From the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term 1 of the 2016 school year and all students have settled into their new classroom environments across all year levels. We hope that you enjoyed being able to share the range of activities and educational experiences that your child has been participating in at our parent evening on Thursday 31st March. Please take note of the many events that are mentioned in each newsletter as this is the primary method of communicating with our community, particularly in reference to activities, meetings and parent information evenings. Reminder letters are also often sent home with students however, the newsletter contains all of the dates for parents to take note of.

Thank you to those parents who are informing their School Bus Service of any changes to their child's routine, contacting your individual bus driver in the event that your child is not travelling on the bus is essential. Thank you also to those parents who contact the school or send in written notification advising us of any changes to your child's travel arrangements or if your child is unwell. 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.

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 plain navy windcheaters/school tracksuit jackets in winter. Other colours or Windcheaters with logos are not acceptable.

Please remember that the parking facilities around the school are at a premium and the car park at the front of the school is not to be used by parents/carers for the collection or drop off of students except for ACROD holders. Should you need to collect your child from school during the day please collect them from the front office and not directly from their classroom as a sign out process needs to be completed. Students are also required to go through the front office if they arrive after the school day has commenced.

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 as it is imperative that families have engaged with DSC to address individual school leaver plans and aspirations in preparation for the future. A Beyond School Parent Information Evening is being held next term and further information will be sent to families when students return for Term 2. Parents of students who are turning 16 are also encouraged to consider their child's eligibility for the Disability Support Pension through Centrelink and your LAC may also be of assistance in this process.

Our Year 12 students had a sensational time at our recent School Ball which was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Perth last Thursday night. Our students all looked glamorous and they were certainly dressed to impress! A great time was had by all students and staff who attended with many memorable moments and plenty of dancing happening during the evening. The job of selecting our very own Mister and Miss Charming was certainly a difficult one for staff to decide with all of our students looking and behaving magnificently. Congratulations go to all students but our winners on the evening were: 'Miss Charming' was Hannah Stokes and 'Mr Charming' was Ben Bencic-well done! The students were a credit to our school and we hope that you enjoy the photographs that are included in the 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: Joseph West, Max Armishaw (Year 12), Samuel Rowan, Robbie Law (Year 11), Courtney Harrison, Louis Smyth (Year 10), Max Letizia, Jarrad Johnson (Year 9) and Mailey Kelly and Jack Goldsmith (Year 8). An assembly will be held on Thursday 7th April at 2.00 pm in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) to acknowledge and congratulate our worthy student councillors. I look forward to presenting each of you with your badges and I hope that you wear them with pride.

I wish each and every family a safe holiday break and we look forward to seeing all of our students return for Term 2 on Tuesday 26th April, 2016. Kind regards

Jenine Wall
Year 7-1

What an amazing start to the year we have had. I am so pleased how all our students have settled into secondary school and a new school routine.

Recently we were excited to be involved in the Bocce carnival hosted at Gladys Newton School on the 31st of March and are looking forward to be going to Scitech ton the 5th of April.

The students were disappointed to see the end of our swimming for Term 1 but we are looking forward to Term 3 when we start our swimming program again.

The students are so proud of the puzzles they made in Design and Technology and are excited to continue to create more work. In Science we have been exploring the concept of day and night as well as the phases of the moon and Luna and Solar eclipse. Humanities have been a favourite subject as we have been learning about Ancient Roman civilisation. We made a catapult and a volcano based on roman invention and the Mount Vesuvius volcano. The people of Ancient Rome were fascinating to investigate from the slaves to the Gladiators.

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

We have been keeping very busy throughout Term One in Year 7.2.

On 17th March we joined with our colleagues in Years 8 and 9 to participate in a Special Olympics School Network Sports Day. This event took place in the Herb Graham Recreational Centre in Mirrabooka. Our students took part in athletics, cricket, soccer, bocce, basketball, netball and softball. A great day was had by both students and staff which included a surprise sausage sizzle for lunch!

Our class also had the joy of experiencing a day of Music Rocks in March. This incorporated playing a variety of percussion instruments as well as meshing a selection of songs under the guidance of the Music Rocks Director. This went down a treat for many of our students as is evident in the photos below.

In History, we have continued to explore more aspects of Ancient Rome. The students have even created their own Roman Army Swords, Shields, Helmets, 3D chariots and Roman roads. They thoroughly enjoy the make and do elements of this subject.

