From the Principal’s Desk

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 1 of the 2015 school year. All of our students and in particular our Year 7 and 8’s have done an exceptional job of transitioning into our Secondary setting—congratulations one and all! We enjoyed being able to share the range of activities and educational experiences that your child has been participating in at our parent evening on Tuesday 24th March. The event was enjoyed by all who attended and parent feedback from the evening was extremely positive!

Thank you to those parents who are informing their School Bus Service of any changes to their child’s routine. The majority of students are well behaved on the School Bus Service however; it has come to my attention that some students are NOT behaving appropriately on the way to and from school. It is important to remember that access to this service is a privilege and students are required to adhere to the rules to allow a safe journey for all passengers. The school and the Public Transport Authority will not tolerate bad behaviour and students who do not follow the rules will be suspended from their services for a specified period of time.

Student attendance is paramount to the continuing development of our student’s abilities as well as addressing their academic, social and emotional needs. Whilst we understand that some of our students may have medical issues that impact on their attendance it is a Department of Education requirement that an explanation of a student’s absence be provided to the school within three days from the start of the absence. Should you receive an absence notification request for your child please return the required paperwork highlighting the reason for the absences. Each student’s attendance is monitored by the Department of Education and we are not able to assume the reason for absences regardless of medical conditions. Thank you to those parents who contact the school advising us of their child’s absence or who send in written notification.

The cooler weather will soon be upon us and a reminder about the need to adhere to school uniform. Uniforms can be purchased at UNIFORM CONCEPTS, Unit 3/86 Winton Road, Joondalup. Students are required to wear navy track pants and navy windcheaters/school tracksuit jacket in winter. Other colours or Windcheaters with logos are not acceptable. Parents who are eligible for the Secondary Assistance scheme are also able to access money to contribute towards school uniforms.

As our Year 11 and 12’s are continuing to participate in learning experiences that are preparing them for life beyond school it is a timely reminder to parents that liaison with your LAC from the Disability Services Commission is essential. At this point in time the Department of Education is considering whether a 13th year of schooling will be continuing in 2016 and beyond. Regardless of whether this is available or not, it is imperative that families have engaged with DSC to address individual school leaver plans and aspirations in preparation for the future.

Our Year 12 students are looking forward to their School Ball which will be held on Wednesday 1st April at AQWA. This is a very special event for our senior students and a wonderful time is had by all and we look forward to sharing photographs of this event in next term’s newsletter.

Congratulations to all of our Student Councillors who were elected by their peers in our special elections held earlier this year—well done to: Julie Jupp, Vincent Inman-Gidgup (Year 12), Cameron Morgan (Year 11), Kallum Leck, Lachlan Smith (Year 10), Elizabeth Langford, Xavier Moore-Price (Year 9) and Isaac Ponga and Utah Kendall (Year 8). An assembly will be held to acknowledge these students early next term. I wish each and every family a safe holiday break and Happy Easter!

Kind regards,

Jenine Wall
Principal
Year 7-1

T5 News

Term 1 has been so busy in T5. We met our new classmate Isabella, a bright and bubbly girl who loves to sing and often makes everyone smile when she breaks into song.

It is time for the students of T5 to share what they have enjoyed this term.

Isabel – I like Art. I like making cards

Callum – I like cooking. It’s good we get to eat stuff

Jack – I like swimming because it’s fun

Brandyn – I like sorting money

Bella – I like swimming at the beach and making sandcastles

Ty – I like my work

Shaymaa – I like making cakes in cooking

It has been an awesome term working with students on all aspects of their learning. It has been rewarding to see how everyone has flourished at school.

Have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing you next term.
Ms Carlyon Mrs Hull, Mrs O’Rourke and Mrs Wood

Ms Helen Carlyon
Year 7-1 Teacher
The students of 7-2 have had a fabulous start to High School and they are all progressing well in their learning journeys!

