Term three has begun in earnest with students in all year levels engaged in a variety of different curriculum activities and we also welcome new students and staff to Belridge. Mrs Cathy Kennedy (Year 10 -13) is on leave until the end of the year and we welcome Ms Crystal Thompson who also teaches across all areas of the school. Ms Brianna Wimbridge has also joined our team on Mondays and Thursdays and we are sure that you will enjoy your time here. We would also like to acknowledge Mr Nick Jakowyna who has recently retired as Principal at Belridge Secondary College and sincerely wish him all the best in the future. The two schools at Belridge have always had a positive and productive relationship with all staff and students and we look forward to working alongside Mr John Burke as the new Principal. Welcome one and all!

IEP meetings
Teachers have organised and held IEP meetings with Parents and Carers in all year levels across the school. Following on from your discussions regarding your child’s individual goals, a copy of the IEP will be forwarded on. It is important to remember that the IEP is not the extent of the program that you child participates in but are priorities identified in each learning area. If there are some IEP goals that have not been achieved in Semester One then these goals will carry over for this semester.

Planning for 2016
Students from Primary School and Education Support Centres have already begun their transition program as they prepare for secondary schooling.

Last week’s visit was enjoyed by all students and staff who participated and are looking forward to returning in Week 8.

We are anticipating that our current student number will at the very least remain stable for 2016 and due to the structure of our classroom groupings, I have applied for another two transportable classrooms. With the increase in student numbers it has also become necessary for more office space to house our school psychologist, school chaplain as well as providing a room for meetings and therapy intervention as required.

School Board
Our next School Board meeting is on Tuesday 1st September and a report from our School Board Chair, Wendy Langford, will feature in the second newsletter of every term. I would like to thank all of our Board members who willingly give up their time to contribute to school future planning, school guidelines and policy.

Important dates to remember:
There are a number of activities planned for different classes this term including School Photographs. An assembly is planned for the end of the term and details will be sent home closer to the date.

Jenine Wall
Principal
Year 7-1

We have had a great start to term 3. We have started swimming again, which is always fun, we have even had some of our family come to watch us. We are also continuing with our rock band experience. It has been fun trying out new songs and new instruments. Term 3 has introduced us to new teachers and experiences such as exploring the world of Design and Technology with Mr Lambert and Music and Drama with Miss Thompson. We are also making the environment around our classroom more appealing and developing our own garden by weeding and planting an assorted array of plants.

Ms Helen Carlyon
Year 7-1 Teacher
Year 7-2

What a busy start the Year 7.2 class have had to Term 3.

In Maths we have been working hard on our times tables and Worded Maths Problems. In English the students have been working hard reading and providing book reviews, remembering specific information to share with their peers.

In History we are having a fabulous time learning about Ancient Egypt. The students have made their own pyramids, mummies and will be making Sarcophagus’ in the coming weeks. We are impressed by the extravagant lifestyles the Pharaoh’s lived and how they were treated after death.

In Science we have explored the Solar System and relationship between The Sun, Moon and Earth. We have made our own models to understand it better.
In Health we have been discussing Bullying and developing strategies to help us deal with it. The students have also put together individual books, expressing what bullying is, how it makes us feel and what we can do about it.

Our class garden has taken shape over the last few weeks and the students got to take home some of the lettuce last week. Our flower patch looks beautiful and it is well cared for by the students. Hopefully we will get to plant more vegetables soon!

Mrs Aileen Finn
Year 7-2 Teacher
Year 7-10

With so much hard work and progress happening in class 7-10 it is hard to believe that we are only in week four! Students have been working on a wide range of independent living skills in the ILC and are completing the tasks with less and less support. So far the activities have included; making the bed, sweeping the floor, using a washing machine, folding clothes, pairing socks, laying the table, making simple snacks and cleaning up after themselves (taking dirty dishes to the sink, washing dishes, drying dishes and wiping the table). I have to say the progress they are making on completing these tasks as independently as possible has been remarkable. I am very pleased and super excited to see what we can work on next! Alongside carrying out the independent living tasks we are also working on the vocabulary surrounding each activity and identifying the tools required to complete the task.

Every Monday students visit Coles at Belridge Shopping Centre to purchase the items they need for cooking. Students have been identifying the ingredients from a visual ingredients list as part of the visual recipe, constructing a visual shopping list with symbols and photographs and locating the items in the store. Students have also been showing off some impressive trolley pushing skills!

