



## Network Principal's Message

Welcome to our Term 4 newsletter!

It has been a productive year for the network, with over 350 people attending Network events, and significant milestones achieved in the groups that regularly meet. In particular, we welcome a new school to the network, Banksia Grove East PS (planning name).

Stephen Bevan is the Principal and is on an exciting journey, developing a new school. Along with Stephen, we welcome Trudy Jones as Deputy Principal and Jackalyn Norman, Manager of Corporate Services.

Stage one will see the school operate with Kindy and Pre-primary in 2019, followed by the whole school Kindy to Year Six introduction in 2020.

Parents and community members have formed a strong steering committee helping to shape the direction of the school. We look forward to seeing the school develop.

### Brightpath Science

Primary teachers have undertaken investigations with students across various year levels and schools. They have conducted a pairwise comparison, and made judgements. At the end of Term 3, staff members from the network worked on developing a scale calibration of understanding, demonstrated by students. The aim being to develop a scale to measure student achievement and progress, that Science teachers can use in the future. This work has been undertaken collaboratively with Dr. Sandy Heldinger from Brightpath.

Thank you to Jen Warden, Mandy Froud and Ben Greyling for your efforts in the project overall, and specifically in the whole day comparison.

### Digitech

The digital technologies working group is completing the teachers can code modules. These modules are designed by the Australian

Computing Academy and the University of Sydney. Staff in the Digital technologies working group are also sharing resources from Primary and Secondary settings.

### Languages Support Network

The languages network meetings have been lead by Amy Holloway, from Wanneroo Primary School. The network group has been focusing on looking at grammar shared by all languages, and whole school approaches to languages.

### Music Network WA

The WEN Music Network has grown to be the Music Network WA, lead by Deb Frost from Pearsall Primary School. Thank you to Deb Frost, for her dedication in providing collaborative learning options and a space to share resources and ideas, particularly for the 83 registered Music teachers from across the state.

Eleanor Hughes,  
Network Principal

### In the Spotlight:

Indigenous weather knowledge

#### **Birak**

First Summer  
December-  
January  
Season of the young.  
Dry and hot, burning time



#### **Bunuru**

Second Summer  
February- March  
Season of  
adolescence  
Hottest part of the year



#### **Djeran**

Autumn  
April- May  
Season of  
adulthood  
Cooler weather begins



#### **Makuru**

Winter  
June- July  
Season of fertility  
Coldest and wettest  
season of the year.  
More frequent gales and  
storms



#### **Djilba**

First Spring  
August –  
September  
Season of  
Conception: mixture of wet  
days with increasing number of  
clear, cold nights and pleasant  
warm days



#### **Kambarang**

Second spring  
October –  
November  
Season of birth  
Longer dry  
Periods



## Upcoming Professional Learning Events

Date	Workshop	Venue
11 Oct	Office 365	Joseph Banks SC
22 Oct	EALD and ICT	East Wanneroo PS
22 Oct	Languages Support Network	Wanneroo PS
25 Oct	Anxiety in students	Joseph Banks SC
30 Oct	Office 365 (Repeat of 11 Oct)	Joseph Banks SC
1 Nov	Think Differently	Joseph Banks SC
5 Nov	Mindfulness	Joseph Banks SC
15 Nov	STEM & Project based learning	Wanneroo SC

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