

Head Teacher Mathematics Links

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Email Alert

Welcome to Mathematics Links 1 May 2006

HT Mathematics Links is an electronic update for NSW DET mathematics faculty leaders informing on the latest additions to the *Curriculum Support* website, professional development opportunities and links to relevant resources.

Curriculum Support updates

- The new look **Curriculum Support website** is due to go live very soon. Please feel free to pass on any feedback on user friendliness and appropriate content via email to: carolyn.mcginty@det.nsw.edu.au
- **Stage 6 syllabus development update** – The Board Curriculum Committee (BCC) will hold its first meeting this week to begin the formal process of mathematics syllabus development for Stage 6 courses. There will be opportunities for mathematics teachers and faculty leaders to contribute to symposiums that will be held soon (dates to be advised) to guide the direction for these courses. In a proactive fashion, it may be worth discussing directions for Stage 6 mathematics course development at a faculty meeting in readiness for input to the symposiums.
- **Stage 5 mathematics report advice** – Attached to this email is a Word document that may clarify some issues about reporting for Year 10 this year. This document will be placed on the website when the new site goes live.
- **Stage 5 assessment** – Have you visited the BOS Assessment Resource Centre (ARC) website for information and tasks for mathematics?
ARC URL <http://arc.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>

What's new on the ARC?

<http://arc.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/go/whats-new/>

ARC – Stage 4 mathematics work samples for standards

<http://arc.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/go/7-8/maths/>

Professional development

- Currently, Stage 5 assessment workshops are continuing across the state.
- Contact your Regional mathematics consultant for regional activities and/or visit your Regional/SEA website at <http://www.wollongongd.det.nsw.edu.au/districts/default.htm>

Free online mathematics resources

- **NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK AWARDS**

Do you know of a school (perhaps yours?) worthy of recognition for their outstanding work in numeracy and/or literacy education?

Awards of up to \$10 000 will be made in association with National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2006. Closing date for nominations is 12 May for Awards to Schools.

For information and nomination forms, see

<http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au>

- **REACH FOR THE STARS**

AAMT is once again being supported by the Australian Government and the Commonwealth Bank Foundation to conduct "Reach for the Stars", our national activity for schools during National Literacy and Numeracy Week (28 August - 3 September 2006).

This year's theme is "How fast is your class?" - visit the project website to register your interest and be kept up to date with information as the activity is developed.

<http://www.aamt.edu.au/reachforthestars>

Til next month!