

 nationalscienceweek

13-21 August 2011

GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS

National Science Week provides a chance to focus on the impact science, engineering, technology and mathematics has on our lives, our economy, our society and our world. To help Australian schools celebrate National Science Week, the Australian Science Teachers Association (ASTA), through the Science Teachers Association of Victoria (STAV), provides funding for school-initiated National Science Week projects in Victorian schools.

What is a National Science Week school grant?

A total of \$9,650 is made available to **all schools** in Victoria in the form of small grants to enable schools to conduct science activities/events during National Science Week 13-21 August 2010. *These grants are intended to be a contribution to the running of a National Science Week activity or event in a school not the sole means of support.*

In 2011, schools can apply for two types of grants:

A. Seed grants of \$1000

A limited number of seed grants are available for schools that wish to conduct a National Science Week activity/event for their school, with **significant community involvement**. Applicants **must** seek community partnerships with local councils, industry and business, community organisations, environmental groups, local universities/TAFEs and/or other schools to be considered for a seed grant. Further funding or in-kind contributions from such organisations is required.

B. School grants up to \$500

Grants up to \$500 are available to schools to complement school-based science activities for students and their parents during National Science Week. Proposed activities that involve neighbouring schools will be viewed favourably.

Grant selection process

A grant selection committee comprising members of STAV will consider all applications. An application must meet the relevant criteria listed in the table above, depending on the grant being applied for. Each application will be assessed on its merits relative to other applications.

Obligations of successful applicants

- 1) Upon notification of your successful application send a school invoice to STAV stating the grant amount you have been awarded *plus GST component*.
- 2) Register your grant funded activity on the Science Week (www.scienceweek.gov.au) website NO LATER than Friday 15 July 2011.
- 3) Complete the science activity/event as stated in the application during National Science Week 13-21 August.
- 4) Provide feedback on your funded activity/event by completing and submitting the online evaluation form at www.scienceweek.gov.au/Schools **All feedback must be received by Monday 12 September 2011.**

Selection Criteria

Each application will be assessed on the following criteria:

	Criteria	Seed grant	School grant
1	The grant should enable the school to conduct science, engineering and/or mathematics activities/events beyond its usual science program.	✓	✓
2	The activity/event should bring to the attention of students (and teachers and the community) the relevance of science to everyday life and/or to industry.	✓	✓
3	The activity/event should support the ongoing and increased participation in, and engagement with, science programs within the school.	✓	✓
4	The level of additional support envisaged – the degree to which the school/s contributing to the activity/event both financially and in-kind, and the nature of any proposed partnerships with other people/organisations in delivering the activity/event, including the approximate dollar value of their contributions.	✓	
5	Demonstration that the activity/event is sustainable beyond National Science Week.	✓	
6	The activity should be manageable with the funds granted and the contribution from the school. An indication of the funding/resources/personnel that the school is willing to contribute will help the selection panel determine the extent to which this criterion can be met.		✓

Please note: Funding offered to an applicant may not be the same as the amount requested. Due to the limited availability of funding, the costs of transport, food, routine science incursions and excursions (such as to museums/ science centres) and capital equipment are unlikely to be funded.

How do I apply for a grant?

Carefully read the grant information above then complete the relevant sections on the application form attached. Your principal **must** co-sign the form. Post or email your completed application form to the contact provided.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY STAV BY FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2011

Successful applicants will be notified by 24 June 2011. All applicants can access the list of successful applicants on the ASTA website www.asta.edu.au or the Science Week website on 24 June 2011.

Receipt of funding

Funding awarded to successful applicants will be made as one advance payment on receipt by STAV of a school invoice for the grant amount.

For more information please contact

Ann Pisarevsky – STAV National Science Week Representative
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c) Which other school/s (if any) will be involved in your activity/event?

d) Number of participants expected: ___ students ___ teachers ___ parents ___ community

e) What will the grant money be spent on?

SEED GRANT APPLICANTS SECTION ONLY

Please attach an additional page addressing the following questions:

a) Which community groups/organisations have been approached to date for partnerships?

b) Which community groups/organisations do you intend to approach for partnerships?

c) Please detail what level of support (both financial and in-kind) is envisaged from these groups/organisations?

d) What continuing relationships do you expect to build between your school and other schools or community groups/organisations as a result of your activity or event?

e) How will your grant-funded activity continue beyond National Science Week 2011?

Grant Contract Agreement:

I agree, on behalf of the school named above, to use the grant received entirely for the purpose described above and will:

1. send a school invoice to STAV (PO Box 109 COBURG VIC 3058) stating the grant amount you have been awarded *plus GST component*. I am aware that the grant money will be received in one up-front payment upon receipt by STAV of this invoice.
2. register the grant-funded activity on the Science Week (www.scienceweek.gov.au) website NO LATER than Friday 15 July 2011.
3. provide feedback on my funded activity/event by completing and submitting the online evaluation form at www.scienceweek.gov.au. **All feedback must be received by Monday 12 September 2011.**

Signed: (Teacher)

Signed: (Principal)

Teacher name:
Date:

Principal name:
Date:

EMAIL/POST COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BY COB FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2011 TO:

Ann Pisarevsky – STAV National Science Week Representative
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NB: Please keep a copy of your application for your reference.

Please note that no personal information will be used and will be kept strictly confidential, however, names of the successful schools will be forwarded to ASTA and DIISR and published on the ASTA and Science Week websites.