As another term ends it is time to reflect on our half year highlights and consider future planned events. First semester has seen our year 7 and 8 students settle into a high school routine and create new social networks. Some of these students have displayed their growing independence through opportunities to become transport trained to and from school. This is an amazing achievement.

Our Senior School students have impressed at their various work placements being excellent ambassadors for our school. It is important to recognise the Workplace Learning team who negotiate for the placements and support students to be successful. It is their hard work that leads to so many of our students gaining post-school employment.

REPORTS

Lower and senior school reports will be distributed on Thursday, 2nd July prior to the Parent Day. Please talk to your child about their reports and if you have any questions or would like an interview with their teacher contact the school on 9313 5408.

BUILDINGS

Leeming ESC student numbers are now reaching capacity and to provide more rooms the Department is building a transportable classroom off Grady Close, near to our student pick up area. It is hoped that the transportable will be operational by the end of term 3.

Recently, the Centre commissioned the building of a bus shelter near the pick-up area and a veranda and ramp for the Year 7/8 transportable (on the oval). These have been constructed to reflect the school design and have proven very useful in our recent wet weather.

In 2016 we are planning to construct a brick classroom and independent living skills room with a kitchen and laundry area adjoining Mrs Dinning’s room. This project has been budgeted for and endorsed by the School Council and Finance Committee. We are working closely with the Department of Education following processes to ensure the building meets required standards. More information regarding this proposal will be provided in the future.

STAFF

In term 2 we have been fortunate to have the assistance of Natalie Keal as a second Deputy Principal. Natalie has been a wonderful addition to our administration team providing excellent support. Kerryn Cole has been merit selected into a deputy position for one year and will be replacing Evelyn Riley who will be going on six months leave. Kerryn is an experienced teacher who has taught some of our students previously and is very excited about coming to our school.

We are also sad to be losing Merrick Laws from our year 7/8 class. Merrick is completing his teaching degree and returning to the Eastern States. We wish him well in the future with his career and the move.

PEOPLE FIRST PROGRAM: CYBER BULLYING

The People First Program (PIP) was conducted in second term for our lower school students and will be available in third term for our senior students. PIP provide a specialist program for teaching students with disabilities about relationships, bullying and sexuality.

I would like to thank our Leeming ESC staff who enable camps, swimming, sports carnivals, workplace learning, Bushrangers, transport training and after school parent information sessions to take place. As many of you know these staff often work outside of their paid hours to provide these extra programs and opportunities for your children and deserve our recognition.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to the second half of this year.

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Term 2 has been a busy and productive time for the Year 9’s. They have been extending their safe community behaviours to other environments and attended CBL at Garden City for the first time. Our business enterprise of homemade soap is coming along nicely, with students making 33 bars of soap and packaging them beautifully.

The students have thoroughly enjoyed Friday T-Ball and have come such a long way with their sportsmanship skills! Well done to the Year 9’s, we are looking forward to another productive and exciting term after the holidays!

**Kathleen Hughes**

Gerald - “I liked the cricket carnival it was the best time with my friends”

Paras - “I like making soap with rainbow colours, it smells really nice!”

Jake - “I like cooking in home economics because I made apple turnover and my Mum loved it”

Chloe - “I love T-ball!”

Allara - “I like Breakfast Club and making my own food”

Dayyan - “I really like CBL and Art”

The students in ESC 5 are continually being challenged to experience and learn. A highlight moment in our learning included the ‘GET ON BOARD’ Transperth Education Tour conducted by Transperth Educator – David McMahon. The tour included the Murdoch and Underground Train Station. The information students gained included emergency and safety features, people available at stations to assist, how to travel on escalators, where to stand and much more. Enabling the students to visualise these features at Murdoch train station then generalise their knowledge by locating the same features at Perth Underground was invaluable.

Being a teenager is an exciting time, buying clothes, hanging out with your friends, going to the movies and for one young lady, a license to drive. Congratulations Kayla from all of us in ESC5 on obtaining your Driver’s License.

**Louisa FrancesChini-Piil**
Nearly the end of Term 2 – unbelievable! Students in ESC 7 have put in a fantastic effort this term in Mrs Dinning’s absence. I have felt most privileged to have worked with these students for the duration of this time. Thank you parents, for your on-going support and thank you also to the wonderful EA’s (Mrs Tan, Ms Riley, Mrs Johnson) who put in an unwavering effort always.

During the term we had great pleasure doing simple Science experiments. Two of our favourites were making a Tea Bag Rocket and making an Ice Pack. It was interesting to see the different chemical reactions.

A third activity that provided a major learning curve for the students in the development of both physical and social skills was a 45 minute game of Tee-ball joining with two other classes each Friday. The skills learnt related directly to being able to cope with what life throws at you in the future in an extremely enjoyable setting. It also gave the students the chance to practice skills learnt in Phys Ed. Well done to all students for coping with the complexities of the game. In my class it was the student’s favourite activity of the week.

