



Belridge Secondary ESC

1st April, 2026 - Newsletter 2

Important Dates

Term 1

- **LAST DAY TERM 1 - Thursday, 2nd April**

Term 2

- **FIRST DAY TERM 2 - Monday, 20th April**
- ANZAC Day Public Holiday - Monday 27th April
- **Staff Development Day/PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday 29th May**
- WA Day Public Holiday - Monday 1st June
- **LAST DAY TERM 2 - Friday 3rd July**

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Our page is a great way to:

- Celebrate student achievements
- See photos and highlights from events, incursions and excursions
- Keep up to date with what's happening across the school
- Share in the amazing learning experiences of our students

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From the Principal's Desk

As we reflect on Term 1 at Belridge Secondary ESC, it has been an incredibly rewarding start to the 2026 school year. We've witnessed so many wonderful achievements and moments of celebration that have set a positive tone for both our students and staff. Our Year 7s have made an excellent transition into their new school environment, navigating their classrooms and high school life with growing confidence, all while becoming an integral part of our school community.



It's hard to believe that Term 1 has already flown by! In just 9 weeks, we've been able to experience so many special moments together including:

Parent IEP Meetings – Commenced week 2 – Mon 9 Feb

Student Council 2026 – Nominations, Elections, School Assembly Announcements Thurs 12 Mar

BELSURF - Senior Years – Yrs 10-12 - Fri 6 Mar

Adventure Day – Middle School – Yrs 7-9 Fri 6 Mar

Ice-cream Reward Day – Wed 4 Mar

Kalability Cricket Carnival – Wed 11 Mar

Harmony Week – 16-22 Mar

Bollywood Incursion Tues 17 Mar

Wear Orange Day (orange ribbons) – Fri 20 Mar

Harmony Day Classroom Activities

Year 12 School Ball – Thurs 26 Mar -Beaumonde on the Point in East Perth

World Autism Awareness Day – Thurs 2 Apr

Whole School Parent Night – Wed 1 Apr

It has truly been a term filled with learning, fun, and community spirit!

A heartfelt congratulations to our newly elected School Councillors, who were announced at a recent school assembly. We're excited to work with these students, who will be positive role models and embody our PBS School values of being Safe, Respectful, and Responsible. Their leadership will contribute greatly to our school community, and we are proud to support them as they grow in these roles. Congratulations to:

Year 7: Niamh Roche and Chayse McLean

Year 8: Connor Muir and Tyler Finnegan

Year 9: Emmanuel Kefalianos and Griffin McMillan

Year 10: Ashleigh McAuley and Brodie Phillipson

Year 11: Abdullah Nazir and Zac Greentree

Year 12: Sienna MacKinnon and Bailey Simmonds

We know that student attendance is vital to the ongoing development of both academic and personal growth. While we understand that some students face medical challenges that may impact their attendance, it is important to note that the Department of Education requires an

explanation for absences within three days of the student's absence. We kindly ask parents to complete the required paperwork for absences, ensuring that we have the correct information to support each student's needs.

As the cooler weather approaches, please remember that students are expected to adhere to the school uniform policy. Winter uniforms can be purchased at Uniform Concepts, located at 7 Delage St, Joondalup. During this season, students should wear navy track pants and a navy windcheater/school tracksuit jacket. Other colours or logos on windcheaters are not permitted.

Thank you to all of our families/carers who are coming to tonight's Parent Open Night. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to visit their child classroom and hear about the programs and learning that has taken place.

Thank you to all our students for their hard work and enthusiasm so far this year, and a special thank you to our incredible Belridge SESC staff, who consistently go above and beyond to create a supportive and dynamic learning environment.

As we approach the Easter break, I want to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and a restful holiday. We look forward to welcoming all students and staff back for Term 2 on Monday, 20th April 2026.

Kind regards,
Shayne Hutchings
Principal

Middle School News

As we reach the end of Term One, and despite it being a nine-week term, it has certainly been a busy and productive time for everyone at Belridge SESC. Across the middle school, there have been many fantastic learning experiences taking place in classrooms, with students working diligently and continuing to develop their educational skills.

Beyond the classroom, students have also participated in a range of additional school-based experiences that have been highlights of the term. Since the previous newsletter in Week Five, students have been involved in a variety of activities, including the **Middle School Adventure Day**. This event featured a Deca Dance disco in the morning, followed by water games and a water fight in the afternoon. It is fair to say that students—and staff—had an absolute blast.

Selected students also participated in the **Kickability Cricket Carnival**, held at Yokine Regional Open Space. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Ella Sobey and all supporting staff who organised and supported this valuable opportunity for our students.

School photos were held over two days during the term. While some students found the photo process challenging, they were able to proudly represent Belridge SESC in their school uniforms.



On Wednesday 25 March, Mrs Semmens, our science guru, facilitated a **two-way science incursion with Messines Bee Farm**. During this engaging experience, students from the 8/9 class and the Year Nine cohort learned about the bee life cycle, bee anatomy, pollination, the roles and types of bees, and the components of a bee enclosure hive. Students were also given the opportunity to taste honey, if they wished. A big thank you to Mrs Semmens for organising this incursion and to Jay from Messines Bee Farm for providing such an informative and hands-on learning experience.

