

Wednesday 2nd August, 2017

1. Hot Topic

Sally Blane went over the presentation 'Tools for Schools: Communicating and using the Health Promoting Schools framework' used for the Mandurah Schools Conference which initiates conversation and shares some tools developed by WAHPSA members, including school health audits, policies and business plans that are aimed to support school health 'champions' in identifying and planning for health initiatives.

The presentation stimulated conversation and identified issues relative to staff and the school community:

- Encouraging teachers to think of the whole school approach, schools have good intentions yet struggle applying approaches on a larger scale.
- School staff health is a common theme presenting itself. Perhaps this is something for agencies to consider when working with schools.
- Interactive activities were conducted and teachers were provided with St Queensland Health documents.

Sharelle Tulloh from Sexual Health Queensland commented that the health curriculum is now mandated and should comprise of 2 hours of health and an additional 2 hours of Physical Education per week, which is reported on. Teachers are time limited and are likely to utilise agencies if they can provide good assessment tasks, saving teachers planning time, yet re-assuring them that they are aligned with the school curriculum.

The Health Promoting Schools framework: A Model for Health and Wellbeing is available on the WAHPSA website.

Design a quality assessment task that aligns with the curriculum and teachers will embrace it as it saves them planning time - Sharelle Tulloh

- SB to enquire the copy rights of the documents, possibly modify a WAHPSA version to share via the WAHPSA website.
- Suggestions are welcome to add to the Health Promoting Schools Framework, a model for health and wellbeing.
- WASCA can include health audit tool in hand out at ACHPER

Attendee input:

- Parents and Friends Federation predict that champion parents will respond enthusiastically to the school health audit.
- SHQ recommend encouraging schools to use the audit tool in term 4, this is when schools do their planning for the year ahead and can assist them identify priority areas.
- If your agency would like to add, provide or contribute content to the audit tool then please send through recommendations to wahpsa@gmail.com
- Schools can also use it to celebrate at what they are doing well!