A great deal of thought has to be given to the sorts of things that will influence Armadale SHS in 2007 and in the years to come. For example, Kelmscott SHS's capacity to attract students from our catchment into programs such as Academically Talented, Agriculture, Music, Athletics and Soccer will continue. The national trend for increasing numbers of students to enter private schools shows no signs of slowing down. In the long term, urban growth at the southern end of the south east corridor will inevitably lead to the construction of new secondary schools—both public and private.

Our number of Vocational Education and Training (VET) students continues to rise. Only 18% of this year's Year 12 students are heading to university. Because of this, our TEE class sizes are very small. Calculus numbers have been so low in recent years, that students have been required to study through the School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE).

How should the school respond to all of this? Many difficult questions confront the ASHS Board of Management, working in tandem with the School Council.

GOOD EXAMPLE
Setting high standards in a school is one thing. Achieving those standards is another. Like all young people everywhere, our students know what high standards are, but some have to be reminded. But just as at home, there is a limit to what words can achieve. Young people need good examples. We have many students who set good examples every day and in many ways. They are invaluable to any school, because they act as beacons that show the way to others. These are students who for example:

- have a habit of walking into class, fully prepared to work. They need no coaxing and would not dream of being disruptive
- instinctively deposit their litter in the many bins provided by our cleaners
- always speak pleasantly to everyone. They do not swear.
- wear full school uniform, because they know it is the right thing to do.
- participate in the school swimming and athletics carnivals and have great fun doing so.
- may serve their school as councillors at some point of their secondary school days. The duties involved can be a bother. But they happily pitch in.

IN REMEMBRANCE
As a mark of respect to those deeply affected by war, ASHS has always been involved with memorial services on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. As a school of the community, it is highly appropriate that this be case.

You will be aware that Remembrance Day is 11 November. A ceremony to commemorate the fallen was held in Memorial Park (Jull St). Ms Rachel Richards, the Coordinator of Student Services, kept our spirit of involvement alive by inviting student councillors Claire Bates (Year 11) and Samantha McKenzie (Year 8) to lay a beautiful maroon and gold wreath on behalf the parents, staff and students of this great old school. I am sure that over the years, the girls will remember this solemn occasion.

Our Senior Awards for 2006
The ASHS Year 12 Presentation Evening is the gala event of the School Calendar. Included among our guests this year were Alannah MacTiernan MLA, Member for Armadale, Tony Simpson MLA, Member for Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Jim Hobbs-Turner, President of the Armadale Rotary Club and Mike Edwards, Chairperson of the ASHS School Council and President of the ASHS Parents and Citizens' Association.

Guests of the school were welcomed by Year 12 students Chris Capao, President of the ASHS Student Council and Lily Balfour who is Vice President. The Valedictory Address was presented by Chloe riches and Anthony Iddon.
A feature of the evening was the success of Wooki Kim. Wooki is a popular Japanese exchange student who has performed extremely well across the curriculum. She was awarded the Discrete Mathematics Award and was competitive in another. Wooki’s parents came from Japan to witness her outstanding achievement.

The award winners were:

**SUBJECT**

- Art & Design: Abigail Bartlett
- Automotive Workshop: David Bitmead
- Chemistry: Dwaine Kocsis
- Dance: Jessica Prince
- Discrete Mathematics: Wooki Kim
- Early Childhood Studies: Chloe Smith
- Economics: Alex Finch
- English:
  - Bryce Lightbody
  - Meaghan Perkins
- Food Production: Lily Balfour
- Furniture Design & Technology: Jessica Prince
- Geography: Chloe Smith
- Human Biology:
  - Nicole Hall
  - Chloe Smith
- Industry Information Technology: Alex Finch
- Interactive Media: Chloe Smith
- Modelling with Mathematics: Sharelle Morton
- Physics:
  - Brooke Jenkins
  - David Marsh
- Senior English: Sharelle Morton
- Senior Science: Meaghan Perkins
- Structured Workplace Learning: Ben Symonds
- Work Studies: Alison Hanbury

**SPECIAL**

- Dux (TEE): Bryce Lightbody
- Dux (WSA): Chloe Smith
- Caltex All Rounder: Lily Balfour
- Citizenship: Chris Capao
- Endeavour: Nicole Hall
- McSwain-Dalziell: Meaghan Perkins
- Morton-Faragher: Meaghan Perkins
- Rotary Achievement: Richard Ingram
- Sports Star: Lily Balfour
- ICT: Chloe Smith

**OUR 2007 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

A selection panel once again faced the difficult task of choosing year 7 scholarship winners for 2007. The final results were:

**Academic**

- Kirsten Lee Seaman
- School: Armadale Primary School

**Art**

- Tyler Swinwood
- School: Challis Primary School

**Citizenship**

- Donna-Joe Logue
- School: Gwynne Park Primary School

Armadale SHS congratulates Kirsten, Tyler and Donna-Joe. Sincere thanks are extended to other year 7 students who applied.