The staff in the room are very proud of each of them and their achievements and wish them all a fabulous break over Easter.
I hope you all return ready for another busy Term 2.

Here are some of the favourite things the students like about High School so far:

“I like to go to the library so I can borrow books to read” - Cody

“I like Maths because it’s fun” - Liam

“I like doing homework and getting ticks when I finish it” - Jacqueline

“I went to Mullaloo Beach to practice for Belsurf!” - Jacob

“I get to spend recess with my friends” - Sammy

“I like English, we take turns to tell our news and answer questions with our classmates” - Nicholas

Mrs Aileen Finn
Year 7-2 Teacher
Well what an incredibly successful first term and overall start to the new academic year we have had in B6. Everyone has well and truly gotten stuck in and worked hard over the past eight weeks. I cannot believe that the term is nearly over; time flies when you’re having fun and what a fun time we have been having!

The hard work and dedication shown in English and Mathematics activities has blown me away this term. Students are showing such focus and concentration on their work tasks and it’s great to be a part of it. We have also made an excellent start on ASDAN New Horizons and students are enjoying the activities in each of the modules.

We have been cooking up some tasty treats and healthy snacks in the Independent Living Centre this term and fully intend on continuing with this in term two. The independence skills shown during these tasks have been really impressive! Students have been washing their own dishes, putting their own rubbish in the bin, drying up and putting the dishes away. So they can no longer make excuses at home!

I really am delighted with the progress this term and I am confident this will continue. Enjoy your two weeks holiday and I will see you next term for a happy and successful term two!

Miss Emma Reed
Year 7-10 Teacher
Year 8-1

We have had a very busy and exciting first term in our Year 8-1 class. We are now all well settled in and have adjusted to the new structures of a high school really well. We will give a quick synopsis of some of the very exciting projects we have been working on in Term One.

In Science, we have been examining the rock cycle and have explored the three main rock types including: igneous; metamorphic and; sedimentary. We examined many of these rocks physically in the classroom and tested them for durability and permeability. We even made our own rock types using chocolate chips and marshmallows. That was a fun filled activity! However, we have yet to taste our artificially created rocks!

One of our themes covered this term was ‘Community Helpers’. As part of this theme, we organised a class excursion to the Joondalup Police Training Academy. We were given a guided tour by two very capable and knowledgeable Police Officers – Kate and Dan. Each of the students experienced demonstrating/wearing many of the tools used regularly by Police Officers including a tazer, pistol, pepper spray and a bullet proof vest (all disabled of course)! The students asked interesting questions from the two Police Officers and were given a wealth of information about the duties performed on a day-to-day basis to make sure we can all live safely in our communities. Overall, it was a great educational experience for everyone.

As St. Patrick’s Day fell on a Tuesday this year, we could not let the day pass without acknowledging it in T1. We examined the significance of St. Patrick on March 17th. We researched and discussed how his legacy is celebrated throughout the world in 2015. Each pupil designed, decorated and displayed their own personal shamrock in our classroom. These creations fitted nicely with our previous themes of ‘Autumn’ and ‘Friendship’. The students pegged their ‘find a friend’ comments, throughout this term, on the branches of their Autumn tree on display in our classroom. The shamrocks helped to brighten up the Autumn colours on our display.

We are all very excited to get our first term break next week and many of the students have already started making plans for their free days! We have had a great overall first term in 8-1 and we all look forward to coming back next term with renewed energy and focus for the next step of our journey together.

Thanks for the great work in 8-1 throughout our first term. Enjoy the break everyone.

Ms Martina Gilligan
Year 8-1 Teacher
Year 8-2

Year 8-2 has just finished their first term at high school. The students are to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts over Term 1.

Over the term students have become more independent and most are settling to work quickly. They are taking pride in their work and the improvements they have all made in their mental arithmetic are outstanding.

The school has recently purchased some Literacy and Reading Comprehension box kits. The Literacy Box that Year 8-2 has is very popular with the students and they are enjoying the short stories they are reading.