On Friday 20 March, student councillors from both middle school and upper school supported the celebration of **World Down Syndrome Day**. To celebrate the day, students distributed over 1,000 lollipops to both the SESC and the college community. This generous gesture was warmly received by all.

More recently, on Thursday 26 March, we celebrated **Epilepsy Awareness Day**. Students and staff across both schools wore purple to show their support and raise awareness.

As you can see, it has been a busy and rewarding term, both inside and outside the classroom. I commend our students for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the term, and I sincerely acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our staff in facilitating these opportunities, which enhance student learning through meaningful and authentic experiences.

Warm regards,
Tom Cann
Middle School Deputy Principal

Senior School News

Our students have had an exciting and rewarding end to the term, with several special events that celebrated their learning, confidence, and community spirit.

Belsurf Beach Carnival

The Belridge SESC and Belridge Secondary College communities came together once again for our annual **Belsurf Beach Carnival**. Students competed in beach games, relays, and water challenges, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the day. The carnival is a much-loved tradition that encourages participation, inclusion, and a healthy, active lifestyle. A huge thank-you to all our amazing staff, and the Mullaloo Surf Club lifeguards for helping make the day safe and enjoyable for everyone.



Belridge School Ball

The **2026 Belridge School Ball** was an unforgettable evening for our senior Year 12. Held at Beaumonde on the Point, the night brought together students from both Belridge Secondary ESC and Belridge Secondary College to celebrate the culmination of their high school years in style. Our students looked fantastic, demonstrated kindness and maturity, and proudly represented our

school values. It was wonderful to see the confidence and joy on their faces as they shared a special night with friends and staff.

Congratulations to our three awards winners, Best Dressed – Jessica, Best Dancer – Evie and Socialite – Sienna.

Hairdressing Career Taster

This term, some of our Senior School students participated in a **Hairdressing Career Taster** program at North Metropolitan TAFE. The program introduced students to the fundamentals of haircare, salon hygiene, and basic styling techniques while giving them insight into real-world career opportunities in the beauty and service industries. Experiences like this help our students explore vocational pathways and build valuable workplace readiness skills.

As Term 1 draws to a close, we're proud of the incredible effort and achievements of our students across all programs. Thank you to our dedicated staff and families for their continuous support – we look forward to another vibrant and successful term ahead!

Lauren Thompson

Senior School Deputy Principal

7.1

Dear Parents,

Time flies when we're having fun! Can you believe we are at the end of term 1?

This term has been a huge success for our wonderful year 7 students as they have settled into a new school

English:

Our literacy program has focused on creative and recount writing this term. I have been impressed with the engagement from students during our shared writing sessions to improve 'boring sentences' by using a range of literary devices to extend the length and depth of each sentence. Students have built upon each other's ideas to create some very detailed and interesting texts. The level of care I have seen from students to complete their independent writing has been excellent. Each student is on their own learning journey, and it is remarkable to see all students making progress already.

On Thursday, the class has enjoyed engaging in a novel study on Matilda. We complete weekly reading and have been discussing character traits. I am excited to delve into the story line more next term.

Next term, we will focus on procedural writing as well as individual reading strategies.

Maths:

This term, Maths has been one of the most enjoyed subjects! The class quickly settled into the routine of our numeracy block across the week, covering concepts including place value, addition

and subtraction strategies, and shape, colour and number patterns at their individual levels. We will move into fractions and time next term, and I am looking forward to the fun and hands-on activities coming up!

Health:

Across a range of lessons, we have focused on the Concept Circles which helps students differentiate appropriate and inappropriate behaviours and relationships with ourselves, the people in our families, school, and the wider community. We will be covering more Protective Behaviours concepts next term.

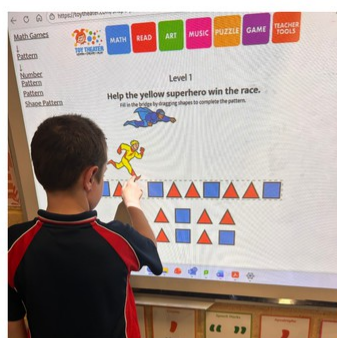
Science:

In Science with Mrs Semmens, 7.1 have been learning about Biological Sciences. Our class was lucky enough to attend an incursion with Mr. Derek Nannup, learning about traditional clothing, materials and interesting cultural traditions. A huge thanks to Mrs Semmens for organising this for our school.

Enjoy an EGG-cellent Easter and holiday break, and we are all looking forward to another fun-filled term 2.

Warm Regards,

Miss Emily Hughes and the wonderful 7.1 team





7.2

It has been a great beginning to the school year for all our new students.

We have settled into our class routines and timetable routines. Our English and maths sessions are running extremely well and everyone is familiar with the goals and expectations.

The students have enjoyed their art and History lessons with Mrs Fisher. From exploring all the aspects of ancient Egypt including mummies, pyramids and pharaohs, to the Australian Aboriginal culture. The students have embraced science in the new science room. Mrs Semmens also arranged for Mr Derek Nannup to visit as part of the Australian science incursion.

