

# TASK CENTRE PROJECT

## CONSULTANTS' NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS TO YOU ALL FOR 1996

We hope you have begun the new year successfully and are finding life and work to be stimulating, positive experiences. They certainly are for us.

### Latest News



This newsletter comes with the current Client's Newsletter which contains a great deal of information. Please read it.

Our project continues to grow, and in part that is due to the good work you do in workshops and beyond. We are grateful. It is rewarding to feel part of a network which is creating broad opportunities for better mathematics learning. It is exciting to know that all the ideas within the project have grown from the classrooms of great teachers.

The new home page is an example in point. When you get a chance, log in to:  
<http://www.srl.rmit.edu.au/mav/PSTC/index.html>

I think you will find it interesting, and worth passing on to schools as part of your overall work.

### International Opportunities

It was visiting task centre classrooms when he was in Australia which stimulated Andrejs Dunkels, a Swedish educator to invite me to Sweden to spread information about the Task Centre Project through talks at the biennial conference and visits to teacher training universities.

There are now two Swedish universities which have task centre kits and there is a bubbling interest in the project throughout the country. We have begun negotiations about a Swedish translation and are hopeful of a developing further contacts.

We would also hope that interest in the USA will continue to increase through an opportunity to present a small session as part of a one day Australian mini-conference within the NCTM meeting in San Diego in April. We will also be working in Little Rock, Arkansas in the week prior to the conference.

In the UK we had sales to Scotland in January and I will be working with Scottish consultants at the end of March. Michelle Selinger, our chief UK consultant is also booked for a workshop package in an English school at the beginning of May.

Orders from New Zealand are slowly increasing and we have recently sold kits to International Schools in Papua New Guinea and Singapore.

It is only a small international interest, but it is genuine and it does result from the dedicated work of Australian teachers over many years. All Australian teachers have a right to feel proud of what we have to offer the world in mathematics education.

## Keeping In Touch

We know that changing work requirements and other life changes can take you away from addresses or telephone numbers. But please let us know where you are so we can reach you readily if necessary.



Sue has had several occasions lately where she has had to do a telephone chase to contact someone about a workshop. That obviously costs unnecessary money and time. You can help us continue to keep the costs to clients minimal by remembering to tell us of such changes.

Also work requirements in other areas sometimes mean that you cannot take time to do workshops for us. Great. Seriously, we are pleased to be associated with successful people. Just let us know when you become available again.

To ensure that we play our part in keeping in touch, you can use any of the following contacts:

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## New Flyers



In the last letter I mentioned that I would get new brochures to you as soon as possible. Well, the marketing devices have changed and we are now using A4 flyers. Masters of those for each product are included with this newsletter. Please copy them at will and use them as you wish. Copying on a range of colours produces an attractive splash of colour when they are laid out on display.

Sue can also send coloured ones to any school you wish. Just give her a call.

That's about it for now, but there will be future, although perhaps, irregular consultants' newsletters as the need arises.

Keep up the good work.

for Doug Williams & Charles Lovitt

PS: *UK Consultants*. Your flyers were sent in January with the letter about new arrangements.