

News for teachers from the QCT

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### Child protection - professional development resource

**Do you know that you might be the only adult in a child's life whom they can trust?** Child abuse is a serious and difficult issue and teachers have a crucial role in their protection.

QUT's Dr Kerryann Walsh (Faculty of Education) and Associate Professor Ben Mathews (Faculty of Law) present the QCT's third annual lecture, *Child protection: reporting child abuse and neglect*, which includes a framework for understanding the types, incidents and causes of child abuse as well as a teacher's role in reporting suspected cases. Learn more about the warning signs and indicators of child abuse and neglect, the fundamentals of reporting suspected cases and methods for responding to the needs of abused and neglected children while they are at school.

The QCT has captured the lecture as a resource for teachers and it is available for download on the [QCT's YouTube channel](#).

Completion of the associated activities enables this resource to contribute to teachers' Continuing Professional Development.

Further information recommended by Dr Walsh is [A guide for adults to identify, assess and respond to sexual behaviours which cause concern](#) provided by Family Planning Queensland.



### **QCT Teaching Awards**

**Do you know a teacher who deserves recognition for their excellence in teaching?** Nominate them for a QCT Excellence in Teaching Award in one of three categories. The 2011 Awards will introduce *The Courier-Mail Professor Betty Watts OBE Memorial Award* for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching as well as continuing with the categories of the *Alan Druery OAM Excellence in Teaching Award* and *Dr Roger Hunter Excellence in Beginning to Teach Award* for teachers with up to four years' service.

Any individual, group or school may nominate a teacher for an award. Download and complete a nomination form from [www.qct.edu.au/awards](http://www.qct.edu.au/awards). Nominations close on Friday 15 July 2011.

Teachers, heads of department, heads of curriculum, heads of special education services, deputy principals and principals are eligible for nomination. Cash prizes will be awarded by sponsors, Queensland Teachers' Credit Union, Teachers' Union Health and The Courier-Mail. Winners of each category will receive \$5000 for professional development.



### **WIN AN APPLE IPAD!!!**

Are you aware of the reforms occurring in the early childhood education sector?

There are a range of opportunities and flexible working options available for qualified teachers in the early childhood education and care sector – [click here to read more](#).

The Queensland College of Teachers and the Department of Education and Training are conducting an online survey to better

understand the issues in attracting and retaining qualified early childhood education teachers to work in the sector.

Are you a registered, qualified early childhood education teacher not currently teaching? If so, we encourage you to participate in our online survey. By participating, you will have the chance to win one of three Apple iPads!!!

A link to participate in the survey will be emailed to you shortly, keep an eye out!



### **Election of practising teachers to QCT board**

In May 2011 the QCT conducted an election for three practising teachers (two from the State school sector and one from the non-State school sector) to serve on the QCT Board for three-year terms starting in January 2012. The ballot closed on 27 May and the result was declared on 6 June.

Congratulations to the following practising teachers who have been elected to the 2012-2014 Board of the QCT

- Ms Melissa Burke (State School Sector), deputy principal, Nundah State School
- Ms Alota Lima (State School Sector), teacher, Gympie State High; and
- Ms Stephanie Munday-Lake (Non-State School Sector), deputy principal Hillbrook Anglican School.



### **QCT Teacher Research Grants**

Four teachers, from schools in Stanthorpe, Brisbane, the Gold Coast, and a central Queensland community, have been selected as winners of QCT Teacher Research Grants for 2011. The teachers will present papers at this year's conferences of the Australian Association of Special Education, the Australian Science Teachers Association, and the Australian Association for Research in Education.

A small number of research grants are awarded annually to practising teachers to assist them to attend, and present their research at, key Australian education conferences. Applicants must be registered teachers, currently teaching in Queensland schools, who have undertaken research related to their teaching practice or that of their

colleagues. The grant provides financial assistance to cover conference registration fees and travel and accommodation associated with conference attendance.



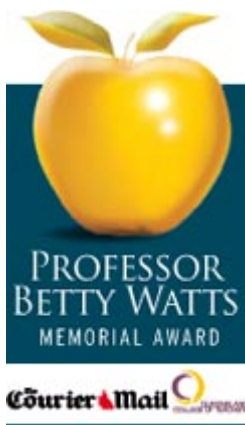
### **QCT now on YouTube and Twitter**

The QCT has launched its own dedicated [YouTube channel](#) and [Twitter](#) page as contemporary means of communicating with the teaching profession.



YouTube users will be able to view video content provided by the QCT such as tips and hints for beginning teachers and professional development resources. QCT's YouTube channel link is [www.youtube.com/qldcollegeofteachers](http://www.youtube.com/qldcollegeofteachers).

Twitter is a microblogging service which the QCT will utilise to post on-the-spot communication. A 'tweet' of information is limited to 140 characters in length and messages convey the QCT's latest news. Tweets are displayed on the [QCT's profile page](#) and on the home page of each of the followers. You can sign up and follow the QCT on Twitter for free by [creating your account](#). Learn more about Twitter [here](#). QCT's Twitter page link is <http://twitter.com/TheQCT>.



### **The Courier-Mail sponsors new award**

*The Courier-Mail Professor Betty Watts Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching* is a new category of the [QCT's Excellence in Teaching Awards](#). Three award categories recognise teachers in different stages of their careers and The Courier-Mail has combined with the QCT to reward inspirational teachers with more than 15 years' service in Queensland schools.

The new award is named after Emeritus Professor Watts, a former primary school teacher and twice Chair of the Board of Teacher Education, a predecessor to the QCT. Her eminent career included teacher education at the University of Queensland, research, Indigenous education and special education. The award aims to recognise the special qualities and inspiration to students that come from a lengthy career of service. [Download a nomination form](#).



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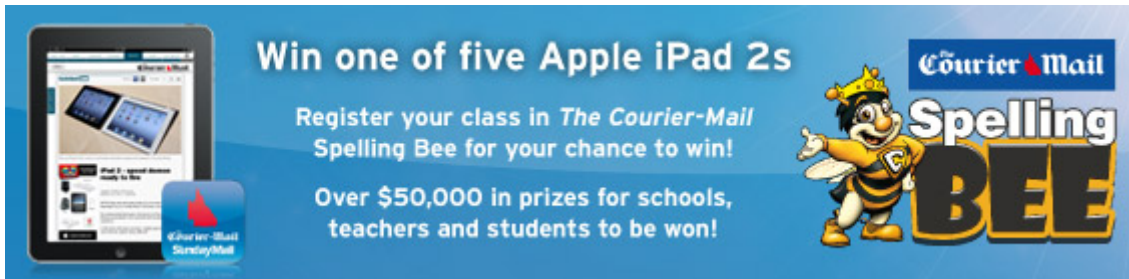
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