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SSTUWA
State School Teachers' Union of WA

Mask advice

All students, unless exempted, must now wear masks from years 3 to 12 when indoors. The SSTUWA advises members to report threats or abuse from parents to the SSTUWA by email as well as to regional line managers as a matter of priority. Non-compliance with the Chief Health Officer's directives and the government mandate for mask wearing is a matter for the authorities. The SSTUWA recommends members do not place themselves in any position of potential harm, verbal or otherwise.

Gonski funding needed now

The Australian Education Union is calling on the Morrison Government to deliver urgent funding for public schools in line with the recommendations of the Gonski review delivered a decade ago. Read more here.

Morrison government missing for women

The ACTU has released "Morrison Missing – A Record of his Failure for Working Women" – a major report outlining how the Morrison Government has failed to support working women. Read more here. Click on the image next to the story to read the full report.

Directives reminder

As negotiations continue around the General Agreement 2021 members are reminded to follow the current Executive Directives. These actions play a crucial role in the GA process. Yes, they can sometimes seem inconvenient but without pressure the SSTUWA will not secure the type of agreement we need to address workload, wellbeing and salary issues that we are all aware of.

So please join thousands of your colleagues and observe the directives laid out below:

No member is to participate in any performance management or performance review processes/meetings. This includes the Principal Professional Review process (PPR). (This refers to performance management only, it does not include sub-standard performance processes).

Members are not to attend any (whole or part of) staff meetings held:

- In accordance with clause 9.3 of the General Agreement 2019 (i.e. the five hours per term).
- Outside instructional hours (before/after school; during lunch or recess; for school leaders this includes regional, cluster and network meetings).
- During DOTT time.

This does NOT include meetings called to manage the Education Health Order (Webex, Teams, etc).

- School leaders are not to complete the School Resourcing System (SRS) monthly budget check.

Please support your fellow members and follow the directives as negotiations continue. If have issues around following the directives please email for more information.

International Women's Day 1

International Women’s Day is on 8 March. This year’s theme is Break the Bias. You can find out more here.

The SSTUWA is celebrating women who utilise “Break the Bias” to challenge gender norms.

We are asking our Women Contact Officers and members to share photos and stories for International Women’s Day, telling how you have had to Break the Bias or to highlight gender inequities with examples of where you have had to overcome bias.

We would love you to share your stories and would like to have a portrait picture and your first name. However if you would like the story to be more anonymous you can submit your story without an image.

We will use some of them on our social media pages. Send your stories here.

International Women's Day 2

UnionsWA is holding an online International Women's Day event.

This International Women's Day UnionsWA will be celebrating Women's Wins at Work.

The pandemic has made our workplaces more challenging, but across the State women have kept stepping up and standing up for each other.

On the night we'll hear from three inspiring unionists about what they're fighting for and how they're going to win. You can find out more and book your spot here.

Insufficient nominations election

Australian Education Union
Western Australia Branch
Election Schedule – E2022/30

Insufficient Nominations Election
Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009

The Election Notice including specific information on the nominations process for this election will be available from this site when nominations open.

Nominations Open: 28/03/2022
Nominations Close: 12:00pm Australian Western Standard Time (AWST) 11/04/2022
Withdrawing Nominations: 12:00pm Australian Western Standard Time (AWST) 11/04/2022
Ballot Open (if required): 2/05/2022
Ballot Close: 10:00am Australian Western Standard Time (AWST) 1/06/2022

Education and Training

Writing Competitive Job Applications for Teaching Positions - ONLINE Event Thursday 21 April (holidays)

For the first time, this 3.5 hour event will be offered online LIVE and via TEAMS. Join the SSTUWA and Vanessa Herbert online during the Term 1 holidays to build your awareness of current job application techniques. You will gain an understanding of the current requirements for demonstrating competitiveness when applying to specific schools via a covering letter and curriculum vitae (CV)/resume. You will explore the importance of reflecting individual school context when demonstrating your skills and experience in relation to the three Domains of Teaching. A Web cam and microphone is required.

Register Today Writing Competitive Job Applications for Teaching Positions - ONLINE Event

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