2016 is rapidly drawing to a close and it is incredible how fast Term 3 went. Many schools will have felt the flu season and relief staff were in short supply. I hope everyone is feeling better and are fit and firing for Term 4. I am sure there are so many good things happening in our schools and would really encourage staff to submit little articles and celebrate what they have done.

The annual WAESPAA awards night is one event that showcases all that we do in Education Support.

There are awards for leaders, office staff, teachers, education assistants and schools. At last count over 300 seats have been sold for the event. Nominations closed October 14th. Full details are in the Notice section of our CONNECT community.

http://worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/ is an absolutely fantastic website that outlines the 17 global goals for sustainable development that will end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice and fix climate change. These goals are the theme for this year’s International Day of People with Disability. http://www.idpwd.com.au/ provides further details.

Our network will celebrate by putting up art displays at the Education Department Central Office. John Exeter and the Promotions team have done a great job getting this organised. Check out Connect or the website for more details or simply ask your Principal.

Every year staff retire from our schools. The registrar from Cannington Community ESC Cheryl MacPherson is hanging up her calculator now after 24 years at the school. I personally will miss her and want to publically acknowledge her and wish her well. She will be horrified reading this because she does not like big deals or fuss. I was thinking there are so many great staff out there retiring this year and we could perhaps acknowledge them all in the last newsletter of the year. I would be interested in your views.

I hope you enjoy Term 4.

Andrew Wilson
invitation from the promotions group...

International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) is a United Nations sanctioned day that takes place on 3 December each year. In Australia, we take our theme from the UN theme, which for 2016 is ‘Achieving 17 Goals for the Future We Want’.

The annual theme provides a forum for considering how people with disability are excluded from society by promoting the removal of all types of barriers; including those relating to the physical environment, information and communications technology (ICT), or attitudinal barriers. For more information, go to http://www.idpwd.com.au/theme/

Each school in the ESSN has been allocated a small canvas for their students to complete and these will be collectively displayed in the Department of Education Central Office from Monday 28th November to Friday 9th December, 2016. Along with the art work we would like photos of the students preparing it. These will be arranged when the display is set up in Central Office.

Please note our aim is to have one contribution from each school in the ESSN. Don’t miss out. NB: Contributions need to be received by Wednesday 23rd November. It would be appreciated if they could be dropped off at Carson Street. School, 19 Carson Street, East Victoria Park.

term 3 art awards . . .

Thank you to everyone who entered the Term 3 Art Awards NAIDOC category. Congratulations to the following students who won a $50.00 gift certificate:

Junior: Natu Year 1 Victoria Park Education Support Centre
        Amy Year 4 Canning Vale Primary Education Support Centre

Senior: Ryan W Kensington Secondary School
        Amy Year 11 Cannington Community Education Support Centre
School update. . .

Kensington Secondary School at the Interschool Celebration at the Hyatt

We started at school for ‘mocktails’ and lots and lots of photos. When we got to the Hyatt there were more photos and a very beautiful ballroom. We enjoyed a buffet dinner (and everyone used their best table manners) before hitting the dance floor.
Everyone looked fabulous, enjoyed each other’s company and made the most of a fabulous night! A big thank you to parents, carers and staff who made sure all the students looked their best and had a wonderful time!!
schools update . . .
Canning Vale College

Bushranger Cadets

All students in our LEAP program participate in Bushranger Cadets, and this has been a busy year, with camps, excursions and incursions as well as those obligatory drill marches!

Senior Camp to Kalgoorlie

In first term we waved off our 16 adventurers and their accompanying staff as they journeyed to Kalgoorlie on the Prospector.

The students were excited and a little scared being so far away from home, but the busy itinerary kept everyone occupied. There was always something to do, including time for rest, recreation and chores.

