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Welcome
Welcome to Term 1 2017. I do hope you have had a beautiful break and ready to tackle the year that lies before us.

This newsletter will be a combined K-6, 7-12 edition for all teachers of HSIE.

Firstly, I warmly welcome Theone Ellas to our HSIE team. Theone will be our Relieving K-6 HSIE Adviser for Term 1. Theone comes to us with a wealth of experience in education and leadership in our primary schools, and a passion for HSIE. Theone’s details are below:

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Our term 1 state wide staff meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 1 March. The K-6 meeting will be held from 3:30 – 4:00pm sharp, and 7-12 from 4:00 – 4:30pm. I hope you can jump on our Adobe for this point in time meeting. The HSIE inspector of NESA (formerly BOSTES) will be on hand to give you a run-down of happenings too. It is at this meeting that Theone and I will outline the support that will be offered for you in 2017 in HSIE.
To date, there is no news as to the publishing of the **Stage 6 History syllabuses**, nor an implementation timeline, but as always, I urge you to keep abreast of developments by subscribing to the BOSTES newsletter or Twitter feed – see below for further information. Here at the Learning and Teaching Directorate, we will be providing some support when these syllabuses are released. Future newsletters will provide more information for you, as will the [Curriculum website](#). I do hope this first term for 2017 is wonderful for you and your students.

Please don’t forget that if there is anything you need, please just email or telephone Theone (K-6) or myself (7-12) and we will endeavour to help as best we can. As always, your local Education Services Curriculum Advisers are also there for you too. Best wishes for now,

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**Literacy 7-12 eNewsletter**

Our Literacy Advisor 7-12, Mel Shorter is publishing a **Literacy 7-12 e-Newsletter**. Teachers who are interested in literacy information, ideas and resources may like to subscribe to the new [Literacy 7-12 e-NEWS](#). To subscribe email melanie.shorter@det.nsw.edu.au.

**Geography K-10 implementation courses**

All courses can be found [here](#). Three registered online professional development courses continue to support the implementation of the Geography K-10 syllabus (2015). The first two courses have now been uploaded online and accessible via the hyperlink in their headings.

1. **Your school and the geography syllabus K-10** (3 hours) RG 00440  
2. **Planning to teach geography K-10** (3 hours) RG 00441

The third course

3. **Programming for geographical inquiry** (3 hours) RG 00443 has an additional 1 hour module on geographical tools, which will also be published as a stand-alone resource. It can be located within the **Your school and the geography syllabus K-10 course**.

**Teaching time for HSIE in the primary school**

RE PRINT, RE MINDER ....For your information as secondary HSIE teachers, Human Society and its Environment is a Key Learning Area (K-12). Once both History and Geography are implemented in the primary school (i.e. 2017), the HSIE K-6 Syllabus (1998) will no longer be valid. For primary schools, teaching time for this KLA remains at 10% of class time, which equates to about 90 minutes a week.

Please note that it is imperative that your feeder primary schools are contacted, support given if necessary, and relationships developed, for the quality and innovative teaching of Geography and History K-10. You will be able to as much from your primary colleagues as they will learn from you.

**HSIE State-wide staff meeting**

The next NSW HSIE State-wide Staff Meeting, held via Adobe Connect, is scheduled for

*Week 5 Wednesday 1 March 2017,*

*3:30 – 4:00pm K-6*
These meetings are a short point in time meeting of HSIE information and the support being provided by Secondary Education HSIE, an update from BOSTES, and a chance to ask us questions related to HSIE, to be answered live where possible. These meetings are not recorded.

A reminder will be sent.

**HSIE support for teachers**

[www.hsiensw.com](http://www.hsiensw.com)

Support materials are being added all the time to this web site, so if you have not visited recently it is worth going back and having another look. This web site is an interim measure whilst the Departments website is being finalised. Previous eNewsletters are also available.

You will find the [Geography K-10 teaching and learning framework](http://www.hsiensw.com) here. This is a great starting point for implementation of Geography K-10.

*Please also note that the Departments’ new website can be located at [https://education.nsw.gov.au/](https://education.nsw.gov.au/). The HSIE arm of this is currently being populated. Please take the time to have a look and see the new format. [https://education.nsw.gov.au/curriculum/hsie](https://education.nsw.gov.au/curriculum/hsie)*

**Professional teachers’ associations events 2017**

All K-12 HSIE related non-profit professional teachers’ associations are invited to email me with their 2017 events at their earliest convenience. This will support teachers and schools in their planning for this year.

**NEW RESOURCE** Guide to using picture books in Geography K-10

This wonderful resource can now be located in Latest News of [www.hsiensw.com](http://www.hsiensw.com). It has been written by Gaye Braiding, and encourages teachers K-10 to integrate picture books in their teaching and learning Geography K-10, with the aim of further developing geographical concepts, skills and knowledge and understanding for all of our students.

We hope that this guide is the beginning of a much wider repertoire of picture books that teachers’ will use in their classrooms. To that end, we would love to hear what picture books you use in Geography K-10.

A History K-10 version is now underway. Enjoy!

**International Studies**

An updated version of this wonderful course has been uploaded to [www.hsiensw.com](http://www.hsiensw.com). A support document has been finalised and is in process of being desk topped for publication by the end of February.

**Enhance TV**

Enhance TV’s “what’s on guides” is a once weekly email that informs us of the following week’s programs. The television programs are categorised and for HSIE, categories include: business and economics, current affairs, geography and nature, history, hospitality and tourism, indigenous studies, K-6, media studies, politics and government, religious studies, and society and culture.
Contributions to this eNewsletter
For any contributions to future newsletters, please email me by the end of the term. However, please understand that decisions about what is included remains with the author.

BOSTES on Twitter
BOSTES has an official twitter account (@NewsAtBOSTES) for communicating BOSTES news and events to the teaching profession and broader community.

To support HSIE educators specifically, an additional BOSTES account has now been created. This will provide a dedicated location for accessing information, initiatives and news of interest covering K-12 HSIE subjects – including curriculum and assessment, resources and professional learning opportunities. @hsieBOSTES

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