Dear Parents/Caregivers
We are nearly to the half way mark of the year and looking forward to the holidays. It has been a busy, productive term and I am pleased to report that the majority of our students are working extremely hard and achieving pleasing results.

**Reports:**
First Semester Reports will be sent home before the end of term. We will not be using the Departmental Report, as it really does not address the assessment needs of our students. Teachers will be reporting to each student’s Education Plan, giving a numerical grade and comment for each learning area. Parents will be invited to plan for Semester 2 and comment on their student’s progress early in term 3.

**Good Standing:**
AESC, together with ASHS has a policy of “Good Standing”. Truancy, suspension or 4 uniform passes and failure to complete set work during term automatically result in loss of privileges such as class, year group and whole school outings, School Ball, River Cruise etc. The students are well aware of this, as we remind them quite regularly!!

**School Attendance:**
You may have read in the papers that the Minister for Education has announced a ‘crackdown’ on unexplained absences from school. There will be an attendance audit of all public schools based on Semester 1 data. A parent brochure giving details of the roles and responsibilities of families accompanies this newsletter.

I would like to wish all students, staff and families a healthy, happy holidays and look forward to catching up with you all next Semester.

Regards,
Sally

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**School Uniform**
It is our school policy that all students wear school uniform. Students not in uniform will be provided with the appropriate shirt or jumper and asked to wear it for the day. A refusal will result in a uniform pass. Four or more of these passes within a term will mean “Loss of Good Standing”
On Tuesday 20th of June 2006 the whole school went Go Karting. We also went to McDonalds for lunch. It was good fun for all of us and we wish to be able to do it again. Michael Stables was fastest driver for the day and received a trophy. Daniel Hawkins and Robert were the runners up.

By all year 10s and Mrs J

Once again we have tickets made available to us through the PCYC for CIRCUS QUIRKUS. The show is being held at Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre at 1.00pm and 4.00pm on Saturday 22 July. It is a non-animal, family orientated show with plenty to thrill everyone. If you would like tickets they are available from the AESC office or you can phone Sue on 9497 6435. There only a limited number of tickets available.
SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES:

Thank you to those parents who have paid all or part of their voluntary contributions and charges. There is still a proportion of students who have not had fees paid and as we are half way though the year, it would be appreciated if parents or guardians could organise to pay these outstanding fees as soon possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sue Poultony
Registrar

SURVEY : INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PROJECT

As part of our school ‘s participation in the Investigating Inclusive Schooling Project we are surveying staff, students and parents. The purpose for this is to find out how our school can encourage greater participation and learning of our students. Please look out for the parent survey that will be sent to you soon.

Index for Inclusion Coordinator

Logan Naidoo

Movie Night

Armadale Education Support Centre is holding a fundraising night August 12 at Pioneer Village Cinemas.

‘Miracle Dogs’ is an uplifting 'G' rated family story.

Tickets are available from the Ed Support office term 3.

Cost—$10.00 adult, $7.00 concession/child.
8th June dawned bright & beautiful. The cool crisp air & a cheerful blue sky made it a perfect day for our visit to the Perth Mint. The year 9s of Armadale Education Support Centre had been planning this Community Access for several weeks.

We started walking to the Armadale Train Station shortly after 9am to give us plenty of time in the city, but unfortunately there had been a breakdown and all trains were delayed. However, that half an hour was an example of how well all the students conducted themselves. It also gave us time to review railway timetables, ticket fares, safety rules etc.

At the Perth Railway Station we went up to the lost spot and revised all the steps we’d take in case we were separated from our group and who the people are we can turn to, in time of need.

A short ride on the Red Cat took us to Queen’s Gardens where we had morning tea, a photograph with the sculpture of Peter Pan and also saw some ‘Black Swans’.

Arriving at the Perth Mint we saw the display of jewellery, medallions, gold nuggets and gold and silver coins before commencing the tour of the mint. We bought our tickets and proudly displayed the Perth Mint stickers on our chests.

