

WELCOME to the Summer 2006 newsletter for *Wellbeing Australia*. This organization was previously known as *Emotional Literacy Australia*.

The website is <http://www.wellbeingaustralia.com.au> . You can also access this from www.emlita.com and www.emotionalliteracyaustralia.com. Please accept our apologies for the disruption of the WBA website during the introduction of the new email. This has been caused by having two different servers.

Isaac and Ora Prilleltensky are giving their seminar entitled “ Promoting Wellbeing: A change strategy for communities” across Australia between November 20th and 29th. Find out more on www.napcan.org.au

And while you are there take a look at their HOPE cards on the front page. You may like to order some of these for your Christmas cards this year.

You can order the Prilleltensky’s latest book “Promoting Wellbeing: Linking personal, organisational and community change here <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0471719269>

Brian Babington is executive officer for Families Australia. www.familiesaustralia.org.au Read his article “Whither Wellbeing” on the Wellbeing Australia website. See also their document on Work, Families and Wellbeing.

Tim Corcoran in Queensland also has an article on the website – this one challenging some of the thinking around school exclusion. We welcome Tim as the Queensland Representative on the Advisory Board of WBA

The latest edition of EQ Australia is on Wellbeing and Connectedness – you can order this from the Curriculum Corporation if you have not already seen it. www.curriculum.edu.au/eq

See also Education Connect published by the Hunter Institute of Mental Health for the Response Ability project for teacher education. This is a series of occasional papers about social and emotional wellbeing in education.

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Restorative practices are growing and developing in Australia thanks to Peta Blood and Circlespeak Check out what they are doing on www.Circlespeak.com.au. Their May newsletter highlights a new book on *Developing Emotionally Literate Staff* by Morris and Casey.

Please let us know of any **conferences** you have attended or are upcoming that are relevant to wellbeing so that we can distribute information on the website. The more notice the better.

Some international conferences which are taking place in Australia in 2007 are 9th-11th February in Sydney

3rd Global Conference: Creative Engagements – Thinking with Children

<http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/ati/education/cp/ce3/cfp.htm>

and

February 21st to 23rd in Perth

'Kindling the Flame: Promoting Mental Health and Wellbeing'

For information on how to register and details of accommodation, please visit:

<http://www.eventedge.com.au/kindlingtheflame2007>

Two members of WBA are taking part in a symposium entitled "In-school relationships and Wellbeing" at the BPS conference in Glasgow in January which is on "Psychological Well-being, Resilience and Mental Health".

Stories

We are planning a new page on the website entitled **Stories**

We know that there are many instances where communities are actively developing a caring ethos and promoting the values and skills that are the foundation for this. If this is true for your community we would love to hear from you. Can you write a couple of hundred words to share with others and inspire them with your success? This is always a 'work in progress' so don't feel you haven't done enough to tell people about! We are also interested in how small ideas and projects have grown and developed.

We will post all information, stories and resources to develop social and emotional literacy up on the website <http://www.wellbeingaustralia.com.au>

Letting people know about Wellbeing Australia

Please feel free to distribute this newsletter to your own networks and other interested colleagues. Any feedback would also be helpful.

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