

Dear CAFIG Members,

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2008. I hope you had an enjoyable and refreshing holiday season and are ready for a productive year ahead.

## **NEW COMMITTEE**

I would like to begin by introducing the new committee for 2008:

Convenor:	Michelle Andrews
Treasurer:	Dianne Starkey
Secretary:	Rosanna Francis
Assistant Secretary:	June Wayne
Web Editor:	Stacy Robinson
Other Members:	Barbara Preston Carmel O'Connell Marita Schwendler

We work with children, adolescents and families in a variety of settings, including schools, hospitals, and in private practice. I would like to extend a special thank you to all members of the 2008 committee for volunteering their time, expertise and experience this year.

## 2008 EVENTS

The committee has been busy organising our guest speakers for 2008. I am very excited to announce the following guest speakers:

*Current Trends in the Treatment of Child and Adolescent Anxiety Disorders*

Ronald M. Rapee, Ph.D.  
Professor, Department of Psychology, Macquarie University  
Director of the Centre for Emotional Health

Date: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2008  
Time: 9.30am-12.30pm  
Venue: Commission for Children and Young People  
Level 2, 407 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills  
Cost: \$60 members, \$40 student members,  
\$80 non-members  
Contact: Michelle Andrews  
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*Social and Emotional Issues Affecting Gifted Children and Adolescents*

Rosanna Francis  
Educational Psychologist

Date: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2008  
Time: 3-5pm  
Venue: The College of Nursing  
14 Railway Parade, Burwood  
Cost: To be confirmed

*Understanding Children, Adolescents & Grief: Developing Creative Responses*

Dianne McKissock OAM  
Co-Director of the Bereavement Care Centre  
Co-Director of Clinical Services, National Centre for Childhood Grief

Date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2008  
Time: 1-5pm  
Venue: The College of Nursing  
14 Railway Parade, Burwood  
Cost: To be confirmed

*An Evaluation of the New Family Law System: Implications for Psychologists*

Dr Jodie Lodge  
Australian Institute of Family Studies

Date: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2008  
Time: 3-5pm  
Venue: Commission for Children and Young People  
Level 2, 407 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills  
Cost: To be confirmed

These events will be a wonderful opportunity to learn from leading experts across a range of areas and to expand your professional network. Don't miss out!

Bookings are open for our first event with Professor Ronald M. Rapee. As many of you are no doubt aware, Professor Rapee has published extensively in the areas of child and adult anxiety and related problems and has written and edited several books. His main research interests include understanding maintaining factors in the anxiety disorders, examination of risk factors for the development of anxiety and depression, development of more broadly disseminable methods of treatment, and prevention of the development of anxiety and depression.

You can make a booking for this event by emailing me at [michelle@educationalpsychology.com.au](mailto:michelle@educationalpsychology.com.au) or by phoning me on 0422 022 292. Please note that bookings and advance payment are required as numbers are strictly limited.

## **COLLEGE OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS EVENT**

I was recently sent information regarding the following event from the College of Clinical Psychologists:

*Assessing Parenting Capacity – An Overview*  
Carol Boland  
Senior Clinical Psychologist and Team Manager  
Northern Sydney Child Protection Service

Date: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2008  
Time: 7.00-8.00pm  
Venue: Cassata Bar, Level 2, Forresters Bar,  
336 Riley Street, Surry Hills  
Cost: \$10 members, \$20 non-members  
(payment on the evening)  
Food: Hot savoury finger food will be provided  
Drinks available at bar at own cost  
Contact: Thomas O'Neill  
Email: [thomasoneill@smartchat.net.au](mailto:thomasoneill@smartchat.net.au)

## **NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CAFIG MEMBERS**

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to contribute to this newsletter. I welcome contributions about conferences you have attended, books or articles you have read, or resources you are using.

## CAFIG WEB PAGE

I am pleased to announce that we have a new web page. Please go to [www.groups.psychology.org.au/cafig/state\\_sections/nsw/](http://www.groups.psychology.org.au/cafig/state_sections/nsw/). This page contains details of the NSW committee, upcoming and past events, as well as current and past newsletters. A big thank you to our Web Editor, Stacy Robinson.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our next event and I wish you all the very best for 2008.

Kind regards,



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