network principal . . .

Congratulations to all the schools in our network for working together to achieve great things for our students, staff and their communities. We are one of the largest and most established networks in WA across all sectors. The network has a valued ethos of reciprocity and a strong financial base for the future. It has developed draft strategic plans to help us cope with the reforms and build the capacity and sustainability of our schools.

Public Education in 2015 will see the impacts of government efficiency dividends and a new funding model. Whilst a number of member schools will be Independent Public Schools they are still a part of the system in general and our network in particular. We will all need to maximise the limited resources at our disposal. Parents paying their contributions and charges will help alleviate some of this stress. Sponsorship and collaborations will be other ways to generate much needed income.

The Year 7 move to secondary schools will see staff reductions in many primary settings. The redeployment process is never easy and staff need to recognise and support their principal during this difficult process. I am sure that not every school is fully staffed for 2015 and there will still be a lot of work to be done to ensure schools are up and running day one next year. Staff are reminded to make sure they are in a pool or a transfer list if they are not permanent.

Good luck to all the students moving from primary to secondary as well as those leaving school to seek new pathways. I am sure you all would like to thank your school staff for helping you along the way.

As the year draws to an end there will be many challenges facing us all, however it helps to reflect upon past performance when planning for the future. We should openly celebrate our successes, and from my viewpoint the highlights of year together have been-

our vision . . .

to be leaders of educational excellence for students with special education needs in the south metropolitan region.

our purpose . . .

to be a community of K-12 education support schools of choice, which collaboratively build the capacity of our members to deliver quality education.

our core values . . .

Learning
Excellence
Equity
Care
• www.educationsupportsouthnetwork.com.au – a vibrant fresh website with newsletters, galleries, professional learning, items of interest.
• http://connect.det.wa.edu.au/group/staff/community/summary?coisp=DomainCommunity:13496337&__clnssluui=ol2195b798jedx2ba – our members-only portal with discussions, library and notices - the new platform for DOE
• The annual ESSN conference held beginning of term 2 each year. Plans are well underway for next year - get involved.
• The PL offerings to member schools either via collaborations or via special sessions at School Leaders Groups and organised PD such as the recent SCFM.
• The MSSD grant recipients working together to meet our needs.
• The VET network working groups - an active group who develop solutions to problems.
• The ESSN footy tipping competition - well done Mr Watson.
• The distribution lists - allowing for collaboration across all award groups.
• Our financial position which is the result of staff working together and not for payment options. I hope next year more schools and staff will step up to this service.

To everyone in our network community on behalf of the School Leaders Group may I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Andrew Wilson
Network Principal

promotions update . . .

Why not a Facebook Page?
Like me you may have thought that Facebook pages as a means of communicating with the school community would not be allowed. However, it is possible to have a closed Facebook page and for Carson Street this is proving to be a quick and effective community engagement strategy.

Some school Facebook examples are:
Lakelands PS, Hammond Park PS, Byford SC, and Carson Street School.
The following tips for setting up such a site were supplied by JANE KNOX-ROBINSON, Manager Public Relations and Marketing, Corporate Communications and Marketing, Department of Education

Tips for the setting up the home page:
• Include your phone number and a brief statement on the purpose of the page;
• Have your code of conduct available from the page;
• Include a link to your page from your website and vice versa.
• Set up administrators with a link to their personal accounts for 24/7 access.
• No student surnames
• Call the page – Official
If you are interested in setting up your own Facebook page then I suggest you call Jane on 9264 8160 and discuss the pros and cons.

By John Exeter
Armadale ESC—Smarter than Smoking campaign

Armadale Education Support Centre was approached by the Smarter than Smoking campaign organisers to take part in the Young Director’s Smarter than Smoking Film Festival in 2014. It was the first time an Education Support Centre was involved in the project.

The Festival was coordinated by the Heart Foundation’s Smarter than Smoking Project in partnership with the South Metropolitan Population Health Unit, with support from Murdoch University and is an innovative approach to health promotion in schools. The students of Armadale Education Support Centre had the opportunity to create a 30 second short film advertisement aimed at the dangers of smoking. The students competed against 12 other south metropolitan schools with the winning entry showcasing their film on the big screen at Armadale Cinema over Christmas.

