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Newsletter

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

It is important that students are at school each day and arrive on time so that they receive full educational benefit from the programs we provide and have continuity of learning.

If your child is absent from school ***it is essential that you inform us before or on the day of absence*** either by email to HallsHead.CESC@education.wa.edu.au, by phoning our school office on 9581 0613, or by SMS to 0437 514 507.

For email or text messages, we need to know who you are, who your child is, an explanation for the absence and when we can expect your child back at school. Usually a brief explanation will suffice, although we may ask for more details if we feel it is necessary.

Absence should always be for a genuine reason. If we do not hear from you we will follow up your child's absence by contacting you. Please ensure that your contact numbers are always kept up to date. It is an important administration function keeping track of our students, and you can help assure us that our students are safe each day by promptly advising the school of any absences.



Please like and follow our Facebook and Instagram page to keep up to date with our latest posts! We would also like to remind parents that there is a private parent support Facebook group that we encourage you to join.



Facebook: Halls Head College ESC



Instagram: @hallsheadcesc



Facebook: HHC ESC Parents Support Group

THE PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

**HALLS HEAD
COLLEGE ESC**

Mrs Debbie Fieldwick



Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2021. Our Students and staff have enjoyed a positive and productive start to the new school year, despite our disruption at the beginning of term. Those first days of school in masks seem a distant memory already. This year's group of year seven students are a great bunch and we have been so pleased at how well they have dealt with change and transitioned to life at high school. It was pleasing to see so many year seven parents here for the "Meet the teachers" afternoon last week.

I have also enjoyed catching up with so many of our returning students over the last few weeks and seeing just how much they have grown. It is hard to believe our year 10 students are already beginning to prepare for their workplaces this year. We all remember so clearly when they were our year 7 students! Our year 8 and year 9 students are already making music on Tuesdays in the Music Rocks program. I hope parents can support them to travel to their first gig for the year later this term. It is such an awesome experience for the students to be up on stage in a real live music venue playing to an audience.

2021 is proving to be an exciting year at HHC ESC! We are celebrating 20 years as a school, with several events and activities being planned, our wonderful new administration building is open and we are about to launch our new Vision and Values. As many of you know we are passionate about ensuring that our values and vision are those that are connected to the aspirations and dreams of our students, their families, our staff and the wider school community. After a 5-month consultative process last year we are proud to be publishing our new Value and Vision document and believe it tells the story of who we are as a school community.



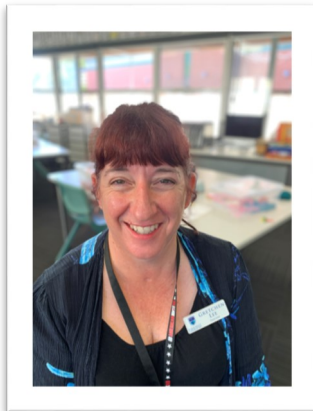
There has been loads of camp planning happening behind the scenes for our Year 8, 9 & 10 school camp at Point Peron. Our Parent Camp Information session is on Thursday, 25th March at 5:00pm. Camp is happening in week 3 of term 2. Our year 7 students will be enjoying a day camp with their class teams whilst the others are away.

Finally, we have five new staff members join our school bringing a wealth of experience and fresh ideas. We are feeling really good about 2021!

I look forward to seeing parents and carers at our first ESC Assembly of the year on Tuesday 23rd March.

We are excited to have you here with us at HHC ESC

We would like to welcome our new staff to HHCESC

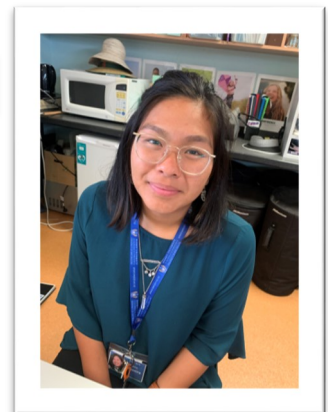


Ms Gretchen Lee

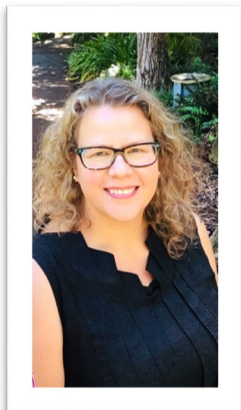
I am delighted to be teaching class 10.2 this year at HHC ESC. I have just moved from the Wheatbelt where I was teaching at an ESC in Northam for the past six years. It will be exciting this year to be part of all the terrific activities planned for the Year 10's. I am really looking forward to seeing them all grow and mature over the year as they take on their roles in the community with Work Place Learning (WPL).