Cooking is a big hit in our class. We have begun the year making basic food including pancakes, thick shakes, toasties and smoothies and our final recipe for the term will be Anzac biscuits. During these sessions we have been doing a lot of planning for the ingredients required, working with partners, prepping, cooking and cleaning our equipment.

Wishing our families a great break and we look forward to the term ahead.

Ms Carlyon,



8.1

What an amazing start to the year 8.1 has had!

It has been wonderful to see all students settling so positively into their new class, building connections with classmates and getting to know their teachers and education assistants.

This term has been jam-packed with exciting experiences, including Decca Dance, the Kalability Cricket Carnival, Harmony Day, and engaging science incursions.

Throughout the term, students have been developing important life skills, including visiting Coles Beldon to purchase ingredients for Home Economics. They have enjoyed preparing a range of delicious no-bake recipes such as mini egg rocky road and sandwich sushi!

In English, students have enthusiastically engaged with the PLD literacy program, showcasing impressive creativity through descriptive writing. They have also explored their acting skills while bringing characters to life from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl.

In Mathematics, 8.1 has been strengthening their understanding of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Students have consolidated these skills through fun and interactive games such as darts and Uno.

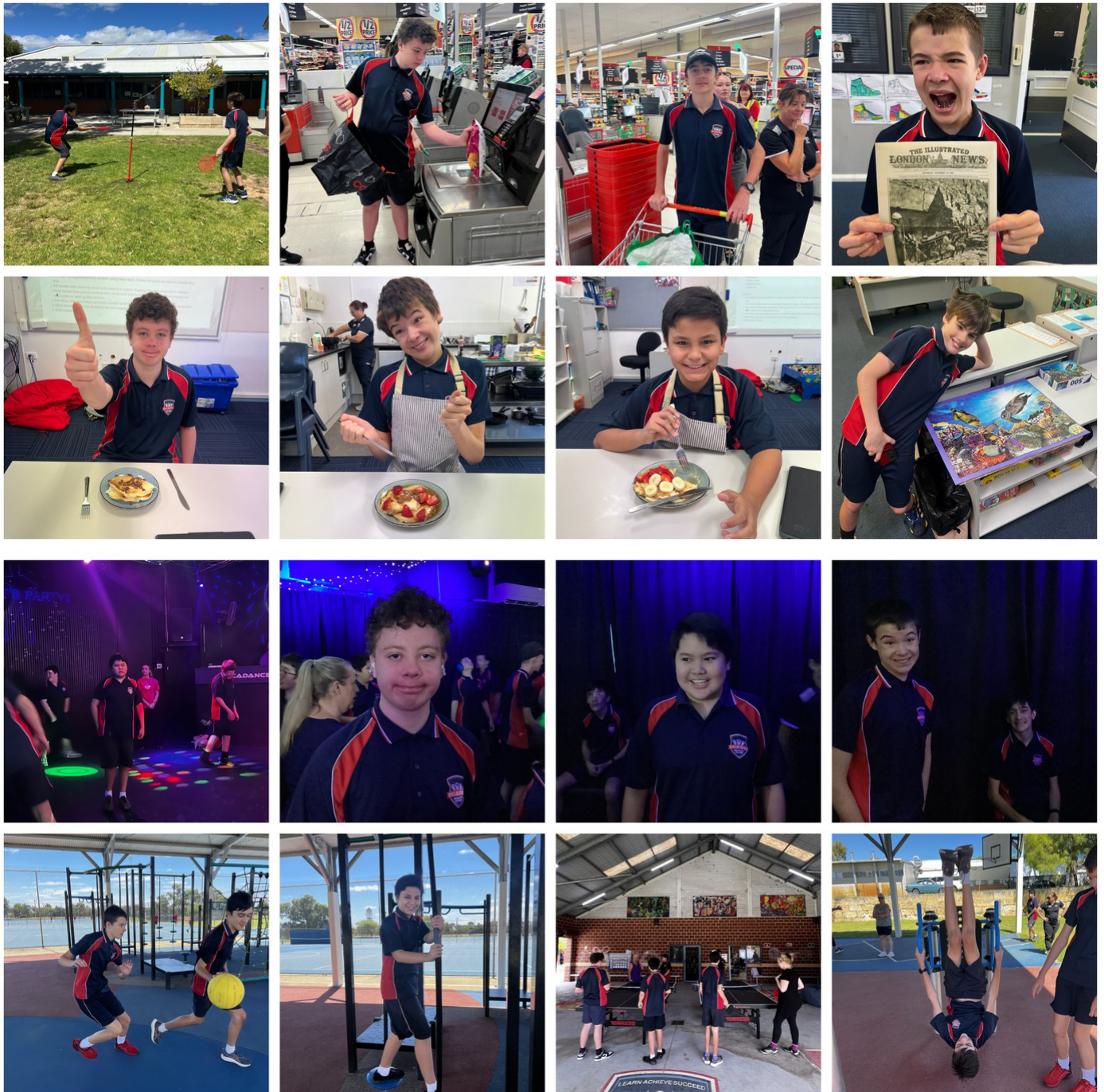
In Health and Physical Education, students have demonstrated their cricket batting and fielding skills, while also participating in meaningful discussions about respectful relationships and

support networks.

