As each of us seeks to manage constructively our fight, fright and flight reactions and to make our way in our various roles, we should ask often whether our attitudes and actions promote peace or perpetuate violent cultures.

Included in our book reviews in this issue are some which may add to readers' appreciation and resources on family violence and abuse. Another two books which have come to hand and which will be reviewed for later issues are worth mentioning for relevance to the theme. The first is Challenging Violence in Schools: An issue of masculinities by Martin Mills, 2001, Open University Press. The second is New Perspectives on Bullying by Ken Rigby, 2002, Jessica Kingsley. Both have substantial Australian as well as international content.

We have included some websites of interest on page 5, particularly in the light of the Commonwealth Government's funding and support of the Partnerships in Domestic Violence Program.

One interesting piece of information for readers is the latest release of figures from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) for 2001-02 which show a national

increase of over 3000 substantiated child protection cases since the previous year, reaching a total of 30,473. There has also been an increase in the number of children on care and protection orders to a total of 20,557 at the end of June 2002, compared with 15,718 in 1997. Information on the AIHW report is included on page 23.

Finally, our attention was drawn to one project in Aboriginal communities in Queensland which sought to make information about sexual abuse and domestic violence more accessible. A booklet, *Children Suffer Too*, contains discussion starters and explanatory material presented graphically. Wendy Clark, the author of the booklet, would like to hear from others interested in helping to further develop these resources. She can be contacted by email (wendy.clark@qed.qld.gov.au) or at the Office of Education Queensland, 44-46 Bungil Street, Roma, Qld 4455.

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