In Humanities and the Social Sciences we are continuing to learn about Medieval Europe. Students have all learned about the feudal system and can rank people according to the hierarchy. We are now looking at the knights and their role and living conditions in Medieval Europe.

Our students have all shown themselves to be quite skilled artists, their drawings in charcoal of grass trees and gum leaves have been displayed in the classroom.

Next term we have swimming lessons at Arena Joondalup starting the first Monday back. Permission and medical forms for this must be sent back to school for students to participate. Swimming is part of the students Physical Education program for Term 2.

Wishing all the staff, students, parents and carers a Happy Easter holiday time, I look forward to continuing on to even bigger and better successes Term 2.

Mrs Pauline Egan
Year 8-2 Teacher
Year 9-1

Busy times in ESC1.

It seems hard to believe we have finished the term already. Over the last few weeks we have been learning about the characteristics, people and culture of Bali. One focus has been food and we chose to cook a Balinese and Australian favourite Nasi Goreng. We made lists and journeyed across the road to Coles to buy ingredients for our lunch. Everyone also brought enough money to pay for their own refreshing drink. Mrs Wall was able to join us for an enjoyable lunch.

After our lunch we looked at the receipts from drink purchases; how much money we started with, how much our drinks cost and how much money was left in our wallets.

We also studied and made Balinese masks. We learned Balinese masks are used to depict humans, demons and different animals in traditional dramas. The masks are used as a mechanism for the performer's rhythm and movements. We made monkey and frog masks.

In addition to our cultural studies, the children have been enjoying watching Behind the News and writing recounts about Australian and global current events. Most recently they learned about the controversial death penalty in Bali for Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran. We discussed the debate going on right now that if someone commits a crime they should do the time; but what if the punishment for the crime isn't time in jail and is capital punishment? The children were very engaged and had lots of questions.

On a lighter note, to sharpen our Maths skills; counting, place value and addition, the children have been challenging each other playing the games Make Ten and the Exchange game. We have all enjoyed the competition and learning!

We are looking forward to the upcoming break and the AWESOME SEVEN and staff in ESC1 would like to wish everyone a wonderful Easter holiday!!
Cobra Café

Cobra Café has had an amazingly successful term. The students have embraced the opportunity to learn how to prepare a variety of dishes and make barista style coffee. They have explored concepts around setting up a business, the needs of their customers and the difference between a product and a service. They are continuing to perfect their skills on being an efficient worker and providing good customer service. The students have developed the product logo (see below). Currently, they are learning about refining their product and service through gaining customer feedback. Quote of the term was by Vincent: “It’s not hard; you just keep going until you get it right”.

With this basic shift in attitude, everything we do, all of a sudden seems a lot simpler.

Cobra Café’s most popular dish. Why not give it a go at home?

Mrs Carmen Lopez
Teacher
Year 10-1
10.1 off to a great start…

The class has put in an amazing effort transforming the school garden each week during our AgriFood sessions: weeding, tidying up the area and planning for the season ahead. Next term we will begin putting our plans in to action by planting and growing all kinds of wonderful vegetables.

In DFES, students have explored: map reading, planning for a camping trip and communication skills, essential for working together to achieve common goals. The students were able to demonstrate these skills during a recent trip to Ern Halliday where they had to work together during problem solving games.

As part of our Community Access program we have been out and about each week using public transport to experience a variety of activities and amenities in the local area including; a tour of Transperth train station, HBF Arena and Lakeside Shopping Centre.

This term’s English focus has been on creating newspaper articles, students have been learning about: emotive language, pronouns, adjectives, alliteration and past tense verbs. In Math we have focused on identifying Math in the community: exploring menu deals, receipts we have gathered, giving and receiving change and identifying money. We have also practiced our Math skills during our healthy meal preparation sessions; shopping at the local Coles, creating shopping lists, purchasing ingredients and following a recipe to create delicious lunches each Friday.