Staff and students brainstorm ideas, participate in University workshops, scriptwriting, storyboarding, production and editing, to complete their 30 second film advertisement. The project was student driven from the very beginning. Students created the slogan “Up in Smoke Life’s No Joke” as well as creating the script and developing a variety of skills to produce a quality anti-smoking television commercial aimed at positively influencing their peers. Although the students were overwhelmed by the concept at the beginning of the year they quickly took ownership of the project and created a fantastic film which won them the category of “Best Understanding of the Youth Target Group”.

The students attended an awards night at Armadale Cinemas which was presented by WA Opera soprano and Smarter than Smoking ambassador, Emma Pettemerides. To celebrate their achievements a Wellbeing Expo was organised at the Centre with students showcasing their work, premiering their film to parents and friends, as well as, walking the Red Carpet and receiving Oscars, medallions and show bags with promotional goodies. The day was then finished with a soccer clinic organised by Perth Glory Women’s professional soccer team.

The students of Armadale Education Support Centre should be very proud of their accomplishments as the students do have a range of learning difficulties and were stretched intellectually and psychologically during their learning experience, however, the project was able to uncover each student’s hidden talent, determination and potential.

By Maliga Nallu
school update (cont’d) . . .

Transition at Kensington

Kensington Secondary School recently welcomed nine of the ten students starting with us next year. Ms Gabriella Oversby ran a two-day program for these students, with great support from Carson Street, Belmay Satellite Class and East Victoria Park ESC staff. Gabriella first visited the students at their current schools before welcoming them at Kensington. The two days of transition were designed to give students a taste of the activities they will be involved in next year. Each student took home a booklet of photos to look at during the ‘worrying’ summer before starting high school!

Meet our new students for 2015!

By Judy Gardner

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I have been continually amazed this year at the dedication displayed by staff in the Education Support Unit to develop high quality programmes and activities for our students. New and existing staff worked tirelessly to create a very positive team spirit where all students felt safe and supported. Our school priority of inclusivity enables all our students to achieve their potential academically and socially.

We are always encouraging our students to strive to achieve the best they can. This was evident this year when we had three students fully integrated into and achieving success in mainstream classes in year 10. Three of our year 11 students are completing their Certificate II in Hospitality under the guidance of the Home Economics staff, whilst five of our Year 11’s are completing Stage 1 English with mainstream classes.

Congratulations must go to our two very talented swimmers who were named Year 9 Champion Girl and Year 10 Champion Boy at the school Swimming Carnival. A further example of our students participating and developing pride in their school is evident by the participation of one of our year 8 boys in the after school football team.

The Education Support Unit is very proud of one of our members for participating in the School Cadet Service. Her contribution to the community is endless and we are in awe of her generosity and maturity when participating in special events.

Our Upper School students thoroughly enjoyed their Hospitality and CALM courses at TAFE this year. All our Upper School and Year 10 students completed successful work placements in a variety of businesses including Bunnings, Fremantle Hospital Cafeteria, JB HiFi, Coles, Dawson’s Garden Centre, Little People’s Early Learning, North Lake Senior Campus Library, Pet City and Good Samaritans.

One of the many values we actively encourage in Education Support is community involvement. Two of our year 10 students were invited to participate in a four day program run by the Kwinana Industry Council called iDIVERSITY. One of our students was awarded a scholarship to sail on the Leeuwin for five days.

A new program we have begun this year has seen two of our students visit Illawong Aged Care Facility. The two students involved play board games with the residents, talk to them about their memories and appreciate the importance of senior citizens in our community.

Our Community Access program aims to teach life and social skills in the community in a safe, controlled environment. Whilst learning these very important skills, students visited places such as Fremantle Prison, Perth Zoo, Ten Pin Bowling, Animal Shelter and a Wildcats and Eagles training session.

This year has seen the “growth” of our vegetable patch. We started working on
just one, however the enthusiasm by staff and students saw the space grow and we
are now planting in two patches. The success of our sustainable garden is evident
by our students displaying great enterprise skills selling their herbs and vegetables
to the staff every Friday. Our fresh produce has also been used when creating
delicious dishes in the kitchen by our students.

