



Education Support South Network News

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network principal . . .

I hope you have all had a great term—I know for my school it has certainly been a busy one.

This term we have been collecting information from our project groups and looking at the feedback received from conference. This has led us into the biggest focus for the Leaders Group in term 3—the reviewing of our Network’s core values and business. Planning sessions have been held to review our current structures and look at the best ways to meet the needs of everyone in the Network.

To this end we have so far agreed that our vision, purpose and core values continue to reflect the Network and support the Department’s focus moving into 2019.

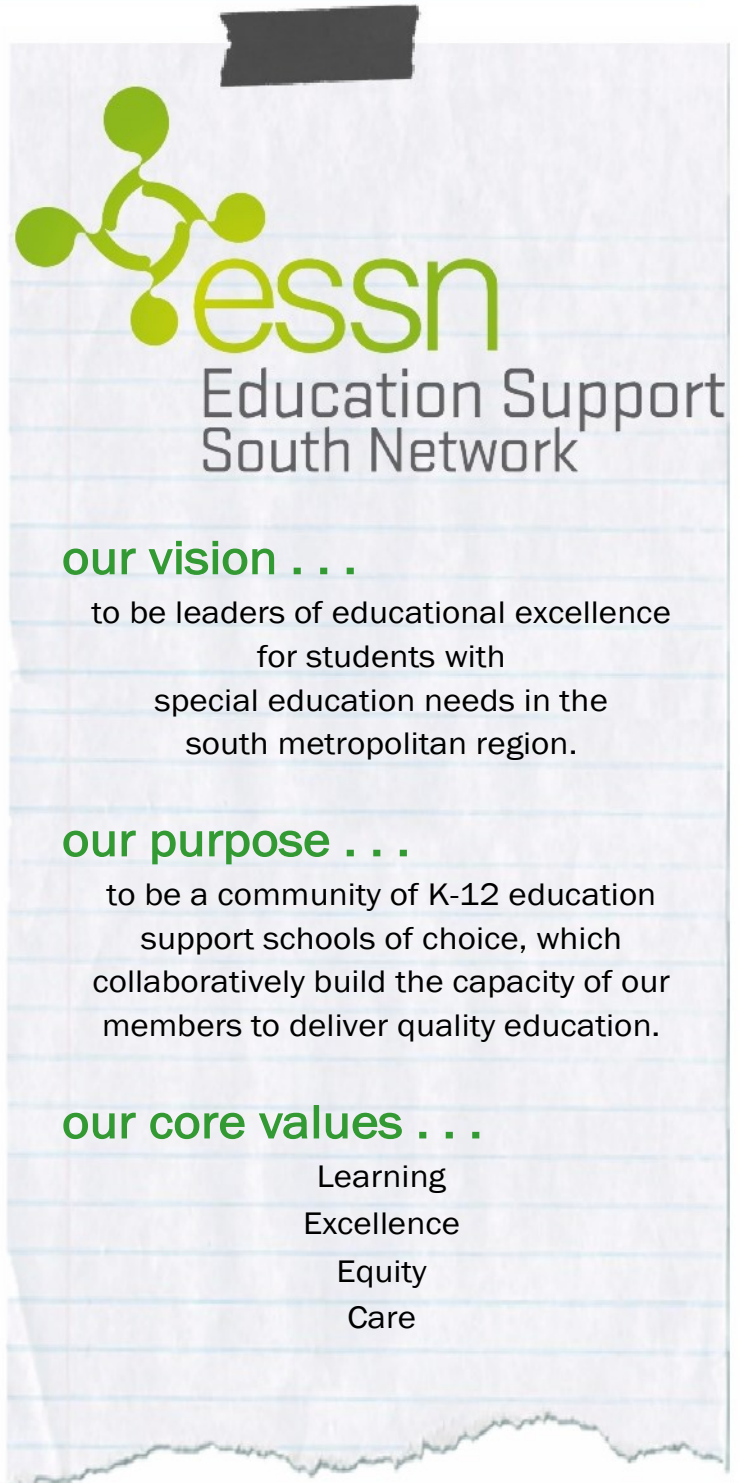
We also agreed that collaboration is still the key to us having a successful network. We believe that every member/member school needs to give as much as they take from the network. To this end we reaffirmed our commitment to being active members and leaders have agreed to encourage staff to be more involved too. This can be by maintaining their connections using the email lists, connect messaging and sharing ideas amongst schools and colleagues.