**YEAR 11 CITIZENSHIP AND ENDEAVOUR AWARDS**

These awards have been presented to year ASHS 11 students for many years. During the November year 11 assembly, Mr Simon Entwistle announced the nominees and eventual winners of each award. They were:

**Endeavour Award**

- Nominees: Alanaha Franklin, Claire Bates, Ben Gardner, Jessica Maddox, Meaghan Perkins
- Recipient: Alanaha Franklin

Students and teachers warmly applauded all students who were nominated for these prestigious awards.

**THE FINAL HARVEY NORMAN AWARD FOR 2006**

This has been a much sought after award this year and we are grateful to Harvey Norman for supporting it. The final award was given to Jessica Williams for her outstanding work towards a Certificate II in Information Technology. Well done Jessica.
Goodbye Andrew

Year 11 overseas exchange student Andrew Boyd is returning home to the USA. He follows Hong Kong student Jimmy Ho. Andrew arrived at the beginning of second semester. He is a fine young man who quickly developed a strong friendship group at ASHS. Andrew is one of many overseas students who have studied at ASHS in recent years.

Mr Simon Entwistle, our Year 11 Coordinator (and talented soccer player), farewelled Andrew at the year 11 assembly and presented him with an Australian Rules football and a Fremantle Football Club hat! Needless to say, the response from students in the audience was mixed. Many are devoted Eagles fans. Andrew claimed that Mr Entwistle had been ‘eyeing off’ his school bag since his arrival from the USA – so he presented it to him at the assembly!

Andrew spoke of the wonderful time he had in Australia. While he was excited at the prospect of seeing his family and friends for Christmas, he said he would miss ASHS very much. We will certainly miss him.

Thank you Mr Hunter

We published the names of our new 100 Club members in the last copy of ‘ASHES’. Since that occasion, a morning tea was held to both congratulate the students and present them with attractive certificates for their resumes.

Mr Hunter, the Principal of Cecil Andrews, was invited to speak to the club members and to the many parents and relatives who attended.

The club was established to recognise students who give 100% - in a subject, as a School Councillor or as an Armadale Education Support student.

Give it Serious Thought

Interested in your child’s school? Do you enjoy gathering with like minded people and discussing key educational issues? Can you find time to attend two meetings each term?

If so, our School Council and/or Parents and Citizens’ Association needs you! Some long standing members are retiring and Chairperson Mr Mike Edwards is keen to lead a fully representative council and P&C. Please contact Mike during the evening on 9399 9333 (home) or 0411 474 834 (work).

Time to Go

I will retire from teaching this year, having had the privilege of being Principal of ASHS since 2001. I was a member of the teaching staff from 1962 – 1972 as a Manual Arts teacher and later as a Social Studies and Geography teacher. I have many fond memories of those early years. I would like to take this final opportunity to pay tribute to:

Members of the teaching and non teaching staff. They have been good friends to me and we have had many, memorable times together. I will always remember them as hard working, deeply committed, good humoured and loyal work mates.

Members of School Council and Parents and Citizens’ Association. These devoted parents had one purpose in mind – to make their child’s school as good as any in Australia. For this reason, they always found time to meet together on two occasions each term, discuss a multitude of issues and offer advice. I placed great value upon the collective wisdom of these people.

Our students. I watched them work and play together over my six year appointment. Most were fun loving, fair minded and well mannered young Australians. I witnessed many instances when they showed outstanding human qualities. I am sure that in years to come, they will look back on their years at ASHS with great fondness.

Our parents. We are all busy people and for this reason, our paths did not often cross. But when they did, I found most parents to be appreciative, interested, encouraging and supportive of school policies.

Our best wishes to you and your family over the festive season.

Mr J. Kalajzich
Principal
New Web Site (www.ashs.wa.edu.au)

The new Armadale SHS web site has just recently been launched. The ICT Committee gathered design ideas through staff and student surveys and online forms. This information was given to our school technician Ross Sardi who created our new web site.

The web site has a very professional look and contains interesting and valuable information for students, staff, parents and the wider community. We encourage you to have a look some of our new pages such as the history page and news page.

If you have any feedback in regards to our new website you can email: webmaster@ashs.wa.edu.au.

