Cannington Community ESC
create.link.participate Market Day

Cannington Community ESC held their first create.link.participate Market Day on Thursday 18th April. create.link.participate is a school-based business that is networked within Cannington Community ESC and the wider community to bring together students and staff to showcase their skills, knowledge and products in a cheerful, friendly and community based pop up market day.

Students and staff worked extremely hard to create interesting enterprise products from lip balm, plants, dried fruit, soap, vegetables, candle holders, to DIY jar products, Visual Arts wooden products and a variety craft. The Market Day had an incredible attendance of over 200 students from partner schools and ESSN schools plus an overwhelming attendance of parents and carers.

CCESC will be holding a second create.link.participate Market Day in Term 4 this year, giving ESSN schools the opportunity to participate by setting up a stall and selling products; supporting the Market Day by attending and/or purchasing items and partaking in the day’s events – with great food, music and atmosphere.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

by Angela Whittington
At Armadale Education Support Centre our motto is ‘Education for Life’. How we judge if an education has been successful is how empowered our students are when they are 25 or 30 years old. Are they part of their community? What job are they in? Are they in a job they want to be in? Do they have a career path that they see as exciting? What are their relationships like with the people that mean the most to them? Do they have the ability to really get the most out of life?

This semester we are trying to meet those needs by focusing on the ways in which we transition our students into life after school. We have embarked on teacher training on how to deliver “The Big Plan”. We are working together with the Local Area Coordinators from Disability Services Commission to start the conversations with our students as to how they would like their lives to be after school. We are also using the “Coaching Young People for Success” program as part of our Careers curriculum as it is a great way of providing a safe environment for students to identify their dreams, passions and interests and provide the students with the necessary skills of how to achieve their goals.

As a whole school we have been up-grading our skills in how to create a classroom and school environment that stimulates responsible behaviour as well as high levels of academic achievement. This program, “The 9 Essential Skills for the Love and Logic Classroom” consists of nine separate modules, each of which teaches a different subset of skills and offers our staff an assortment of practical tools designed to increase the odds of success with challenging students. We approach each conflict as an opportunity to empower our students with the language and skills to work towards resolution. This helps students to spend more time in ‘thinking mode’ than in ‘fighting mode’. We will be offering the training to parents in Semester 2.

To compliment, this we have been working very closely with Therapy Focus and have introduced “The Zones of Regulation” a cognitive behaviour approach used to teach self-regulation. With the goal of having students be aware of how they are feeling, which enable them to manage their emotions and impulses and gain control over their sensory needs to resolve conflicts.

**Achievements**

Armadale Education Support Centre is still brimming with excitement from coming first in the Hills Basketball Carnival. Our team were the champions of Division 1. The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the day and we have placed the trophy in our new trophy cabinet. We hope to fill it with more trophies soon.

We are very proud of two of our senior students Aiden Kaschull and Jake Nicholson who participated in the Ivor Burge National Championships in Melbourne from 20-27 February. This Tournament supports basketball players with disability. The school successfully assisted the boys to obtain a sponsorship...
from Variety Club to participate in this year’s Nationals. The boys have done WA and AESC proud.

Our students are participating in The Duke of Edinburgh program and as part of their community service program they erected the school’s basketball hoop. Next semester our students will be working on a bike rescue program where they fix and donate a bike to a charity.

by Malliga Nallu, Principal

Coolbellup Learning Centre

Coolbellup Learning Centre participated in the Coolbellup Community School’s inaugural Sculptures on the Green held on Friday 8th May.

The idea was a spin off from the famous Sculptures by the Sea. Students at the Centre were keen to enter their prize possession – an interactive rocket which they made during their Sensorium Theatre workshops last term.

The rocket took pride of place having landed in a tree on the Green outside the Centre. Messages attached to the rocket invited visitors to activate buttons attached to transmitter clips – which then spoke phrases such as “We’re going to take off” and the necessary number countdown. Pictures of students creating the rocket also adorned its shell.

Pauline Winrow
Principal CLC
school update. . .

