



APRIL

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Rock and Water training program

national, April 2009 The Rock and Water program training by the Family Action Centre and Gadaku Institute offers teachers, educators and youth workers a new way to interact with boys through physical-social teaching. The program links physical exercises with mental and social skills. Starting with simple self-defence, boundary and communication exercises, the program includes numerous opportunities for boys and girls to explore their own identity, learning and relationships in a non-threatening way. Many schools have introduced Rock and Water as an effective anti-bullying tool. Rock and Water is presented by Freerk Ykema or Brian Hayes.

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DATE 2

April Fools' Day April Fools' Day or All Fools' Day will be celebrated on 2 April this year as the result of a variation in the calculation of the vernal equinox year, which is now measured at 365.24239 days. See page 66 for more.

WEBSITE www.greenwich.uk

DATE 15-18

International Outdoor Education

Research Conference The fourth International Outdoor Education Research Conference, hosted by the Centre for Excellence in Outdoor and Environmental Education at La Trobe University, Melbourne, will focus on engaging with a greater variety

of theoretical and critical approaches to outdoor education research than have traditionally been associated with the field.

PLACE La Trobe at Beechworth, north-eastern Victoria

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DATE 15-17

Word of Mouse Digital Fair The Australian College of Educators national digital fair will provide school-based teachers and leaders with the opportunity to hear about, see and be actively involved in the digital future for education. It will provide the opportunity to see first-hand how ICT can enhance the quality of teaching and learning, enable administrative efficiencies and create personalised online learning spaces. The Word of Mouse Digital Fair will provide direction regarding policies on evolving technologies, resourcing and school-based applications.

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DATE 17-19

Human Ingenuity: Pedagogy for the

21st-century learner The Association of Australasian International Baccalaureate (IB) Schools annual conference. Gain an understanding of the intellectual quality of learners today. Make connections between learning and the changing world. Listen to keynote speakers from both the educational and corporate world talk

about the interconnection of learning and ingenuity. Share best practices with other schools. Network and socialise with key IB personnel and staff from other authorised IB schools. Friday 17 April sessions are for interested and candidate schools.

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DATE 22-24

AUSTAR for schools News and Media

Month Sky News presenter, Celina Edmonds, will visit schools in regional Victoria as part of the AUSTAR for schools News and Media Month to share some of her favourite news stories while she has been working at Sky News, help students to get involved in the television and media industry and provide students with opportunities to compile a local news story that showcases something of interest in their local community. AUSTAR for schools will present a \$2,000 grant to each school involved to be used by the school for educational resources for their students.

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MAY

DATE 4-6

School and Early Childhood Education

Congress This three-day event covers major federal and state policies from Kindergarten to Year 12. The third day on early childhood education is bookable separately.

PHONE 02 8908 8555



WEBSITE www.acevents.com.au/schools-education09

JUNE

DATE 27

Red Nose Day Held annually on the last Friday in June, Red Nose Day is the major fundraiser for SIDS and Kids. Funds raised through Red Nose Day activities assist SIDS and Kids in providing vital services and programs for those affected by the deaths each month of the approximately 200 children in Australia who die suddenly and unexpectedly from causes such as stillbirth, neonatal death, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), a fast onset illness, drowning, poisoning, fire or motor vehicle accident. Wear a red nose and be silly for a great cause.

PHONE 1300 308 307

WEBSITE www.rednoseday.com.au

JULY

DATE 16-17

History in the Making This year's History Teachers' Association of Australia National Conference is a great opportunity for all history educators across Australia to become involved in a dynamic professional learning opportunity. Sessions include up-to-date information on the National Curriculum, History in the middle years, History in the primary school, integration of technology into the History classroom, developments in pedagogy, academic lectures, practical workshops and much more.

PLACE Hemisphere Conference Centre, Melbourne

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DATE 31

Schools Tree Day Planet Ark's Schools Tree Day is a 'tree-mendous' opportunity for students to take an active role in helping protect the environment and combat climate change. This year, 312,000 volunteers, including 229,000 school students, joined forces for National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day to plant 1.6 million native trees and shrubs at 3,500 tree-planting sites around the country. Schools Tree Day next year will be followed by National Tree Day on Sunday 2 August.

WEBSITE <http://treeday.planetark.com>

AUGUST

DATE 15-23

National Science Week 'Astronomy: Science without limits' Join the annual nationwide celebration of Australian achievements and capabilities in science. In schools around the nation, thousands of teachers and students from early childhood to senior secondary levels organise and participate in a diverse range of activities and events. A free schools kit that includes the ASTA teacher resource book, *Astronomy: Science without limits*, will be distributed to every school in May. You can also apply for a National Science Week schools grant of up to \$500. Applications close 5 June (22 May in Tasmania).

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WEBSITES www.asta.edu.au or www.scienceweek.info.au

SEPTEMBER

DATE 29 September-2 October

Engage, Explore, Celebrate: Australian School Library Association XX1 Biennial Conference This year's ALSA conference aims to bring together school library staff, information specialists, executive staff members, classroom teachers and school library academics from all over Australia and neighbouring countries to share their knowledge and engage in productive dialogue to explore the challenges and issues for teacher librarianship and school libraries. The conference will provide a strong focus on information literacy, and an emphasis on literature and engagement with young adult and children's authors. Speakers include Michael Stephens, Mark Treadwell and Libby Gleeson.

PLACE Perth

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OCTOBER

DATE 22-23

History Teachers' Association of Victoria National Curriculum Conference

The National Curriculum Conference will address the 'nuts and bolts' of the National Curriculum to find out what's ahead for those who will implement it in schools. Sessions will include both practical workshops and lectures.

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