I would like to welcome new and existing families to the 2016 school year and extend a special welcome to the Year 7 students and their families. The students have transitioned well into high school with the positive support from staff and parents. I look forward to getting to know all of you during the school year.

**Staffing 2016**

Our student numbers have increased again this year and we currently have 98 students enrolled. As a result we have a number of new staff and I would like to welcome to all our new teaching and non teaching staff members: Mrs Stewart, Miss Muco, Miss Gage, Miss Carr, Miss Hackett, Mr Kirton, Mrs Grida, Mrs Soares, Mrs Putland and Mrs Harcourt. We have an exciting teaching and non teaching team this year who are committed to providing the best learning opportunities for our students. To support this there will be a strong focus on collaborative teaching teams to improve teaching and learning practices and provide engaging learning opportunities. It has been a great start to the year with a high level of energy and enthusiasm.

**Year 12 Ball**

Our Year 12 students looked fantastic and had an enjoyable night at the school ball recently. Thank you to Ms Franceschini-Phil for organising the school ball and to the many staff that assisted Ms FP on the night. Your organisation and support was amazing and I have had wonderful feedback from all the Leeming SHS staff on how fantastic our students were on the night. Thank you to Kerry Newick for hosting the Pre-Ball where families and staff enjoyed celebrating this very special occasion with our Year 12 students. It was great to see a coordinated effort from staff and parents to ensure the night ran smoothly and the students had a night they will remember fondly.

**School Council**

I would like to acknowledge Jennelle Reynolds for her parent representation on the School Council, we appreciate Jennelle giving her time each term to attend meetings, providing valuable support and contribution to future directions and initiatives. Due to work commitments Jennelle can no longer be involved in the School Council so we are looking for a new representative. The role of the School Council is to review the school’s objectives, priorities and directions and ensure the school allocates funding accordingly. Meetings are held once a term usually on a Thursday or Friday afternoon. If you would like to register your interest to be on the School Council, please contact me via email on keran.davies1@education.wa.edu.au. Currently our School Council members are: Keran Davies, Evelyn Riley, Angeline Dinning, Judy Hardie, Antoinette Fan and Marion Underwood. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 31st March at 1:15pm.

**School Evacuation Procedures and Bushfire Zone Register**

As you may be aware, schools across Australia have received threatening phone calls via recorded message recently. In all cases these have proved to be hoaxes; however, we are not prepared to take any chances with the safety of students or staff. In the event of any such threats, Western Australian public schools have been instructed to follow emergency management plans including evacuating the school and calling police. A notification will be sent to parents via our school app. Our Emergency Action Plan has been reviewed and updated and there will be an evacuation drill practice during the term.

Leeming SHS and Leeming ESC are in an area of high bushfire risk and are on the Bushfire Zone Register. Each year we are required to develop a Bushfire Plan which outlines required actions to be undertaken by staff and students at the different levels of a bushfire emergency. This term Leeming SHS and Leeming ESC are due for a Bushfire Risk Assessment which will determine any treatment works that may be required to reduce the bushfire risk and to review the Bushfire Plan. For more information about Bushfire safety and information have a look at the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website at http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/bushfire/Pages/default.aspx

**Keran Davies**
During the holidays Mitch and his family went to the Autism Friendly Performance of the Lion King. It was absolutely fantastic to see so many special needs kids at an event. Kids that would normally find something like this too stressful or overwhelming, were having a wonderful time. We were looking out across a sea of headphones. We had seats three back from the stage, Mitch had a ball!

We have had a great start to the school year in ESC4. The students are settling in well. We have been very busy with our upper school courses in the classroom, elective subjects, work placements, community based learning program and TAFE courses. Miss Riley, Mrs Long, Mrs Cox and I are really enjoying getting to know our wonderful class.