Highlights of the camp included: tour of the Weather Bureau, Royal Flying Doctor Tour, Superpit Tour, activities at the YMCA, line dancing, panning for gold, a lively game of Two Up, museums at Coolgardie, swimming at the Oasis, Bush Breakfast with egg and bacon sandwiches toasted in jaffle irons in hot coals, lunch and activities at the PCYC with Eastern Goldfields Education Support Centre students and a disco.

We experienced 4 seasons in the one week with a storm bringing lots of rain, lightning and some local flooding.

Everyone behaved beautifully, the social inclusion, spirit of participation and sharing was a pleasure to witness. The Goldfields Camp School staff were friendly and helpful, and the venue was top class.
School update. . .

Canning Vale College

Cockburn Wetlands

A visit to Cockburn Wetlands provided students with the opportunity to extend their learning about flora and fauna. Students used microscopes to identify invertebrates living in the lake. They also observed a range of birds, made ‘bush soap’ and rope from reeds.

Regional Resource Recovery Centre

Students have visited the Regional Resource Recovery Centre to learn about what happens to items we put in our recycling bins. The Regional Resource Recovery Centre turns our rubbish into mulch to help the environment instead of it going to landfill.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program

Our Cadets are going to be very busy working towards the creation of an organic kitchen garden, as we are implementing the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. The produce for this garden will be used in cooking lessons, hospitality classes and there may even be the opportunity for a business enterprise too.

Rubbish audit at school

A group of students have been collecting data on the nature of the rubbish in the school grounds. Each week they collect and sort the rubbish to see what isn’t going in to bins. The answer – wrappers from packaged foods. So now the group will be putting out the REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE message.
schools update . . .

Coolbellup Learning Centre

Term 3 was a busy term for us at Cooby. We began our term with an excursion to SCITECH. Our students had such a wonderful time exploring and the best part was we were able to touch everything we could see! The staff at SCITECH were very welcoming and understanding of the needs of our students and every student had a fabulous time.

Our 2 student councillors, Kyle and Graham were invited by the City of Cockburn to take part in a special tree planting day to recognise Hiroshima Day. Graham and Kyle were exceptional representatives of our school and planted trees at Dixon Park to commemorate Hiroshima Day. Special guests included Mr Toshio Ida (the Acting Consul-General of Japan) and the Mayor of the City of Cockburn, Logan Howlett. Other activities included origami and the event ended with a really yummy morning tea at the City of Cockburn.

Coolbellup students were very lucky to attend the production of Oddysea by Sensorium Theatre at the Koorliny Arts Centre in Kwinana over 2 days. The 2 days included 2 workshops and a performance of Oddysea. As always, this was an absolutely wonderful experience for our students (and staff!) and the workshops and performances were exceptional. Franki, Michelle and their team are such special people and we love being part of the magic they create!

In Term 3 we had Kelly Buckle from DAPAK (Dance Ability Performing Arts) teach our students dance each Friday. Our students have loved every minute of it – Cooby has some very creative and talented dancers! We are ending the term with a disco at Kelly’s studio which we are looking forward to!

We all enjoyed a well deserved break over the holidays.
schools update . . .

Carson Street School

Bowling Excursion

Let the games begin! Carson Street had a whole school excursion to Cannington Bowling and this was a great success. It turned out to be an activity which all students could participate in no matter what their disability level and the centre staff were extremely accommodating. In recognition of the Olympics each class represented a participating country.

Perhaps you can share with other schools some of the wonderful places you go to on excursions which are education support friendly and provide a challenging or entertaining day for your students? There is always space in next terms newsletter.

Arbor Day

Carson Street School would like to thank the Perth Zoo for their donation of ten new “zoo food” trees which have been planted in the school grounds. On Friday 10th June Christine and Tanya from the Perth Zoo came to help us plant the new trees. When the trees grow bigger they will be used as zoo food for the elephants and giraffes!

John Exeter
Principal
Carson Street School
school update . . .

