

WELCOME to the Autumn 2009 Wellbeing Australia Newsletter
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The Department of Psychology, Faculty of Education, University of Malta is looking for Australian researchers, preferably based in universities / research centres who would like to join them in a European Union Framework Programme research mobility application they are submitting soon. The theme of the program is mental health and social and emotional literacy in schools. So far two EU countries are involved. If you are interested please contact carmel.cefai@um.edu.mt

Call for Papers

Sue Roffey is co-editing a special edition of Educational and Child Psychology on School Relationships and their Outcomes for publication early in 2010. If you have carried out a relevant research project or would like to write a refereed paper on this theme please contact Sue on s.roffey@uws.edu.au for more details. 250 word abstracts to be submitted by the end of March.

BOUNCE BACK Classroom Resiliency Program

Toni Noble and Helen McGrath, the authors of Bounce Back, are working with their publishers Pearson Education on ways to add value to the program through additional classroom resources. If you are a classroom teacher/school who uses the program they would greatly value your feedback. People who complete the program go into a draw for \$100 of Pearson resources.

<http://hi.com.au/survey/bounceback> <<http://www.hi.com.au/Survey/bounceback>>

Conferences

The First Australian Positive Psychology in Education Symposium on May 9th at Sydney University is a unique opportunity for teachers, counsellors, researchers, students, and practitioners to meet others who work in education and are keen to explore further what Positive Psychology has to offer. Key questions addressed include: In what ways is Positive Psychology currently contributing to education in Australia and globally? What are Australian researchers and practitioners focusing on? How can we best use this knowledge to create flourishing CLASSROOMS, SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO THRIVE? The Symposium aims to provide a broad approach to education including those working in early childhood, primary and secondary schools and at the university level. More details will be posted on the website soon.

Wise Solutions are hosting the Positive Schools 2009 Mental Health and Wellbeing Conference on May 22nd in Perth at the University of Western Australia main campus. This one day event offers an opportunity to gain a positive, solution focused approach to social and psychological issues facing schools Australia wide. For more details go to: <http://www.positiveschools.com.au>

Bringing Up Baby

There has been an outcry, especially from early years professionals and researchers, about the recent broadcasting of this program by the ABC. The program presents alternative forms of parent-child interaction including one which recommends minimum attachment. This goes against all the research evidence about healthy development and wellbeing. If you saw the program and agree that this was irresponsible broadcasting you may wish to make your views known to the ABC. You may also like to contact the National Investment for the Early Years <http://niftey.cyh.com>

New Educational Goals

The new Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians can be downloaded from the link on the front page of the [Wellbeing Australia](http://www.wellbeingaustralia.gov.au) website. This replaces the 1999 Adelaide declaration.

Response Ability - materials for educators

There is an excellent booklet for educators entitled *Children and Young People's Wellbeing* which you can download from <http://www.responseability.org> It includes a page on maintaining your own wellbeing.

This organization provides support for educators in supporting the inclusion of social and emotional in teacher education programmes through the use of the Response Ability materials. These are for early childhood, primary or secondary teacher education. Members of the Response Ability team can visit your campus, or provide support by telephone or e-mail. If you need further information or assistance, please contact education@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au or the Hunter Institute of Mental Health on (02) 4924 6721.

Circle Time The next Sydney training day is Tuesday May 12th. Click on link to request details.

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