Miss Claire Theseira

Hi! My name is Miss Theseira and I am a graduate teacher who will be teaching the year 8s. I graduated from Curtin University with a Bachelor of Education in 2017 and I taught for two years in a Mid-west regional primary school. I spent 2019 and 2020 living and travelling through Canada. I am so excited to continue my career as a teacher and am so grateful to be given the opportunity to do this at Halls Head Education Support Centre.



Mrs Leah Booher



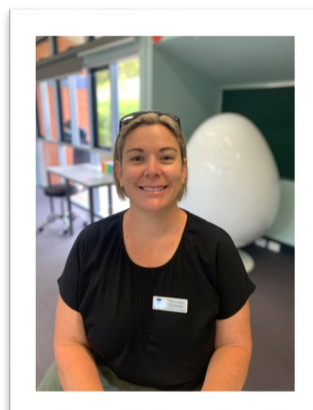
My name is Leah Booher and I have been teaching for the past seven years at Durham Road School. I completed my Graduate Diploma in teaching and Masters in special education at Edith Cowan University in 2012. I am originally from the USA and have been in Australia for 12 years. Before turning to teaching I earned my Bachelor of Science in sign language interpreting from the USA and worked within the school system interpreting for deaf students. I am excited about teaching here at HHC ESC and being a productive member in this community.

Miss Lisa Vener

My name is Lisa Vener, and I am a graduate teacher who is very fortunate to be working in the 10.1 class this year. I graduated from Murdoch University carrying an undergraduate degree in psychology and a Masters of primary education. I am very excited and grateful to be given this opportunity to start my first year as teacher at Halls Head Education Support Centre, and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone over the coming school year.



Mrs Melissa Tainsh



Hi everyone! My name is Melissa Tainsh and I am excited to have joined Halls Head College ESC this year as an education assistant. After working at Atwell College for the last 6 years, I am thrilled to finally work where I live. I am part way through my teaching degree and look forward to finishing it whilst working at this wonderful school. I am excited to get to know and talk with all the students.

YEAR 7.1

Mrs Leah Booher

Mrs Leah Booher (Teacher), Mrs Pauline Sharratt, Mrs Kellie Turner and Miss Tamika Breen are excited to welcome you to their year 7 class. The new school year has started with a rush of excitement from the Year 7 students.

We are delighted to see that the students in class 7.1 have settled into their new environment, are enjoying the company of their new friends and are excited about learning.

Our theme

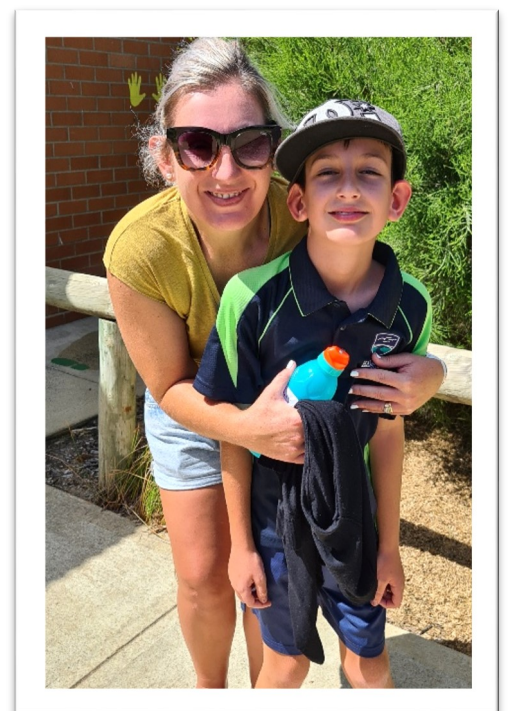
Our theme for this term is to “encourage our classmates”. It is great to see the students cheering for their own success as well as their classmate’s.



Our positive reinforcement system encourages students to repeat their positive actions (such as keeping their hands to themselves, asking for help and following staff instructions), as a result of positive, verbal (e.g. praising) and/or non verbal (e.g. thumbs up) communication from the staff.

We asked the students what they were looking forward to and their answers ranged from “I am looking forward to being happy and learning good” and “I am looking forward to Japanese class” to “I am looking forward to playing with my new friends”.

Our staff would like to thank you for attending the **Year 7 Meet the Teachers** event that was held on Tuesday of week 5. It was wonderful to meet so many parents and to see the students so excited to show their families their achievements since the beginning of term.



YEAR 7.2

Dr Stephen Enoma

Our Year 7 Team, Dr. Enoma (Teacher), Mrs Judy Dean, Mrs Nat Verdon and Mrs Michelle Tindale are delighted to see how well the Year 7 students have transitioned nicely into their new environment and are engaging positively with each other. We are glad to see that the students have settled into their regular routine of classes and activities.