East Victoria Park Education Support Centre

PALS Program  We were recently very fortunate to receive funding assistance of $750 from PALS which we have used to support various activities. Ultimately, PALS tries to encourage young Western Australia school students to develop projects that promote reconciliation in their local community.

A visit to the award winning Zanthorrea Nursery in Maida Vale showcased a wonderful range of indigenous plants. We purchased several bush tucker plants which we planted in our garden, ready to use and enhance our bush tucker cooking.

The students created and decorated clay tiles in Aboriginal designs that represent the style of art particular to the indigenous people of our local area. The tiles take pride of place around our bush tucker garden for decoration.

Food is a common experience that can bring us together with others. We can learn a lot about different cultures by experiencing the food they eat. So as part of the PALS Program and NAIDOC Week celebrations we decided to try cooking an Aboriginal food called damper.

The version of damper we made while not strictly traditional (we substituted self-rising flour for the ground wattle seed flour) was just as tasty and still celebrated the flavours of the Australian bush.

We flavoured our damper with bush tucker spices of lemon myrtle, lemon aspen and mountain pepper. The students enjoyed rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands sticky rubbing the butter into the flour and kneading the dough. We especially liked it when the smell of freshly baking bread filled the centre making everyone verrry hungry. The students all gave the damper the double thumbs up and gobbled up the warm fluffy bread!

The PALS program: Partnership between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people; Acceptance of difference as unique and to be respected; Learning more about ourselves and each other, and, Sharing a common journey along the path of healing and reconciliation towards a more harmonious and optimistic future.
school update . . .
Kensington Secondary School

Sensorium Theatre
The Jub Jub Tree
June 20 – 29

An exciting fortnight especially for our younger students, those with sensory issues and those with autism... Look at all the eye contact!
Castlereagh School

Castlereagh School hosted the 11th Celebration Ball on Thursday September 15th at the Hyatt Regency, Perth. The Ball is held every two years and is attended by senior school students from education support schools, centres and facilities across the metropolitan area. This year seven schools participated with 80 students and their partners. Including staff, there were over 200 attendees.

The Celebration Ball is an opportunity for all students to experience a night of excitement, music, fabulous fashion and fine dining in luxurious surroundings just like their mainstream peers. Special thanks to the staff at the Hyatt, the staff of each school and Castlereagh School Nurse Pauline, for all their hard work and dedication on the night.

The memories of this event were captured by Leyna Ripley from Believe it or Not photography and the music was supplied by Tony Mancini DJ extraordinaire. Both of these wonderful people donated their talents for the evening.

Congratulations to Nick and his team from Castlereagh who once again made this event a great success.

Pauline Winrow
Principal
Castlereagh School
school update . . .

Castlereagh School

We returned from holidays to a revamped school! Major rendering and painting took place over the holidays and we returned to a school that looks bigger and brighter than ever! The renewed spirit a coat of paint will bring has spread throughout the school; it seems everyone has been eager to have-a-go and made term three a super success.

Highlights have been:
LA 8 and LA 3’s fantastic assemblies
Fathers’ Day celebration assembly (and raffle!)
A new Team Teach Trainer in our school
Post School Options parent information session
Celebration of the Olympics
Charlie’s visits each week
Book Week - LA 3

Pauline Winrow
Principal
Castlereagh School
create.link.participate

Market Day

Come join us to help celebrate ESSN Market Day.

create.link.participate is an initiative for students to create innovative enterprise products, link with community to build relationships and participate in something different as a school network.

The ESSN Market Day is about bringing together partner schools and their communities in a fun and collaborative environment. The aim of this event is to showcase and sell a variety of classroom enterprise products such as: art and craft, gift jars, soap, vegetables and plants in a Market Day setting. Food and drinks will be available.

This will be held on Thursday 17th November - Term 4 Week 6, at the Cannington Exhibition Centre & Showgrounds 11am – 1pm

Get creative and be involved with your students!

Contact Cathy or Ange if you would like to reserve a table for your school.

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