As Easter occurred towards the end of Term One, our students prepared a selection of cards and gifts which they presented to their families and friends over the long weekend break. We had a lot of fun preparing these.

All the students are progressing so well in their new school and are enthusiastic about what our new learning journey will entail over the next three terms of 2016. Enjoy the end of term break and looking forward to what Term Two will present upon our return!

Ms Martina Gilligan
Year 7-2 Teacher
Year 7-10

With the first term almost checked off I would like to congratulate my students on an incredibly successful first term and overall start to the new academic year! Everyone has well and truly gotten stuck in and worked hard over the past ten weeks. I am sure the public holidays and long Easter break have helped to keep everyone refreshed and ready for action. It is hard to believe we are at the end of term already. I know I am certainly looking forward to what the next term will bring.

The hard work and dedication shown by each student has blown me away this term. Everyone has been so focused on their work tasks and we have been so busy that the days have flown past.

Dance has been a welcomed new addition to student programs this year and I am pleased to say it is one of the most enjoyable periods of the week. Students’ seem really happy and appear to be having lots of fun whilst working on key movement skills. Bike riding is also proving to be a real highlight, students’ have been working on putting their helmets on and taking them off, stopping and starting, pedalling, following directional instructions and using the brakes.

We have been preparing some healthy snack alternatives in cooking this term and will continue with this program next term. Everyone has shown a great deal of improvement reading a visual recipe and has enjoyed tasting the food afterwards! If anyone would like any of the recipes I’ve used this term (outlined in the cooking schedule sent home in week 2) please do not hesitate to contact me. I know it can prove difficult finding new foods to eat. The independent skills shown during the tidying up after cooking activities have been particularly impressive!

Overall I really am delighted with the progress this early on in the year and I look forward to supporting students to continue their learning and achieve their IEP goals.

Enjoy the two week break and I will see you next term for a happy and successful Term Two!

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

Term 1 has almost come to an end, but we have had a great start to the year! We have done many exciting activities throughout the term and will continue to do so throughout the year. We recently had our annual beach carnival – Belsurf. We had such a great time, playing games and competing in races against our friends. The water was a little cold, but that didn’t stop the class from getting straight in and enjoying the competitions and free swimming in the ocean.

We also made a special afternoon tea with our cooking teacher, Mrs Dwyer. We invited our teachers to join us for scones and tea – it was great! We made sure that we set the table and provided excellent service to staff by preparing tea, coffee and yummy strawberry milkshakes.

The teachers that came to enjoy our afternoon tea were: Mrs Wall, Ms Finn, Miss Thompson, Mrs O’Rourke and Mrs McDade. Everyone was really impressed with our cooking and serving skills that they want to come back again!

Another exciting activity we have done this term is making props to go with our English play. To help with our development of our oral language skills, we have been practicing a play within the classroom called ‘The Little Red Hen.’ We each have different characters and voices that we need to act out – it is a lot of fun! As part of our play, we have made different animal props to go with each character. These include: a hen, a pig, a dog, and a duck.

Miss Crystal Thompson
Year 8-1 Teacher
As Term One draws to a close I look back over the last 10 weeks thinking how they have flown by.

Our students have had a busy term and have worked hard to achieve their learning goals. They all deserve their holidays!

Recently as part of our studies of “The Rock Cycle” students made volcanoes. They used bi-carbonate of soda, vinegar and food colouring to simulate the eruption of a volcano with the ‘lava’ pouring out of their models. The experiment can be seen in the photos displayed here.

Our students recently participated in the Special Olympics Sports Day in Mirrabooka on the 17th of March and had a great day trying out different sports.

Next term for Physical Education we have swimming lessons at the Arena in Joondalup. Students will begin lessons on Monday the 2nd of May. We also have people coming out from the WACA to run a number of cricket clinics with our class on Thursdays.

Wishing you all a happy school holiday period.

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

Special Olympics, Lego club, World War I, thank you notes, and fan mail…

9.1 had a fantastic start to the year. Students have embraced their new routine and are working towards becoming an amazing team. This Term the newly founded Lego Club was launched thanks to Mrs Oldfield and her merry helpers. Lego Club has proven to be a huge hit with students across most year groups; we have lots of regular members and a few visitors who have been creating masterpieces over the past few weeks.

