

News for teachers from the QCT

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QCT eNews is published by the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) for Queensland registered teachers. It is emailed every second month during the school year to all those on our register with an email address.

The QCT protects the public and the teaching profession by working to ensure that all teachers in Queensland schools meet professional standards of competence and conduct.

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

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QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2012 QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards. Students, teaching colleagues and parent groups are invited to nominate an inspiring teacher for a QCT Excellence in Teaching Award.

Besides providing well deserved recognition for nominated teachers, the Awards carry professional development prizes of \$500 for finalists and \$5000 for winners.

This year there are four categories of awards recognising teachers at different stages of their careers. A new award this year, the *John Dwyer Excellent Leadership in Teaching and Learning Award*, will acknowledge classroom teachers or school administrators who have taken a leading role in enhancing teaching and learning in their school.

Information about eligibility, criteria and nomination forms is available at www.qct.edu.au/awards or by email Excellence@qct.edu.au.

Nominations close on 13 July 2012.



Thinking On Your Feet - A conference for Supply & Contract Teachers - Saturday 4 August 2012

BETA (Beginning and Establishing Teachers Association) invites you to *Thinking On Your Feet* - a conference for supply and contract teachers. This conference provides delegates with relevant and timely professional development including practical strategies which can be incorporated on supply/contract days.

- Date:** Saturday 4 August 2012
- Time:** Registration from 8.15am for 8.30am start.
- Venue:** Riverglenn Conference Centre, Kate Street, Indooroopilly
- Cost:** \$100 (incl GST) Supply/Contract Teachers.

The registration form and conference program can be found on the BETA website, www.beta.asn.au

The QCT is a corporate partner of BETA, assisting it to conduct professional development for its members.



isIPAL Conference

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.

Workshops and presentations by teachers and researchers include the latest school-based research, the national curriculum, literacy and science, e-learning and higher-order thinking skills, using data to inform practice, student engagement, teacher talk and quality classroom questions and teaching strategies for 21st century learning. International and national keynotes share their knowledge. Topics include habits of mind, inquiry based teaching, literacy, school-wide improvement, and technology in the classroom.

Visit the conference at:- :

www.pedagogy.org.au/isIPALConference/2012Conference-13/ and view the full program.



Kindergarten teaching opportunities in Queensland's long day care sector

Rising kindergarten participation rates in Queensland are fuelling demand for qualified early childhood teachers in the long day care sector.

The introduction of government-funded kindergarten programs in long day care settings has enabled more than 850 long day care services to become approved kindergarten program providers. And that number continues to grow.

To help long day care services attract and retain kindergarten teachers, the Department of Education, Training and Employment is funding a new Kindergarten Advisory Support Service (KASS).

Operated by Childcare Queensland, KASS has introduced an online [job board](#) that lists teaching vacancies and a [teacher register](#) where teachers can be matched with a long day care service.

Teaching in a long day care setting can offer numerous opportunities such as permanent employment, flexible working conditions and

reduced child care costs. KASS can advise teachers on applying for, and negotiating, employment with a long day care service.

For more information phone KASS on 1300 4 KINDY (1300 454 639) during office hours or visit www.childcareqld.org.au/kindergarten/kass



QCT Teacher Research Grants - supporting teachers

The QCT congratulates the three teachers recently selected to receive this year's QCT Teacher Research Grants: Aranza Blackburn (Calvary Christian College), Luke Halvorsen (St Michael's College) and Vicky Smart (relief and contract teacher). The teachers will receive funding assistance from the QCT to attend conferences in Adelaide, Sydney and Perth (respectively), where they will give presentations on the research they have undertaken as part of higher degree studies.

Teachers can annually apply for the Grants, with an application form and guidelines for applicants available on the QCT website (www.qct.edu.au/College/researchgrants.html). Applications close on 30 April each year.



CPD Audit

The QCT has begun auditing random samples of registered teachers renewing their registration. The audit will assist in building public confidence that teachers maintain current knowledge and skills through continuing professional development (CPD).

Teachers selected for audit are asked to submit records, and in some cases evidence, of their teaching hours and CPD activities for certain years. All teachers selected for audit must respond even if they do not have recency of practice or have a nil CPD requirement for the selected audit years. If a teacher fails to submit required audit materials, the QCT may refuse to renew their registration or may place a CPD condition on their registration. All audited teachers will receive feedback and advice to assist them in meeting CPD requirements in the future.

A selected teacher's renewal cannot be finalised until an audit response has been received. It is important to keep the QCT informed of any changes in email or address contact details to ensure you receive your renewal information well before the registration renewal date. Teachers must retain CPD records and evidence for one year after the date of renewal of registration.



2012 Census of Schools: 13 - 15 June

The QCT will be conducting its annual Census of all State and non-State schools in Queensland over 13 - 15 June to ensure only registered teachers are employed in Queensland schools.

Registration as a teacher in Queensland ensures teachers in Queensland schools are qualified, competent and ethical.



Music teaching survey

Are you a first-year music teacher? OR do you have views on pre-service music teacher education?

Please share your valued perspectives regarding the triumphs and struggles of **music teaching** here:

uqmusic.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1Ya3VIlzl6cuBU0

This survey should take 10 -15 minutes to complete - why not escape from your busy schedule and relax with a cup of tea or coffee?

Your responses will help to provide better training and support for music teachers. You could also win a **\$250 online voucher** for a digital music provider.

Thank you so much for your time, important opinions and for helping the profession. Contact j.ballantyne@uq.edu.au



QCT Annual Report

The QCT's Annual Report for 2011 is now available on our website: www.qct.edu.au/Publications/CorporatePub.html. By law the QCT must provide an annual report to the Minister by 30 March each year. Reports of the QCT and other statutory bodies are later tabled in Parliament by the Minister.



JCU Cairns Campus celebrates 25 years

James Cook University is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Cairns Campus, to be held 15-19 August 2012. We are keen to

ensure that all former students and staff receive invitations. Would all alumni please spare a minute to update your contact details?

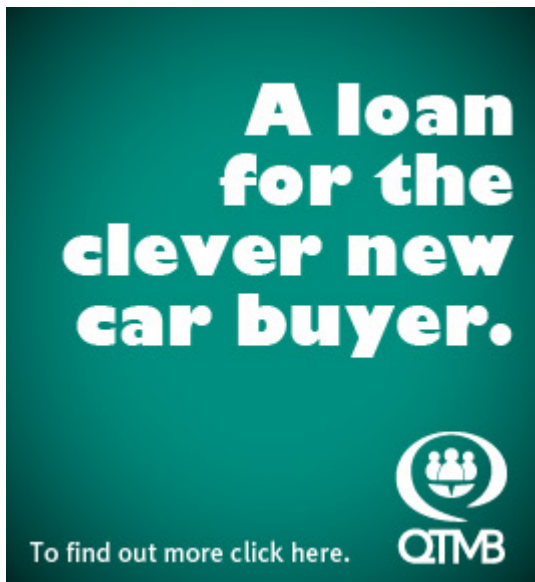
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