Emily Muco

On Thursdays I go to Canning Vale College for my Hospitality course. I do worksheets, listen to instructions and cook. This week we cooked curry noodles. I ate it at home. It was very hot, I drank lots of water. Zed

For CBL we went to Elizabeth Quay, to the Perth Visitor Centre, to the food court and we went to the library. My class travelled on public transport. We caught the bus to Murdoch, then the train to Perth. I had Hungry Jacks, I had chips, a burger and a frozen coke. Liam

I enjoy home economics because I have fun cooking and eating the food. Home economics teaches you to cook at home and cooking is a good skill to have. Callen

This year I have enjoyed CBL, we went to the food court and I had fried rice and vegetables. I also enjoy art, maths and home economics. We cooked and ate garlic bread. I also enjoy work place learning, keys for life, P.E and D&T. Kevin

I like CBL because it is fun. We went to Elizabeth Quay. I really liked the Bell Tower. My favourite part was when we went to the food court, I had Hungry Jacks for lunch. I sat next to Liam. We took bus number 516 to get to school. During CBL I realised we were near a museum that I go to often with dad. We saw an art exhibition and decided which of the pictures we liked. Isaac

This year at school I have enjoyed going to home economics, we made garlic bread. My home economics teacher is Mrs Hayrebet. When I go to Agrifoods I water the plants and rake the leaves. Mr Z checks my work to see if I have done it properly. Paras

I love playing sport on Mondays. We learnt about handballing. For our warm up we played British bulldogs. My sport teacher is Miss Allomes. For sport we need cones and a football. I had a great time playing sports! I work at G.S.I in Canning Vale. I get to work before 9.00am, I get picked up at 2.30pm. Zac

I like English and Maths. In home economics we made garlic bread and milkshakes. I also have D&T, health, WPL, P.E, CBL, Keys for Life and art classes. Jordan

This year at school I have enjoyed CBL. We went to Elizabeth Quay. We catch the 516 from Leeming to Murdoch train station, we then catch the train from Murdoch to Elizabeth Quay. We went to the Perth Visitor Centre to collect flyers for English class. We went to the Carillon City food court. We went to the State Library. Kate

I like writing at school. I can use my ipad to do my work. I also like going on CBL with my class. I like catching the train to the city. Yesterday we went to Elizabeth Quay. We walked around and then we went to the library. On Fridays I go to D&T. I am making a truck. Angus

I have enjoyed WPL because I’ve learnt how to clean tables, set tables, to wear appropriate clothes in the workplace and how to work with new people. I really enjoy keys for life because I’ve learnt how to get my L plates. There is a lot to learn about keys for life. Anna
Our 2016 Community Based Learning program has begun and to kick it off, we visited the newly-opened Elizabeth Quay. Both students and staff were excited to explore this new piece of Perth’s identity. We have visited the city in the past and we have had many water-based excursions on the river, but this was the first time we could experience both simultaneously.

We were incredibly lucky to be given a tour by one of the architects of this massive project. Kukame McKenzie works for ARM Architecture (of Perth Arena fame) and worked on this project for over 5 years. He gave us lots of insight into how the Quay was designed, built and celebrated. A highlight was the BHP Billiton Water Park where the students played in the fountains and mist. The new ferry terminal was really cool also and we look forward to catching the ferry in our coming trips.

The students learned the train station, bus port and ferry terminal are now all named Elizabeth Quay. This is particularly important as we need to know there is no Esplanade train station or bus port anymore and therefore future bus and train journeys will have a different destination.

A big thank you must go to Kukame for giving up his day to show us this awesome addition to Perth.

Hannah Piers

On Thursday 25th February a group of students were invited along to a day at the WACA. The students were able to watch the Western Australian Warriors take on the Queensland Bulls before they ventured on to the WACA ground during the lunch break. The students participated in 2 skill games and showcased their talents to the crowd. It was a great day and the students represented Leeming ESC well with both their behaviour and cricket skills.

Jenna Allomes
Thank you to parents who have already paid their child’s fees and charges contribution for 2015. The total amount payable for Years 7 to 10 is $270, for Years 11 to 12 it is $290.
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The Year 9’s have had a fantastic start to 2016. The students have already shown a wonderful work ethic and enthusiasm for all their class work.

