



# MARCH UPDATE

6 March 2010

## MEMBERSHIP

Invoices were sent out to all Boarding School Principals in early January. To date nearly 90%. If you are not sure if you are a member, please contact me as soon as possible and if you have not yet re-joined, please do so as soon as possible. Remember – membership will give you, your boarding school and all your staff members, wonderful professional development activities and opportunities, and will ensure you keep up to date with everything which is happening in the boarding school community.

## UPDATE LETTERS

An update letter was sent to the Head of Boarding at each member school this week so that we can ensure our database is accurate – please complete this form and post, fax or email back at your earliest convenience.

## LIGHTS OUT

Lights Out is in its final stages of production and should be available for posting next week. This edition is yet another excellent publication which is available as part of membership to ABSA. Multiple copies are available for member schools to distribute to boarding staff – if you want to receive more copies please email me with the number of copies you wish to receive. If you are interested in having your Boarding School featured in the term 2 edition please send through your article and photos before 1 May.

## WEBSITE

I encourage every Head of Boarding at every school to check their web link for currency. Please send through any changes, enrolment numbers, email links etc that you want to have on this link page.

I also encourage you to get all of your staff to join our website and emailing lists. This is now much easier with the 'Join Now' button which appears on every page of the website. Every member of staff in Boarding Schools which have joined ABSA is entitled to join the website, have access to the information in the members' section, and to join the email lists which are a part of the developing web presence of the association.

## WEBSITE EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LISTS

An exciting part of the website for members is our email lists. Similar to RESNET which was run by AHISA, you can subscribe to an email distribution list inside the members' section of the website. There are groups set up for General Boarding Staff, Heads of Boarding and Principals at this time. Once you have subscribed to this list you simply send an email to the address for the list i.e. [hob@boarding.org.au](mailto:hob@boarding.org.au) and it will be sent to all members of that list. The catch is, if you are not a member of the list, the email will be deleted so you need to subscribe to the group before you can be part of the group. If you require further information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

## STATE DIVISIONS

Most State Divisions have posted their calendars onto their respective web pages. Some exciting activities are planned in each state, so this is worth checking out.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Planning is just about complete for this fabulous event in Canberra from 26 to 29 September, 2010. The brochure for the conference should be posted in early April – watch out for it and register early to ensure the accommodation you request is still available.:

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if there is anything we can help you with.

Regards  
Richard Stokes, Executive Director