What we have decided to change is our committee structures. We are reducing the number of committees and agreed to a working party structure. Working parties will be established as they are required based on the projects running within the Network. We will be looking closely at each of our schools’ priorities for 2019 to determine the focus of new projects for 2019.

Keep in touch

Pauline Winrow

Network Principal



Share your ideas, tips, PL etc.

Share your experience/s with all of us.
Submit a short review for our Term 4 Newsletter.



What professional learning have you recently undertaken that was terrific?
What upcoming PL is your school running that can be shared?
What hot classroom tips do you have?

Term 4 Newsletter Deadline is
Wednesday November 21st

Submit to: Pauline.Winrow@education.wa.edu.au

ESSN Directions update . . .

Professional learning, pedagogy improvements, building capacity of our members continues to be our focus. Check out the Teacher Channel on VIMEO, and the Connect Library to find out more about this current ESSN Project.

Being responsive to your needs is important to so please take the time to respond to surveys, enter chat on connect and utilise your email list to share ideas.

The Network is always looking to support new Teaching and Learning Projects. If you or your colleagues have a great idea that you would like to research, trial etc. speak with your Principal about submitting an expression of Interest.

Opportunities for social interactions between our members are important —this was a discussion between members at conference and during our leaders planning sessions. What ways would you like to make social connections with colleagues—pass your ideas to your ESSN representative. (their contact details are on the back page of this newsletter).

I look forwards to hearing your suggestions for our Network.

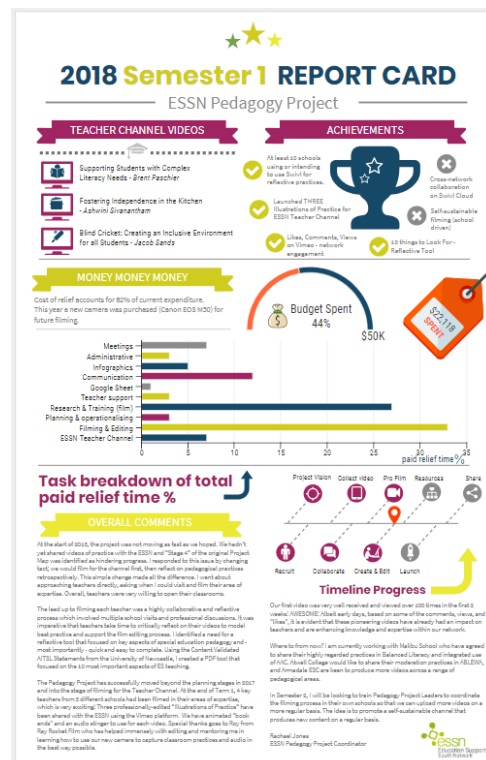
Cheers Pauline
Network Principal
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Project Update: ESSN Pedagogy Project

Semester 1 Report

By the end of 2017, we had communicated our vision for the Pedagogy Project and operationalised a plan for its' implementation, however, we had not yet shared any videos of practice with our network. To get the ball rolling, I approached schools and teachers directly, asking when I could visit and film their area of expertise. Overall, teachers were very willing to open their classrooms.

The lead up to filming each teacher was a highly collaborative and reflective process which involved multiple school visits and professional discussions. It is imperative that teachers take time to critically reflect on their classroom videos to model best practice and support the film editing process. To support this process, we now have a reflective PDF tool that focuses on key aspects of special education pedagogy and - most importantly - is quick and easy to complete. This template is based on the Content Validated AITSL Statements from the University of Newcastle and focuses on the 10 most important aspects of Education Support teaching. It is available in the ESSN Pedagogy Project folder in the ESSN Connect library. Use it for a quick 10 minute self-reflection.



For more information, the 2018 Semester 1 report is saved in the ESSN Connect library.