The ASDAN modules are in full swing this semester; students are currently working on the Social, Relationships and Citizenship modules. These involve following rules within the school and the community, recognising emotions and identifying relevant signs to protect us from danger. Alongside ASDAN, Mrs Lopez and I are also excited to be running an alternative program with our students. The content addresses specific areas for development for each student depending on individual needs. Students are making excellent progress within the program and we are both more than happy with the results. I would like to thank all support staff for their hard work and all parents for their continued support this semester.

I look forward to what the rest of the academic year has to offer!

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

We have had a very busy and exciting start to our third term in our Year 8-1 class. We are now all well settled back into the second semester. This is a quick synopsis of some of the very exciting projects we have been working on so far in Term Three.

In Science, we have been examining the structures and functions of the human body. As part of this process, we created our very own 3D life-size fabric body to label and display in our classroom. That was a fun-filled activity deciphering how to keep all body parts in proportion. However, we have yet to name our newest classroom creation! Any suggestions?

We have started some new subjects this Semester, each of which are really interesting and enjoyable. In History, we are learning about the Renaissance Period. In P.E., we have started football clinics every Thursday and join with some of our Years 7 and 9 peers to learn and develop our skills every week. We have re-commenced swimming on Mondays and the boys are getting great practise under the direction of Mrs Goodwin and Mr Van Den Broeke. In Home Economics, we have been busy making chicken noodle soup, muesli snacks and healthy sandwiches. The best part of making these is sampling them afterwards!

I would like to thank all the parents who have taken the time to meet with me recently to discuss their child’s IEP for this term. I appreciate you taking the time to visit the school to discuss this in person. We have many more exciting activities planned for term three, including school photos in the coming weeks.

Thanks everyone for all the great work so far in 8-1 in term three. Keep up the good work!

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

It is hard to believe that Year 8’s are now over half way thought their first year at high school!

It is wonderful to see how much they have matured and grown in confidence over Semester One. Many students have taken on responsibility for their learning, completing homework tasks and demonstrating improved Literacy and Numeracy skills. The Year 8-2 students are a group of young people who are very interested in learning new concepts and skills, being full of questions about topics we are learning about. Their thirst for knowledge is wonderful.

This semester Year 8-2 have Design and Technology having now completed a Semester of Home Economics. They are enjoying producing candle holders and wine bottle stands with wood. Students have a change in teacher for Science and Technologies learning areas this term. They have welcomed Miss Thompson as their teacher for these subjects.

On Thursdays, Period 4 we have Football West coming in to run a soccer clinic for 6 weeks. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students and is provided to us for no charge. There will be a note coming home in the coming weeks about an excursion to Kings Park to complete a session on the Aboriginal people’s ties to the land. This is part of the Geography Curriculum for Year 8. Thanks go to Mrs Gilligan the Year 8-1 teacher for organising this.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful semester.

Mrs Pauline Egan
Year 8-2 Teacher
Year 9-1
Welcome back! The year is flying by and it is hard to believe we are now in semester 2 week 4. All the staff in ESC-1 would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students Corey and Tanaya and our new staff Mrs Karen Arnold and Mrs Chrissie Horley.
We have adjusted the welcome sign on our classroom door to now read:

'The Magnificent 9'

Say it or filter it? The students are learning that when they are upset or angry they can have many upsetting thoughts going through their minds very quickly. These thoughts can be very powerful and can “escape” out of their mouths in a careless or weak moment. We are learning that our minds can filter these words and thoughts. To help us remember to say the right things at the right time we have made our own filters to practice. So instead of every letting all of our thoughts rush out of our mouths we now think before we speak;

- “Should I keep that thought to myself?”
- “Yes I can say that,“ and
- “I should filter that thought and choose different words.”

We all enjoyed the lesson, even the teachers need to remember to filter their thoughts!

This term we will continue with our swimming, which the children thoroughly enjoy, and for Phys Ed we have sessions planned every Thursday with various sporting teams such as the Joondalup Falcons.

Days and activities to remember:
- Monday: News and home reading folders go home
- Tuesday: Music Rocks and swimming
- Thursday: Joke day and Phys Ed
- Friday: Return home reading folders and Library Books to school

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of all of the staff in the room who keep me organised and the children happy and on track: Mrs Vicki Beattie, Mrs Nicola Kramme, Mrs Karen Arnold and Ms Chrissie Horley.

Mrs Susan Osborne
Year 9-1 Teacher
Belridge Secondary Education Support Centre students are invited to an end of term Disco.

