The President writes....

Welcome to 2008. In a few short months our eyes will once again be following the exploits of our Australian Competitors as they 'strive for gold' at the Beijing Olympics. As President, I would wish all athletes the very best. I am confident that they will represent Australia with distinction.

I am equally as confident that 2008 will also prove to be a very exciting and challenging year in School Sport both at the intra state and inter state level. This year the 8th Pacific School Games will be hosted by the Australian Capital Territory in Canberra. This exciting international event will begin on November 30 and conclude December 6. Competitions in the sports of Basketball, Diving, Hockey, Swimming and Track and Field will be offered with an anticipated 3500 students from all Australian States and Territories and in excess of 20 international teams participating. Information about the Pacific School Games and the selection pathways can be found at http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/psg/index.htm

The NSWPSSA is committed to enhancing the learning outcomes of all students by providing appropriate quality sporting programs and social experiences. To this end throughout 2006 and 2007 the NSWPSSA provided nine grants to Zone/Districts throughout NSW. The grants were used to engage teachers in 'professional development' targeting school sport deliveries. Copies of successful application have been posted on the NSWPSSA website.

The success of these programs has ensured that the Zone/District Initiative Grants will continue in 2008. Included in this newsletter you will find an application form and I would encourage all districts to consider applying in 2008.

In 2007 we conducted 22 State Carnivals which involved approximately 10,000 students combined with hundreds of teachers and officials. These carnivals for many students are the highlight of their sporting and primary school life. For some it may be the beginning of a career that will make them ‘household names’. At the completion of each state carnival a NSWPSSA state team is selected. In 2007 over 500 students and team officials participated in events throughout Australia. Similarly the NSWPSSA Knockouts involved in excess of 4300 teams entered from approximately 700 schools. This represents in excess of 40,000 students participating in our knockout competitions.

On behalf of these students, I would like to thank the schools, principals and teachers who provided these unique opportunities. This involvement will have provided positive educational experiences for students. For the teachers who fulfilled roles as sports coordinators, team managers, carnival managers or officials there were other benefits gained. Benefits such as:

- the leadership role that they undertook in performing the various and varied tasks
- the benefits of their participation provided opportunities to develop administrative roles and people skills outside the classroom
- broadened horizons outside the classroom
- enhanced school tone and the promotion of schools with the local community

We look forward to the success of 2008 and trust you will engage in school sport and

‘Be a part of it’

Mark Sanders
President
All the information you require can be found at www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au

Including:
- Calendar
- State Carnival Information
- Personnel
- State Records
- News Items / Journal
- Knockout Draws
- Application Forms
  - Coach/Manager positions
  - Knockout Nominations
  - Official Applications

State Sports Directory

The following contact details for State Sporting Organisations are provided should schools like to organise a visit from one or more of the State Sporting Organisation’s.

Athletics NSW .........................9746 1122
NSW / ACT Australian Football ..... 8333 800
Basketball NSW .......................9746 2969
Cricket NSW ...........................9339 2969
Football NSW .........................8814 4400
Hockey NSW ...........................9764 1911
Netball NSW ...........................9646 5666
NSW Rugby League ....................9971 0877
NSW Rugby ..............................8354 3300
Softball NSW ..........................9677 4000
Swimming NSW .......................9763 5833
Tennis NSW .............................9763 5833
Touch NSW .............................9558 9333

State Carnivals 2008

**Term 1**
25-28 February .... Girls Cricket- Castle Hill
3-6 March .............. Boys Cricket-Richmond
7-8 April .............. Swimming-SOPAC

**Term 2**
6-8 May .................. Boys Basketball-Albury
6-9 May ........ Boys & Girls Tennis-Gosford
20-22 May .......... Aust. Football-Coffs Harbor
21 May ..................... Diving, SOPAC
27-29 May .......... Girls Basketball- Bankstown
17-19 June .......... Boys Football-Kellyville
17-19 June ......................... R. League 11 Yrs-Batemans B.
17-19 June ............... Girls Hockey-Armidale
24-26 June ............ Girls Football-Penrith
24-26 June .... Rugby League Opens-Inverell
1-3 July ................. Boys Hockey-Albury

**Term 3**
25 July .......... Cross Country-Eastern Creek
29-31 July ............. Girls Netball-Dubbo
19-21 August ............ Girls Touch-Forster
19-21 August ............... Rugby-Nowra
26-28 August .......... Boys Touch-Cronulla
12 September ........... Golf-Waratah Golf Club
23-25 September ..... Girls Softball-Camden

**Term 4**
15-16 September .......... Athletics-SOPAC
28-30 September .... Boys Softball-Orange
29 Nov-6 Dec ...... Pacific School Games-ACT

The 8th Pacific School Games will be held in Canberra from 27 November to 6 December 2008. The NSWPSSA will contest the following sports:

Athletics Basketball Diving
Hockey Swimming

Selections will take place at the NSWPSSA State Championships for the respective sports or as advertised on the website below.

Further information is available on the School Sport Unit website


or by contacting the School Sport Unit.
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: 29 March 2008
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 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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