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Engaging with you
Keeping you informed

• CEO face-to-face with executive
  - ACSSO15 February
  - CaSPA 4 March
  - APPA 4 March
  - APC 10 April
  - CSPA 3 May

• My School briefing - 27 March
Members star in videos

www.youtube.com/ACARAeduau
Survey of communication needs

• All of our programs of work are of interest to you
• You want to hear from us about the same as now, or a little more often
• 80% subscribe to the ACARA Update, 43% follow on Twitter but 13% don’t follow any channel
• Your favourite way to hear from us is through direct contact with ACARA executive
• 28% don’t have a point of contact at ACARA but would like one.
Curriculum update
Status of curriculum

• Technologies, HPE, civics and citizenship, economics and business – made available for use by states and territories
• The arts – endorsed subject to resolution of issues with WA – has been made available
• Languages – approved and under development
• Senior secondary curriculum
ACARA improves the learning of all young Australians through world-class school curriculum, assessment and reporting.

Step 1: Blueprint
We work with leading educators to develop a “national” curriculum. What does it look like?
- Educational goals for young Australians
- Key research
- Learning needs in the 21st century
- Leading national and international curriculum

Number of respondents:
7,339
Step 2: Writing
We work for about 10 months with academics and advisors to draft a curriculum. Public consultation is open for about 10 weeks. During the writing phase, we received the following number of consultation responses:
12,301.

Step 3: Trialling
We trial the curriculum to make sure it works in classrooms. We trialled this curriculum in primary and secondary schools across Australia:
2,169

Step 4: Approval
The curriculum is then approved by the ACARA Board and all Education Ministers.

Step 5: Teaching
The Australian curriculum is published at:
www.australiancurriculum.edu.au
States and territories work with their schools to implement this curriculum. In 2014 all states and territories have begun to implement F.10 Australian Curriculum.

Step 6: Monitoring
From 2014 we will report annually on feedback about the effectiveness of the curriculum. We make decisions about change carefully, balanced against the need for curriculum stability.

Under the new national curriculum:
3,674,220
young people across Australia will access a world-class curriculum that enables them to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active, informed citizens.

* Figures drawn from 2012 and 2013 consult periods

Primary Matters newsletter

Primary Perspectives
Advisory Group Meeting

Wednesday 30 April 2014

Laraine Lucas
Primary Curriculum Lead
Primary schools
Work in curriculum area

- Beta version of the AC website
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Work sample portfolio development
- Curriculum connections
- Redeveloped website – GC and CCP views
- Australian Curriculum to be the basis of national testing
Assessment and Reporting
NAPLAN 2014: 13, 14 and 15 May

- Comprehensive communications strategy to reinforce key messages
- 2014 the first year students potentially have completed a complete set of Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 test series

- ACARA and TAA roles
- Protocols for Test Administration and Management of Test Incidents
- NAPLAN inquiries
- Key issues in the media
Communication activities

• Media briefing
• Lots of social media posts
• 13 new videos on our YouTube channel
• NAPLAN infographic
• CEO video and ‘What’s new’ items on ACARA website home page
• CEO letter to principals
• Parent info fact sheets (Years 3, 5, 7, 9)
• ACARA Update special edition
• Update to NAP website
My School 2014 – launched 5 March

- Data collections from June 2013 to January 2014 (Schools list, Finance, SSO, VETIS, PSD, SBD, Census and NAPLAN)
- ACARA’s Principals’ Portal opened in October 2013 and remained open until immediately prior to launch (preview data, update school comments, URL, governing body and geo-positions)
- Extensive stakeholder engagement prior to launch
- Direct consultation with all stakeholders
- Since launch – 183 000 unique visitors; 275 300 visits
Special projects

Assessment
- Faster turnaround
- Investigation of online assessment implementation models
- NAPLAN Summary Report
- NAPLAN reporting, inc. proficiency bands
- Assessment of writing
- NAP sample assessments

Reporting
- Student attendance
ACARA-wide update
Communication survey

- Have you got a minute to take our 3-question survey?
- [www.surveymonkey.com/s/MZFX7J9](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MZFX7J9)
- It’s on the home page of the ACARA website
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Questions?

Next meeting 4/8/14
then 13/10/14