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ESSN Teacher Channel

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The Pedagogy Project has successfully moved beyond the planning stages in 2017 and into the stage of filming for the Teacher Channel. At the end of Term 1 2018, 4 key teachers from 3 different schools had been filmed in their areas of expertise, which is very exciting! Three professionally-edited "Illustrations of Practice" have been shared with the ESSN using the Vimeo platform. We have animated "book ends" and an audio stinger to use for each video. Special thanks goes to Roy from Ray Rocket Film who has helped immensely with editing and mentoring me in learning how to use our new video camera to capture classroom practices and audio in the best way possible.

ESSN Pedagogy Project continued.

Our first video was very well received and viewed over 100 times in the first 2 weeks! AWESOME! Albeit early days, based on some of the comments, views, and "likes", it is evident that these pioneering videos have already had an impact on teachers and are enhancing knowledge and expertise within our network.

The videos are saved in the ESSN Connect library / ESSN Pedagogy Project / ESSN Teacher Channel Videos and the password is ESSN2018

Where to from here?

I am currently working with Malibu School who have agreed to share their highly regarded practices in Balanced Literacy and integrated use of AAC.

Atwell College would like to share their moderation practices in ABLEWA, and Armadale ESC are keen to produce more videos across a range of pedagogical areas, such as how they deliver ASDAN, using ICT to promote student engagement, and incorporating elements of TEACCH into the senior years.

Training??

It is looking like we might run a training workshop for Pedagogy Project Leaders to coordinate the filming process in their own schools, so stay tuned. Let your Principal know if you are interested.

We need to be uploading more videos on a more regular basis to build our repertoire of shared pedagogical practices.

Long term aim...

The idea is to develop a self-sustainable channel that produces fresh new content on a regular basis.



Get involved...

Do you know a STAR in a certain aspect of special education teaching? If so, please nominate them and their field of expertise by emailing me at Rachael.Jones@education.wa.edu.au.

Rachael Jones

ESSN Pedagogy Project Coordinator

School Update: John Tonkin College Education Support Centre

JTCESC attended our first ever “Whole School Camp” from Wednesday 9th May through to Friday 11th May, at Landsdale Farm School. What a great couple of days we had! In total we had 24 students and 18 staff attended a jam packed camp.

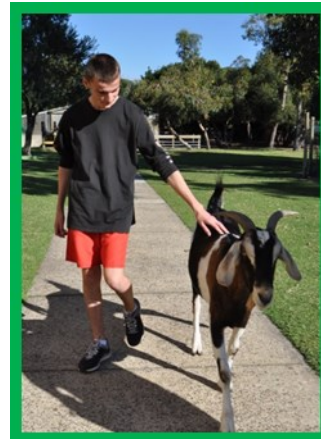
Day one was a busy day exploring “Landsdale Farm” —WOW what an amazing place! Students walked around and saw all the animals – alpacas, sheep, goats, chickens, pigs, Shetland horses, donkeys. Students were able to feed and pet the animals and go for a mini tractor ride. Other activities were a walk through the sensory garden, a bushwalk, tie dying scarves, using all natural ingredients, and making a scarecrow of the Principal for the vegie garden.

Day two we were off to AQWA to view the underwater world around us. From sharks, stingrays, turtles, all types of fish, we were lucky enough to actually touch some coral and starfish in the touch pool. Lunch was at Henley Brooke then off to Laser Corp. Students were split into 2 teams, shown the course; both teams had a win at the end of day. It was then off to some quiet time playing mini golf, before hopping back on the bus back returning to camp for a scrumptious dinner, followed by camp awards and dancing. The night ended with a campfire with marshmallow and chocolate s’mores.

Friday was “Game Vault” day. Two hours of gaming for some and 2 hours of dancing for others. It was a great way to end camp and we were very tired from having an awesome 3 days of fun, laughter, learning new skills and friendship.



School Update: John Tonkin College Education Support Centre



Soccer training has commenced for the upcoming ESSN Carnival on 23rd October at Cannington.

Our 2 teams have been having practice matches and are perfecting their ball handling and shooting for goals. All going well we will be in top form for the Carnival.