The success of our three continuous activity days was shown by the enjoyment of
all. Students participated in Laser Corps, Ten Pin Bowling and showed some great
trampolining skills at Bounce. The positive behaviour of students was
acknowledged by staff at Sizzler where students displayed outstanding manners
and table etiquette. Students put the education support staff to shame when it
came to Jugglafun. Students made the many juggling activities look easy and
continually challenged themselves to further their skills.

Our aim this year has been to work alongside parents and encourage them to
actively communicate with us. At the beginning of the year students invited their
parents to join staff for a morning tea. Students, parents and staff enjoyed the
delicious quiches, muffins, biscuits and sausage rolls prepared by our upper school
students during their Independent Living course.

A big thankyou to all my wonderful ESU students
and staff who have made the year a very
rewarding and enjoyable experience.
Wishing everyone a very safe and Merry
Christmas.

By Jo Baseden
Success Primary School

Success hosted the WADSA Tee Ball Carnival during Term 4. The weather was perfect for the occasion which also brought out the best of kids and staff participating. It was wonderful to see so many participants and we look forward to another round in 2015.

A recent visit from Spineless Wonders proved to be very popular. All creatures great and small captured the attention of students and staff. This was a part of our Cockburn City Council Environmental Grant. We also do a tidy up (rubbish pick up) around a small lake across the road from the school.

Staff and students have been very busy this term planning and decorating our Learning Community 6 play area. Some noisy sensory boards have been made and installed, blackboards mounted and walls painted and decorated.

Who would have thought going through the Cockburn Bus Depot bus wash could be so interesting!!
National Literacy and Numeracy Week at Success
To celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week at Success, each class invites parents and friends to come along and participate in fun literacy and numeracy activities. This year, students in LC6.3 enjoyed taking part in indoor and outdoor educational games.

100 Days of School
As a whole school initiative, each class is encouraged to count to 100 days of school to help develop students’ understanding of place value. To celebrate 100 days of school, each class participates in lots of fun maths games, counting up to 100.

Community Access
Community Access has been an integral part of our teaching and learning program this year. Our students really enjoy using the public transport to access the wider community, as well as our regular walks around the pond and to the local parks.

Jungle Gym
Our favourite excursion this year was Jungle Gym.

Easter Afternoon
All Education Support classes participated in a fun filled afternoon of Easter activities. Easter Bunny also made an appearance on the day!

By Kaye Blackburn, Principal
2014 WADSA Tee-Ball Carnival

The annual WADSA Tee Ball Carnival was once again held at Success Primary School, hosted by the Kim Beazley Learning Centre (KBLC) on Tuesday November 18th.

Five schools participated in the event; Atwell College’s Kim Beazley Learning Centre, Coolbellup Learning Centre, Kensington Secondary School, Riverton ESC and Success Primary KBLC.

The students had a great time thanks to the planning and organisation of the WADSA staff and of course the dedication and hard work of school staffs.

Feedback from the event was focussed on how collegiate all the schools were, with staff assisting each other regardless of their uniforms and teams sharing players so that everyone had a turn.

Winners on the day in both grades were Coolbellup Learning Centre each of their students taking home their own medal.

Students at Canning Vale Education Support Centre have been practising their dance moves all year.

In term one they all joined their primary school peers doing EduDance, culminating in a concert for parents. All year, our younger students have been doing Jiggle Jam and the older ones have been doing Jump Jam. In term three, all our students took part in barn dancing lessons. The parents came and joined in at their end of term concert. The Minister of Education, Peter Collier and Helen Morton, the Minister for Mental Health; Disability Services and Child Protection were on a tour of the school. They spotted the students and their parents dancing and joined in too.

In term four, our leaving students have been learning ballroom dancing with their primary school peers, in readiness for their graduation dance.

By Di Harper, Principal
 Presents:

 "THE COOBIE GAMES"

 Friday March 20\textsuperscript{th} 2015
 11am – 1.00pm
 Coolbellup Learning Centre – 15 Waverley Road, Coolbellup

 The Term One, 2015 ESSN Primary Tabloid Sports Day will be hosted by Coolbellup Learning Centre. If you would like to be part of “The Coobie Games” please register your interest and include the number of student participants you will be bringing.

 Provisions include:
 A light morning tea – fruit & water
 Lunch: Sausage sizzle & drink.
 Limited places available:
 Register at: Pauline.Winrow@education.wa.edu.au or Claire.Gardner@education.wa.edu.au