Welcome
As you would all be aware Mrs Riley is on leave for the rest of 2015 and I would like to welcome Deputy Principal Kerryn Coles. Kerryn previously worked at Riverton ESC and is familiar with a number of our students and families. She has very quickly settled into her new role at our school and is often seen out at recess and lunch rallying all the students for a run around the oval. It is wonderful to have Kerryn at our school and I am sure you will all get to know her well throughout the semester. We also welcome Deputy Principal Natalie Keals back this term, Natalie provides a great support to our administration team. Ms Liz Davis has replaced Mr Law in Ms Piers Year 7/8 class; Ms Davis has been a long standing relief and is very familiar with our school context.

I would also like to welcome 3 new students: Xavier Umbagai, Patrick Birss, Mahshid Eghbali and their families to our school community this term. I am sure you will enjoy getting to know all the staff and students as you settle into your new school environment.

Parent Open Day
Once again our Parent Open Day at the end of term 2 was a great success with an impressive turn out of parents, family and friends to celebrate the achievements of our students. I thoroughly enjoyed coming in from leave and observing the positive atmosphere of the school community coming together. Thank you to all the parents and family members who supported the day, the staff who worked hard to make the day a success and all the students who proudly shared their achievements.

Independent Living Centre
This term we have been very fortunate to have an Occupational Therapist and Speech Pathologist from the Independent Living Centre (ILC) consulting at our school one day a week. Jessica Rigden and Tanith Brien are skilled in assessing implementing and supporting technology in schools to maximise student participation, learning and communication. Jessica and Tanith have been working closely with staff to provide professional development, training and classroom support. The support will focus on assistive learning technology, augmentative and alternative communication. Staff are enjoying working with the ILC consultants implementing strategies to support student learning.

Work Trials
This semester we have 4 students on work trials as they start their transition from school. This is a result of the hard work from the workplace learning team and the students. The students should be very proud of their achievement and we wish them every success on this pathway to employment.

Keran Davies

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. Please note we do not have EFTPOS facilities but payment can be made either by cheque or cash or alternatively you can pay directly into the school bank account. Please state student name / fees as your reference.
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SENIOR A - CLASS NEWS

Term 3 has been off to a flying start with the students commencing their swimming program as part of their Physical Education unit of study. Staff and students have braved the cooler weather to take part in lessons at Riverton Leisure Centre. The students are learning how to be safe around pools and other water environments including the beach, rivers and lakes. So far the students have learnt different entries and exits into both shallow and deep water, how to signal for help, stroke development and survival tactics. The students have demonstrated a high standard in their performance and attitude during these lessons, which is pleasing to see. Important life skills have been reinforced in this program with the students remembering to practice safe behaviours in public areas, and being responsible for their own belongings.

Jenna Allomes

LOWER D - CLASS NEWS

CBL Day

First we caught a bus. Next we had to tag on/off our Smart riders. Then we looked around for any traffic. After that we went to Bull Creek Shopping Centre to look around. We had to find the ‘Safe Place’ in case we got lost or something happened. We also had to finish our worksheet. After CBL we had lunch at Hungry Jacks or Subway. And finally we walked back to class and put our Smart riders, bags and files away before we went out for lunch.

By Matthew Brandish.

Ellanor Donkin

LOWER M - CLASS NEWS

The students are attending swimming lessons at Riverton Leisureplex and are showing continued improvement in swimming and dressing skills. Some students are now swimming in the 50 metre pool.

This term in Home Economics the students are learning to make healthy breakfasts. The scrumptious breakfast they make is always accompanied by a drink. During gardening Mr Adams is teaching the students to maintain the garden by watering, weeding, raking and sweeping. This term the students will pick some flowers from the garden to be pressed for our new enterprise garden crafts. During Music the students are learning about fast and slow beats.

Every week the students attend clubs on a Thursday afternoon. The students get to try different types of leisure activities such as art, drama, computer and construction. The students are mixing with students from other classes. This term we look forward to setting up our new enterprise garden crafts in which we will use garden produce to make cards, bookmarks, photo frames, door hangers etc. The staff and students are looking forward to an exciting and productive term.

