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WELCOME

Welcome to the second half of the year! SAIS still has plenty of activities and engagements in the works for Term 3 and 4 with training deliveries, days of significance and celebrations. Read on for updates and insights into what has been happening and what we have coming up later this year.

The ACT Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative Team extends our acknowledgment and thanks to ACT educators and school staff for the great work that has been done this period across the region.

The SAIS ACT team

TERM 3 SNAPSHOT



BULLYING NO WAY!

18 AUGUST 2023

Also known as the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, this is one of Australia's major bullying prevention initiatives

founded by Bullying No Way! A government response to bullying in Australian schools. This year's theme was "Growing Connections" focussing on strong support networks and social skills. More at: saisact.info/index.php/sais-news

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

25 AUGUST 2023

Wear it Purple Day is an important time of the year for LGBTIQ+ young people and communities to come together, celebrate and stand up against discrimination. This year's theme was 'Write Your Story'. To support ACT young people to write their stories SAIS provided 16 ACT schools with small grants to run their very own Wear It Purple Day event. Event plans ranged from bake sales and sausage sizzles, to badge making, purple canteens, fundraising, fancy dress, and competitions for art and creative writing.

To find out more about Wear It Purple Day or to check out their resources and merchandise visit: wearitpurple.org

REACHING OUT

CANBERRA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY'S (CIT) SEMESTER 2 O-WEEK STALL

25 JULY 2023

SAIS joined SHFPACT at their CIT O-week stall early in the term sharing resources and information about the initiative and the work we do!

While SAIS focuses on primary and secondary schools and colleges, we also actively support and get involved with both tertiary and early childhood education where we can!



WEAR IT PURPLE DAY TRIVIA WITH THE AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION UNION (ACT)

24TH AUGUST 2023

Ahead of Wear it Purple Day SAIS and SHFPACT joined the ACT branch of the Australian Education Union staff and members for a special Wear It Purple trivia night, taking home first place with our team members from the ACT Greens. We thank the AEU for extending the invitation, and for hosting a wonderful event to celebrate Wear it Purple Day!

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY @ ACT SCHOOLS

Wear it Purple Day was full of great events, activities, and initiatives, this is some of what schools had to say about the events they planned and ended up running on the day:

"We want to have multiple activities and celebrations for Wear it Purple Day as it is so important for us to spread love and acceptance in our school community. We want to put on a breakfast before school for rainbow families, this is to show the schools acceptance and support, and to celebrate the diversity. During break times on the day, we want to have stalls, selling rainbow friendship bracelets, rainbow jelly and purple hair spray. We want music to be playing and also to be creating a mural, we want every student to put a colour hand print and create an image of a tree all together. Lastly in our SEL class (social and emotional learning) we want to have a poster competition, and then spread all the posters around the school- there will be a prize for the winner."

"We are holding a Bake sale and badge making fundraiser stall, and creating a fun and inclusive atmosphere to promote advocacy and celebrate our rainbow students".

"A community fete with food, informational and celebratory resources, and invited speakers from the LGBTQIA+ community."

"All students and staff are encouraged to come to school in purple clothing, and support our Rainbow Connection group through gold coin donations. Rainbow Connection will hold a stall with baked goods and purple accessories."

"Various activities that seek to create community and cohesion with a message that supports inclusion and care. ... activities, sausage sizzle and cross campus mentoring sessions"

"We will be hosting a range of student led activities throughout the day such as: Free dress day to allow students to express themselves, Purple themed lunch for students provided free of charge, Side walk art to provide students a way to express themselves with this year's theme 'Write Your Story' "

"A writing competition in classes as the theme is 'Write Your Story', the classes have been challenged to create three to eight sentences on diversity and inclusion, this can be fiction or non-fiction and will be judged. We are also going around talking to the senior year groups about diversity and how everyone can be included. In the junior years we will be running some fun games outside encouraging inclusivity."

"The Student Leadership Group, and supporting staff and community members organise dress ups, educational and community displays, food, fun and fundraising for LGBTQIA+ groups which support students and youth, and run our usual weekly lunch gathering and more."

"We will have a sausage sizzle, cupcakes, cookies, lolly bags, lucky dip, face glitter, badge making and other activities for students to get involved and help fundraise."

