka PS, Mirrabooka SHS, Nollamara PS, North Balga PS, Roseworth PS, Rawlinson PS and Warriapendi PS.
- Fremantle South and Fremantle Central electorates abolished and reformed into new ‘Fremantle’ electorate.
- Bateman PS moves from Fremantle East to new ‘Fremantle’ electorate.
- Bannister Creek PS, Brookman PS, Lynwood SHS, Parkwood PS move from Fremantle East to the Canning Central electorate.
- Fremantle East and Canning North amalgamated and reformed into new ‘Canning North’ Electorate.
- Canning Central, Canning East, and Canning South abolished and reformed into new electorates ‘Canning West’ and ‘Canning East.’

Affiliates within all affected electorates will soon receive a letter further detailing the changes and any implications.

2016 FEDERAL ELECTION
In May WACSSO wrote to the ALP, LNP and the Greens, seeking feedback on their policies in comparison to the issues outlined in our Federal Election Position Paper. Issues included:

1. Funding for an equitable education
2. Information Communication Technology
3. Welfare and wellbeing
4. Encouraging philanthropy in schools

WACSSO sought a response by 10th June but no party had responded by this date. WACSSO has since followed up the request and is awaiting reply. The position paper can be viewed here.

WACSSO CONFERENCE 2016
Conference registrations are open and the conference brochure is available for viewing here. Attendance for the first delegate is FREE. WACSSO is seeking expressions of interest for student speakers for the Student Panel segment on Saturday August 20. Schools can also register to bring student artwork along for display. Please see all conference information on the WACSSO website: wacsso.wa.edu.au/conference

TEACHERS’ TAX CLAIMS FOR WORK ITEMS
Following the lodgement of an FOI request last November, the issue of teachers’ tax claims for work related items was discussed at SC2. There is a widespread understanding that teachers are contributing their own personal funds for classroom resources, due to lack of funding within the state government system.

Information gained through the FOI process revealed that an average claim for ‘other work related expenses’ (not including: travel; accommodation; uniform; laundry etc.) for a WA Primary School teacher is $1,397 (2014 year) and for a WA High School teacher is $1,291. The cumulative total of claims by teachers in the education industry in Western Australia in the year ending 30 June 2014 was $64,793,658.00. The general feeling is that this is a gross underestimation due to not all teachers making claims or having knowledge of what items are eligible to claim, and not keeping receipts. This matter will be addressed as part of WACSSO’s state election campaign strategy.

INAUGURAL TRAINING WEBINAR
The Training and Development Portfolio discussed the June 15, 2016- inaugural webinar on Effective P&C Meetings. The Webinar was held successfully with both individuals and groups tuning in to the session and participating and asking questions through the webinar’s chat function. Future webinars will make it easier for more P&Cs all around the state to maximise their skills and knowledge from the comfort of their home or school.

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