10.1 students were also very crafty this term, students created Super Hero’s in Art, a model of the Kokoda Track in Humanities, designed and built fantastic woodwork projects in D&T and constructed skeletons in Science.

Keep it up 10.1!

Mrs Nichola Manship
Year 10-1 Teacher
Year 9-2

As the Term begins to wind down the students of ESC2 will be looking forward to some respite. They have continued to work hard all Term. We have continued to work on developing our Maths with extended problems in division and Linear graph work. For our Society and Environment we have continued to explore the period of ‘Changing World’ going from the Industrial Revolution to Imperialism and World War One.

Science experiments have been interesting with the focus being on changing Matter. It’s always great to see the enthusiasm and excitement of the students as they prepare and do their experiments. Sometimes it doesn’t work out but it was the process that mattered. There has been a marked improvement in reading and comprehension from the students. Understanding various texts and responding to the questions with full sentences and paragraphs has been the focus this term.

In Health we have continued to work on ‘Personal Identity and Sense of Self’. This has been invaluable to our class as it is very evident how much the students have developed their self worth, respect for others and their manners. In line with this, fitness plays a major part and we have included sprint races and relays in our sport classes. It would be an understatement to say their first individual sprint around the basketball court tested their stamina and more importantly their will and desire to complete the task. It is moments like this that builds the character of these young men and women.

It is not often that one is privileged to be with a group of students and EA’s who make coming to work a wonderful and fulfilling experience. Though we teachers are showing the way, it is true to say that our pupils also show us what we sometimes forget in life.

As Term 1 comes to an end, I wish to thank all the students of ESC2, and the wonderful and outstanding EA’s, Mr Van den Broeke, Ms Stevens, and Mrs McDade for their compassion and drive.
All the DFES Cadets have made an impressive start to 2015.

During their first week of term each class were given the task to democratically vote on their chosen Team name, which was taken from the 'radio' phonetic alphabet.

The results were—

Class 10.1—Mrs Manship — TEAM OSCAR
Class 10.2—Mr Cann — TEAM DELTA
Class 11.1—Mrs Riley— TEAM TANGO
Class 11.2—Mrs Collins — TEAM ECHO
Class 12—Mrs Spedding — TEAM CHARLIE

Each cadet has already had a taste of what it is like to experience a challenge and the importance of teamwork to complete an activity.

The first DFES Cadet excursion to Ern Halliday in Hillarys for 2015 (and the very first trip for Team Oscar and Team Delta) saw the Year 10 and 11 Cadets experiencing a host of Team Building activities. Similarly, the Year 12’s excelled during their Vertical Ascent program, where cadets developed roping skills, climbing and belay techniques all under the guidance of their qualified staff.

The classroom based learning has enabled the Cadets to understand a variety of elements. The ‘Living in the Field’ unit explains what to take and what not to take camping, how to pack a backpack and where to safely pitch a tent. Cadets are also gaining an understanding on map navigation and the importance of how to use a compass.
Year 11-13

What a busy term for students in Year 10-13! New students have adjusted over the term and have settled into their new classroom and are working well with new classmates. Students who have returned to the class are also adapting well to the changes for 2015.

The class has been busy in the community, the garden, cooking and the classroom. The focus of Community Access in Term 1 has been Independent Living Skills in the form of shopping for grocery items. Students used their lists from home or those provided at school to create a visual shopping list to assist them once at the supermarket. Students were encouraged to find the selected items independently (some with guided assistance) and then take their groceries to the checkout. Some students enjoyed using the self-serve checkouts while others felt more confident purchasing their items at the usual checkout.

The class garden unfortunately died over the summer break so we have been working hard weeding, clearing, planning and starting to replant over this term. We have grand plans for our garden and look forward to sharing updates over the next term. Stay tuned!