Kensington whole school camp

May 27th to May 29th saw the whole-school Kensington camp at Landsdale Farm School unfold. Night campers (staff and students) stayed in the bunk-houses at Landsdale; our day staff and student campers joined us for our day activities. Activities included learning about, feeding and petting the farm animals, a campfire with marshmallows and a sing-a-long, pyjama party games, cooking, riding the flying fox at Ern Halliday and ice-skating at Extreme Ice-skating and just being with our friends. Everyone had a great time and agreed planning the camp for the days BEFORE the June long weekend was a stroke of genius!

Judy Gardner, Principal
school update (cont’d)...  

Rockingham Beach ESC

Earlier this term we were lucky enough to go to Landsdale Farm Camp School for our annual camp. Our senior students stayed over for two nights and our junior students joined us for a day camp. It was great fun with so much to do and see. After arriving and going to reacquaint ourselves with all the animals and meet all the new ones born since our last camp we had a trip out to Outback Splash in Bullsbrook. We all had a great time. On our return to camp we each made our own pizzas for dinner and then had marshmallows round the campfire before settling down for a movie before bed.

Next morning we got up early and headed round to the farm to help with the feeding of the animals. We were so happy to see that during the night two little lambs had been born. They were so cute wobbling about on their little legs. Once the day campers arrived we enjoyed billy tea and damper and tractor rides on the farm. The gnome trail was fun too and we learned so much in the resource centre. We had sports on the grass area at the camp in the afternoon and then our groovy disco after dinner. A quick movie followed then we headed to bed, all very tired from our very busy day. After another early start on the farm on Friday we farewelled all our friends and headed onto the bus for our journey back to school. Cries of “When can we come back?” and “That was great fun,” could be heard from every seat. Another successful camp comes to an end. Thanks to everyone at Landsdale Farm for making it so memorable!

KidsMatter Walk to School Breakfast

On Friday 28th May we held a KidsMatter “Walk to School Breakfast”. As most of our students come to school on the bus and couldn’t actually walk to school we decided to invite all of our families along and take a walk around the outside of our school together, followed by a shared breakfast organised by our school chaplain Deb. She put on a wonderful array of foods and gave the children the chance to try something new.

It was a lovely morning and so nice to see our parents all sharing the walk with their children, and also getting to meet and network with other families.
The Annual ESSN Interschool Sports Carnival

The ‘Coobie Games’

On Friday May 29th the annual ESSN Tabloid Sports Day was held at Coolbellup Learning Centre. Four primary education support schools participated in this interschool carnival. Six teams representing Wirrabirra ESC, East Victoria Park ESC, Cloverdale Esc and Coolbellup LC challenged it out over four events.

The tabloid Carnival was organised by Sarah Fiddick from Coolbellup Learning Centre. The four events were:

- **Water Balloon Run** - teams raced to carry water balloons through a zig-zag course and place them in a bucket.
- **Musical Hoops** - teams played a game similar to musical chairs, however, instead of sitting on a chair when the music stops they needed to find and stand in a hula hoop.
- **The Coobie Commando** - teams competed to complete an obstacle course as many times as possible in the allocated time.
- **Go for Goals** - teams tried to score as many soccer goals as possible in the allocated time.

This year a Chill Out Zone was provided for those who sometimes just needed a little time out. The Zone was also our first aid post – thankfully the latter was not required! All students had a great time and were completely exhausted by the time they had their sausage sizzle lunch and boarded their busses for the trip back to school.

Sponsorship for the event was provided by Schweppes Australia (WA), O’Neill Kinesiology, IGA Coolbellup and the ANZ Bank. We would like to thank these organisations for their amazing donations and support.

Staff from the CLC spent weeks organising the activities, lunch, prize presentations and timetabling to ensure the smooth running of the morning’s event. The results:

- **Coolbellup Learning Centre**
- **Cloverdale Education Support Centre**
- **Wirrabirra Education Support Centre**
- **East Victoria Park Education Support Centre**

Prizes were given to all players either as team winners and runners up – or the multiple ‘best player’ awards. All students went home with something for their efforts – thanks to our sponsors.

We look forward to even more schools participating in the next event.

*Pauline Winrow, Principal Coolbellup Learning Centre*