"We got great feedback from students and teachers who said it was a lot of fun 😊"

"The day was a huge success, thank you so much for your support!"



WEAR IT PURPLE DAY @ ACT SCHOOLS



LATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL'S WEAR IT PURPLE DAY DOOR DECORATING COMPETITION

We are thrilled with these colourful and creative designs from students at Latham Primary school for Wear It Purple Day! We can tell from these amazing entries that the energy, support, inclusion and pride is strong at Latham. We are delighted to share their work with you!



LATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL'S WEAR IT PURPLE DAY DOOR DECORATING COMPETITION





OUR FIRST SAIS EXTENSION TRAINING SESSION 1 AUGUST 2023

The SAIS extension training launched at the beginning of August and was first delivered to a keen group of educators and school staff who had previously attended our introductory training at the end of 2022.

The training was well received and builds on the material covered in the introductory module. The extension module covers new topics including: supporting transgender, gender diverse and intersex students at school, supporting student leadership activities and days of significance, as well as embedding inclusion in the curriculum.



This training is set to run again in Term 4 on Tuesday 24th October - 3:30pm-6:30pm.

If you missed out on the Term 3 delivery you can register for the Term 4 delivery via eventbrite.com.au — follow the QR code.

Like our other training deliveries you can request a private training booking for your staff team or school by emailing a request to saisact@shfpact.org.au.

We look forward to the evaluation data, review and re-accreditation of this module for 2024.

TERM 3 SAIS INTRODUCTORY TRAINING 5 SEPTEMBER 2023

Our most-popular and original training offering, the SAIS Core/Introductory training is still being delivered once-per term, with the Term 3 date steadily approaching and the term 4 date open for bookings. This training is the perfect starting point for LGBTIQ+ inclusion in school settings. This training covers an introduction to the ACT Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative, examining sex, gender and sexuality at school, the theoretical and practical components of inclusive practice and a quick look at how to select teaching and learning resources. Registration details for these sessions are below.

MORE DETAILS AND BOOKINGS

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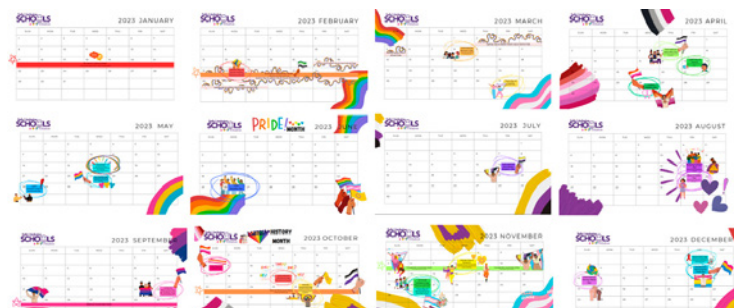
IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO MAKE A BOOKING FOR
YOUR SCHOOL/STAFF TEAM.



**TERM 3
5 SEPTEMBER 23
3:30PM - 6:30PM**



**TERM 4
28 NOVEMBER 23
3:30PM - 6:30PM**



DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE CALENDAR



Struggling to remember all of the important LGBTIQ+ days of significance and all of the important inclusion, diversity, human rights and anti-bullying markers? Sick and tired of forgetting or missing out? There is a lot to remember, and the year is absolutely jam-packed with opportunities to acknowledge, affirm, support and celebrate diversity in our schools, or to run a particular activity or lesson in the classroom. SAIS has put all your need-to-know dates in one place, now available for a free download on our website saisact.info

A CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Would you like your school's event or student's work featured in our Newsletter? Please contact us at saisact@shfpact.org.au if you have photos of an event your school has run or examples of students' art, short pieces of creative writing or other projects that you and your students wish to have featured. Please ensure that you have written consent from students prior to submitting their work, and that all student submissions are anonymous.

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ACT Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative



Introductory Training OVERVIEW

DURATION: 3 hours

MODE: Face-to-face

STRUCTURE

- 30 min Introduction to the ACT Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative
- 1 hour – Sex, Gender, Sexuality and School
- 1 hour – Inclusive Practice Module 1 in Theory and Practice
- 30 mins – Selecting Inclusive Teaching and Learning Resources

Introduction to the ACT Safe and Inclusive Schools Initiative

This module will help you connect to the wider network of schools, services and support available when undertaking inclusion work around sex, gender, and sexuality.

