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There is more to life than increasing its speed.

Mahatma Gandhi



Christmas Wishes

It seems an age since our last newsletter; despite heading towards year-end and the associated 'slowdown' in the nation's capital, we've been busier than ever.

This month's newsletter incorporates some of the feedback you shared with us last month. We're changing the Competition section (it will be on the back page in future) and we've introduced a Member's Profile - on Page Two. We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and as always we cherish your feedback; don't be shy - we like to know what you're thinking/feeling about the Learning Club and this newsletter.

I love this time of year; something happens to our collective consciousness. Suddenly we seem to remember how fun it is to give, we cherish the delight in others' eyes when they unwrap our gift or read our card or acknowledge our hug or return our kiss.

It's also an opportunity to reflect on the past year, on what we've achieved compared with what we hoped to achieve. It prompts us to consider our dreams and goals for the coming year, to steel our resolve to replace our bad habits (yes, I have some too) with better habits, to arrive at the end of 2010 in a better space and place than we are today.

For us, it's a time to do all of those things and more. We'll be busy over the break redesigning our website, enhancing our e-Learning platform, expanding the range of qualifications we can offer and looking for opportunities to connect with more people throughout the world.

Personally, I'm looking forward to spending more time at the Farm, enjoying some quiet time with Danette and our kids, riding my motorbike more than looking at it, generally just *being* instead of *doing*. It's the latter that becomes so difficult to achieve during the year - yet it often provides the greatest benefits.

We hope you all have a safe, enjoyable and loving holiday season. Make time to sit with those you love and share the stories that bring smiles to your hearts.

Have a truly magical 2010 - whatever that means for you.

Grahame



Members' Spotlight

This is one of the changes you asked for – we hope you enjoy it 😊

Name:	Paula D
Nickname(s):	None (yet)
Favourite Book or Movie:	Book: River God (3 book set) series by Wilbur Smith Movie: Gone with the Wind
If I Could Change World, I would...	Rid the world of incurable diseases
Most Memorable Role Model	My mother
Favourite Holliday Destination	Anywhere with my family
If I Won \$10 Million, I Would...	Purchase intensive care humidicribs for newborn babies; donate to cancer research, invest and LIVE my dreams! :-)
Favourite Learning Tip:	The difference between try and triumph is just a little <i>umph</i> (Marvin Phillips)
The Scariest Thing I've Ever Done Was...	To face the prospect of dying before 'my time' after being diagnosed with cancer
Paula's Philosophy:	I don't take life for granted - every moment spent with my family and friends are treasured. Bad times are forgotten, grudges are no longer held onto and are forgiven. Life is precious - Grasp it with both hands and do something positive, don't wait 'til tomorrow because it may never come.

If you'd like to be 'under the spotlight', please email us at club@magicallearning.com.

Upcoming Programs

We have a number of nationally-accredited programs starting in February:

Program	Commencement Date
<u>Diploma of Government (Management)</u>	Tuesday 2 nd February
<u>Diploma of Government (Project Management)</u>	Tuesday 2 nd February
<u>Diploma of Government (Contract Management)</u>	Tuesday 2 nd February
<u>Diploma of Government (Human Resources)</u>	Tuesday 2 nd February
<u>Diploma of Government (Financial Services)</u>	Friday 5 th February
<u>Accrual Accounting</u>	Wednesday 10 th February
<u>Certificate IV in Government</u>	Wednesday 10 th February
<u>Certificate IV in Government (Financial Services)</u>	Wednesday 10 th February
<u>Certificate IV in Government (Procurement)</u>	Wednesday 10 th February
<u>Certificate IV in Government (Project Management)</u>	Wednesday 10 th February
<u>Advanced Diploma of Government (Financial Management)</u>	Thursday 11 th February
<u>Advanced Diploma of Government (Human Resources)</u>	Thursday 11 th February
<u>Advanced Diploma of Government (Management)</u>	Thursday 11 th February
<u>Certificate III in Government</u>	Thursday 18 th February

For more information about these and our other programs, please visit magicallearning.com, email us at learn@magicallearning.com or telephone 02 6260 8220.

*If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more
and become more, you are a leader.*

John Quincy Adams

Christmas Competition

Last newsletter we asked you to share ideas on what you wanted from us – thank you for all of your responses.

This month - because it is the season to be jolly and to be giving - we are going to donate money to your favourite charity for Xmas. Yes, we know we're leaving things a bit late, but we figure your charity will appreciate your thoughtfulness at any time of year 😊

So let us know why your favourite charity deserves some money and we will pick a winner. Email club@magicallearning.com by cob Thursday 31st December 2009.

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing

Helen Keller

Volunteers Needed

Some time ago we asked for 'testimonials' from members and many of you were kind enough to allow us to publish your testimonials on our website.

Well, it's time for an update. As part of our website redesign we want to include some video testimonials from past and present students who believe we've helped them along the way. We feel videos are not only more in sync with what's happening on the 'Net, but they're also more **personal** – and that is a big part of who we are.

These testimonials will be unscripted by us - you can say what you want – and we'll publish them **only** on our website. You can choose to tell the world your name or remain anonymous; we don't mind.

If you are interested, please contact me at grahame@magicallearning.com.



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