

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *Message in a Bottle*
- *Frequently Asked Questions*
- Alcohol consumption research

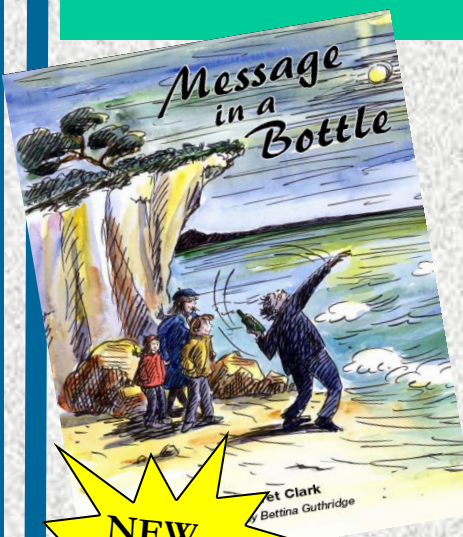
- *Out of reach!* and *Doctor Gemma* on CD ROM
- *The Critics' Choice 2008*

Term 3, 2008

Drug Prevention Programs Update

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

New Drug Education Resource for primary schools across NSW.



NEW

Message in a Bottle- A Stage 2 & 3 alcohol education resource

was distributed to all government primary schools across NSW in May 2008.

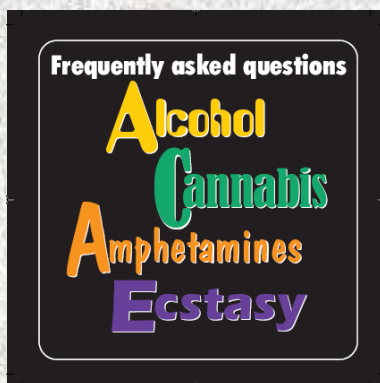
The resource is packaged in a black bag. It contains an A3 size narrative; 20 copies of the A5 narrative



and a teacher's guide containing teaching and learning activities and background information.

Professional learning workshops for teachers will be available statewide from Semester 2, 2008.

Frequently Asked Questions: Alcohol, Cannabis, Amphetamine



This booklet was distributed to all NSW secondary schools in 2002 and 2005. Due to ongoing requests for more copies, we have reprinted the 2005 version. If you would like copies for use with senior students please

Arriving soon!

contact your Drug Education Consultant or Drug Prevention Programs at the email address below.

Resources given NEW LIFE! *Doctor Gemma* and *Out of reach!*

Due to the success and positive reception to these resources by primary schools since 2002, they are now available on CD ROM! The *Out of reach!* and *Doctor Gemma* CD ROMs include the audio narration

of the stories and a copy of the teacher's manual.

They will be distributed to all NSW primary schools soon!

AVAILABLE ON CD ROM



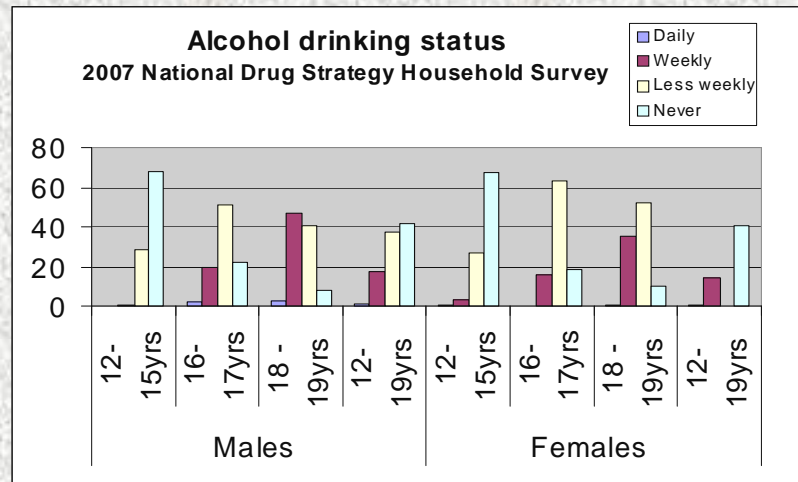
Alcohol use in 2007— latest statistics released April 2008 from Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

“over two in three 12–15 year olds had never consumed a full serve of alcohol”

For alcohol, the mean ages of initiation remained relatively stable between 1995 and 2007 at around 17 years of age .

Use of alcohol by younger people

Estimates of alcohol use by younger people should be interpreted with caution due to the low prevalence and smaller sample sizes for these age groups. Nevertheless, in 2007, over



two in three 12–15 year olds (67.5%) had never consumed a

full serve of alcohol.

Get the facts

The Critics' Choice 2008



The Critics' Choice

2008 competition will continue to run until the end of Term 3.

You can enter online or download the entry form from the website or copy the evaluation forms from the teacher's

manual.

Two iPod nanos are up for grabs as well as 18 iTunes vouchers!

Every participant in the competition will receive a sticker and a bookmark! This will acknowledge their



valuable input.

Competition closes 26 September

TELL US IF YOU HAVE ANY INNOVATIVE TEACHING IDEAS, RESOURCES OR USEFUL WEBSITES THAT WE CAN SHARE WITH OTHERS!

Please email details to drug.prevention@det.nsw.edu.au

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