

AESC's Newsletter

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From our Principal - Sandra Boyd

Term 4 has been a very busy and exciting term for students. Students from our school have recently participated in two big Education Support South Network (ESSN) events, the Market Day at Kensington School and the soccer carnival at Cannington Community ESC. These events allowed our students to showcase their skills and meet up with similar aged students from different schools in the south metro area. These events have social benefits as well as allowing students to put into practice the skills they have been learning in the classroom including handling money and numeracy skills. The students at the market day manned our stall and sold the enterprise products they had made. It was very satisfying for them to see how much others valued their hard work. I would also like to acknowledge all the hard work and organisation that our staff put into making sure this day was such a success.

The ESC students who played in the soccer carnival demonstrated their good sportsmanship by following the rules of the game. We are very proud to acknowledge our soccer team for being such worthy representatives of our school on the day. Both these ESSN events were huge successes and the students had positive and fun experiences. See our Facebook page for the photos if you haven't already. We are endeavouring to post photos to our page as soon as possible after events to allow you to share these moments with your children while the day is still fresh in their mind.

The term is half way through and the warm weather is fast approaching. Please ensure that students wear sunscreen and hats for outdoor activities and bring a water bottle to stay hydrated. It's great to see how much work the students are doing in ASDAN. The students are very proud of what they have achieved so far and they are producing some fantastic work. The year 12 results have already been submitted to the SCSA but the other year groups still have a few more weeks to finish their work. We have the year 12 Graduation Ceremony coming up on the 16th November. The staff and I look forward to seeing you there.



Important Dates and Notices

Dates to Remember!

6 November	Free Dress Day
16 November	Presentation Ceremony
22 & 23 November	Middle School Camp
27 November	Year 8 Immunisations
13 December	Students Last Day
4 February 2019	Students Return

Uniform Shop Hours

During School Terms

Wednesday 8.15am –11.15am

Friday 8.15am— 11.15am

Uniform Shop 2018 & 2019 Opening Times

Please see below for additional opening times for the uniform shop.

Wed 7 & 14 Nov– closed AM– Open 2:30pm to 5:30pm

Wed 21 & 28 Nov & 5 Dec– Open AM & Open 2:30pm to 5:30pm

Wed 30 January—9am to 4pm

Fri 1 February– 9am to 4pm

Mon 4 February– 1pm to 4pm

ERRATUM (that's Latin for "error" in writing or printing) IN MUSIC ROCKS ARTICLE LAST NEWSLETTER

We were a bit inaccurate in the location of the great "gig" our Music Rocks students were involved in at the end of last term.

Page was not able to attend the show so Danielle has revised the article. She attended and performed with fellow students Seth, Brandon and Harry. They performed at the **Badlands** bar in **Aberdeen St Perth**.

They sang the songs "Teenagers" and "Smooth Criminal" to loud and generous applause. They were able to meet and mix with students from other schools who are also fortunate enough to be in the Music Rocks programme.

Voluntary Contributions & Charges 2018

A very big thankyou to those that have paid their school fees already.

Your contribution towards your child's fees is relied upon strongly. Every little bit helps in us being able to provide quality education and experiences for our students.

Payments can be made by: Cash, Credit Card, EFTPOS or Direct Debit.

Armadale Education Support Centre

BSB: 066 040

Account: 19900559

Ref: (Student name)

If you are having trouble paying your fees, please call Karen on

9497 6435 so you can make arrangements to pay instalments.



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MS1—Mrs Kannan



We started Term 4 with great energy and I am delighted to see the enthusiasm going on through to Week 4. All MS1 students have settled into their class and are very much aware of the final term's class routine. It's been amazing to see everyone so well focused during class. While the focus is still on we completed our final module in ASDAN: New Horizon getting ready for our external moderation. Students diligently completed their final worksheets, activities and projects to their best of ability.

Our Year 7 students recently had a remarkable and rewarding experience attending a DFES excursion in the DFES Education and Heritage Centre in Perth. We trust our students enjoyed the excursion, gaining helpful skills, knowledge and confidence to problem solve and take action to prevent, prepare for and to respond to a fire emergency. We convey DFES Education and Heritage Centre our sincere thank you for helping us build disaster resilience in our students.

Students had an incredible day at the Market Day held in Kensington Education Support Centre. The weather was sunny and the sky was blue. We arrived at the venue nice and early and took our time to set up the decorations and displays for our stall. The decorated mason jars, butterfly

lollies, coasters and Rudolf coconut ball jars were among the items students dedicatedly and painstakingly prepared for Market Day sale. Our stall was a frenzy of activity and many of our items sold out. I believe Market Day was a great way to teach students about entrepreneurship in a practical way. In the end, our Market Day experience proved to be both fun and an educational experience, but best of all, our students felt content that they sold their products and made some money for the school.



MS2A– Mr Lush

On Wednesday, 17th October 2018, the class of MS2A arrived at Perth's Cultural Centre and discovered the vibrant attractions available to the public.

They started the morning exploring the Urban Wetland and were overjoyed at seeing pond filled with life. The students looked for tadpoles and other little critters commonly found in ponds.