When: Friday 18th September 2015

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Where: Decadance – 15 Royce Court Joondalup (off Winton Road)

Price: $9 – includes venue hire, 2 slices of pizza and a drink

Tickets will be on sale from the Year 12 classroom (T3) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8.30 to 9.00am.

Please note: This is not a compulsory event,

Parents are responsible for transport to and from the venue.

No Phones or iPods to be brought to the event.
Year 10-1

Semester 2 began with workplace preparation for the students in class 10.1 ready for our first work experience. Students were introduced to the language of the workplace through: manual handling, OH&S, policies and procedures, roles and responsibilities.

Students have had an excellent start to their placements with lots of praise received from supervisors, including a request for students to come back the very next day!

When students return from their working day they begin reflecting on and rating their performance in their workplace learning log books. Students have been taking this process seriously, considering tasks they struggled to complete, successes they have experienced and setting goals they would like to achieve the following week. I have been very impressed with the high level of maturity students have displayed during this time, well done.

This semester students are taking part in Home Economic classes during which they are focusing on core food preparation skills such as, peeling, grating and chopping whilst making delicious food.

Geography sessions began this semester by exploring how a consumable such as a bottle of water connects us to many different people and places. We will continue to explore this topic further through inquiry-based learning.

Students are looking forward to interesting excursions with DFES with planned trips including: Tamala Park, Ern Halliday and the DFES Heritage Centre.

We are also excited to welcome a new teacher Ms Wimbridge who will be taking the students of 10.1 on Mondays for Science, Health and Sport.

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

With week four of term three almost at an end, we reflect on the past few weeks and recall the adventures that the students have experienced to date.

This term has seen the introduction of Workplace Learning where each student attends a place of work one day a week. All students have responded admirably to their duties & responsibilities and have displayed maturity and competency in many areas. The students thoroughly enjoy being in uniform and take ownership and pride in their conduct at their place of work. From all reports the students have begun well and will continue to achieve as their experience and confidence grows.

In Maths we are exploring the concept of budgeting and multiplication. We have begun to look at using a calculator to calculate complex equations and transition these skills to solve everyday mathematical problems. In English we have been studying the art of writing and the way in which descriptive writing is used to engage the reader’s emotions. We have analysed a number of articles from a newspaper to identify the writer’s style and opinions. We have deliberated the way in which a writer directs the reader along a particular line of thinking to provoke certain emotions so that a connection is made to the stories content.

In D.F.E.S lessons we are becoming one with nature through the practice of camping and outdoor cooking. We have a number of excursions this term and details regarding those outings will follow in the coming weeks. In Home Economics, we are looking at cooking healthy food. We have combined maths with cooking by calculating the amount of food needed and then purchasing the ingredients required. Some cooking concepts overarch with our Health studies as we have begun to look into nutrition. We have cooked fried rice, risotto and homemade pizzas to date.

So as is evident, the students of class 10.2 have had a busy start to the term and this workload will continue for the remainder of the year. I am extremely happy with all students’ progress and I look forward to compiling their IEP’s in the coming weeks.

Mr Tom Cann
Year 10-2 Teacher

Kallum—D & T
Carlos & Kai—cooking
Kevin—Bunnings
Year 10-13

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Crystal Thompson, I am the new 10-13 teacher and I will be working in the class Monday – Wednesday for the next two terms. We have had a great start to the term with many exciting activities and outings happening each week.

This term we have been continuing with our Tuesday cooking and independent living skills. Each student has selectively chosen a yummy recipe of their choice. Each week we cook a new dish; practicing cutting, grating, baking and washing dishes. Lydia has shown great enthusiasm and is known as our head chef! Well done Lydia for showing us your excellent cooking skills.

During this time, we also practice everyday living skills, such as making the bed, putting out the washing and preparing the tables. Brodie has impressed us with his washing and folding skills that he does each week. Both Josh and John have lead the way to the garden each week to help pick vegetables and herbs to use in our cooking; and Alex and Florin have been amazing with their food preparation.

On Wednesdays the students have continued their ‘Out in the Community’ ASDAN lessons and are becoming more confident in using money and ordering food independently. They have also been practicing using self-serve to purchase and bag groceries. We even had an outing to Fired Ceramic Café in Joondalup where we painted bowls and plates – Tegan did an amazing job with her flower!

This term we have also had Transperth visit us to help us with using public transport. We practiced tagging on and off, where to sit and took part in many great activities that allowed us to feel confident with using public transport.