Our themes



Science—Our focus in science this term is living and non-living things, and the conditions necessary for the growth of plants.

HASS—Our focus in HASS this term has been on family.

English—In English, the students have engaged in reading comprehensions and are writing informational reports on a topic of their interest.

Mathematics—The students have begun learning addition and subtraction of numbers, fractions and time.

Our weekly goals system encourages students to write goals that they want to work towards. Each week a student is nominated as the **'student of the week'**, and their reward is a prize from the prize box. Students also earn points during each period of the day including recess and lunch for meeting behavioural and school work expectations; they can redeem their points for free time (daily).

The students enjoy going to the library once a week (on Fridays) to read, borrow books and be in the presence of a wider community of learners. This is an opportunity they treasure dearly and look forward to every week.



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YEAR 8

Miss Claire Theseira

Welcome to our Year 8 class. Our team this year is Miss Claire Theseira (Teacher), Ms Lynn Rhodes, Mrs Kelly Kennedy and Ms Lisa Cavanagh. It has been a wonderful beginning to term 1 of 2021, and as a new staff member to HHC ESC I, (Miss Theseira) would like to thank all staff, students and parents for the warm welcome I've received.

We are delighted that the students have settled in well and that as a class, we are all developing positive, supportive relationships with each other.

Our themes

Science—In science this term we are looking at heat energy. The students have conducted a number of experiments involving heat transference and heat sources.

HASS — In HASS we have been looking at celebrations around the world, as well as thinking of important aspects of a celebration that we could organise later in the year.

English— Our focus this term is on building narratives. We are starting by looking at a novel study of *Wonder* by *R. J. Palacio*; focusing on its theme of kindness. The students will then write their own imaginative texts .

Mathematics—So far in maths we have explored place value, for some students even up to 10,000! We will be moving into money and financial matters in the second half of the term.



Our reward time system is an effective way in which we celebrate student achievement and positive student behaviour, whilst simultaneously promoting kindness to one another. In our classroom, the students nominate other students for reward time who they feel have followed the classrooms rules; all students are working hard to earn their reward time.



The students are looking forward to exploring more virtual reality as a choice of reward during free time. The year 8 students are very excited for camp and for their upcoming excursion on Friday 26/03/21 to Halls Head Central Shopping Centre. Further information will be provided to parents.

YEAR 9

Mr John Barker

Welcome to the year 9 class. Mr John Barker (Teacher), Mrs Randall, Mrs McColl, Mrs Baker, Mrs McQualter and Mrs Phillips are the year 9 team for 2021.

Our themes

We've had a very busy and exciting start to 2021, with our class theme for the term being the Chinese New Year and Film makers. It is lovely to have so many familiar faces in our year 9 class who have come up from Mr Barker's year 8 class. However, it is just as wonderful to have some fresh faces in the classroom.

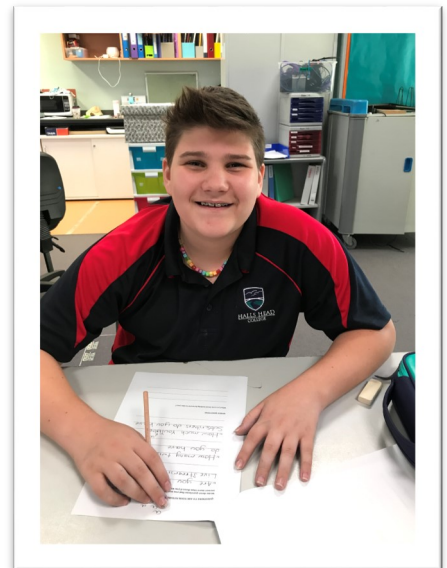
All students are working hard to achieve their personal goals for the term. The students are also following the 'You Can Do It' program

(Getting Along, Confidence, Resilience, Organisation and Persistence) and the Blue Key Reward system. Blue keys are awarded to students during break times that show kindness and/or pro-social behaviours

The students have all been getting along nicely. They're all very supportive over each other's interests and it is a pleasure to work with them.

The year 9's are looking forward to making films, playing maths games, building rockets in engineering, science experiments and of course the upcoming camp next term.

We have already done some pretty awesome science experiments in our class during term 1, including making our own slime!



