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Peer Skills Winter 2015

Welcome to Term 3 everyone. Here are some updates on what's been happening in the world of Peer Skills. 21st birthday stories of Peer Skills have been flowing in and some of them can be found on Page two.

Suicide prevention in Schools Settings

I recently attended Darcy and Paul Granellos' workshop at the Edward Koch Suicide Prevention Conference in Cairns. The take home messages for me was that the Peer Skills approach fits with best practice in the area of universal suicide prevention. I am currently preparing a 2 hour follow up Getting Help session to further reinforce the key themes of help-seeking for self and others.

The Adolescent Success Conference

Is coming up on the Gold Coast from August 20-22nd. I will be presenting a 2 hour workshop on Peer Skills and how to implement it. This is a great opportunity for schools new to Peer Skills to begin the journey. Please pass on this information. <http://www.adolescentsuccess.org.au/>

Follow up survey monkey

By now we hope you will have received an email with a link for students to the student follow up survey. For many schools this is an easier way of asking students to provide feedback at least three months after a workshop. The results we are receiving are really valuable. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/peerskillsfollowup>

Cheers
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Glenmore SHS peer supporters in training

Facilitator Training Dates

Upcoming Facilitator Training in

Rockhampton

23rd & 24th July

Warwick

Week of 7th September TBC

Chinchilla

15th & 16th September

Maroochydore

15th and 16th October

Longreach TBC

Brisbane (Toombul) TBC

Gold Coast/South Bris TBC

Week of 23rd November

Direct registrations and enquiries to:

peer.skills@ucommunity.org.au
or check the website.

<http://www.ucommunity.org.au/peer-skills/facilitator-training-information-0>

Workshops completed since the last newsletter

North Rockhampton SHS (Yr 9)

Gympie SHS (Yr 9)

St Columban's College (Yr 9)

Upcoming Workshops

Glenmore SHS (Yr 9)

Dakabin SHS (Yr 10 & 11)

St Stephens College, Coomera (Yr 9)

Register your Workshop

Please register your workshops as soon as you can for Term 3 and 4.

Evaluations

Have you sent us your most recent pre and post workshop evaluations?

21st Stories and Photos

Help us celebrate 21 years of Peer Skills through your stories and the stories of your students and staff.

Mission Australia Youth Survey

<https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/what-we-do/research-evaluation/youth->
Is now open. Please tell your young people about it so their voice is heard.