In Art, students have been working diligently to create their own stop-motion animation projects, designing stories and crafting props entirely from paper.

Although Term 1 has flown by, it has been filled with laughter, learning, and memorable experiences. We hope all students enjoy a well-deserved break and return refreshed and ready for an exciting Term 2!

Miss Sobey



As we approach the end of this short term, the pace has certainly picked up. We've had an incredibly busy few weeks filled with various enriching activities. Recently, our class enjoyed outings to Decadance and participated in Cricket Kalability, which bolstered our teamwork and physical skills. Additionally, we had the privilege of engaging in two fascinating science incursions featuring the Two-Way Science program with the wonderful Derek Nannup, who shared his knowledge and insights into the natural world. We were also treated to an exciting visit from a local Bee Farm, which provided us with a deeper understanding of the crucial role bees play in our ecosystem.

One of the highlights of the term was certainly the exhilarating water fight that took place at school. It followed our Decadance experience and added an element of joy and laughter, allowing us to cool off and have some fun. We also learnt some vibrant and energetic dance moves after our Bollywood Dancing session during Harmony Week.

Among all these activities, my absolute favourite was the Harmony food sharing session. During this event, Miss Bennett guided us through the delightful experience of making Aussie Fairy Bread. This simple yet delicious treat brought immense joy to everyone, especially as each student had the chance to create their own version. We were especially honoured when Sonny decided to try this gastronomical delight for the very first time alongside us, making the moment even more special.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the staff and students who contributed food for our sharing session. I would like to extend a special thanks to Hassain's grandmother, who graciously prepared delicious fresh Kubba, and Caitlin for her Peppermint Crisp Tart. The array of flavours was truly delightful, and it was wonderful to see so many students bravely trying different dishes while giggling and sharing stories. This event not only celebrated our diverse culinary backgrounds but also strengthened our sense of community within the class.

I wish students and families a safe and relaxing holiday.

Emma Bainbridge
8/9 Teacher



T8

Term 1 has flown by in T8.

We have been busy working on our individual goals and practising our independence.

Our seedlings we planted earlier in the term in the school garden are growing so big! We enjoy watering them each week.

We have had a couple of visits to Joondalup Shopping Centre. We waited patiently for the 463 bus and tagged on and then off when we got to the shops. Some students bought food at the foodhall, and we all sat together to enjoy lunch.

T8 has been working hard on our three ASDAN modules and enjoying the activities associated with each unit.

In Cooking we have made some yummy food. Caramel slice, French toast, Nachos, lemon slice and scrambled eggs on toast. Students have enjoyed the different skills required in the recipes such as cracking eggs, using a toaster, grating, mixing and using a frypan.

Students have had fun making Easter treats to take home at the end of term.

Happy Easter and have a lovely holiday.



9.1

Class 9.1 have had an eventful few weeks. Our class have had incursions including Bollywood Dancing and Harmony Week where we had a visitor who gave the students a chance to experience the Didgeridoo. The students have been looking at different cultures in the classroom and have completed Art activities displayed in the room.

In Math the students have been working on Fractions and Graphs as well as number work, they are also continuing with their regular daily English and Spelling programs.

In Science this term we have been researching Bees. This has been a very interesting and fun topic for the students. We have had an Incursion with the Bee Farm who gave the students some great activities to complete, like candle making, learning about different jobs that the bees have in their hives and honey tasting.

Earlier in the term the students also attended Decadence and Kickability Cricket which was very successful.

All students are ready for their well-deserved break.

Team 9.1



9.2

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful learning experiences the students have been part of so far.

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 9 student councillor – Griffin McMillan. Well deserved!

Throughout the term, students have developed their skills in Mathematics, particularly in division and place value, building a strong foundation for future learning. In English, we have explored poetry, encouraging creativity and self-expression through language.

We also enjoyed celebrating Harmony Week, where students participated in a food tasting activity. This was a fantastic opportunity to learn about and appreciate different cultures within our community. Students got to taste various foods from around the world such as Sushi, Spaghetti Bolognese, Pappadums and Mango Chutney, Crepes, Churros and more!

Our social and emotional learning has focused on friendships and resilience. Students have been working on strategies to build positive relationships and manage challenges, which are essential skills both inside and outside the classroom. We have also spent time developing personal goals for the year, helping students take ownership of their learning journey.

This term included some exciting incursions. The visit from the Bee Farm provided students with fascinating insights into the importance of bees and their role in our environment. Additionally, the Two-Way Science session with Derek Nannup was a valuable experience, enriching students' understanding through cultural perspectives and hands-on learning.

Looking ahead to next term, we are excited to begin working on money skills, including weekly visits to local shops to apply our learning in a real-world context. We will also continue to focus on individual learning goals through IEPs and further expand students' knowledge across all subject areas.

Thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to another engaging and successful term ahead.

9.2 Team



10.1

As Term 1 ends, we can hardly believe how much we've learned, explored, and achieved together! From new classroom projects to exciting excursions and special events, it's been a wonderful start to the year. The students have been reflecting on their favourite moments, and there's no better way to capture the spirit of the term than through their own words.

