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December 2016

Can you believe it? It's that time of year again already.

P&C Federation would like to wish you and your family all the best for whatever you do during school holidays and that 2017 is wonderful year full of health, happiness, and adventure.

- If you are travelling stay safe and remember to stop for a break if you are driving.
- Don't forget kids are as quick as lightening so be water wise and keep an eye on them at the pool or beach.
- Looking for things to do with the kids that don't cost a fortune, go to a park, ride your bikes, or visit your local council's website as often they have activities running that don't cost a fortune.

In Sydney, you can checkout:

- Powerhouse Museum
 - Dig Discovery Zone, FREE 17 December – 30 January, 10am – 5pm
 - Rosita Stone Escape Room, Sunday 15 January, 11am and 1pm
 - Mummy Movie Night, Saturday 21 January, 6pm
- Sydney observatory
 - Family Day and Night Tours, throughout January
 - Twilight Extravaganza: Ancient Skies, 19 January, 5pm
- Museums Discovery Centre - Ancient Worlds, FREE 3 - 30 January, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm

EXHIBITION DETAILS:

What: Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives When: 10 December 2016 – 25 April 2017

Where: Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris Street, Ultimo NSW 2007

Price: Adults \$27 Concession \$25 Children \$16 Family Pass \$65

POWERHOUSE MUSEUM 500 Harris Street, Ultimo NSW 2007

SYDNEY OBSERVATORY 1003 Upper Fort Street, Millers Point NSW 2000

MUSEUMS DISCOVERY CENTRE 172 Showground Road, Castle Hill NSW 2154

P&C Federation looks forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

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LITERATURE REVIEW - THE TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

The importance of a positive transition to school is well recognised. This paper examines the existing literature on the transition from home and/or early childhood settings to primary school.

To view the report: <https://www.cese.nsw.gov.au/publications-filter/the-transition-to-school>

Applications closing for Volunteer Grants 2016

Applications for Volunteer Grants 2016 funding close at 2:00pm AEDT on Tuesday, 20 December 2016.

If you are experiencing any technical issues, please email support@communitygrants.gov.au

STAAR Awards

Following the successful launch in 2016, the STAAR Awards are once again a key feature recognising outstanding achievement in prevention and management approaches to behaviour that causes harm. The three award categories are:



- Stop School Bullying Award
- Healthier Workplace Award
- Cyber Smart Award

This is your opportunity to showcase to the sector strategies and actions that you have undertaken within your school, workplace or community.

The awards are open to organisations, institutions and schools across Australia active in strategies and management programs aimed at addressing and combating bullying, harassing and discriminating behaviour.

To submit a nomination, simply complete the online form including a brief overview of your organisation and program and address the selection criteria.

The Award Presentation Ceremony will be held at the [No More Harm Conference](#) on Monday 26 June 2017 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Brisbane.

Nominations close Friday 29 April 2017.

Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

Help Someone Small Dream Big

Registrations are now open to volunteer as a member of the Haier Help Team at one of the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon events in our 2017 Series. To find out more about volunteering:

[https://tryathlon.com.au/volunteer/?ct=t\(Help_Someone_Small_Dream_Big_and_Achieve11_23_2016\)](https://tryathlon.com.au/volunteer/?ct=t(Help_Someone_Small_Dream_Big_and_Achieve11_23_2016))

Public Education Foundation

The Public Education Foundation has launched three scholarships for indigenous students.

Applications for these scholarships will close on February 27, 2017.



The Camburn Withers Scholarship: The scholarship provides financial support to help the indigenous student with resources and services relevant to improving educational outcomes. The Scholarship is available to student enrolled in year 2 in 2017 at one of the Connected Communities primary schools. An amount of \$1,000 per year will be paid to one successful applicant for each year of his or her primary schooling. <http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarship-archive/camburn-withers/>

The Una May Smith Scholarship: The scholarship provides indigenous students with financial support from year 1 through to tertiary education. The scholarship can be tailored to meet the specific circumstances, interests and learning needs of the recipient. <http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarship-archive/una-may-smith-scholarship/>

The Heather Raid Scholarship (NEW): This scholarship will provide financial support to help the student with resources and services relevant to improving educational outcomes. It is available to students entering year 11 in 2017 at one of the Connected Communities high schools. It includes a payment of \$2,000 in year 11, a second payment of \$2,000 in year 12 and a final payment of \$3,000 upon enrolment in university of vocational training.

<http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarship-archive/radi/>

Affiliate Email Account

Is your P&C Association a member of P&C Federation? If you said yes, does your P&C Association have an affiliate email account?

This is a free account available to P&C Federation members, it enables a consistent email account so you won't miss information sent to your P&C Association, you can save files and important documents and when office bearers change that information isn't lost. The new office bearers simply change the password or if they don't know the password just contact P&C Federation for it to be reset.

To ask further questions, reset your password or request an affiliate email to be setup, email Debbie at mail@pandc.org.au



Life Education - The Smoky Case Educational App

The Smoky Case is a fun and interactive learning resource aligned with the Australian Curriculum, to educate children about the dangers of smoking. Users will join time travelling detective, Mac McHardy and his faithful sidekick, Conan as they set out on a quest to discover why smoking is unhealthy. This app teaches children about the harmful ingredients in cigarettes, as well as the effects of smoking and benefits of avoiding tobacco, through interactive activities expanding on the teachings from the Life Education programs.

<http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/teachers/item/50-the-smoky-case-article-in-for-teachers-section>

Life Education.org.au – Online Parent Hub

Life Education and Healthy Harold have been delivering positive, preventative health messages to school-aged children for the past 35 years. Log on to the specially-developed Parent Hub to find tips, strategies, facts and articles to support your family and encourage children to make safe and healthy choices. For more information and to sign up to the parent newsletters, visit www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents.

Is Your P&C Association interested in Hosting a P&C Federation Forum in 2017?

P&C Federation would like to invite P&C Associations to host a forum in 2017.

Is there a specific topic your P&C would like to hear more about or would you like the roles, responsibilities and activities of a P&C clarified?

P&C Federation forums are friendly and interactive and there is always time to ask questions.

Send an email to let me know
Debbie: projects@pandc.org.au

Make sure you include your schools name, your name and contact details.

I will be in contact with you early in Term 1 2017