Sport is often quoted as an extra curricula activity. I like others regard all activities which take place during the school day including the Key Learning Areas as curricula contributing to a child’s development and sport is one of these.

With this in mind it is worthy to note that throughout 2008 the New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association conducted 22 state carnivals around NSW, presented 21 NSWPSSA teams at the School Sport Australia Interstate and International (Pacific School Games) events and conducted state-wide knockout programs for over 4000 school teams. This does not include all of the students who participated at Regional, Zone and school events. I would like to congratulate and thank all the conveners, coaches and managers at all levels of school sport on the professional way they have undertaken their roles for the benefit and betterment of the students in their care.

In December 2008, I had the pleasure to represent the NSWPSSA at the Pacific School Games in Canberra. I would at this point, like to acknowledge the efforts of Dave Power, Chair of the Steering Committee, Ross Morrison the Executive Officer and Lucette Meekins who organised and outfitted the NSW team which comprised of almost 950 members. Those students fortunate enough to have been selected enjoyed a great week of “Celebration” competing against students from all states and territories of Australia and 25 international teams. This was truly a wonderful sporting, educational and social opportunity for all competitors.

In 2008, the NSWPSSA undertook strategic planning. A number of initiatives have been targeted and throughout 2009 we will implement strategies to raise the profile of the Association both within and without the teaching/school environment, continue to promote training and development, investigate methods of improving communication and commence the collection of data regarding the delivery of school sport.

Early this year each school will be asked to complete a survey regarding the delivery of school sport. This survey will explore the models of participation, staff and school involvement and the levels of support within the community. We would request all schools complete the survey and return it to the NSWPSSA so that an accurate analysis can be completed.

One of the initiatives that has again been targeted is the continuation of funding to Zones / Districts to run teacher professional learning courses. Throughout 2008 the NSWPSSA Council provided funding in excess of $16,000 to Zones / Districts to conduct approved courses. Contained later in this newsletter is an application form. We would recommend that all Zones / Districts consider applying for a grant to support their local initiatives.

In closing could I take this opportunity to wish you all an exciting and challenging year. I would also encourage all schools to actively involve in the presentation of school sport. Include sport not as ‘extra curricular’ activity but embrace it as legitimate component of the students learning.

Mark Sanders
President
NSWPSSA
NSWPSSA 2008 Knockout Winners

Australian Football ......................... Lavington PS
Basketball – Boys ............................. Kingscliff PS
Basketball – Girls ............................... Kororo PS
Cricket – Boys .................................. Gymea Bay PS
Cricket – Girls ................................... Wellington PS
Football – Boys ................................... Dural PS
Football – Girls ................................... Kurri Kurri PS
Hockey – Boys .................................... Zig Zag PS
Hockey – Girls ..................................... Kiama PS
Netball ............................................... Ramsgate PS
Rugby League ................................. Dubbo South PS
Rugby ...................................................... Avalon PS
Softball – Boys ..................................... Avalon PS
Softball – Girls ..................................... Newport PS
Tennis ................................................. Griffith East PS
Touch – Boys ................................. South Wagga Wagga PS
Touch – Girls ...................................... Kiama PS

NSWPSSA Important Dates 2009

Coach / Manager Nominations (Closing) .... 20 February
Zone / District Grants (Closing) .................. 16 March
Diving Championships .......................... 8 April
Swimming Championships ...................... 8 – 9 April
Cross Country Championships ................. 31 July
Athletics Championships ...................... 28 – 29 October
Annual Dinner .................................... 18 November
Annual General Meeting ...................... 19 November

Regional Contacts

Hunter .............................................. Peter Moore - 4924 9968
North Coast ................................. Jenny Warren - 6623 5938
North West ......................... Richard Rowslling (Rel) - 6755 5042
Riverina ................................. Jason Wilesmith (Rel) - 6937 3872
South Coast ................................. Ross Fuller - 4224 9099
Sydney East ................................ Bruce Riley - 9707 6925
Sydney North ............................... Peter Tomlin - 9707 6917
Sydney South West .................... Ross Higgins - 9707 6919
Sydney West ............................. Debra Hanson - 9707 6953
Western .................................. Peter Ipkendanz - 6841 3866

NSWPSSA Website

For all information pertaining to
- Calendars
- Personnel
- State Records
- Knockout Draws
- Application Forms
please visit our website:

www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au

NSWPSSA Fire Sale

All items have the NSWPSSA logo embroidered and sales will be on a first in first served basis. Please phone Rhonda on (02) 9707 6921 at the start of the new school year to see if your required size is still available and details will be given for payment.

Chambray Shirts Short Sleeve $20.00
Sizes ~ Medium x 2, Large x 3

Chambray Shirts Long Sleeve $25.00
Sizes ~ Medium x 5, Large x 7

Navy Woollen Jumpers $30.00
Sizes ~ 16 x 2, 18 x 12, 20 x 15, 22 x 12

Light Blue Woollen Jumpers $30.00
Sizes ~ 16 x 1, 18 x 4, 20 x 13, XS x 29, S x 12, XL x 37

Navy Woollen Vests $25.00
Sizes ~ Small x 5, Medium x 14

Gloweave Business Shirts - Men’s L/S $30.00
Sizes ~ 38/S x 3, 40/M x 8, 42/L x 1, 44/XL x 8

White Dress Blouse – Ladies S/S $20.00
Sizes ~ 10 x 2, 12 x 7, 14 x 8, 16 x 7, 18 x 3

(Prices Include GST)
Outcomes:
To encourage and promote the involvement of teachers and schools in school based sporting programs.

Criteria for Funding:
Preference will be given to programs that:
• Promote active involvement by teachers in presentation of School Sport
• Provide accreditation in coaching, officiating etc
• Promote best practise – ‘how to series’
• Teacher training and development programs
• Support a clearly identified need
• Sport safety programs
• Are within the $500.00 to $2500.00 funding range

How to Apply:
Zones / Districts may only submit one application per year. Applications must be submitted on the correct proforma.

In preparing submissions Zones / Districts must include:
• Proposed date
• Course Title (Area of Focus)
• Anticipated numbers
• Anticipated expenditure
• Identify Facilitator or Secretary of Zone / District
• Be prepared to share ‘programs’ courses with other Zones / Districts

Course Completion:
At the completion of the course
• Provide a report of activity
• Provide a reconciliation of expenditure
• Return any unexpended monies

We would encourage you to support this initiative and promote the benefits of School Sport to a wider audience.

Closing date for applications: Monday, 16 March 2009
Please carefully read the accompanying guidelines before completing your application.

Zone / District PSSA: ..............................................................................................................
School: ................................................................................................................................
Address: ................................................................................................................................
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Telephone: ............................................................. Facilitator: ..........................................
Proposed Date (s): ............................................................. Anticipated Numbers: .......

Course Title: (Please provide a brief description of your initiative plus how it promotes School Sport) .............................................................

Demonstrate how the initiative will provide ongoing benefits to your Zone / District and / or students: ..............................................................................................................................................
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Program Implementation (clearly identify how the initiative will be carried out)
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Identify how the initiative will be evaluated: .............................................................................
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Funds Required:
Cost of Personnel (include item description)
Teacher release days (if any) ........................................................ $............................... External agencies / organisations (please specify) ........................................... $...............................

Total (GST Inclusive) $ ......................................

Cost of Equipment (include item description)
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Total (GST Inclusive) $ ......................................

Cost of Consumables (include item description)
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Total (GST Inclusive) $ ......................................

Other (include item description ie venue hire, travel etc)
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Total (GST Inclusive) $ ......................................

Please detail your Zone / District contribution and commitment to the proposed initiative
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