School Update: East Victoria Park ESC

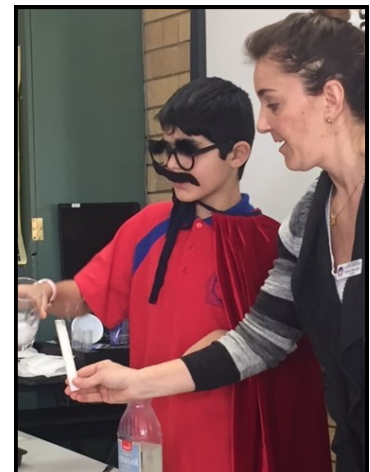
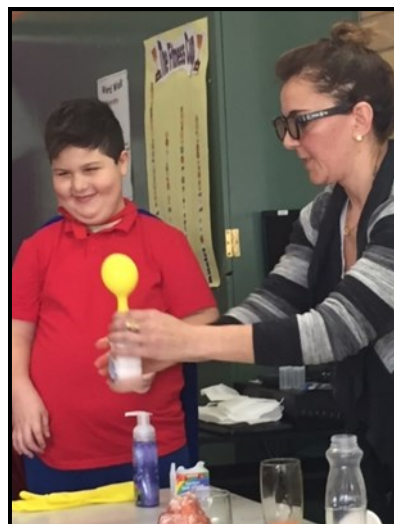
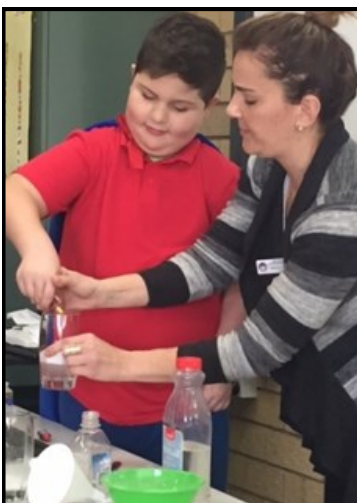
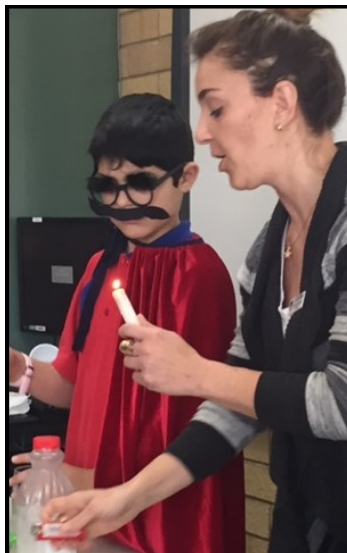
Making science fun!

The senior class, Room 14, have been enthraling us all with their wild and wacky science experiments. Class teacher, Ms Marcondes and her budding young scientists hosted a science extravaganza for all of the classes at East Victoria Park ESC. This week we have seen balloons magically blown up without human assistance, exploding volcanoes spewing out orange lava, self extinguishing candles and exploding rocket shooting canisters – all done with some degree of magic, a bit of bicarb soda, vinegar and crossed fingers.



Nutty Professor Eye-brows explains to the students the magic that is going to happen! The kindy students

Were awestruck at the lava spewing volcano!!



Students are taking science seriously and are eagerly wanting to learn more. We can't wait to see what the latest experiments will bring!

School Update: Gwynne Park ESC

Staff and students have been extremely busy at Gwynne Park Education Support Centre this term. Our Pre Primary students, along with our Year 5 and 6 students have been attending weekly Horse Riding sessions at Riding for the Disabled in Oakford. They have been learning how to ask the horses to walk on, sitting safely by placing their feet securely in the stirrups and placing rings over poles whilst riding. Our Kindy students have been learning about safe Community Members and have been discussing how helpful Police and Fire Fighters are. We even had a visit by two Firemen and their Fire Truck, which all students thoroughly enjoyed.



During Science lessons this term, students have been researching sustainability and have been looking at the water cycle. They have created a water cycle by making a Green House to allow students to watch the cycle in action. Our fabulous cooking teachers have been inspiring some amazing chefs to cook up a storm in the kitchen. They have bringing produce in from the garden and creating some interesting dishes for us to taste.



