



# Report to Affiliates – State Council 4, September 17-18, 2016

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### WELCOME NEW STATE COUNCILLORS

WACSSO would like to introduce three new State Councillors and wish them the very best in their electorates. By-elections were held and councillors were elected on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016:

- Kathryn Blomley – Joondalup West (Right)
- Tony Osborne – Midlands Central (Left)
- Belinda Rowland – Great Southern (not pictured)

Scott Mosey (Middle) was officially sworn in since being elected April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 for Canning East. Congratulations and deep thanks to our new councillors for their time and commitment to public education in Western Australia.



### WACSSO ELECTIONS

Congratulations to our renewed executive committee! Elections were held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Outgoing executive members were thanked for their excellent contribution. Election results:

#### Vice-Presidents:

- Esso Delaney (Goldfields)
- Jenny Blair (Perth North)

#### Executive:

- Sharon Attree (South West)
- Anne Fairbanks (Perth South)
- Scott Mosey (Canning East)

### CYBER SAFETY

President, Kylie Catto attended and discussed a Cyber Safety forum hosted by the Sunday Times, which highlighted internet safety issues. Tips for parents included:

- Improve your toolkit of information resources to keep up with the changing apps and trends.
- Learn about and use parental controls for devices.
- Parents and the wider community must be less apathetic about keeping kids safe online. And, most importantly:
- Families need to sit down together and talk. Parents must accept that their kids are going to see inappropriate and shocking things online. Parents should be having tough conversations with their children from an early age.

WACSSO regularly hears from concerned affiliates on the topic of Cyber Safety. If you would like more information please visit these sites:

- [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)
- <http://iparent.tv/>

**We'd love to hear from you, how do you ensure your kids are safe online? What resources have you found helpful?**

### IPS ANNOUNCEMENT

State Council discussed the 'two-tiered' system perception that is developing and the risk factors contributing to this.

State Council resolved to contact the Director General and the Minister for Education to highlight the need for support, development, resourcing and capacity building of School Councils as well as School Boards. WACSSO would like formal changes made to the way IPS schools are publicly discussed, in order to stop the development of negative perceptions. Lastly, all schools should be supported in the development of stronger school communities; the empowerment of local communities should not be unique to the IPS initiative.

### INCREASED WACSSO SUPPORT FOR P&C PRESIDENTS

We are currently planning a Facebook group for P&C Presidents. It will be a space specially curated for P&C Presidents to engage in information sharing, networking and support. WACSSO will also use the platform to circulate important information. When all has been organised we will contact P&C presidents with steps for joining and getting started. Get in touch with the office to find out more.

### NAPLAN ONLINE TRIALS

Following a resolution of State Council, WACSSO will contact the Department of Education to seek information regarding the 2016 NAPLAN online trial. Information sought to include, but not be limited to, the number of schools participating, the number of students participating, the type and location of the schools, the issues reported and the proposed corrective actions.

### 2017 STATE ELECTION

In the lead up to the 2017 State Election in March, WACSSO has begun the process of compiling our State Election Position Paper. This will be finalised at State Council 5 2016 and circulated to all major WA political parties, seeking feedback on their policies in comparison to the issues we will be outlining. State Council developed an exhaustive list of all priority issues facing public education in WA.

As discussed at State Council, a copy of the Position Paper will be made available online and responses will be incorporated into a Report Card, which will be circulated to affiliates prior to the start of Term 1. Following this, our State Election Education Forum will be held in February 2017.

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