

Membership

Membership is now 435, with 393 renewals and 42 new members. We currently have 57 XP and 36 Vista students having one-on-one lessons each week, which is fantastic. The Waitlist is currently 19 (XP-8, Vista-11) which means a delay of about 2 weeks before a training spot becomes available. This month the waitlist for Vista is once again higher than that for XP, so the "whisper" on the grapevine that several XP trainers are "thinking" about teaching Vista, and are using Professor Teaches to find out what it is really like before committing themselves, is very encouraging.

Fundamentals Training

New Trainee Trainers

We are delighted to welcome four new trainee trainers to the Fundamentals team – Bryan McAlister on Monday mornings, Mary Ellis & Bruce Wright on Monday afternoons and Barrie Evans on Tuesdays.

Returning Trainers

We also welcome back Gordon Beard who will now be joining Monday afternoons.

PC Fun and Vista Fun Manuals

As announced last month the Kaspersky antivirus program has now been replaced by the Eset NOD 32 Antivirus program. (One of the reasons for choosing NOD, is that it was one of only 3 antivirus programs which detected the RECYCLD virus which caused us problems a short while ago.)

Pages 10 and 11 of both the PC Fun and Vista Fun manuals have been updated for NOD 32, and by now all Fundamentals Trainers (and student using those two manuals) should have received single sheet updates for these two pages (the PC Fun pages are dated 25/8/09 and the Vista Fun pages dated August 2009).

Professor Teaches

As advised last month, the club now has copies of the Professor Teaches Vista program for sale to Vista students at the special cost price of \$25 each. If other club members would like to order a copy of the program they are welcome to register their interest on the clipboard in the Office, and extra copies will be purchased when normal stocks are replenished.

Files and Folders Refresher

The next Files and Folders Refresher will be on Wednesday, 9th September (same day as Monthly Meeting) from 1.15pm – 3.45pm. If you know of any students who have completed the Files and Folders section in the Fundamentals courses, or who are struggling with browsing CDs etc. in Optional courses, please tell them about this free workshop – the sign-up sheet is in the hall, and there are still some spaces.

This Refresher does cover both XP and Vista, so if you are interested exploring either "Vista" or "Training", why not come along as a helper in this friendly environment where help is always available? (Please email Eleanor leightel@aapt.net.au if you are interested.)

Trainer Files and Folders Assessment

It is nearly that time again – details will be in the next Mailout.

Optional Courses

Pay in Advance Courses (PIAs)

We seem to have solved the "hiccups" with PIA enrolments (thanks everyone), but a new problem is emerging... When Course Coordinators are contacting "Interested Members" to advise PIA course dates, some emails are "bouncing", apparently because the member has changed their email address. If this happens to your PIA courses emails, contact Sandra Self (ess10@optusnet.com.au) with the details, and she is happy to check the Membership Lists to see if she has a more recent email address for that member.

Course Coordinators

As advised last month, to check a student's financial status is it now necessary to check that there is a "Yes" against the student's name in the new "**PAID 09-10**" column immediately to the right of the Phone column. The Course Coordinator Guidelines will be updated and circulated in the near future.

Club PCs

The RECYCLD.EXE Virus

The Maintenance team have decided that there is now no need to check flash drives with Puppy Linux PCs prior to inserting into Windows PC. As explained last month, the procedure with NOD is:

Please virus-check flash drives by selecting Take no Action to close the AutoPlay dialog box, then going to (My) Computer, right mouse clicking on the flash drive, and selecting “Scan with Eset NOD32 Antivirus” from the context menu.

Thank you all for your vigilance over the last few months.

What happened to the PC Numbers?

When a PC is put into service it is given an Identity Number and email address which are related to its physical location at the club. Some of these ID Numbers appear “out of sequence” because those PCs were added after the initial system was set up. As you may have noticed, the Maintenance Team have been so busy rebuilding PCs this year that most of the old beige PC cases with Identity Numbers on the tops of the towers have been replaced by smart black cases with temporary white stick-on labels on the fronts of the towers. Some of these white labels are just a bit too temporary, fall off, and leave most of us with no idea which PC is which!

This identity crisis will soon be solved by sticking the ID number on the front panel of each of the PCs. A copy of the PC layout accompanies this Mailout to help you identify PCs until the new ID numbers are in place.

Java Updates

The Maintenance Team has asked Trainers to “Allow Java Updates” (orange icon in the System Tray) on Club PCs when they appear. They are quick updates, and if you don’t allow them they just keep interrupting you.

New, Updated and Deleted Courses

e-Bay Workshop

The eBay Workshops will continue under the leadership of Peggy Joel. Watch this space (and the Clipboard in the hall) for details of future workshops.

Digital Scrapbooking

The first Photobooks Workshop has now been confirmed for Wednesday afternoon, 21st October 2009. Jan Dominello will be Course Coordinator – thanks Jan.

Windows 7

Thanks to the Maintenance Team we will soon have access to Windows 7. PC 12 in Room 2 will soon be available as a triple boot XP/Vista/Windows 7.

Dates for your Diary

Christmas Party	Wednesday 9 th December 2009
Club Closes for 2009	Friday, 11 th December 2009
Club Opens for 2010	Monday, 1 st February 2010

Monthly Meeting

The September monthly meeting on 9th September 2009 will include a Genealogy presentation by Heather Garnsey from the Society of Australian Genealogists. There will be a Trainers’ meeting following the September Monthly Meeting.

Peter & Eleanor