ICT PD

The Information Communication Technology Committee has been conducting professional development for staff members throughout the year. These after school sessions have ensured that enthusiastic staff members have been able to improve their Information Technology skills so that technology can be effectively integrated into classroom activities. The ICT Committee would like to congratulate and thank those teachers that have attended these sessions.

These teachers are: R.Klein, C.Krawzow, L.McCaig, D.Crouch, M.Moss, J..Adderley, J.Townley, R.Avery and M.Blackwell.

Thank you to the ICT PD presenters J.Townley and W.Norman.

Wasting time on the internet ?

Many students at Armadale SHS still choose to use the internet for non-educational purposes despite close staff supervision. The school is trialling new internet monitoring software that monitors the amount of material that is downloaded by an individual. If a student reaches an unacceptable level within a fortnight then their internet is disabled for the rest of that fortnightly period. This software has the potential to limit inappropriate use (such as playing non-educational games and videos) and discourage students from wasting time in class.

Wade Norman
Information Communication & Technology

Congratulations to...

Lee Wegner-Coleman for winning a West Australian State title in karate. Lee recently competed in the 16–21 year old division at the WA Sporting Complex in Landsdale. He competed in three knock out bouts to win the award. Lee is a green belt (6 kyu) and has been involved in karate for about two years. He learned his art at the Go Han Ryu club which is based in the ASHS Sports hall. Lee is instructed by Deanne Marsh, and Dave and Lyn Thomas. He loves karate. His ambition is to develop steadily, engage in full time training and hopefully, assist in training beginners.

Lee is a respected student who will pursue his dream of becoming a top karate exponent. We wish him well.

A small group of ASHS students joined many others from WA secondary schools and colleges to attend the 2006 National Young Leaders Forum. Mr Entwistle accompanied us and like him, we were excited about what the day would bring.

While a number of our students clearly display leadership skills, schools were limited in numbers who could attend. We hope (Rear L) Bradley Capao, Courtney Dowling (Front L) Brendon Somerville, Andrew Boyd, Matthew Williams and Ceton Willison benefit from the forum and that their leadership skills that benefit the students of ASHS.

It was blast from start to finish! Highly motivational speakers gave us their differing outlook on leadership and shared their life experiences. The quality of speakers was unbelievable. They included names such as Ros Worthington, Ryan Campbell, Cameron Schwab, Mike Martin and Janet Shaw.

The forum is held each year and it targets students who teachers believe have leadership potential. We returned to school, knowing that our leadership skills had been enhanced by the inspirational addresses by the speakers. This day was surely a day to remember.

Bradley Capao—Year 10
Richard Prince and Scott Barkley pictured working at TAFE while fulfilling their Certificate 1 in Building and Construction. The students have been completing a brick laying course operating at the standard of a first year apprentice. However they have grasped the concept extraordinarily well and have had their skills put to the test by completing 2nd and 3rd year tasks. As seen above they are “full steam ahead” with a second year apprentice level project - a spiralled brick pillar.  

Well done Boys

Pictured Clockwise: Ceton Willison with his fine jarrah wine rack, Ben Stewart with his pedestal table and Jarrod Bygraves working on his metal wine rack.

All industry students are now nearing completion of their first year in the program working towards their Certificate 1 in 4 major industry areas. As demonstrated by the calibre of work displayed by these students, they are well on their way to fulfilling the Requirements.

A solid years work. Well done!

Garry Mayfield, Head of Technology & Enterprise and VET
Year Eight - 2006

Over the past year there have been many activities for the Year 8 group.

The first time all the Year 8’s had the opportunity to come together and mix as a whole group was the Activity Day early in term 1. It was a great event. Lots of the Year 8’s made new friends and learnt some valuable team building skills.

Later on in the term we had the first Year 8 Reward Excursion. Twenty students came along to watch the newly released ‘Ice Age 2’ and then feast at MacDonald’s. Teachers nominate students for the reward excursions for their work ethic. Those students with four or more nominations were invited along. All students who had at least one nomination received a Winners Ticket.

The second reward excursion at the end of term 3 involved another twenty Year 8 students. They went to the Kelmscott Bowling Alley for a couple of games. Everyone had a great time.

The River Cruise was the major excursion for the Year 8’s at the end of term 3. Eighty very excited students danced the night away on the River Belle. Another River Cruise is planned for the end of term 1, 2007. If we get enough people (hopefully) we can book the bigger boat.

If you have any ideas for reward and whole year excursions please pass them on to me. Have a lovely holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in Year 9.

Rebecca Ford
Year 8 Co-ordinator

At Armadale SHS, we believe that:

Effective teachers need to experience first class professional development. This is why ASHS agreed to provide its senior Science teacher to help UWA develop the SPICE program. SPICE will enable Science teachers throughout WA to become teachers in residence and work beside research scientists.