The students were introduced to the Urban Orchard and the numerous fruiting trees and herbs available to the community. The Orchard's volunteer gardener walked the students through the garden and gave a brief talk on edible flowers and mulberries. The students enjoyed the puzzling experience of eating flowers and trying fruits previously unknown to them.

As part of their cultural experience, the students also visited the Art Museum of Western Australia. They watched a short film in the museum about the Aboriginal community and Aboriginal art displayed in various mediums. The students walked amongst great Australian artists and enjoyed interpreting the paintings and sculptures.

On the 21st September MS2A also visited Scitech as part of their class science programme. The main theme for Scitech was The Light Show exhibition. They had a wonderful time exploring the various hands on activities which focused on shadows, lasers, drawing with UV light, 3D light manipulation and many other optical illusions. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



MS2B– Mrs Gillett

Term 4 has been the culmination of the hard work from the students to complete their New Horizons ASDAN Program which has been embedded across the curriculum with Student files going to external Moderation in Week 6. Students have worked very hard across all learning areas and should be very proud of their achievements.

Students worked as a group to plan our cooking program and included a range of favourites including toasted sandwiches, Pizza, Brownies and Taco's. Our intensive Literacy program has been a great success with all students showing increased confidence and increasing their reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills. Maths had been hands on this semester and students continue to demonstrate wonderful growth and achievement! Students have enjoyed the outside learning environment and using the outside classroom (the Garden) to further develop their skills we have been very lucky to have the expertise of Mrs Sorensen to help our students learn about gardening, worm farms and the importance of recycling.

We have also had the opportunity to attend a range of specially planned excursions including the DFES Perth Fire Station, ESSN Soccer Carnival, Perth Cultural Centre, Sports carnival and the ESSN Spring fair Market day to name a few.

Well done for all the hard work by the students and the amazing staff, Marie and Terri in MS2B.



MS3– Miss Ash

Term 4 has kicked off to a great start – we visited the Department of Fire & Emergency Services last week, where students learnt about the procedures for an emergency situation in their homes. It was great to see the MS3 students responding well to different scenarios that were thrown at them! Besides that, they also had the opportunity to climb in to a fire truck and had a turn at ringing the bell at the station – apparently one of the oldest in Western Australia!

The week ended with the ESSN Market Day where we sold our famous chocolate chip brownies, air-fried hot chips, soda, water and popcorn.

The class is looking forward to an exciting 6 weeks where we will be on more excursions to Graduation, Middle School Camp and of course, our long-awaited December 1st where we put up the Christmas tree and start planning for our Christmas lunch!



SS1– Ms Jesionek

It was a beautiful sunny day at the Spring Fair Market Day, which took place at Kensington Secondary School on Friday the 26th of October. The students of SS1 went along to showcase the products that they had made as part of their Enterprise projects. These items included Santa Jars made out of recycled juice jars, lavender heat packs, Christmas tree garland decorations, and deliciously decadent chocolate brownies. The students enjoyed interacting with others students and members of the community as they promoted their handmade goods. It was a fantastic and successful day!



SS2– Mrs Pritchard

Term 4 has been an extremely busy term with the rush to finish the student's ASDAN and English portfolios in time for external moderation during week 6. The students have worked exceptionally hard and I have been continually impressed with their efforts and results. In addition, students have been developing their entrepreneurial and employment skills through the creation of a small business enterprise called the 'Silly Sausage Company' with Mr McGoldrick. Their sausage sizzle Wednesdays have been a huge success with staff and students, queuing up to grab a snag and listen to some music. We are pleased to announce that we are close to achieving our goal of 70 hygiene packs to donate to the Salvation Army for the homeless. We would like to say a big **thank you** to everyone who donated items. We have been moved and touched by everyone's generosity.



Rio Tinto Earth Assist Focus Group

On Tuesday the 9th and 16th November Dr Amanda Woods-McConney, Senior Lecturer in Science Education at Murdoch University, conducted a Focus Group with a number of our senior students.

This was requested by the University as they had been asked by Rio Tinto to provide feedback about the service Rio Tinto Earth Assist provided to schools, which had used Rio Tinto Earth Assist to arrange and conduct excursions. Rio Tinto provides funding to organisations like Earth Assist and has to periodically get legitimate accountability from them before the funding can be renewed.

These excursions were part of the Community Service programme SS3 and SS4 participated in this year.

The students relaxed easily with Amanda and enjoyed sharing their insights and ideas about what was involved in the excursions.

None of them had participated in this sort of activity before and may get the chance to meet up with Amanda again later in the term, where they could share their ideas with students from other schools.

Our senior students are conscious of the need for our community to live sustainably, strengthening our interdependence with Nature and our planet, and for all of us to contribute to maintaining biodiversity. They are to be congratulated on being so planet and community- minded.



Senior School Police Visit

On Tuesday 16th November two policewomen visited the Centre to talk about the work they do to help “at risk” people, especially young people, make more positive choices in their lives and get themselves “back on track”.

They introduced themselves as Bee and Dee and spoke about the work they did largely from Harold King House, the Community Centre in Seville Grove.