We saw a display of the living conditions of gold miners, as it was a hundred years ago in inland mining towns. Steven even managed to lift a 12 kg bar of gold with one hand, something nobody else was able to do. Everyone of us learnt our value in terms of our own weight in gold... Most of us would be worth over a million dollars if we were turned to gold by Midas.

We saw the gold pour, where 11kgs of gold was melted and poured into a mould to form a gold bar. It was a special feeling to sit below that roof, among the old machinery and tools, used by people working in the mint, a hundred years ago. At the Mint we were lucky to get coins, especially pressed for us, before our very eyes.

Another short walk took us to Forrest Place. By then we were all famished and couldn’t wait to get some lunch. Oh Boy! What an appetite all of us had built up. The walk to the Railway Station was short and the train ride back was quiet—all because our stomachs were full and feet very tired.
Arbour Day Tree Planting

On Friday 9 June 2006, 23 students from the Armadale Education Support Centre went to the SERCUL Landcare site at Beckenham. The students and staff were there to celebrate the Men of the Trees Arbour Day planting. Our enthusiastic students helped to plant hundreds of trees. These trees would help to encourage the return of many different species of birds to the Canning River area, especially the Black Cockatoo. The Governor of Western Australia addressed the gathering. After planting the seedling students enjoyed a sausage sizzle and drinks. Later in the day students enjoyed a performance by Junkadelic, a music group that makes music from everyday items such as plastic bottles and drums. The students were well behaved throughout the day.

Logan Naidoo

Our Year 10 class has been working on different enterprise projects throughout the term. We will be making greeting cards in the next semester. It will be greatly appreciated if you could send in old greeting cards, for example Christmas and birthday cards. These cards will be recycled and used in our greeting card project.
All year 10,11 and 12 students from the AESC were placed in either individual or group work settings. All students had to report for SWL on Thursdays. Some of the students have excelled in their workplaces and the employers were singing their praises. Jessica Dorrington pictured above was one of our students who has shown a terrific attitude towards SWL. She is working her way towards a traineeship for 2007. Well done Jessica! Other students who also show up for SWL regularly include Jack Rowlands, Kirsty Duncan, Heather McAloon, Joyce Parfitt, Samantha Larsen and Thomas Bartlett.

Unfortunately there some students who need to display a more positive attitude towards SWL. The employers who have these students have been gracious enough to provide a workplace for SWL. We may lose the goodwill of these employers if our students do not show up regularly. Parents and guardians can act as positive role models and encourage their children to attend SWL regularly and develop a good work ethic. Our students have the ability to be engaged in full time employment when they leave school.

Senior School Staff

Earlier this term, the Year 8’s joined the main high school for an excursion to the zoo. We traveled on a hired bus and made the long journey to South Perth! When we arrived, we found a nice grassy area to have morning tea and then spent the rest of the day venturing around the zoo. We saw the new Sun Bear Project in progress, cheeky orangutans, cute otters and a super sized croc!

The weather was beautiful and the students enjoyed seeing different animals and reptiles. We have created a lovely collage of our day!

I look forward to another eventful term and more fun outings!

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday!

Miss Usharani Nair
Please keep this date free. It would be great to see you there!
Contact Sarah Baker at school for further information.

Mainstage appearances all throughout the day!

Giveaways, Demonstrations, Entertainment & Competitions.

The Abilities Careers EXPO is to inform all students, teaching staff and families about employment / further education post school options available to students with physical, sensory, intellectual or psychiatric disabilities.

FURTHER INFORMATION Steph McDonald: 9593 5238 Email: steph.mcdonald@det.wa.edu.au
On the 1/6/06 the Year 8 Students visited the Indonesian Consulate and participated in the Gamelan Workshop. The students were cooperative and showed interest in playing on different musical instruments. Joel was on the Gong, Troy on Demung, Nadia and Nikki on the Bonong. William came in and joined on the Bonong, while Jacob was the cameraman.

It was an interesting day for the Year 8s as this was their first excursion using Public Transport to the city.

Most of the students behaviour was excellent but some students were a bit unsettled. They had a good day.

Ms. Rama

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**Dates to Remember**

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