Sex, Gender, Sexuality and School

Unpack the diversity of sex, gender, and sexuality and how this is present in school environments. Explore how this shapes the student experience with qualitative and quantitative Australia data.

Inclusive Practice Module 1 In Theory and Practice

Use inclusive principles and practical strategies to create inclusive school environments through case studies and guided, critical conversations that will help you to meet the needs of the school community.

Selecting Inclusive Teaching and Learning Resources

Explore the needs and benefits of inclusive resources in teaching and learning environments and where and how to find them. This module a practical introduction to inclusive learning.



**REGISTER TODAY FOR OUR FREE
PUBLIC SAIS CORE TRAINING**





Extension Training OVERVIEW

DURATION: 3 hours

MODE: Face-to-face

STRUCTURE

- 30 mins – Sex, Gender, Sexuality Recap
- 1 hour – Supporting TGD + I students at School
- 30 min – Inclusive Practice Module 2 – Supporting Student Leadership Activities
- 1 hour – Embedding Inclusion in the Curriculum

Sex, Gender, Sexuality – Recap

A quick refresher and orientation to the concepts of sex, gender and sexuality through a practical and interactive activity supported by clarifying discussion.

Supporting TGD + I students at School

Explore practical ways to support TGD+I students at school and address specific barriers through case studies drawn from real-world examples and key resources

Inclusive Practice Module 2 Supporting Student Leadership Activities

Navigate ways to signpost inclusion, support student voice and foster an inclusive school community through student leadership supported by revised SAIS Resources.

Embedding Inclusion in the Curriculum

An introduction to inclusion in the curriculum with customisable content tailored to Early Years, Primary, Secondary and College contexts mapped to the Australian Curriculum

DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE COMING UP!



BISEXUAL AWARENESS WEEK 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

Bisexual Awareness Week, also known as **#BiWeek**, is an annual celebration week held in September, from September 16 through the 23rd. It is an extension of Celebrate Bisexuality Day, held annually and starts on 23 September. The celebration promotes cultural acceptance of the bisexual community and creates a platform for advocating bisexual rights.



PRONOUNS DAY THIRD WEDNESDAY OF OCTOBER 18 OCTOBER 2023

International Pronouns Day seeks to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace. Referring to people by the pronouns they determine for themselves is basic to human dignity. Being referred to by the wrong pronouns particularly affects transgender and gender nonconforming people. Together, we can transform society to celebrate people's multiple, intersecting identities.



ASEXUAL AWARENESS WEEK 22 -28 OCTOBER 2023

Asexual Awareness Week celebrated in Australia is an international campaign that seeks to educate about asexual, aromantic, demisexual, and grey-asexual experiences and to create materials that are accessible to our community and our allies around the world.



INTERSEX DAY OF SOLIDARITY (INTERSEX REMEMBRANCE DAY) 8 NOVEMBER 2023

Intersex Day of Remembrance Date in the current year: November 8, 2023. Intersex Day of Remembrance, also known as Intersex Solidarity Day, is an international awareness day that aims to draw attention to the issues faced by members of the intersex community.



TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK 13 - 19 NOVEMBER 2023

Trans Awareness Week is a week to help raise awareness of transgender and gender diverse people, the issues facing our communities, and the ways people can get involved as allies to improve lives and create a more fair and equal world for everyone.



WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY 20 NOVEMBER 2023

First established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.



TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE 20 NOVEMBER 2023

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20 that honours the memory of the trans lives lost to acts of transphobia and discrimination.



WORLD AIDS DAY 1 DECEMBER 2023

World AIDS Day raises awareness across the world and in the community about the issues surrounding HIV and AIDS. It is a day for people to show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died.



PANSEXUAL & PANROMANTIC PRIDE DAY 8 DECEMBER 2023

Pansexual Pride Day and the strides taken by the pansexual and panromantic community to be accepted and understood.



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 10 DECEMBER 2023

Human Rights Day is observed by the international community every year on 10 December. It commemorates the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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