From The Principal:

It has been a very busy and productive term for everyone and I have enjoyed getting to know all the students.

The start of the year was very hectic, with the change of structure to a Junior and Senior School environment. Staff worked extremely hard, well before the official start to school, organising class groups, timetables and relevant programs in order to ensure a smooth start for everyone. I sincerely thank and congratulate them for their dedication!

Early in the term we joined with ASHS to participate in the Swimming Carnival at Armadale Aquatic Centre. The day was filled with fun, good sportsmanship and friendly competition with our students excelling in and out of the pool. Their enthusiasm and outstanding behaviour was commented upon by ASHS staff and the general public. Staff members could be seen getting very wet, shouting encouragement and generally entering into the spirit of the occasion.

We had a fantastic whole school outing to AQWA early this month, organised by Ms Usha Nair. After leaving school we travelled to Kings Park for morning tea and a chance to explore the lake and adventure trail. We then continued to Hillarys Boat Harbour where we had lunch and played cricket before being welcomed by our AQWA guide. Students moved around in small groups and, once again, were a credit to us! It was a great day enjoyed by all and once again, thanks Ms Nair!

Semester 1 Individual Education and Transition Plans have been sent home this week. We are using a much simpler format which will hopefully be more readable and informative. Thank you to all who met with class teachers to give input into these programs. It is important that we work together as partners in the education of our students.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and to thank everyone for being so welcoming and supportive. I am loving my time here at Armadale ESC and hope to make a difference during the year.

Mrs Sally Pippen
I would like to begin by congratulating our Year 8 students on making an excellent start to high school. As expected, Term 1 has been a busy time for all. However, between getting to know each other, discovering and remembering different parts of the high school and two very fun activity days, we have certainly had a lot of excitement!

Again, congratulations to our Year 8’s for handling the daunting transition from primary to high school incredibly well and displaying beautiful manners and an eagerness to learn throughout!

Miss Usharani Nair
(Yr 8 Homeroom Teacher)
The Abilities Careers EXPO will be held again this year in Forrest Place on September 21. This event gives students with disabilities the opportunity to access the many services available to them all under one roof.

In addition a selection of schools will be displaying and showcasing the programs they deliver.

This year it would be really great to see more parents attending. Please put this date on your calendar.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21

YEAR 11 & 12

The Year 11 and 12 students have made a great start to the year.

Community Access takes place every Tuesday and we have had some really interesting visits to various employment agencies, career centers and community agencies. The introduction of the $5.00 Student Multirider has made a huge saving on transport costs.

Many students are attending external TAFE courses this year as well as participating in the Business Certificate 1 and the Certificate 1 in General Education we are delivering at school. The external courses include Retail, Hospitality, Horticulture, Family of Trades and IT.

Structure Workplace Learning happens on Thursday and nearly every student now has a workplace. These workplaces include food preparation, cabinet making retail placements and a wildlife park.

We are looking forward to another successful year.

Sarah Baker
Senior Teacher
On Thursday the 2nd March all ASHS and AESC students attended the 2006 Swimming Carnival at the Armadale Aquatic Centre.

Many events both in and out of the water had been organised by the ASHS Physical Education Department.

All of our students were encouraged to participate in as many events as possible and there were many who joined in and had lots of fun. Well done to all those students who participated and motivated others to join in too.
Some of the activities that were occurring on the day included swimming races, tug of war, beach volleyball, leader ball, tunnel ball races, bocce and the all important WATER SLIDES.

At the end of the day it was announced that Leo was the House Faction who had won the carnival! Well done Leo!

It was a great day in which all of our ESC students showed terrific enthusiasm and team spirit. Congratulations ESC.

Have a look at some great action shots from the Carnival! There are many more on display in the staff room window at school.

Amanda Abbott
Yr 9 Co-ordinator
In March all students were invited to attend AQWA for an Activity Day. Together we travelled by school bus via King’s Park to Hillarys. We had morning tea at King’s Park. Both staff and students went on an underwater journey to discover the incredible and unique marine life of the 12 000 km coastline of Western Australia. We came face to face with scary sharks, adorable sea lions and colourful starfish. Some brave students even reached into the touch pool! Well done to everyone for such a great day!

Miss Usharani Nair

Organiser of AQWA Activity Day
The staff and students of Armadale Education Support Centre have been working hard to help revegetate some of the barren areas in Western Australia. We have joined the Men of Trees in their endeavour to plant a million trees a year throughout Western Australia and help stop the degradation of the land caused by the salinity in the soil. This project will also help our students to care for the environment and rehabilitate our native trees. On Wednesday 15 March 2006 we had Melanie from the Men of Trees talk to our staff and students on the importance of planting native trees and conserving our endangered species of birds and animals in Western Australia. She also demonstrated to staff and students how to sow the seeds in pots. We will be sowing seeds such as eucalyptus and casuarinas. Students have been very enthusiastic and have made a great start in this ongoing project. They will be rostered to help promote healthy seed growth.

Many thanks to all those people such as Trevor Poulney who have assisted in setting up our shadehouse. We are grateful to the Men of Trees for providing the shadehouse, reticulation and seeds.

Mr Naido
SS Teacher

The Year 10 class has been working on enterprise projects throughout the term. Students will be able to gain some experience in planning, designing and marketing their enterprise projects. They have some capital for future projects from washing staff cars. Our enterprising class has been making muffins, lemon chutney and Anzac biscuits.

Mrs Jesionek
Yr 10 Co-ordinator
This term our Year 9 and 10 students are on group work experience placements for one and a half weeks commencing 3 April 2006. Students in groups are working at either H-R Products, Simanda Stud Park or Gosnells Armadale Landcare Group. Their duties include packaging and labeling of products at HR Products, general farm duties at Simanda Stud Park and removing tree guards at Peaceful pond.

Most of the Year 10 students will be on individual placements in places such as Kelmscott Library, Dale Cottages, Church Café, Holmes Panel and Paint as well as Norm’s Doors. The top Year 8 Work Experience Student from 2005, Jonathon Falcone has been honoured with an individual work placement at Ezyway in Armadale.

The Year 11 and 12 students are on Structured Workplace Learning on Thursdays throughout the school year.

All students will be assessed on their skills and ability to perform the tasks allocated to them. A great big thank you to all those employers who have accepted our students into their workplaces.

Audrey Wright  Work Experience Co-ordinator

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**SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

Just a reminder that Secondary Assistance forms must be in by 13 April to be eligible to claim. If you are unsure if your child is eligible please contact the Registrar at the Armadale Education Support Centre. Parents can claim for students in year 12 providing they are not repeating Year 12.

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**Dates to remember**

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