So, enjoy our Roving Reports a collection of favourite memories and highlights shared by our talented students

Ashleigh

My favourite activity we did this term was Belsurf. My favourite part of Belsurf was the iron woman competition. I also enjoyed going for a free swim with my friends.

Siena

My Favourite part of Belsurf was the baton race. I also enjoyed the flag race.

Jack

I took the bus to the cricket carnival at the Yokine open space. I enjoyed playing cricket with friends.

Joel

My Favourite thing we did this term was working at Landsdale Farm. I liked feeding the pigs because they are small.

Jackson

I liked going on the bus.

Liam

I liked Landsdale Farm I like the cows.

Eldrick

My favourite was working in the garden.

We're proud of every effort, every friendship formed, and every new challenge tackled. Have a safe and happy holiday break, rest up, recharge, and get ready for an exciting Term 2 ahead!

Best wishes,

Team 10.1 (Carolyn, Chris, Pamela, Olivia and Anastasia)



10.2

The term has flown by, as the students in 10.2 continue to work well across all learning areas! This term we have welcomed Ms Dunstan, who joins our room team.

During Health lessons, students have been learning about online safety. They discussed the importance of not sharing personal information online and not meeting up with people they do not know.

As part of their Community Access program this term, the students travelled on public transport to Joondalup Library, Lakeside Shopping Centre, and Ikea. It was great to see everyone participating so well, while always displaying appropriate behaviours.

A highlight of the term was the recent Belsurf Carnival. The day was a great success, with all staff and students enjoying a wonderful day at Sorrento Beach.

Enjoy the break everyone, see you next term!

Stephen McMahon



11.1

We have had a busy and engaging start to the year, with Term One filled with learning, teamwork and new experiences.

As part of our DFES cadet program we all enjoyed a team-building excursion to Ern Halliday, where we worked together, developed cooperation skills and built confidence in a supportive environment. We also visited the Heritage Centre, to learn about natural disasters and gain an

understanding of the important role played by the Fire Department in keeping our community safe. Back at school, we also learned how to raise and lower a flag correctly.

Together we celebrated Harmony Week, a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. Then on Harmony Day we celebrated inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging by wearing orange.

A highlight for many of us this term was attending Belsurf at Hillarys Beach, where we participated in a range of fun and inclusive activities. These included Iron Man and Iron Woman challenges, tug of war and free swimming. The day encouraged physical activity, teamwork and resilience, while giving us the opportunity to build confidence in the water and enjoy time with our peers.

Throughout the term, we have continued to work hard across all subject areas. We have shown persistence, enthusiasm and a positive attitude toward our learning, and are very proud of our efforts.

We are looking forward to another exciting term ahead and thank our teachers and families for their ongoing support.

Gillian Binks





11.2

We've had a fantastic finish to Term 1 in Class 11.2. Students have shown great enthusiasm, effort, and maturity across all learning areas. In English, they have been developing their questioning skills, exploring rules across different communities, and taking part in peer interviews. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they communicate and share ideas with one another.

Throughout the term, students have also been strengthening their social skills through class games, collaborative activities, and DFES based programs. Their ability to work together, listen, and support one another has noticeably improved, and this has had a positive impact on our classroom environment. Our DFES excursions have been a highlight, with the Perth Heritage trip being especially enjoyable for many of our students.

In Maths, students investigated fuel prices and explored practical ways to maximise their savings. They used the number skills learned throughout the term to compare costs and make informed choices an eye-opening experience that helped connect classroom learning to real-life situations. Coffee Club has also continued to be a major success. Students have become confident in setting up, preparing equipment, and making coffees, and we're incredibly proud of how responsible and capable they've become.

This term in Health, students learned about mental health and wellbeing, creating thoughtful posters that reflected their understanding of how to care for themselves and others. In Horticulture, their hard work has not gone unnoticed their TAFE teacher has been extremely impressed with their dedication, teamwork, and willingness to learn new skills in an outdoor environment.

We also had great success with our Belsurf! Students enjoyed swimming and participated with enthusiasm, showing confidence and positive behaviour throughout. Our Workplace Learning (WPL) program has also been going extremely well. Students have represented the school with maturity and responsibility, earning praise for their work ethic and attitude in their placements.

We also want to acknowledge the students who bravely put themselves forward to run for Student Council. We are so proud of everyone who gave it a try. A big congratulations to Zac and Abdullah, who were selected as the Year 11 representatives. They will do a fantastic job leading and supporting their cohort.

Overall, Term 1 has been full of growth, learning, and positive achievements. Well done, 11.2—you should all be very proud of yourselves. We wish everyone a safe, happy, and restful Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you back for an exciting Term 2.

Regards

11.2 Team



11/12

What an amazing start to the school year it has been! Our students have settled in beautifully, embracing new routines, classroom expectations, and daily procedures with confidence and enthusiasm. It has been fantastic to see everyone adapting so positively and supporting one another as we begin another exciting year of learning.

Year 12 School Ball

Last week we proudly celebrated our Year 12 students at their Leavers' Ball. It was a wonderful evening filled with excitement, smiles, and plenty of memorable moments. All students enjoyed a fantastic night, arriving in their finest outfits and shining brilliantly.