Thank you again for the wonderful support throughout this term. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday and may your children return to school refreshed, happy and enthusiastic.

Johanna Lee
Certificate I in Agrifoods (Operations)

Our students have been busy working in the school sensory and vegetable garden. They are doing horticulture and landscaping tasks including planting vegetables and native seedlings, paving, preparing the ground and laying turf. There are nine students completing the certificate delivered at the school under the auspice of Challenger TAFE.

The project is taking shape and we are very proud of our achievements. Parents will have the opportunity to see our progress at the open day on Thursday 2nd July.

Transition to Employment – Trial Project

We would like to announce a new and exciting partnership with Good Samaritan Industries Community Engagement. Our Year 10 students will participate in this trial project for 5 weeks in term 3. The project works in conjunction with the ASDAN Workright Program the students are completing in readiness for workplace learning, which will commence in term 4.

This 5 week transition program will focus on understanding work requirements and being an employee.

The program is broken into 2 hour sessions over 5 weeks:

1) Workplace safety
2) Workplace organisation
3) Retail store visit
4) Workplace communication and good work habits
5) Team work (this will include parent information session, tour of the Canning Vale facilities and certificate presentations)

Students will have the opportunity to attend work experience at Canning Vale GSI. This will give them the experience of the requirements and expectations in a workplace environment.

This project whilst being run at GSI’s Canning Vale site is not targeted at either ADE (supported employment) or DES (open employment) rather giving students a taste of a workplace environment.

Voin Zivkovic

Level 2 Cadets have started a beach clean up of marine debris as part of the Tangaroa Blue project. Students have been collecting, identifying and categorising different debris from their local beach. Back at school the data is then entered online at the Tangaroa Blue website.

Our Cadets have learnt about marine pollution and the importance of removing debris to protect the marine ecological communities. They have been brainstorming possible ways to prevent future debris pollution.

Lorraine Vann - Bush Ranger Committee Member
Our community based learning program this semester has focused on travel training and orientation around larger shopping centres. Our class has been travelling to Garden City every second Friday by public transport. The students are required to catch multiple buses to and from the shopping centre and are mastering the skills of reading bus numbers, hailing the bus and using their Smartrider. Once at Garden City the students find our “safe place” and are gaining an understanding of protective behaviours in the community. Next semester we are going to Riverton Shopping Centre and the students will learn how to plan their own journeys to different destinations.

Jenna Allomes

This term I have gone to Garden City for CBL every Friday. First we catch the 516 from Leeming Senior High School to Bullcreek shopping Centre. Then we catch the 98 bus to Fiona Stanley Hospital. The last bus we catch is the 510 which goes to Garden City. Our safe place is at the Apple store, if we get lost we can go there. I love CBL 100%.

By Isaac

We go to CBL every second Friday and we get there by bus. The first bus we catch is the 510 and it takes us to Bull Creek Shopping Centre. The second bus we catch is the 98 bus it takes us to Fiona Stanley Hospital and then we catch the 510 bus. It takes us to Garden City.

When we get to Garden City we find our safe place which is near the Apple store and after that we have morning tea.

While we are at Garden City we do worksheets and shop for our car washing business. We’ve learnt how to find our way around the shopping centre by using the shopping centre maps.

We are allowed to buy our lunch but not morning tea. We catch public transport on the way back as well. I like CBL because the best thing is that I can buy my lunch

By Lee

It is hard to believe that semester one is nearly over. We have spent a good portion of this term studying our portraits. The students have all worked very hard across many disciplines of portraiture. We began by looking at proportion and shape, drawing in pencil and ink. We then started mixing colours and had fun depicting ourselves as very colourful and perhaps a little kooky. We then painted ourselves in earnest looking at differences in skin colour and tone attempting to achieve the most realistic likeness possible. The results have been spectacular and the art room is looking exciting with many wonderful characters up on the walls. You are more than welcome to visit our art room on the parent open day. Maybe you can even recognise someone!

Jonnine Kaiser
This term has been a busy but productive one for the students of ESC 8. Students began their CBL program traveling to Razzamatazz at the Perth Convention Centre using public transport, and also caught the bus to Bull Creek Shopping Centre. Students also visited Leeming Shopping Centre and completed several activities.

One focus this term for mathematics has been money including adding and subtracting, budgeting and change. For English we have been concentrating on spelling and writing using appropriate punctuation, capital letters and paragraphs. The students wrote brilliant recounts, autobiographies and biographies demonstrating their skills.

For Health the students have been learning strategies to make and maintain friendships and about cyber bullying.

Thanks to all the students and staff in ESC8 for their hard work this term.