Kate Marsden

Aleisha is Ringing the Bell.

Will and Kye in the Supermarket

Matthew and Tyler Using the Centre Directory
ART ROOM NEWS

City Camp 2015 is organised and ready to happen in week 7. The students have selected which activities we will be doing and will order and pay for their dinner when we go to the restaurant. We will use public transport to get to most of the venues, which will reinforce our independent travel skills.

TAFE started this term and the students are enjoying the Music Knowledge course. They are learning the beats and lyrics to some songs. A swimming program has also commenced this term for our class.

Reviews of student “My Plans” are scheduled and the information gathered from these meetings will be used when planning programs for the rest of this year and next year.

The students continue to work hard in class and at work experience. Jay Wiley, Zachary Safe, Megan Fischer and Amy Flanders are successfully continuing their work trials and will have employment next year. Congratulations to these students for understanding the expectations of work, and always doing their best job.

Enterprise continues and the students have made $52.50 so far with their paper shredding business.

To the parents of the graduating students, a reminder that the Leeming ESC Graduation Dinner will take place on Tuesday 24 November at the Rossmoyne Bowling Club. Further information to follow.

Mary Munford

LOWER P - CLASS NEWS

We have had an exciting start to term 3 in ESC9. We have a new staff member in our room to help us every day; the lovely Mrs Davis. It has been a little difficult adapting to the change, but we are settling in nicely.

We also have had a new student join our class. His name is Patrick and he is in year 7. This makes our room feel very full with nine growing boys. It is great to make a new friend.

Last week was our first CBL venture out into the community. We walked down to Murdoch Station in small groups, practising our road-crossing skills along the way. At the station we learned how to add credit to our SmartRiders. This will allow us to catch buses and trains for the rest of the year.

Hannah Piers

SENIOR M - CLASS NEWS

First up!, Congratulations and good luck, to Ben Moore and Zachary Safe, both boys produced confident ink drawings full of expression and vigour about their feelings. Their work was entered into the ESSN Art Award for this term.

The task of creating a new art piece for the office has begun. We have started by discussing feelings and decided that “Kindness” would make a favourable image. The field was narrowed and “flowers and giving” became the theme. All classes created drawings of people, collecting, holding and giving flowers. We also looked carefully at all the different shapes and colours of flowers.

I would like to congratulate Tia Sillery as her illustration was chosen as the drawing that would lend itself to our communal plasticine picture. It was difficult to decide as there were some terrific pictures to choose from. Everyone in the centre contributed by making a plasticine flower or delicate pattern and it was added to our picture.

Jonnine Kaiser
The year 9 and 10's had a very exciting start to Term 3, with our 3 day camp at Landsdale Farm Stay. The students had the opportunity to practice and showcase their independent life skills they have been working so hard on this year. The staff members of ESC 6 are so pleased with the progress our students have made and could not be prouder. The students and staff top picks of the camp were our visits to the Yanchep Crystal Caves, AQWA and making damper and billy tea.

ESC 6 has had some new additions to our team and we would like to welcome Mahshid to our class, as well as officially welcoming Mrs Long as our full time Education Assistant. We are all looking forward to continuing our exciting learning journey.

Kate Hughes
This term we commenced our English studies with an activity celebrating the wonderful attributes of students in ESC5. The activity involved students constructing a tree with foliage describing their special qualities, support networks (family, friends, nanna’s, granddad’s etc) and hobbies that make them unique individuals. The tree is the foundation for their My Plan documents, future growth and building positive self-esteem.

We have also been very fortunate to have Tanith Brien (Speech Pathologist) and Jessica Rigden (Occupational Therapist) from the Independent Living Centre visit ESC5 to discuss and trial strategies to better support individualised needs and outcomes.

Numbers in ESC5 continue to grow. A big welcome to Kylie Shivers, Education Assistant and Harry Lovekin, a new student to our team. Needless to say, the term is brimming with CBL activities including Central Institute of Technology Market Day, a tour of Central Institute of Technology Perth Campus, the Ability Expo, training with Transperth and a visit to the Children’s Court. Student learning is at a high with the addition of the PIP programme, students commencing swimming and two visits to Bull Creek Shopping Centre to practise functional numeracy/literacy on alternate Fridays to CBL in conjunction with all their others subjects.