ASDAN Program Underway

Our ASDAN programs have officially commenced, and we are thrilled to report that every student is participating fully. Teachers are already noticing great engagement, teamwork, and pride as

students work through their modules. We look forward to seeing their independence and skills continue to grow.

Work Placement & Work Skills

Work Placement and Work Skills sessions have been off to a fantastic start. Students are showing responsibility, resilience, and enthusiasm in their workplace roles and practical skill-building sessions. These opportunities play a vital part in preparing our students for life beyond school, and their efforts so far have been outstanding.

With our first school break of the year fast approaching, we would like to wish all students and families a safe, relaxing, and well-deserved rest. We hope everyone enjoys the downtime and returns refreshed. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting and productive Term 2!

Best Wishes

Team 11/12 – Tracy, Sarah, Sandie, Razza and Tracey



12.1

It has been a very busy and productive term, with a wide range of learning opportunities through both classroom activities and excursions.

We joined with 12.2 for team-building activities at Ern Halliday, where students developed valuable skills that have positively transferred into our Physical Education lessons. This has been evident as classes have been participating in t-ball games with increased confidence and teamwork.

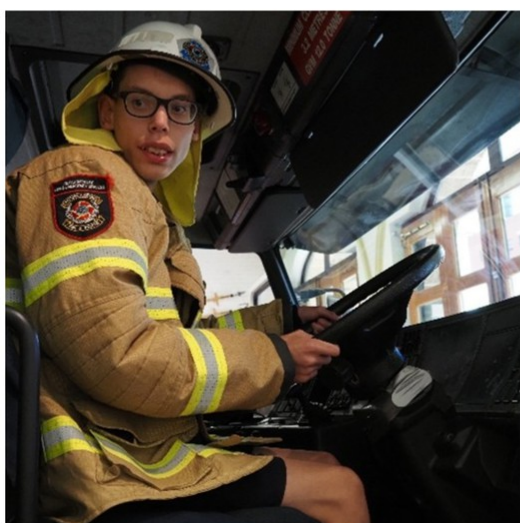
Belsurf was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The sea breeze was a welcome relief on a very hot day, and although students returned to school tired, they were clearly elated by the experience.

We also visited the Heritage Centre at the Old Fire Station. This excursion supported our DFES program and connected well with the kitchen safety component of our IVET Certificate I in

Hospitality course.

Our food costing, purchasing, and preparation program continues to develop within both Mathematics and Independent Living. In English, we are focusing on everyday literacy skills. It has been pleasing to see the progress students are making in working more independently.

Ros Playforth



12.2

The anticipation for the School Ball was absolutely wild—and what a fantastic night it turned out to be! The evening was filled with excitement, smiles and memories that will be treasured for years to come. It truly was a highlight of an already outstanding term.

Year 12.2 students have also been busy beyond the dance floor, enjoying a fantastic excursion to the Heritage Precinct in Perth as part of their DFES learning. Back on campus, Cobra Café has been a wonderful success, with students showcasing impressive barista skills and confidently preparing, cooking and serving food. We have been treated to some truly delightful culinary creations!

In English, classrooms have been abuzz with learning, with a strong focus on the importance of communication and the commencement of our highly anticipated novel study *Trash* by Andy Mulligan.

Belsurf was another highlight of the term, delivering a fabulous warm day filled with fun—flag races, relays, boogie board action and the unforgettable tug of war.

It has been a fantastic term filled with wonderful moments, achievements and memories—capped off perfectly by the unforgettable School Ball.

From all the 12.2 team





Science News

Kaya and just like that, Term 1 is DONE!!

I am so proud of every single student who has walked through the T4 door for science this term. I have been so impressed by each student's work ethic and enthusiasm towards their classwork. Here is a wrap of learning for each year level.

Year 7s

7.1 and 7.2 have been learning about what a food chain and food web is. They have created their own food chains and webs, and we have also spoken about the impacts of an imbalanced food chain and web in an ecosystem.

Year 8s

8.1 have been exploring the human body and the organs we have. We have also investigated two organ systems including the circulatory system and respiratory system. Students have enjoyed the hands-on learning activities including Mrs S model blood demonstration and making their own set of lungs.

Year 9s

8/9, 9.1 and 9.2

The 9's have been investigating bees as pollinators for the past few weeks. Students learnt about the anatomy of a bee, bee life cycle, roles of a bee in a colony, threats to the bee population, the pollination process and how bees make honey. We also spent time answering the question 'Why do we need to save the bees' and 'How can we save the bees'. Students also enjoyed an incursion with Messines Bee Farm which linked all their class learning together.

Year 10s

10.1 and 10.2 have been learning about Evolution by Natural Selection. The second half of Term 1 our focus has been around key terminology for this unit, which included: adaptation, inheritance and variation and how these terms relate to our topic. Students have enjoyed a range of activities including Battle of the Becks, Polar Bear Simulation, Mating Frog Simulation and creating monster babies.

I just want to wish all my students and families a wonderful Easter and holiday break, and I cannot wait to see everyone back for our Term 2 topic – Physical Sciences.



