Social Media for Educators: 
Developing your own Personal Learning Network (#PLN)

Twitter is being used by a growing number of educators around the globe - and for good reason! Recent studies have shown that educators are using Twitter to collaborate, find resources, be inspired, and engage in ‘self-directed’ professional development (Visser, Evering, & Barrett, 2014). The presenter is an active ‘tweeter’ on Twitter (@missrachaelee) and has gained information and strategies from networking and sharing ideas with educators from around the world. This PD will provide an insight into why teachers are ‘flocking’ to Twitter. It will cover the basics (i.e. hashtags, chats, tweets, etc), however, will primarily focus on how teachers can use Twitter effectively to find resources, seek support, collaborate, share, be inspired, and maintain up-to-date knowledge. It will be an interactive and fun session, so bring your smartphones, tablets, or laptops and start tweeting!

Speaker: Rachael Jones
Rachael is a special needs educator currently teaching at Cannington Community ESC. She completed a Bachelor of Psychology with Honours at Curtin University where she also worked as a research assistant and tutored first-year psychology units. She completed a Grad. Diploma of Education at UWA (to train as a school psychologist), however, soon discovered that she was passionate about teaching and ‘jumped the fence’! She has never looked back. Rachael’s background in psychology and research methodology has had a significant influence on her teaching practice. In the classroom she focuses a great deal on student engagement, inclusivity, and positive behaviour support. She is interested in all things “techie” (iPads, interactive white boards, web-apps, podcasts, drones) but her BIG love is teaching music to students with disabilities because of the observable impact on their self-esteem and happiness.

17th June 2015

4.00 pm – 4.30 pm  Registration/refreshments
4.30pm – 6.00pm  Presentation

Venue: Cannington Community Education Support Centre,
147 Wharf Street, Cannington
(the Library of the Cannington Campus)

Cost: AASE Members: $20.00  (max of 3 people per group membership)
Non Members: $40.00  (payment on the day)

Invoices for organizations/schools are available if requested one week prior to the event.
Please bring organization/school cheques with you on the day of the seminar.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Registration by 12th June 2015 to: Mark Bivens email: mbivens@iinet.net.au

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If cancellation is necessary please advise Mark Bivens