Every Friday afternoon is a 'Fun Friday' at Gwynne Park and students are grouped into their factions. They rotate around a range of engaging activities run by our dynamic staff. Activities include cooking, gardening, arts and crafts, sensory games, science experiments, virtual reality exploration and social skills practice.

All classes are busily making items to sell at Market Day next term. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please come and visit our stall.

Author: Sara Campbell

ESSN Showcased Schools @WAESPAA Conference 2018

A showcase of schools was held at this year's WAESPAA Conference, *What Works*. Seven ESSN schools set up displays and shared their wonderful programs with invited guests, delegates and colleagues. The Network also had a booth which was co-ordinated by Jarna Wright, Sara Campbell and their merry band of helpers.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the ESSN display and an even bigger congratulations to those schools who showcased themselves. There were some truly inspirational programs on display which highlighted the innovation of our sector. Great work everyone.



Canning Vale College



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Gwynne Park ESC



Kalamunda Secondary ESC

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Kenwick School



Malibu School



Warnbro Community High School ESC



Wirrabirra ESC

School Update....Wirrabirra ESC

Circus Therapy

For the second year in a row Wirrabirra ESC has also been participating in a Circus Therapy Program. The students have been developing lots of skills linked into the Circus. The sessions are run by a qualified OT and have many benefits for the kids.

Author: Julie Dawson



School Update...Wirrabirra ESC

Constable Care Safety School

Wirrabirra ESC was lucky enough to win a competition the City of Gosnells were running for an excursion out to the Constable Care Safety School in Maylands. It was one of the best excursions the centre has been on and we would highly recommend it for any school. The excursion is broken up into two parts – a practical bike riding and pedestrian outdoor section in a realistic environment with train station, bus stop, boom gates, traffic lights and road crossings. Whilst the children are in the environment they have an interactive iPad which scan various sections and gives information in regard the road safety feature.

Section two is a simulated pedestrian experience on iPads in the Safety School Classroom. This activity has two levels to cater for different needs. There is also a great park (Bardon Park) around the corner to go and have a picnic lunch and play once finished at the safety school.

Author: Gorana Nikolic



School Update: Coolbellup Learning Centre.....

The Sensorium Theatre are back: Sensory Storytime—Wombat Stew

This year the Sensorium Theatre have started Sensory Storytime offerings for junior students. We have opened this up for all students in the Centre and they are loving it! Over 5 weeks the Sensorium's Michelle and Frankie came and worked with students to retell the much loved story of Wombat Stew.

Author: Claire Gardner



TeachMeetSEN

The second TeachMeetSEN for 2018 will be hosted by Atwell College in October and we need your help to make it a success!

We are looking for teachers who have a passion for teaching students with disabilities. If your school have amazing staff that are trying new and innovative classroom practices that you would love them to share with their colleagues or staff that have a story of success that would inspire and motivate their fellow teachers, then we want to hear from them.

If you have staff who have this drive and passion and would not mind sharing in an 8-10 minute presentation please email: Richard.Charlton@education.wa.edu.au with details and information on their presentations. At this stage we are looking for 8-10 presenters.

What Is TeachMeetSEN

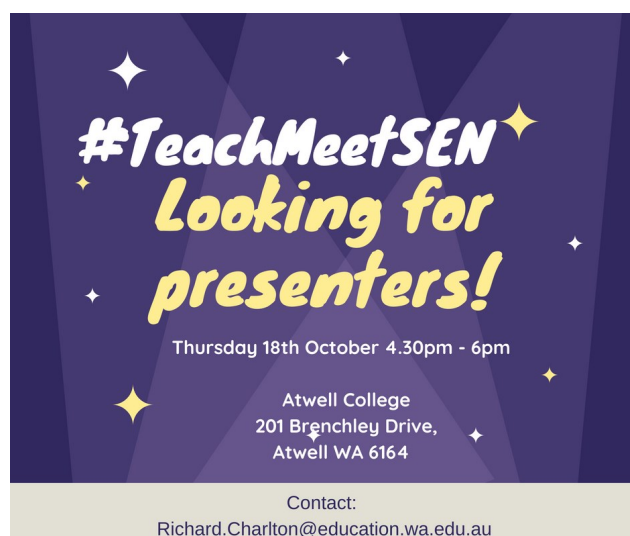
TeachMeets WA are gatherings for professional educators who wish to share, support and inspire each other to provide engaging learning experiences for our students. TMWA is for Western Australian educators keen to connect, collaborate and inspire each other through teacher driven professional learning. TeachMeets are free, informal and highly engaging professional learning sessions that are short and sharp.