Two-way Science

Biological Science Incursion

During Week 7, students from Year 7-10 participated in the Belridge SESC first Two-way Science Incursion which was led by our cultural leader Derek Nannup. Two-way Science is a way of teaching and learning that connects Aboriginal knowledge of the environment to western science and the West Australian curriculum.

Our focus this term has been Biological Science; therefore, each session has incorporated key learning areas from each year level. Areas covered included:

- Three ecosystems (woodlands, wetlands and coastal) at Yanchep National Park.
- Adaptations of animals found in Yanchep N.P.
- Animals that live in around Yanchep N.P.
- What a balanced ecosystem looks like.

Students and staff also got to enjoy listening to Derek play the didgeridoo, hold different traditional tools and bags and listen to all of the stories he had to share. Students and staff thoroughly

enjoyed their session, and it has been wonderful listening to their favourite moments during our post-incursion lessons.

A shoutout go to all the staff who helped support students during each session and the ongoing support as Belridge's Two-way Science program continues to develop.

Exciting times are coming. Science – It's like magic but real!



Messines Bee Farm Incursion

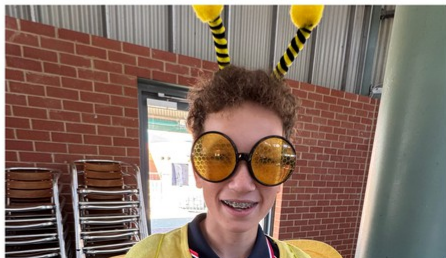
Week 8 of this term students from 9.1, 9.2 and 8/9 classes participated in a Bee-lightful incursion with Messines Bee Farm.

The one-hour presentation 'All about bees' provided students the opportunity to learn about the different types of bees, bee life cycle, roles of bees, how to respond to bees, bees' role for our planet and what we can do to help. Students also had the opportunity to observe a beehive with a glass panel, dress up in a beekeeping suit and equipment, taste honey, smell and touch beeswax and make their own candle.

It's safe to say, ALL students and staff thoroughly enjoyed their time with Messines Bee Farm and walked away with a greater appreciation for the amazing things bees do in our environment.

We cannot wait to have them back again next year!

Claire Semmens
Science Teacher



Star Kick All Abilities Footballers

Star Kick is an all-abilities football program for children 5 to 17 years of age. With modified activities, geared to each child's individual needs, Star Kick seeks to support all disabilities and runs with a simple mantra... "If you want to play, we'll find a way!"



"Starkick is something I wish I knew about years ago! It's so cool to see other kids using walkers and other mobility aids playing a sport they love."



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1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 277: 103-107.



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EmpowHer - Autism Social Group Event

EmpowHer is a social group for girls with autism aged 9 to 16 years. Our next event will be at BOUNCE.

Event Details

Where: Bounce Inc.

Date: 2nd April

Time: 4:00pm

Register By: 1st April

Register At: [EmpowHer BOUNCE Tickets, Thursday, Apr 2 from 4 pm to 5 pm | Eventbrite](#)

Please register if you plan to attend. No registration is required for parents and carers.

Cost: \$17.50 for 1 hour session.

Grip socks are required for bouncing and can be purchased for \$3.50.

Pre-Purchase Ticket At: [Book BOUNCE Sessions | Powered By VenueSumo](#)

Pre-purchasing is optional - you can also buy upon arrival.

BOUNCE With EmpowHer

The EmpowHer Social Group will be going to BOUNCE if any autistic girls would like to join us!

All girls with autism aged 9 to 16 are more than welcome!



Date: 2nd April 2026

Time: 4:00pm

Address: BOUNCE Joondalup; 35/57 Joondalup Drive, Edgewater

Register By: 1st April 2026

Register At: <https://empowher-bounce.eventbrite.com>

Pre-Purchase Ticket At:

<https://book.bounceinc.com.au/location/joondalup/book/book-a-session>

Cost: \$17.50 for the 1 hour session (required socks -\$3.50)



Additional Information

To ensure a safe and supportive experience for all, we kindly ask that each girl attending is accompanied by a parent or carer. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us to foster an inclusive and caring environment for all.

Enquiries: bee.anderson@apm.net.au



School Holiday Program's

A NDIS provider supporting children with disabilities, are offering a fun and engaging School Holiday Program this April. Please see the details below



LET'S GET CREATIVE, WILD & EXCITED AT AAQUILA CARE



JOIN US FOR AN EGG-CELLENT APRIL OF FUN

April is filled with engaging activities including community outings, creative sessions, cooking classes and social games.

Our program supports participants to build independence, confidence and social connection in a safe and inclusive environment.

Activities are charged in line with NDIS funding under Group-Based Activities – Social & Community Participation and Skills Development

Please note: Activities may change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. Families will be informed as early as possible of any changes.