9.1 students attended a very energetic day at Mirrabooka Recreation Centre where they took part in a Special Olympics taster day. Students participated in accessible sports including: shot put, cricket and tee ball. At the centre we were also introduced to some of the official Special Olympic medal winners who brought along their medals to celebrate their achievements. A great day was had by all involved.

During our writing tasks students have been exploring writing for different purposes including: thank you notes, emails and fan mail. Students have produced thoughtful thank you notes, emails that are interesting for the reader and fan mail that explains why they are a huge fan of an actor, singer, movie or author we are looking forward to mailing the letters out soon.

During our history sessions students have been learning about the causes of World War I, the reasons why people enlisted in the war and what life was like in the trenches. Everyone has been shocked to discover the unsanitary conditions that the soldiers fought in which included flooding which caused trench foot and pests which caused trench fever. As part of their integrated art sessions students have created a diorama of a typical World War I trench and are looking forward to adding in some soldiers shortly.

Ms Nichola Manship
Year 9-1 Teacher
Belsurf
Belsurf
Year 9-2

It seems hard to believe we have finished the term already! All of the students in class have settled into the weekly routines and work. It has been a very busy but enjoyable start to the 2016 school year. In Chemical Science we continued with our experiments and investigations looking at changes and reactions that take place. We made sherbet and felt the chemical reaction on our tongues.

Have you ever heard that plastic can be made out of milk? This may sound inconceivable but we learned that from the early 1900s until about 1945, milk was commonly used to make many different plastic ornaments. So, in Chemical Science we made our own plastic ornaments from milk. All we used was milk, vinegar and a strong arm for stirring. There were some fantastic results.

For sport, in week seven, we jumped on the bus and went to the Special Olympics Have-A-Go Multi-Sport Fun Day and everyone tried playing T-ball, golf, soccer, basketball and cricket. We were treated to a sausage sizzle and received a goody bag with prizes. It was a great day!

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Have a happy and safe holiday, see you in term 2!

Mrs Susan Osborne
Year 9-1 Teacher
Year 10-1
The end of first term already! Wow! As they say "time goes fast when you are having fun", which is certainly true in the Year 10.1 class. As mentioned in the last newsletter there have been a number of new courses and experiences put in place for the students this year and they seem to be thoroughly enjoying them. They are all now DFES (Department of Fire and Emergency Services) Cadets and are learning about the environment, how to stay safe in the home and school and have enjoyed two excursions already. The first excursion involved working as a team communicating and working together to complete a task and the other was to the DFES education and Heritage Centre which is the first Fire station in Perth. We got to try on the Fireman Safety Equipment and sit in the Fire Engine. We also got to practice our evacuation procedures when there is a fire in our house. Below are some of the photos from both days.

Our "Agrifood" course which is run by the team at West Coast Institute of Training is going very well. The students have learnt a lot about caring for the environment, growing items in the garden and maintaining the garden on a weekly basis. The students have showed great interest in the processes they are involved in and are looking forward to the end results.

Each Thursday we have Community Access and as a class we have enjoyed becoming more confident in using public transport, as well as visiting many educational locations close to the school. We have been to Lakeside Joondalup, Joondalup Library, Wanneroo library and Museum, Ikea, Neil Hawkins Park and for week ten we will be heading to Bunnings Joondalup to complete a workshop. These activities each week have assisted the students in building their social communication skills as well as their confidence in using public transport.

There are many other subjects throughout the week and the students are working very well to achieve individual success. I wish all the students and their families a fabulous break over the holidays. I hope you are all well rested when you return, so that you are ready for another interesting, educational and fun filled term 2.

Mrs Aileen Finn
Year 10-1 Teacher
So here we are, week 10! It is 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 2016 year with many successes.

The student's study of 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 hygiene.

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) program has also commenced well with the students developing their skills in navigation, compass reading, 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 developing have also assisted them in their Agri-food course. The students have participated in preparing a garden bed for planting, used a number of hand tools and investigated the use 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. This term we have visited Joondalup Lakeside where the students participated in an Amazing Race, Hillary’s Boat Harbour and Neil Hawkins Park where the students investigated and discussed environment sustainability and AQWA where we explored our coastal regions from far North Regions to the Great Southern Regions. Community Access will continue next term and full details of these excursions will be provided at the beginning of Term 2.

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 2016 will be just as successful.