A great start to the term in B7! We are looking forward to the rest of Term 3.
Year 11-1
The Year 11.1 students use a variety of methods to explore their maths and literacy skills. Electronic equipment such as the Smartboard, computers and iPads allow the students to engage in media at the same time as they build their skills.
The Work Awareness unit for ASDAN with Mrs Collins looks at safety in the community as well as other important aspects of community living.
Thank you to all parents who took time to come into school for our semester planning meetings. Your input into your teenagers’ learning plans is of value to us as we look at the individual needs and learning styles of our students.

Mrs Sandy Riley
Year 11-1 Teacher
Year 11-2

Second semester is underway and we have started some exciting new programs. On Thursdays the Year 11.2 group combine with the Year 12s in the Gym for a ‘Rock N Water’ session. This evidence based Physical Education program promotes body awareness, emotional awareness and self-awareness through collaborative exercises. So far it has been a success with the classes working together well and showing respect to one another. They have learned to salute their partner before an activity to show respect and ensure they take care while performing exercises. During a lesson all the staff noticed the students improved ability to control their emotions whilst performing the focus exercises. It was a pleasure to see.

During Term 3, 11.2 are learning about coastal conservation and for Community Access are visiting Mullaloo Beach to participate in volunteer work. Students are working with Coastal Care to look after our local beach. On our last visit the class planted native spinifex and flora on the dunes to prevent erosion. Students used skills learned from Certificate I in Agri-Foods and the people from Coastal Care were very impressed with all their hard work.

To support students understanding of the coastal environment they also visited the Marine Discovery Centre at Hillarys and the Dampier Marine Gallery at Perth Museum; where each student had to remember an interesting fact to share with the class. We have much more to learn in the weeks ahead and opportunities to contribute to our environment.

The Year 10 and 11 groups are currently involved with an organisation called Terracycle. They are recycling coffee pods, old toothbrushes, pump handles from bottles, earth choice dishwashing liquid bottles and corks. A collection box will be in each ESC classroom and the main staffroom should you wish to do your bit for the environment. Any questions ask Mrs Collins or Ann Leroy.

Finally, a big Congratulations to Lockie Smith in our class who has just passed his Practical Driving Assessment. Well Done Lockie, we are all very proud of you!

Mrs Kelsey Collins
Year 11-2 Teacher
Workplace Learning

The new term has started well with all our Year 11 and 12 students now changing workplaces to experience a different placement. We have also sent home new Workplace learning paperwork due to a new update on our Department system. That is why paperwork has gone home twice in the last few weeks. Thanks to Mrs Spedding and Mrs Riley for managing all the changes while I was away on leave for the beginning of the term.

We also have our Year 10 students participating on workplace learning for the first time this term. All students are being assisted by Education Assistants and I am hearing fabulous reports, so well done everyone. Mr Cann and Mrs Manship are also assisting and sharing the visiting of students over the eight weeks.

We have some Year 12 students participating in work trials as part of their transition for beyond school which is exciting for all involved. Congratulations to Vincent who is at MacDonald's Beldon and Jesse, Kevin, Kimmy and Travis who are on work trials at Intework.

Well done to all the students and keep up the great work ethic.

Fantastic start to the new semester to all staff and students in the upper school program.

Mrs Jenny Winston
VET Coordinator

To our Music Rocks Year 7s, 8s and 9s,

Please keep the afternoon of Sunday the 20th of September free for our performance at the Game Sports Bar, Northbridge (The old Aberdeen Hotel). This is our opportunity to show off the skills we have been learning to all our family and friends. Music Rocks Australia is supporting each family by offering a complimentary ticket to each musician’s family to ensure we get everyone along on the day and musicians enter for free. There will be more information very soon and a parent letter will be sent home in the next couple of weeks.

Well done to so many of you on your musical development already this year and we all cannot wait to see our Belridge musicians become Rock Stars at this special event.
Year 12

Semester Two for the Year 12 class is very busy working on IEP outcomes, Workplace Learning and transition to Post School Options.

The Year 12s have begun a reading program this term where students are given weekly sight words and objectives to meet. Word games are included in this the program and students are being challenged by aiming to beat their ‘Personal Best’

We have also started a social skills program called Social Fortune/Social Fate which is based on comic style scenarios, making choices and understanding their own and others emotions based on behaviour.

The class has linked up with Mrs Collins class to participate in a Rock and Water program every Thursday afternoon and are enjoying these activities.

The class will be going to Leederville TAFE at the end of this term to tour the venue and learn about the courses that they may be eligible for next year. While on the tour information will be given out to go home to families.

Mrs Lauren Spedding
Year 12 Teacher