

## *News for teachers from the QCT*

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QCT eNews is the electronic newsletter for Queensland registered teachers and is emailed every second month during the school year to all those on our register with an email address.

Welcome to our second issue for 2012. In this edition of QCT eNews you'll find information about:

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### **Clarifying the QCT Returning to Teaching Condition**

It is important to know that the only teachers who are **required by QCT** to do a Returning to Teaching (RTT) program are fully registered teachers who have a RTT condition placed on their registration. This condition is stated on a teacher's Certificate of Registration which is issued after the annual fee payment. The RTT program needs to be undertaken only if a teacher with a RTT condition wishes to continue or return to teaching in a Queensland school. Please refer to the [RTT Fact Sheet](#) for more information about who has to complete a RTT program and when this should be undertaken.



## Returning to Teaching programs

*Do you have a RTT condition? What do you need to do?*

**I am working in a Queensland school** – An approved RTT program must be completed within twelve months of receiving notice that you have had an RTT condition applied. Other professional development activities cannot be substituted for an approved program.

**I am planning to return to a school soon** – You can complete an approved RTT program in the twelve months prior to your return or within the first twelve months after returning to teach in a Queensland school.

**I am a relief teacher** – If you receive a notice that you have had a RTT condition applied, you need to do the RTT program either in the twelve months before or within twelve months following your first day of relief teaching.

**I am not teaching or I am teaching in a setting that is not a school** – You can maintain your full registration with the RTT condition. You do not need to do anything else at this time.

For more information refer to the website:

<http://www.qct.edu.au/Renewal/RTTCondition.html>



## QCT Teacher Research Grants – applications for 2012 closing soon

The QCT provides a small number of research grants annually to practising teachers to assist them to present their research at key Australian education conferences. This initiative is part of the QCT's program of activities to promote teaching as a profession.

Queensland-registered teachers who have undertaken research related to their teaching practice or that of their colleagues are invited to apply for a grant to enable them to present their findings in a suitable national or state forum. The grant provides financial assistance to cover conference registration fees and travel and accommodation associated with conference attendance.

Applications must be on [the form](#) provided by the QCT and must be submitted to the QCT Office by **30 April**. Please see the [Guidelines for Applicants](#).



## 2012 QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards

Nominations for the 4th annual [QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards](#) will open soon.

The Awards provide distinction for excellent teachers who inspire students to learn. An individual (colleague, student or parent), group or school may nominate an excellent teacher in one of three categories:

- Excellence in Teaching (4 + years service);
- Excellence in Beginning to Teach (up to 4 years service); or
- Outstanding Contribution to Teaching (15 + years service).

Sponsors QTMB (QT Mutual Bank), TUH (Teachers' Union Health) and The Courier-Mail, will again support teachers with prizes for Award winners and finalists.

Nomination forms will be available on our [website](#) in late April and further information will be provided to all schools.

Registered teachers from State, Catholic and independent schools are eligible to be nominated.

Please enquire about the 2012 QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards at [Excellence@qct.edu.au](mailto:Excellence@qct.edu.au).



## Snapshot of Registration Activities

The QCT pursues a continuous improvement program to ensure that we remain responsive to teachers and effective in meeting the challenges of our high volume registration activities. 2011 was another busy year for the QCT's registration area. For more information on the [QCT's 2011 registration activities click here](#).



## Graduate teachers invited to help shape the future of teacher education

Queensland teachers who graduated in 2010/2011 are invited to participate in national research on the effectiveness of teacher education led by Deakin University, in partnership with Queensland College of Teachers, Griffith University, the Queensland Department of Education and Training, the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Victorian Institute of Teaching.

Using online surveys, the Studying the Effectiveness of Teacher Education (SETE) project is seeking feedback on how best to prepare teachers who demonstrate the knowledge and skills for teaching students in diverse settings.

Teachers interested in taking part should keep an eye out for an email invitation from their state teacher registration authority, or for more information contact [jodie.kline@deakin.edu.au](mailto:jodie.kline@deakin.edu.au) or [phillipa.hodder@deakin.edu.au](mailto:phillipa.hodder@deakin.edu.au).



## Prep teachers and the Australian Early Development Index

The AEDI ([www.aedi.org.au](http://www.aedi.org.au)) is a national collection of information on young children's development before they start school. The next collection takes place in schools from May to July 2012, with results expected to be publicly released in 2013.

School participation is critical to the AEDI's success. Prep teachers will be asked to undertake approximately one hour of training and complete an online checklist for each Prep child in their class. Teacher relief funding will be provided to schools.

Participating in the 2012 collection can contribute to continuing professional development requirements with the Queensland College of Teachers. For more information please see:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/aediqueensland/>



## BETA conference

Teachers from all sectors are invited to attend ***BETA's Residential Spirit of Learning conference*** on 5 – 6 May 2012 at the Hilton Hotel, Brisbane.

Join **Mark Davidson** as he presents a keynote address '**The Tips and Trends for Managing Behaviour**' and **Debra Masters** keynote address on '**Visible Learning in the Classroom**'.

Teachers will take part in workshops presented by experienced teachers offering practical strategies on topics such as: behaviour management, catering for special needs within the classroom, effective feedback strategies and differentiating the Australian Curriculum.

For the conference program and registration form, visit the BETA website [www.beta.asn.au](http://www.beta.asn.au) or email [info@beta.asn.au](mailto:info@beta.asn.au)



## **Middle Years of Schooling Association**

**Travelling Scholar: Dr Michael Nagel**

**Workshop: [MyBrain@MiddleYears.com](mailto:MyBrain@MiddleYears.com)**

This workshop considers aspects of neurological development that impact on young adolescents and their learning. The day comprises 3 sessions:

- Out of Their Minds: Understanding the Developing Brain
- Why Gender Matters
- iPod Therefore I Am: Adolescent Learning and Motivation in the 21st Century

In Queensland places are still available at four locations: Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville. For detailed information and to register, go to "Events" at [www.mysa.org.au](http://www.mysa.org.au)



## **The Power of Personal Pedagogy – Working from the wisdom within**

**International Society for Leadership in Pedagogies and Learning (isIPAL) Second International Conference on Leadership in Pedagogies and Learning**

**04 - 05 August 2012 at Stuartholme School, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia**

The focus of the conference will be on quality teaching and real improvements in learning for the 21st century.

The conference aims to bring together local and international teachers, learners and researchers to share their knowledge and experiences through the findings of original research, workshops and snapshots of pedagogy. Visit our website [www.pedagogy.org.au](http://www.pedagogy.org.au) for full details of the conference and a complete list of keynote speakers / abstracts.

Register for the conference online at:

<http://www.pedagogy.org.au/isIPALConference/2012Conference-13/Registration-152/>



## QSA's 2012 conference

*Shaping teaching and learning: The assessment factor* will be held on **26 - 27 April 2012** at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre.

In the two-day conference program, the Kindergarten Forum and the Leadership in Education Forum will be held on day one, with both days offering a broad range of events aimed at Kindergarten to Year 12 educators.

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