They spoke with evident concern and passion about their work to help turn peoples’ lives around. For any number of reasons people can make bad choices, become dependent on drugs and alcohol and become homeless and it was worthwhile work for them to see these people respond so well to a helping hand.

The talk was well received by our students and the policewomen will come to the Centre again for further talks.



ESSN Soccer Carnival

On the 23rd of October Armadale Education Support Centre attended the Education Support South Network (ESSN) soccer carnival hosted by Cannington Community ESC. The weather was perfect for a full day of competitive soccer and our team did extremely well. The students worked together as a team, supported each other and were able to be in the deciding 3rd place grand final, a great effort.

Award winners included

Best Offensive Player: Feraidon Ahmadi (scoring 2 own goals)

Best Defensive Player: Niall Cavanagh

Most Valuable Player: Shukran Bassford



Positive Behaviour Support

As we enter into the final countdown everyone is excited, if not a little bit tired. We need to keep our spirits up and to help with this we are running a fun day Tuesday 6th November.

This is a day to celebrate all things PBS – positive behaviour support. A major part of our school business plan is to implement and run a PBS program and we are now almost a year in. Your child may have come home with tokens or talk of tokens. These are collectable school currency that they earn by showing staff the expected behaviours. As students do the right thing they are rewarded with a token that they can save up or spend on class rewards.

The tokens are given out according to our 3 priority areas

Growth

Respect

Opportunity

Students are very excited by this system as it allows them to be rewarded when they do the right thing. Staff like the program as it allows us to teach what the right thing looks like. There's no guess work. Each class focuses on specific behaviours, but our overall expected behaviour is:

We walk safely around the school.

Mr Adamson has been exploring what this looks like around the school when moving from the classroom to the PE area. This then becomes an important life skill for safety in the workplace, on the road or in a public shopping centre.

So to celebrate all things PBS we are having a fun day. [See the back page for more information]

Students will be rewarded for their ongoing successes as well as having a well-deserved day of fun and team building.



Workplace Learning



I am currently doing a work trial at ACTIV Industries.

I am working in the project area, we are packing show bags.

The best thing about working is getting my own money and being independent.

I love working at ACTIV as I have made lots of new friends and it is a good experience.

There is nothing I don't like, I just love it!

The staff are really nice and helpful and my co-workers are really caring and friendly.

I can't wait to finish school and work fulltime.



Consent2Go

Armadale Education Support Centre is excited to advise that we now use an online excursion system, Consent2Go, in our school. The system will replace our current paper process. The current paper based system is expensive, inefficient, and a huge cost to the environment.

If you require assistance in setting up an email address or putting emails on your phone, please come in to AESC reception where one of our school officers would be happy to assist you. Please be advised that these emails may go to your junk box, so you will need to "allow" emails from Consent2Go in your email setting.

If you would like further information on Consent2Go or require any assistance in setting this up please contact our office on 9497 6435.

Student Services

This term we officially welcomed Mr Vance Thowless. Mr T as the students fondly call him, is joining our student services team as the Student Support Officer. He will be exploring programs for the students to take part in that are outside the classroom. This includes a "try-a-trade" course where he will teach students the art of bricklaying.

Also this term we have the wonderful Mrs Nici Van our chaplain who is with us Tuesday's and Wednesday's. Mrs Van is running a number of different programs with a range of students to help them explore resilience, self-care, friendships, cooking and craft. Such a talented lady!!!

That means our SS team for Term 4 is looking very strong with the needs of students being met in a variety of ways. Monitoring school attendance and providing pastoral care behaviour management support, especially in resiliency development and anti-cyber bullying emotional and mental health; social welfare issues; extra curricula events and rewards recognition; Positive Behaviour Support in and out of the classroom.

Our Student Services has an extensive team to meet the needs of your child in and out of the classroom.

- For class related matters, please speak with your child's teacher directly by phone or email
- For student wellbeing and general enquiries, please speak with anyone on the SS Team.

Deputy Principal - Jo Marko
AIEO - Simone Hansen

Sustainability Officer - Jenni Sorenson

Student Support Officer - Vance Thowless
Chaplain - Nici Van

All round good guy and student welfare - Michael Mac

Important Information

Electronic delivery of student Reports-Semester 2

Student reports this Semester will be delivered to parents via email and in paper format.

One of the Department of Education's focus' is for schools to use online reporting to parents of students in Kindergarten to Year 12.

The Armadale ESC is moving towards the electronic delivery of student reports to parents/carers via emailing a link to the student reports from Reporting to Parents.

This method provides advantages for the school and the parent community, including:

- timely delivery of reports to parents and guardians
- financial and workload benefits in the printing and collation of reports
- the ability to provide copies of reports to each parent or guardian where dictated by family circumstances
- parents being able to retain a **digital** record of student achievement.

To ensure our records are up to date, please provide the email you wish the reports to be sent to, otherwise we will send to the email on our records.

ARMADALE ESC PBS REWARDS DAY



Tuesday 6th November

Bold Costumes

Yogurt Fruit Cups

Sausage Sizzle

Join us in raising awareness for PBS