Mr Tom Cann
Year 10-2 Teacher
Hi Everyone,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bev Fruin. I have spent many years as an Early Childhood Educator and I became a chaplain 5 years ago and have worked in this area ever since. Moving into a High School environment was a challenge after many years in a Primary School, but I have been having a wonderful time at Belridge Secondary Education Support Centre. Everyone is so welcoming and the students are delightful. I am impressed with the many opportunities and activities on offer for the students. It is a wonderful nurturing environment.

I am available on Monday and Thursday (school hours) to assist with any problem that might require a sympathetic ear or help in any way. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

I have provided some contact numbers below for the school community if needed:

Did you know?

The Department for Communities have a web site—https://www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/AdviceSupport/Pages/Parenting-WA-Line.aspx and also a telephone service available for just those times when we start to doubt ourselves or the problems become too great. Here are the details:

Parenting WA Line
The Parenting WA Line is a telephone information and support service on parenting that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on (08) 6279 1200 or 1800 654 432.

Who can call the Parenting WA Line?
Anyone can call - parents, grandparents, a family member, friend, carer, or helping someone who is taking care of children pre-birth - 18 years.

How the Parenting WA Line can help
Trained parenting consultants can assist with questions, and provide information or guidance about any aspect of parenting including:

• how to manage the different challenges of parenting children from infancy and childhood through to the teenage years, such as toddler tantrums, teething, toilet training, sleep patterns, sibling rivalry, bullying, lying, puberty, drug and alcohol use.

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• understanding the different stages of child development:

• by offering ideas on how to match parenting strategies to a child's personality and temperament

• by suggesting ways to develop social networks in the community.

• changes in family situations, such as divorce, separation, step families, and grandparents becoming grand carers.

• provide information on local community support, services, courses and workshops.

I truly hope this is helpful for you all.

Your School Chaplain
Bev Fruin
The Year 11-1 students have completed team building and orienteering excursions at Ern Halliday as part of their DFES cadet training. They have been able to put their classroom lessons into practical outdoor learning sessions. Working as a member of a team and using map reading skills have been priorities for the group.

Belsurf 2016 was a perfect day at Sorrento Beach in Hillarys. The students enjoyed activities both on land and in the water. From running races, tennis ball race, tug of war to sand sculpture building the students experienced a fun filled day at the beach!
I hope all families had a relaxing Easter break. The end of Term One is upon us and it’s time to update you with some recent events and learning activities.

Sports and recreation has been the learning theme for Term One. Student’s teamwork, communication and cooperation skills have been a focus for activities both in class and out in the community. Here are some action shots of students at Bouncers Sports Centre putting these skills into play.

Students have been working to achieve an ASDAN Meal Prep Certificate with Mrs Kennedy. They have increased their independence in the kitchen while cooking a range of foods. They have enjoyed selecting recipes and making and eating their meals. Some of these include; pizza, honey chicken, burgers, fried rice and homemade dips. Yummo!

During Physical Education classes students have been using the gym to train one another. Learning the correct techniques to use the gym equipment has been a focus. Students have selected and demonstrated a range of activities to the class. Carlos has shared his knowledge in fitness training. Students have set personal goals for each session and using a template, created a simple program to work out.

I would like to acknowledge Kai for all his hard work and perseverance at West Coast Institute of Training. He is currently attending TAFE on a Thursday to achieve an Automotive Skills Certificate II. Keep up the great work Kai.

Congratulations to Carlos for winning the first raffle for the term. Students are continuing to earn raffle tickets for their hard work and behaviour. They are looking forward to the reward excursion to High Flyers at the end of term.

To all students, thank you for a wonderful term.

I hope you all enjoy your well-earned break!

Mrs Kelsey Collins
Year 11-2 Teacher
Year 12 School Ball 2016

Make new friends but keep the old, those are silver, these are gold.
Year 12-1

Where has Term One gone? Year 12-1 has had a great start to the year. Every student has settled in well and is working hard to improve their skills across all learning areas.

This term on Thursday Community Access outings the class has focused on the use of their Communication skills when shopping or ordering food for morning tea or lunch. Further consolidation of these skills will continue next term.

The WACA visit to watch the Sheffield Shield game between WA and QLD, producing awesome Art at the WA Art Gallery and SciTech’s “Maths and Explosions” show where definite highlights of the term. Students on Work Placements have settled in well to their work environments and those students who are on alternate programs are planting and tending to the class garden and enjoying their ASDAN swimming classes.