Secondary schools should take a far more active role in preparing senior students for entry into industry. This is why ASHS has established the highly successful Industry Program, which has no peer in Western Australia.

Academically capable students must be extended. This is why an extension class has been introduced into each of years 8 and 9 (and Year 10 next year). Only students with proven academic ability and work ethic are invited to participate.

Students with social and emotional problems and those who have significant literacy and numeracy problems, must be provided for by their school. This is why ASHS recently won the prestigious Canning Education District ‘Excellence in Education’ Award. Two programs on offer have been of enormous benefit to students in need.

Talented Year 7 artists must be inspired to develop their gift in a local secondary school and not be required to travel long distances to other schools to do so. This is why ASHS applied for permission to introduce a Special Program in Art. Our inaugural group of Year 8 students performed splendidly in the 2006 City of Armadale year 8-10 Art Awards.

Information Communication Technology (ICT) is critical to the education of young Australians. This is why ASHS has made ICT an important school priority which is managed by a number of well qualified and enthusiastic teachers.

Lesley Bailey of class 1B was the winner. Lesley designed a crest, which as you can see included the battlements of the castle. This replaced flowers and shrubbery distinctive to the Isle of Skye, which are at the top of the Coat of Arms. The Leopard like figures of the Coat of Arms have been modified over the years to those currently in the crest. Lesley’s centrepiece represented Canning Dam, then a very important engineering achievement in the district. This replaced the centrepiece of the castle which included a sailing ship, lion, fish and gloved hand holding a cross.

Our school motto (‘Strive’) replaced the castle’s motto (‘Fraoch Eilean’). We are not sure of its meaning. Can you help?
As a ‘Choose Respect’ school, every member of the Armadale Senior High School community is encouraged to make a conscious effort to: 

Apologise when you do not treat others with Respect.

We all are not perfect! It is not expected that you will always treat people with Respect. Therefore, it is important that you recognise when you do not treat people with Respect, and then make a conscious decision to apologise for your inappropriate behaviour. In doing this, you are choosing to take responsibility for your behaviour. Apologising is more than just saying sorry!!! Remember, it is a hard thing to admit when you are wrong and apologise.

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**A TERRIFIC EFFORT**

The Mainpeak Collie Marathon is held against a backdrop of the picturesque country, river and bushland of the Collie river valley. The marathon is a relay which starts and finishes at the Collie showground. It is a very popular event which attracts fine athletes.

On Saturday 14 October, four of our Year 11 students arrived in Collie, determined to take part and finish the course. The team comprised Josh Thatcher, Ryan Pugh, Matt Williams and Emily Sharp and entered under the title ‘Armadale Senior High School – 6 stage school’.

They achieved their objective. Josh powered through a 27 km road bike race and then jumped into a canoe and paddled furiously for 10 km. Ryan took over and swam for a kilometre in a freezing Collie river. Matt pumped out 25 km of a rugged mountain bike circuit and Emily and Josh then combined to complete a 10 km footrace alongside the Collie golf course and river.

This was a terrific achievement and one which Josh, Ryan, Matt and Emily will always remember. It is amazing what we can do if we ‘STRIVE’.

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**CHOOSE RESPECT**

RESPECT IS TO TREAT WITH CARE AND CONSIDERATION

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- The school continues to receive congratulations for winning a Canning District Office ‘Excellence in Education’ Award. Alannah MacTiernan MLA wrote to say, “This award for both your Retention, Intervention and Participation @ Armadale (RIPA) and Stairways programs is recognition of the dedication and commitment of your staff in ensuring that all disengaged and at risk children in your school receive the best support and education possible”.
- Our District Director, Mr Steven Baxter, conducted a School Review recently. Heads of learning areas and teachers were involved in small discussions groups. We had two focus areas – school leadership and the effectiveness of teachers. Mr Baxter will forward a report at his convenience. The report will contain recommendations which we find invaluable when planning.
- A selection panel based at ASHS has been busily selecting a new Deputy Principal for Kelmscott SHS.
- Student members of our Year 8 and Year 9 extension classes were required to submit work folios during an interview with myself (Year 9’s) and Mr Pass (Year 8’s). Prior to this a return from teachers indicated any student who lacked the work ethic and standard of behaviour we expect from every class member. This annual review ensures that class standards are kept as high as possible. The review was highly successful.
- Our School Chaplain ran a very successful overnight camp for a small group of Year 8 students who have encountered social problems during the year. The camp was attended, by Year 8 Coordinator Rebecca Ford and Student Services Coordinator Rachel Richards. Family members attended for an evening meal.
MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE INDUSTRY PROGRAM 2006