Fridays we continue to enjoy our swimming session and finish the week with some relaxing Art time. The class has produced some creative pieces using colour, pastels and paint. The students and Mrs Kennedy continue to produce mouth-watering food during Cooking on Tuesdays and all students are working to their ability during class sessions for literacy and numeracy.

TAC PAC (a tactile communication/relaxation experience enhanced with the use of music) is a new addition to the Yr 10-13 program and although a bit unsure to begin with, students have begun to really enjoy and benefit from the sessions.

The Year 12’s are excited ahead of the Graduation Ball and it will be great to see them dressed up for their big night.

So as we near the end of term, we wish all families a happy and safe Easter and holiday break and look forward to seeing you all back and ready to go in Term 2.

Mrs Cathy Kennedy
Mrs Tonya Vander Loop

Year 11-13 Teachers
Join In The Fun
18th April - 10am to 2pm
Joondalup Warehouse

There will be:
- Balloonist
- Animal Farm
- Tea Cup Ride
- Jumping Castle
- Fairy Floss & Popcorn
- Temporary Glitter Tattoos
- Competitions, Games & Give Aways
- Kids & Adult D.I.Y. Workshops
- Supplier Demonstrations
- Local Community Groups & Much More...

Special Guest
SpongeBob Square Pants
10am-2pm

#Joondalupfunday
Year 10-2

So here we are, week 9 already! It’s amazing to think that the end of term one is upon us already, where has the time gone? Year 10.2 has had a fantastic start the 2015 year with many successes.

The student’s study of the Preliminary Course Unit 1 in English, Maths and Health & Physical Education has begun well with all students showing progress in all areas. In English we have been looking at rule setting, expected behaviours as valued members of society, sentence writing, descriptive writing and the reading of sentences. For Maths, we have been focusing on money skills and money handling. In Health we have been studying protective behaviours through relationship types, healthy eating habits and dental hygiene. For our Physical Education lessons we have been practicing our skills at Tee-Ball by looking at correct fielding techniques, correct usage of a catching mitt and the correct method of striking a ball off the tee. In Science, the students have been looking at the body including bones, muscles and blood cells. In History the students have researched World War II and significant dates and events that have shaped Australian History. All students have displayed improvements in all areas and we will continue these skills into next term.

The D.F.E.S (Department of Fire Emergency Service) has also commenced well with the students developing their skills in map reading, navigation, compass reading, judging distances, team work and communication. The students have responded very well to this hands-on and active course which has shown in their progress this term. The team work and communication skills that the students are developed have also assisted them in their Agrifood course. The students have participated in preparing a garden bed for planting, begun to lay a retaining wall, used a number of hand tools and investigated the usage of reticulation. With areas of the school garden prepared, the students will begin to plant and grow autumn & winter produce next term.

Thursday’s Community Access has been well received by all students. The students have learnt through these outings about traveling on public transport, reading timetables, bus/train routes and what is expected and appropriate behaviour when out in the community. Community Access will continue next term and full details of these excursions will be provided at the beginning of next term.

So as you can see the start of the year has been a busy one for Year 10.2 and next term will be very much the same. All students have had a great start and with their sustained effort and commitment, the remainder of 2015 will be just as successful.

Enjoy the Easter break and I shall see you next term, well rested and ready to go.

Mr Tom Cann
Year 10-2 Teacher
The Year 11.1 class have been walking to the local shopping centres. Along with their fitness program they have been practicing their maths skills. They locate items to purchase for their weekly cooking class where they are making simple snacks. Location of safety signs in the community has been incorporated in their visits.

Their recent excursion to Ern Halliday for DFES cadets was a great opportunity for them to build on their team skills through various activities. Some included guiding a team member blindfolded over a small space and a magic carpet square game of working together to reach the end cone. A great day was had by all the cadets!

Thanks to all the parents for taking the time to come in and discuss your students plan for the semester. Any queries, please contact me and I will get back to you.