As always, I leave you with a quote and thank the students, the parents and my education assistant team – Susan, Edith and Kylie in ESC5 for your support, encouragement, laughter and smiles.

“The task of the modern educator is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts.” by C S Lewis

Louisa Franceschini-Pill
It was an amazing sight to see all the Bush Ranger squads out practising the techniques of Drill. The cadets were lined up in their squads and each squad demonstrated their drill movement skills in attention, stand at ease, right turn, quick march, halt and fall out.

Drill develops a sense of pride, teamwork, precision and a readiness to respond to instructions when required. Smartness on parade is a sign of good discipline, high morale and also a factor in raising the standards of performance in all duties. Developing skills in Drill can contribute to working safely in natural environments.

Marching also plays its part in drill as a means of moving from one point to another as a group. The cadets have demonstrated drill and marching techniques including leadership and team skills. The next exciting skill to be introduced in drill will be performing the salute. Well done to all the squads for their engagement, effort and enthusiasm.

Lorraine Vann
Bush Ranger Committee Member

Lou Carey and Adrian Emilsen have provided opportunities for students to develop their problem solving, teamwork and bike repair skills this term. The program will continue until the end of Term.

Below are some comments from the students who are participating in this program:

“I enjoy it” Mika
“ITs fun and you can use the tools” Billy
“You get to build your own bike” Tia
“I like the sanding” Matthew
“I like spraying the best” William
“I like all of it and working with my friends” Jason
“Taking the parts off the bike” Ben
“That its fine and I enjoy doing it and I am learning things” Jacob
“Making stuff and working with friends” Gerald

“I like painting the bikes” Andrew
“Painting the bike” Zac

On Sunday, September 13, Cockburn City Council will be hosting their annual Bibra Lake Fun Run. This event is FREE and there are options to run or walk the 6km distance. Leeming SHS ESC will be entering a team in this year’s event and many students have already begun training at lunch breaks. If you would like your son/daughter to participate in this fantastic community event you will need to enter his/her details on the website. Families are most welcome to come along and join in with this event. The school that registers the largest number of participants will win a $250 Jim Kidd voucher, so be sure to add your name to the Leeming SHS ESC team! Please follow the link below and click on the hyperlink under Registration:
http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Community_Services/Recreation_Services/Bibra_Lake_Fun_Run/default.asp

More information (re: meeting points and shirts) will be sent to registered families, closer to the date of the Fun Run.

Kerryn Coles

Natalie Keals
Leeming SHS Education Support Centre and Good Samaritan Industries are working in partnership on this trial project which runs for 5 weeks and works in conjunction with the ASDAN Workright program our school delivers to year 10 students.

This transition program has focused on what work is and what does it mean to our students.

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 presentation).

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

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

We have completed four weeks so far and the experience has been positive and worthwhile for our students. They are completing the requirements for the ASDAN Workright certificate and gaining valuable skills and knowledge whilst in a real workplace, in readiness for their first Workplace Learning placement commencing in Term 4.

Voin Zivkovic - VET Coordinator

WORKPLACE LEARNING NEWS

Term 3 has begun with Amy Flanders and Megan Fischer receiving work trials with Activ Palmyra two days a week. Congratulations to both girls, we wish them all the best during this time.

We have announced the employee of the month for August. Congratulations to Darshanah Varagunanathan. She has been outstanding with her work at AH Bracks library each and every week.

We look forward to the planning of term 4 for the students work placements, which will also include the year 10’s who have completed their ASDAN Workright and Transition to Employment programs, in preparation for next year.

Sarah Lomax
Workplace Learning Team
The Autism Association of Western Australia in association with Disney is proud to bring you a very special Autism friendly performance of The Lion King.

This specially adapted performance will be suitable for people with Autism, and their families, to enjoy this award-winning production in a friendly and supportive environment.

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