Ellanor Donkin

Autobiography

Hi my name is Kiara. I was born in January 2003 on the 2nd. I have a twin sister and she was born first. Paula is my Mum’s name and my Dad’s name is Craig. I have a brother Jared and 3 dogs called Cindy, Josey and Terrie. Cindy died, it was on the TV.

I have 2 friends called Andy and Emily. They were born in South Africa like me and my sister. One of my memories of my friends is that they have got a rock pool and I have been in it and it’s very nice and cold.

Thank you for reading my autobiography.

Biography of Nick by Wil Simpson

Nick was born on the 2nd of January 2002 in Melbourne. Nick has a sister. Her name is Jessica.

Nick’s earliest memory was of walking when he was 3 years old and falling over. When Nick was a baby he lived in Canning Vale, now he lives in Hamilton Hill.

Nick went to Winterfold Primary School. His friends are Anna, Wil, Kye, Tyler and Brittany. Nick enjoys playing video games, tennis and eating chips. When Nick finishes school he would like to be a Police Officer in Victoria.

Congratulations to Zachary Safe and Jay Wiley who will be commencing work trials at The Spine and Limb Foundation in Shenton Park in term 3. Both boys will be attending 3 days per week. Zachary will be working in the donated goods section and Jay will be working in the maintenance department.

All students are showing a tremendous effort with their placements which is great to see. Some highlights for this semester include Rachael Fan who worked at Triassic Park indoor children’s play centre, where she has continuously shown enthusiasm and independence in all aspects of her work.

Darshanah has displayed confidence and a great knowledge of all tasks at AH Bracks Library in Melville.

A reminder to all parents and students to please notify the school if they are unable to attend work placements.

WORKPLACE LEARNING NEWS

This semester the Year 12/13 class have completed 3 tasks in their P unit English. We have toured Fremantle Prison and the Fremantle Fire station and are practicing safe road crossing and orientation skills. Enterprise is flourishing and we can’t keep up with the demand for our paper. The students have learned all facets of the business and many can work independently.

Next term the students will do a taster course at Challenger TAFE in Beaconsfield. This will prepare them to attend TAFE when they leave school. They will learn where the classrooms, toilets and cafeteria are located, and what behaviour and dress is appropriate for TAFE.

We are in the process of organising our City Camp next term. The students have voted for different activities and this information will be used in the camp planning. The camp will be from the 2nd to the 4th of September with more information to follow closer to the time.

Thank you to parents for your continued support and thanks to Lyn Johnson and Lauren Temple for your efforts with the students in our classroom and in option classes.

Mary Munford
Seventeen cadets journeyed to Pemberton Camp School in week 5 for 3 days of challenging outdoor activities. The students were all amazing and showed incredible resilience, courage and team spirit by encouraging and supporting each other to have a go at all activities.

Students engaged in walks and mountain bike riding on purpose designed tracks through the forests. Cadets braved the cold to enjoy canoeing on the crystal calm waters of Big Brook Dam. An informative talk on caring for our wildlife from Ranger Stacey engaged student’s curiosity and Stacey was impressed by the student’s knowledge and level of enthusiasm. An adventure playground, basketball courts and large open spaces kept the cadets physically active. A night walk with torches set the scene for some great sharing of observations.

The food, outdoor BBQ and open fire provided a real feast of delicious meals. The cadets were responsible for setting up and clearing away after all meals. The Pemberton camp provided an adventurous, fun and safe environment which promoted student development in self-management, interpersonal skills, leadership qualities and self-esteem.

Congratulations to all the cadets, especially the camp champs Year 8, Tayla Sherratt and Year 11, Alex Indich.

Lorraine Vann - Bush Ranger Committee Member

Our class has just received 15 chicken eggs! We are participating in a program run by ‘U Can Hatch Us’ in which we hatch chickens and look after them for 2 weeks. We will have the chicks until the last day of term when they will be picked up by Rhonda and taken to a free-range egg farm.

We have each named an egg and they are hatching at different rates which is very exciting! In class we are reading books on chickens, learning about the life cycle of a chicken and how to care for them.

The ‘brooder’ is set up at the back of the room and the chicks can be a little noisy. At the time of publication we have 4 chicks hatched; Humpty Dumpty, Alice, Police and Fried Frank.

We also have some sad news from ESC9. Our fantastic Mr Law is moving back home to New South Wales. This is exciting for Mr Law but sad for us as we will all miss him terribly. We hope he has a great time back home and makes the staff and students at his future school as happy as he has made all of us.

Hannah Piers
The next Good Samaritan Industries (GSI) 2015 information sessions will be held on:

Thursday 2 July - 6.30pm to 7.30pm

These sessions will provide an insight into the services GSI offer in their Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE) - Disability Employment Services (DES) and Individualised Services programmes.

- Location: 33-35 Bannister Road, Canning Vale (parking available on site)
- Light refreshments will be available