Mrs Sandy Riley
Year 11-1 Teacher
Year 11-2
A Snap Shot of Recent Activities

AZDAN Citizenship

Speaking with Confidence
Student delivered a presentation to the class about the ‘things that interest them’. They used book creator on the iPad to displaying their work on the Smartboard.

AGRIFOOD Operations

A Sunny Afternoon in the Garden
In groups, students each had a role (Team Leader, First Aid Officer, OHS Officer and the Apprentice) and worked hard on their given tasks.

- Task one was to dig and lay pavers to create a garden bed.
- Task two was to prepare a garden bed ready for planting.
- Task three was to plant beans seeds in CD cases ready for sprouting.

WACE Preliminary Course Unit 1

Rules, Rules, Rules
Each student has conducted an interview with a staff member about the rules in the school. These were filmed on their iPads and the footage was used to self reflect. Thankyou to Mrs Wall, Mrs Winston, Mrs Evans, Mrs Mitchell, Larry from the canteen and Mrs Manning from the library for sparing their time to take part. These photos below are of the students refining their speaking and listening skills in preparation for their task.

Mrs Kelsey Collins
Year 11-2 Teacher
Year 12

The Belridge Secondary ESC Year 12 Class have been an amazing group to work with this term and have had many successes and celebrations.

Since the last newsletter, Julie and Rhianne have both celebrated their birthdays by baking cupcakes for the class and Year 12 staff team.

For physical education the students chose to take part in Boxing for Fitness classes at school and Trampolining classes at High Flyers in Wangara. The students enjoyed both activities and focused on developing their individual skills and setting personal targets to achieve. For next term’s activities, they have selected cricket and soccer.

The class has been working on their communication skills in preparation for work placements. Each student will be given a week next term to develop their telephone answering skills by answering the class phone to internal school calls. Chirag has started the ball rolling in the final two weeks of this term and has received some positive feedback from the callers.

We have also had Sharon from Edge Employment deliver an interview workshop to the class in preparation for job interviews. This was a fantastic workshop and we will develop and extend what was learnt in the coming terms.

Last week, I took the opportunity to go and visit the Year 12 students in their work experience placements. It was fantastic to see them in their work environments and have them explain and demonstrate their different tasks. I will endeavour to visit again next term and look forward to seeing what they are achieving.

I would like to wish all families a happy and safe Easter break and look forward to writing about the Year 12 school ball in our next newsletter edition.

Mrs Lauren Spedding
Year 12 Teacher
Workplace Learning

The VET programs are running very smoothly and we are getting really positive feedback from employers and Education Assistants about our students in Year 11 and 12 at work placements. Our school is really appreciative of the employers in our community who assist us to train the students for future employment or work skill sets. We would like to acknowledge the following employers this term:

Woolworths Joondalup and Whitfords, Bunnings Whitfords, Joondalup and Mindarie, Coles Beldon, Vinnies Ocean Keys, Joondalup Post Office, Red Dot Warwick, Active Property Care, Active Osborne Park, Margaret Court Community Outreach, Goodwill Engineering, Target Joondalup, Celebration Homes.

I would also like to congratulate Mrs Lauren Spedding who has completed three Certificate courses in the past 4 months in her “free time”, so that she is industry compliant to teach these courses to her students.

Finally, can I remind parents that we are hosting a Beyond School Evening in Term 2 which we encourage all Year 10-13 parents to attend with their LAC’s so that you can start preparing for the transition to post school with some useful information. We will have many of our service providers and training institutions coming to share what they offer in a wide range of student options. Further details will be provided next term.

Jenny Winston
VET and Workplace Learning Coordinator

Congratulations go to Jeremy Huggins, one of our Year 11 students for receiving the City of Joondalup Sports Achievement Award for Ten Pin Bowling. He is representing WA as a member of the State Disabilities Team in the National Ten Pin Bowling Championships to be held in Brisbane in June 2015.