

StatSmart Newsletter



Hello everybody,

As I write the surveys are happening in all three States. We appreciate your effort in completing this first round so close to the beginning of the school year. We look like meeting our end of March target, which will give us some processing time before the July conference. We have completed a preliminary analysis of the interviews from last year. This will feed back into our understanding of the requirements for professional development. And, the Julie-Erica transition has happened, hopefully with no ramifications at the school end.



CONFERENCE 2009

Please note, the Melbourne conference this year will be held on the 20th and 21st of July. We are excited that both *Cliff Konold*, who was here in 2007, and *Bill Finzer*, who was here last year, will be presenters. In planning the conference we want to create a structured opportunity for you to share your StatSmart experience, perhaps by presenting a poster on the activities in your school. Very soon we'll post some ideas on the web site. In the meantime start thinking about a learning moment for you, your students, or both! The June newsletter will be a special conference edition.

Digging into Data

There are many data sets available on the CD in Digging into Data and we encourage you to dig in somewhere and let us know if you hit fertile ground. Jane is compiling data sets sourced from Australian material with the idea that these will be more culturally accessible. These will be available soon for you to use and hopefully comprise the basis of a "Digging into Australian Data" book. She welcomes feedback from your experience of the existing data sets or suggestions of Australian data sets you have used.



TinkerPlots
Dynamic Data Exploration

Reminder Teacher surveys and units of work — 2008-9

Please forward your teacher profile surveys to Erica at: Faculty of Education, UTAS, Private Bag 66, Hobart, 7001. There are still a few outstanding from 2008. And, can you please send in an overview or unit outline from your statistics unit from last year. Student work samples are also great!

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