For our Bush Rangers conservation project the Year 9’s have taken over caring for the “Secret Garden” in the school library. The list of jobs the students have been doing include sweeping, raking, watering plants, weeding, and filling the pond with fresh water. This has been a great project for the students and they have thoroughly enjoyed their time working on it so far. They have been learning many skills they will be able use in the future, particularly helping out with the gardening at home.

On Thursday 25th February some of the students in Year 9 were invited to attend the excursion to the WACA organised by Ms Allomes. The students cheered for the Western Warriors as they batted and loved being able to play cricket on the field during the lunch break. A highlight of the excursion was when the students were able to meet Ms Carr’s grandparents who happened to be at the game on the same day.

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I look forward to an exciting and eventful year with the 7.2 students. During this year, lessons will be developed to align with ASDAN New Horizons, enabling students to complete their modules and receive an accreditation certificate acknowledging their Year 7 work.

Our program is designed with a number of challenging experiences for the students and we are very fortunate to have the valued assistance of Mrs Smith, Mrs Harcourt, Mrs Lester-Smith and Mrs Davis working collaboratively to assist students with their learning.

Our students also have experienced specialist staff from the high school to teaching them skills in a range of learning areas: Mrs Damos for Music, Mr Wegwermer for Design & Technology, Mrs Hayrebet for Home Economics, Mrs Kaiser for Art and Miss Allomes for Physical Education.

During week nine of term two, along with Miss Gage’s year 7 class, our students will have the opportunity to attend a three day camp at Point Peron, where they will have a number of learning experiences that will align with the Bush Ranger program, including team building, life skills and environmental awareness.

I look forward to creating a happy and productive class environment for both students and staff.

Angelique Dinning

We have been doing swimming with Miss Allomes and it has been fun. We have been doing Bush Ranger and in Bush Rangers we had an excursion. We play “shotgun”. It is a game and it is fun. Who ever says the number first is in and who doesn’t is out until we find a winner.

By Ellie

This year I started high school at Leeming SHS ESC. We do woodwork which I really like doing. We go swimming an Friday with Miss Allomes. In class we play a game called “Shotgun”. On Mondays we have cooking and Bush Rangers. We have learnt all about flags. I like flags

By Max

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Workplace Learning for 2016 has taken off tremendously well with all students impressing employers with their enthusiasm and hard work. We congratulate Supun Wickramage who has successfully finished his work trial over the summer school holidays, and is now working for Activ Bentley. The team at Activ are super excited to have Supun on board and part of their team.

A special mention to Andrew Tassicker who has been awarded the “Employee Of The Month”. Andrew has been working at Brightwater Care Group, where he has been making fantastic progress on his work ethic and has proven to be a very caring young man to the residents.

During the coming weeks we will be touching base with students and making plans for term 2 placements, please look out for this paperwork.

Thank you parents for being supportive to the workplace learning program by getting your child to work on time and in the correct work attire.

Please be reminded that your child requires parental supervision until the school support staff arrive. For independent students please ensure you are getting to work no earlier than 15 minutes before shift begins.

Thank you for your cooperation in making this program the success that it is.

Sarah Lomax
Workplace Learning Coordinator

It has been a fantastic start to 2016 meeting all of the staff, students and some parents already. It is my first term here at Leeming SHS ESC and I have been so lucky to be warmly welcomed into the school community. I have a delightful class who have settled well into the new academic year and I look forward to teaching the Year 8’s and watching them grow into terrific young men.

The IEP process is almost complete and it has been a delight to meet the parents and carers to discuss their hopes, dreams and aspirations for their students. The students are working well in the new rotation format for English and Maths and have been participating well in group work in HASS and Health subjects.

Our dedicated team of Education Assistants Fraser Kirton, Jackie Pereira and Anita Porter have been pivotal in ensuring a smooth transition back into school for the students this term and continually supporting myself as I navigate my way around the school and get to know the workings here.

