March Newsletter

Welcome to the final podcast in our series of Women in STEM. We were delighted to welcome Professor Asha Rao of RMIT.



Women in STEM



ACSA INSIGHTS



PROFESSOR ASHA RAO

Asha has been at the forefront of the STEM movement and is a wonderful colleague and supporter of all STEM educators from Early Childhood to Tertiary post graduate students. It was a fabulous way to end our first series and to listen to her journey and reaffirm that Maths really isn't easy all the time, but it is our ability to learn new things and put ourselves into new and exciting places that makes maths accessible for all.



What a month March has been!

We have had the enormous privilege of interviewing some of the most eminent Women in STEM education today.

In the next few days, we shall be releasing our STEM in Early Childhood webinar to show how we can help shape the STEM skills in our youngest learners.

If you missed the links to the Women in STEM series click on the names below.

Donna Buckley,

Professor Linda Hobbs

Wendy Bode

Professor Asha Rao

April is set to be another exciting dive into educational issues that affect us today. We explore the role of AI in Education.

Conference updates:

We are currently still working exceptionally hard behind the scenes to confirm a date and venue for the biannual conference. We are very aware that this has caused much disruption for many, and we apologise for that. We have set a preliminary date for Friday 15th August, when we shall also hold our AGM.

Hopefully, we will be able to confirm the location/s and will inform those who have or wished to submit abstracts as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Website upgrades:

We know that our website can be a little tricky to navigate in terms of accessing content as a member. We are working on putting a login button on our homepage that will take members straight to the Professional Learning offerings.

Membership:

In keeping with the current educational landscape and ongoing rise of costs. We will be making small changes to our membership pricing structure from June this year. We shall be putting out some social media content to reflect our current membership rates and how it is imperative to get in quick! We intend to make it clear to current members and new ones, what the plans offer and the value in supporting our work.

Curriculum Perspectives:

The feedback from our last special edition on Democracy has been wonderful, and we have seen a rise in those who are following along with this outstanding resource. Many thanks to Stewart Riddle (our guest editor), Alison Bedford and her editorial team.

Social Media:

As mentioned in previous correspondence we shall be moving the majority of our announcements and details to <u>LinkedIn</u> and <u>Blue Sky</u> rather than Meta (Facebook and

Instagram), we hope you will continue to join us in our professional conversation and debates.

Thank you all for your continuing support of ACSA, we hope you all enjoy a restful and well-deserved Autumn holiday break.

Anna Ritzema

Executive Director