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Please forward this Newsletter onto any interested staff members.

EduConnect

All Principals and ICT Co-ordinators should have received the long awaited Circular from our Chief Executive (Steve Marshall) regarding the $20 million major update of internet services across all DECS school and pre-school sites. This is a major project that will be rolled out to schools throughout the remainder of the year.

What does this mean for schools? As the Circular states the bandwidth (internet speed) will be upgraded, website hosting and uploading improvements, audio and multimedia conferencing.   There are a number of suppliers that will assist the Department in achieving these goals. The full list is on the eduConnect website. CSM Technology with its software Edsuite has won the Application and Services Hosting (which is at the moment SINA and Dingo Mail). There are links to the CSM Technology website on the eduConnect website.   The   webfiltering   will   still   be   N2H2 http://www.n2h2.com/index.php.   There will also be a possibility to upgrade our bandwidth (at a cost to the school).

Information roadshow sessions are being held during August and September. Principals, ICT Co-ordinators are encouraged to attend. Dates and venues have yet to be distributed. The previous roadshows for sa.edu in our area were held at Coober Pedy, which may again be the venue. I recommend when these dates are advertised that we have at least 2 representatives from our District. I (or my replacement) will of course attend.

There are already a number of questions and answers on the web regarding school web sites, email addresses, domain names, costs etc.

http://www.educonnect.sa.edu.au/

Please visit the eduConnect website to view the information provided.

I am investigating the possibilities for our schools and will keep you informed. Meanwhile if any school has any questions regarding eduConnect then it is advisable that you contact the project team directly via email at eduCONNECT@saugov.sa.gov.au Any questions and answers that you feel may be of interest to all sites could you please pass on via an email to schools?

Updated AESEO Web Site

I have updated the AESEO website. Favourite links you may have had to this site may have changed. Please recheck the site and re-link your favourites. I have added DECS Links to the ICT page and more Fact Sheets. Please provide feedback if you wish other items / articles to appear on this site.

www.aeseo.sa.edu.au

Updating your school website

If any schools wish to have their generic school Sina Home page upgraded please send me a photo or two of your site with the contact details you wish to have on your page and I will upgrade that page for you.

Administration Computers

Any machines that are ordered for EDSAS administration purposes must be purchased through the DECS Whole of Government Supplier. The present supplier is IPEX. The computers arrive at the site with a standard administration image including Office products, Acrobat Reader, McAfee, EDSAS. To order new administration machines please go to the e-education website from the link below:
http://www.aeseo.sa.edu.au/ict.htm

Click on the E-Learning login link and enter your school's username and password. The username will be s#### (where #### is your school number) the password is password unless your site has changed this. If it has been changed and you do not know the new password you will need to contact the Customer Support Centre 82041866 to get the password reset.

Please contact me if you need clarification of specifications or ordering.

Administration Servers

There are now four administration servers in schools, Pipalyatjara, Ernabella, Amata and Fregon. I am still waiting for another two to arrive. These two will go to Mimili and Indulkana. Murputja, Watarru and Kenmore Park will still be stand-alone sites. The server replacements came about because of an EDS upgrade of all admin servers around the State. While our schools did not use their servers as administration servers they were non-the less replaced, as it was assumed they were being used for this purpose. These schools now have a separate curriculum (student) and administration (staff) network. The servers have Windows 2003 Server software installed and the Department has compiled a number of Fact Sheets for schools to use when managing their administration network.

The Fact Sheets are located on the ssonet website under IT Support / Fact Sheets / N/W Fileserver. Please refer to these sheets. If there are any Fact Sheets you wish added to this list please let me know. There is a link to ssonet from the AESEO ICT webpage.

Best wishes for Term 3, I will keep you advised regarding my position.