The Ball

The highlight of Term 1 for the Year 12’s was the School Ball. What a fantastic night! It was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in the City and the girls looked like princesses in their beautiful dresses and the boys all looked very handsome in their suits and waistcoats. Everyone danced the night away after a beautiful dinner and yummy desert. We learnt some great new moves for the dance floor! We were proud to crown Hannah Stokes, Miss Charming and Ben Bencic, Mr Charming. Well done to the class for making a great start to their final year of school. We wish you all a relaxing holiday and will see you back ready to go for Term 2!

Miss and Mr Charming

Mrs Carmen Lopez and Ms Tonya Vander Loop
Year 12-1 Teachers
Year 12-2

Class 12-2 have enjoyed a very busy and productive first term of their senior year. The majority of the class are close to completing 3 out of the 9 units of competency towards their Certificate II in Community Services. These units have included short answer questions, partner work, group discussions, problem solving, role-plays and workplace observations. I was very pleased with the detail and maturity displayed as I viewed their customer service videos.

The class has also completed 2 out of the 6 sections in their ASDAN Money Progression Module which have focused on using money and budgeting. The class took public transport to Lakeside Joondalup to demonstrate that they could locate specific food items on a given list, check the price and purchase the items within a set budget, this was a two part excursion where students were observed the first week, given constructive feedback and then aimed to improve their skills in the second week. They enjoyed small group rotations within the classroom where they played a maths/money shopping game, utilised shopping catalogues, ordered labelled products and played selected iPad money games. These rotations gave students and staff a great opportunity to extend students in 'correct change', 'number of items' and 'ways to save money'.

The class has dedicated time for Workplace Learning on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Mondays, 12-2 have worked on completing a comprehensive resume. We have looked at important information to include, resume structure and why or why not to include specific information. The students have been able to include Certificate Courses, Workplace Learning opportunities and their Community Service work from Year 11. The class was enthusiastic to select their own template from the internet and we are now working on moving their information into their chosen style. On Wednesdays, the class have taken part in workplace problem solving, communication and role-play including 'calling in sick', 'avoiding non-work talk' and 'asking for leave'.

During Cobra Cafe with Mrs Lopez, the class have enjoyed preparing and delivering their cafe style coffee and meals to ESC staff. They have learnt about food safety and hygiene and always deliver with a smile.

We have also increased our knowledge of current affairs through viewing Behind the News reports and then answering the given quiz questions on the topic. Interesting topics have included the US Presidential election, Tennis Doping and moving Australia Day.

The class has celebrated student and staff birthdays and have taken part in an Easter Egg hunt with a twist, as the students needed to find information out about Easter.

For example: "Easter is not fixed to a specific day. It usually falls between March 22nd and April 25th. It is supposed to fall on the first Sunday after the full moon following March 21st'.

Of course the highlight of the term was the Year 12 School Ball at the Hyatt Regency. All the Year 12s who attended looked amazing and had a fantastic night with most students on the dance floor the majority of the evening. Thank you to Ms Cheryl and the Year 12 Ball Committee for organising a fantastic, inclusive event.

Mrs Lauren Spedding
Year 12 Teacher
Hello everyone!

Wow, who can believe that the first term is nearly over.

The DFES Cadet Unit is growing each year and we now have 49 recruits in the program, which turns into 6 classes. All the classes have chosen their new team names from the phonetic alphabet and taken the official pledge to become a Cadet.

Team Zulu—Mrs Lopez—12-1
Team Echo—Mrs Riley — 11-1
Team Oscar—Mrs Finn—10-1

Team Alpha—Mrs Spedding—12-2
Team Delta—Mrs Collins—11-2
Team Yankee—Mr Cann—10-2

We have also taken the Year 11 and 12 Cadets to Ern Halliday for Team Building and Orienteering. Plus the Year 10’s have experienced their first visit to Ern Halliday and completed “The Home Fire Safety” program at the DFES Heritage Centre in the city.

On Monday the 4th of April the Cadets were involved in a sausage sizzle at the school where all money raised will go to the Yarloop Disaster Fund. We have all seen the devastating effects of fire and thought it was important that as a Cadet Unit we gave something back to the community.

Jan Bowler
Alison Mitchell
Simon Malloy
DFES Instructors

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www.belridgesesc.wa.edu.au

Please login and have a look as it will include ‘Latest News’ and each edition of our newsletter as well as a photo gallery of all our students activities.