YEAR 10.1

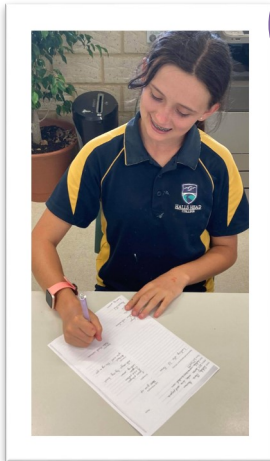
Miss Lisa Vener

We would like to welcome you to class 10.1. Miss Lisa Vener (Teacher), Mrs Wendy Hughes, Mrs Sam Furr and Mrs Annabelle Beeton are the staff supporting the students in year 10 this year. We have enjoyed a very positive start to 2021.

Our theme

Our theme for the year is independence. Our theme for this term is “be the best version of you”.

The students are settling in well to the classroom and are looking forward to the upcoming events throughout the year. It is great to see that they are all engaged in learning and are enjoying the different subjects they are participating in. In English, they have begun the initial set up of a personal resume which they will update as the year progresses and they participate in Work Place Learning (WPL).



The students in 10.1 are working very hard to achieve their goals which include:

- Being a positive role model to the school
- Always give tasks a go
- Be content

Year 10 Business Enterprise and Eco Leaders students



Our Business Enterprise students (run by Miss Vener every Friday) are preparing a wonderful Mother Day stall coming soon, learning office jobs and practising making coffee for the hardworking staff of HHC ESC.



Our Eco leader students (run by Mr Dixon every Friday) have been participating in lawn care such as dethatching the lawn and raking up all clippings. In preparation for heading out to the coastal sites, the Eco Leaders have been caring for and maintaining the trees in the green house—ready for them to be planted or sold.



YEAR 10.2

Miss Gretchen Lee

Welcome to class 10.2! Our wonderful team consists of Miss Lee (Teacher), Mrs Lynne Smith, Mrs Sandy Gallagher and Mrs Lisa Wilson.

Our themes

Our class theme is focused on ‘We are a team’, ‘Learning and Trying’ and ‘Trees’.

All the students in 10.2 have shown their willingness to get to know new people and everyone has been positive about our new classroom routines. Everyone is displaying their best manners, their group social skills and our STEM project is going tree-rifically.

Work Place Learning is on everyone's mind. The students are excited to be developing their resumes and finding out where they can apply to go to work.



The students are working towards becoming more independent, getting ready for Workplace Learning (WPL) in Term 2 and are working their way through their ‘all about me’ PowerPoints.

We are all being very conscious of our germ transfer, and even though we don’t have to wear masks anymore, we are still trying to keep our germs to a minimum.

Eco Leaders and Business Enterprise on Fridays are a fabulous way to finish the week.

Important information !

Sustainability



As of the beginning of 2021 we have had the containers for change program up and running. We would like to encourage all students to take responsibility for their recycling. The container bin is located on the right side of the canteen entrance.

Point Peron Camp Information

Point Peron camp for years 8 -10 is scheduled for the 5th to 7th of May.

Reminder: All consent and medical forms **must be returned**.

An information night will be held on Thursday 25.03.21 from 5 to 6pm. More information will be forwarded to you in the near future.

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2021 TERM PLANNER

Semester 1 - Term 1

FEBRUARY

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	1 Students Return	2	3	4	5
2	8	9 P & C Meeting	10	11	12
3	15	16	17	18	19
4	22	23	24	25	26

MARCH

5	1 Public Holiday	2	3	4	5 Eco Leaders
6	8	9 P & C Meeting	10	11	12 Eco Leaders
7	15	16	17	18	19 Eco Leaders
8	22	23 Assembly 1.30 – 2.30pm	24	25 Camp Information Evening	26 Eco Leaders Yr 8 – HH Centre
9	29	30	31	1 Last day of Term 1	2 Good Friday
	5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16

HALLS HEAD COLLEGE ESC 2021 TERM PLANNER - Semester 1 - Term 2

APRIL

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	19 SDD	20 First day back for Students	21	22	23
2	26 ANZAC DAY	27 P & C Meeting	28 YEAR 7 Vaccinations, 1 st Dose	29 YEAR 7 Vaccinations, 1 st Dose	30

MAY

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	3	4	5 SCHOOL CAMP Yr 8, 9 & 10	6 SCHOOL CAMP – Yr 8, 9 & 10 Year 7 DAY CAMP	7 SCHOOL CAMP Yr 8, 9 & 10
4	10	11	12	13	14
5	17	18	19	20	21
6	24 School Board	25 School Photo Day P & C Meeting	26	27	28

JUNE

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	31	1	2	3	4
8	7 WA DAY	8 Assembly 1.30 – 2.30pm	9	10	11
9	14	15	16 YEAR 10 Vaccination	17 YEAR 10 Vaccination	18
10	21	22	23	24	25

JULY

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11	28	29	30	1	2 Last day Term 2