Yolande Stewart

ESC8 have had an exciting and fantastic start to High School. The Year 7’s are settling in well and are enjoying all their classes. The students from ESC8 along with Miss Gage, Mrs Tan, Mrs Mac and Mrs S have written some comments about their first few weeks of secondary school.

“My favourite subject is Home Economics”
“We had photos in the library. I was happy”
“My favourite subject is D&T”

Emma Gage
Hi everyone and welcome back to 2016. It is a great privilege to be working with the Year 12/13 cohort for 2016. Our room is made up of 14 wonderful young students who for some, it will be their last year of education.

In the first 2 weeks of our school calendar the Year 12/13s commenced their exciting journey with the School Ball and Sailing on the Swan – Wow! I don’t recall my education ever being that exciting but needless to say, with excitement comes the vigour to learn. As the Year12/13 teacher I hope to embark on a journey of independence, challenges and learning to support their future and beyond.

I am delighted with the level of commitment and maturity ESC10 students have displayed since the onset of the year to achieve their personal best. I simply cannot wait to see what the year will truly hold.

With the wonderful support of the parents, the students, my incredible Education Assistant Team - Mrs Murugan, Mrs Mahalingam and Ms Soares, we hope to laugh lots, learn and make memories that will last a life time. A quote from Malik Faisal

“Life brings tears, smiles, and memories. The tears dry, the smiles fade, but the memories last forever.”

Louisa Franceschini-Pill
The year 8’s in ESC 2 have had a wonderful start to the 2016 school year and have quickly settled into their new classroom, with their new classmates and routines. This term we are continuing to focus on functional literacy and numeracy as well as looking at our school and the wider community. Students have been participating in a range of activities both in and out of the classroom and I have been very impressed with the mature and responsible way they have started Year 8.

Ellanor Donkin

Leeming ESC has a new app that can be downloaded from iTunes or Google Store.

NOTE: Please be aware that at present there are two apps for Leeming ESC. Please make sure you select the Skoolbag one NOT Theme Solutions. If you have previously downloaded the Theme Solutions app we apologise for the inconvenience but there are more functions available on Skoolbag. Please download the app and take a moment to see what is available. There is information about the school (term dates, school development days, stationery list), newsletters, uniform shop, canteen menu etc. Check out the calendar, this will keep you up to date on activities planned and if the venue is offsite a map will show you the location.

The school will use the app to send messages to groups of people e.g. from a particular class, afterschool bushrangers, school council members or the whole school community. To set up the group messages you would like to receive on the bottom right of the home page select ‘More’, then ‘Setup Push Notifications’, then turn on the notifications you wish to receive. Messages can also be sent to the whole school. This does not need to be selected.

eForms is another good function of the App. Change of Details and Absentee Notifications can be submitted directly to school via the app and in future permission notes will also be available. We hope this app will be a convenient way we can further enhance the communication process between school and home. Links are below


This year has kicked off with a full and busy program for the Year 10’s. Students are officially working towards a Work Placement in Term 4 and are looking forward to the exciting new skills and challenges this year will bring. Students are proud to be a part of the senior school and are proving to be wonderful role models for every one in the Centre. 2016 is shaping up to be a very exciting year for the Year 10’s!

Kate Hughes

Angelman Syndrome Fundraiser

In week 3 the Year 10 students organised and ran a cake stall fundraiser for the Angelman Syndrome Foundation, successfully increasing awareness of Angelman Syndrome throughout the school community. Our cake stall raised over $300! A fantastic effort by staff and students, well done!

Ellanor Donkin
St Judes Disability Services

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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1 2016
Monday 1 February to Friday 8 April

- Monday 7 March - Labour Day Public Holiday
- Friday 25 March - Good Friday
- Monday 28 March - Easter Monday holiday
- Tuesday 29 March - Easter Tuesday holiday
- Monday 4 April - Leeming ESC Assembly

Uniform price lists and the Canteen menu are available on Leeming SHS Education Support Centre School App and website
Leemingesc.wa.edu.au