Contact on the day of the program:

Facilitator - 0468 700 791



AAquila Care School Holiday Program Overview – APRIL 2026

Week 1

Monday 06/04/2026	Tuesday 07/04/2026	Wednesday 08/04/2026	Thursday 09/04/2026	Friday 10/04/2026
Easter - Public Holiday - No services	Easter Egg Hunt, Scavenger Hunt, Water Fight and Sausage Sizzle	Double B - Bunny Craft and Bingo	Golf and Park Activities	No services

Week 2

Monday 13/04/2026	Tuesday 14/04/2026	Wednesday 15/04/2026	Thursday 16/04/2026	Friday 17/04/2026
Cooking Class	Bowling and Games	Painting and Board Games	Movie Day - Zootopia 2, Games and Sausage Sizzle	No services

Book your place now! email us at info@aaquilacare.com.au or call 08 6249 7922



Holiday Program Important Information!

WHAT TO BRING

	A labelled drink bottle for water
	A healthy lunch/box - NUT FREE Don't include food to be reheated
	SunSmart hat - glasses - sunscreen
	Companion card
	Suitable clothing for an active day - closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
	Money for entry to activities* and/or lunch

WE PROVIDE

	Equipment for activities
	Lunch or snack (depending on activity)

MEDICAL CARE

	Necessary medications with Medical Management Plan
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FOR COOKING SESSION

	Enclosed Shoes, MANDATORY
	Apron, hat or hair tie to keep hair secured

REMINDERS

	We apply a 2 full business days cancellation policy
	Money for entry to activities* and/or lunch *Not all activities require entry fees
	If you have symptoms like fever or cough, please stay home to rest.
	Check Meeting Point & Time
	Activities are charged in line with NDIS funding under Group-Based Activities – Social & Community Participation and Skills Development



AAQUILA CARE & NDIS GOALS

- Skill Development: Life skills, cognitive skills, communication skills
- Socialisation & Community: Building friendships, safe community participation
- Confidence & Independence: Trying new experiences, decision-making, learning independence
- Health & Wellbeing: Physical activity, healthy choices, mental wellbeing, safety and self-care

Unexpected Changes to Activities

If an activity can't run, an alternative will be provided. Activities and times may change due to weather or availability. We'll inform you of any changes before the program starts.

Questions, Feedbacks and Complaints:

We are committed to providing the highest quality support. You can share feedback or raise concerns anytime, please contact us at:

08 6249 7922 or email: info@aaquilacare.com.au



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Holiday Programs April 2026

WEEK 1

ALL AGES Welcome!

MONDAY
06/04/2026

PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SERVICES

TUESDAY
07/04/2026

EGG HUNT

EASTER EGG - SCAVENGER HUNT -
WATER FIGHT - SAUSAGE SIZZLE

TIME: 10AM TO 2PM
ADDRESS: Kwinana Adventure Park, Walgreen Cres, Calista
MEETING POINT: The Patio

Please BRING: SPARE CLOTHE - TOWEL - WATER GUN

Transport: Van Available from Aaquila Care center - at 9am
Expression of interest only (limited capacity)

WEDNESDAY
08/04/2026

DOUBLE B: BUNNY CRAFT & BINGO

TIME: 10AM TO 2PM
ADDRESS: Aaquila Care Center, 234B Epsom Avenue Belmont
MEETING POINT: /

Please BRING: APRON - LUNCH BOX - BOARD GAME

THURSDAY
09/04/2026

GOLF AND PARK ACTIVITIES

TIME: 10AM TO 2PM
ADDRESS: Goanna Gold Club, Point Walter Golf Course, Honour Ave, Bicton WA 6157
MEETING POINT: Entrance

Please BRING: \$10 GOLD ENTRANCE - COMPANION CARD - LUNCH BOX AND SPORT BALL OR OUTDOOR GAME

Transport: Van Available from Aaquila Care center at 9am
Expression of interest only (limited capacity)

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WEEK 2

ALL AGES Welcome!

MONDAY
13/04/2026

COOKING SESSION

TIME - 1st session: 10AM TO 12PM - over 25 years old
Recipe to be discussed the week before

TIME - 2nd session: 1PM TO 3PM - under 25 years old
SPECIAL EASTER
ADDRESS: Harold Hawthorne Community Centre, 2 Memorial Avenue, Carlisle

Please BRING: APRON, MANDATORY ENCLOSED SHOES, HAT

TUESDAY
14/04/2026

BOWLING AND GAMES

TIME: 10AM TO 2PM
ADDRESS: Zone Bowling Cannington - Games at Aaquila Care
MEETING POINT: Inside Zone Bowling

Please BRING: \$15 FOR ZONE BOWLING - COMPANION CARD - LUNCH BOX - BOARD GAMES

Transport: Van Available from Aaquila Care center - 9.00am
Expression of interest only (limited capacity)

WEDNESDAY
15/04/2026

PAINTING AND BOARD GAMES

TIME: 10AM TO 2PM
ADDRESS: Aaquila Care Center, 234B Epsom Avenue Belmont
MEETING POINT: /

Please BRING: APRON - LUNCH BOX - BOARD GAME

THURSDAY
16/04/2026

MOVIE DAY ZOOTOPIA - SAUSAGE SIZZLE - GAMES

TIME: 10AM TO 2PM
ADDRESS: Aaquila Care Center, 234B Epsom Avenue Belmont
MEETING POINT: /

Please BRING: BOARD GAMES

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