When: Thursday, 18th October

Where: Atwell College 201 Brenchley Drive, 4:30-6:00pm

Contact: Richard Charlton Phone: (08) 9527 9009 Mobile 0419 967 478

TeachMeet WA aims to provide teachers with opportunities to share good practice, practical ideas and personal insights into teaching 21c learners. The idea is to hear stories about learning from our colleagues. I am really looking forward to hosting this event and getting a wide range of Education Support teachers that can share their practice and inspire other teachers.



School Update: Carson Street School.....

Carson Street School had some special visitors recently, not only did West Coast Eagles players Jake Waterman and Nathan Vardy come to visit us, but also Rick the Rock, the West Coast Eagles mascot. For some, meeting Rick the Rock was a sensory experience – not sure he is used to being patted quite that much! Students learnt about the value of being kind to others.

Author: Peter Salleo





Other news. . WA Education Corporate Service Staff Association (WAECCSA) Conference Challenge & Opportunity



The WAECCSA conference is over again for 2018.

Wow what a great conference, It was dynamic from the start.

Sue Gaudion the conference MC is a force to be reckoned with, her energetic personality injected enthusiasm into all listening.

Jay Peckitt, Executive Director Finance, who was the first conference speaker, was vibrant, and put the group into the picture of where the Department has been and to where Education is going, we are all excited. No wonder he was named the Young Leader of the Year by the Institute of Public Administration.

Claire Madden took us back to the 70's, we forget just how far technology has come, we are all too busy living it. Additionally we were educated on short cutting out text messages to acronyms, some were hilarious.

The breakout sessions were great as we could then focus on our session choices, from speed dating to finance, business planning or The Apprentice meets the Mole!, there was a session for all.

To top off the conference not only was the Crown a unique venue, but the band 'The Hit Factory', who kept everyone on the dance floor all night, were fantastic. The conference dinner and the food throughout conference was superb. I'm now on a diet!!! to loose those few extra kgs.... and lastly, we cannot forget the sponsors, who were a vast collection of businesses who certainly go the extra mile to help find products for schools and are a comedic group of people.

I'm Looking forward to 2019 .

Author: Sonia-Leitner Trolio
MCS Coolbellup Learning Centre



Sue Gaudion

Other news. . Abilities Expo



The Abilities Expo is for people with disability, their families and carers who want to know more about the services they can access and the organisations that provide these services.

October 30th
Crown Perth
9.15am –1.30pm

ESSN: Upcoming Events— A Snapshot

September 19th	ESSN Secondary Athletics Carnival—Atwell College
October 23rd	ESSN Secondary Soccer Carnival—Cannington Community ESC
October 26th	ESSN Market Day—Kensington
October 29th	CPR Training: Coolbellup Learning Centre 8.30—11.00—places available.
October 30th	Abilities Expo—Crown Perth 9.15-1.30

Member School Contacts

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Cannington Community ESC	93512480
Canning Vale ESC	94557500
Carson Street School	93617500
Castlereagh School	92666100
Cloverdale ESC	92774888
Coolbellup Learning Centre	93377343
East Victoria Park ESC	9470 3624
Gwynne Park ESC	9397 3122
John Tonkin College	95837333
Kalamunda ESC	9293 4798
Kensington Secondary School	9367 3620
Kenwick School	9459 1888
Koorana ESC	95237999
Leeming SHS ESC	92376870
Maddington ESC	92055950
Malibu School	9527 9009
Rockingham Beach ESC	95916717
Wirrabirra ESC	9398 1936

Associated Schools

Atwell College	61742200
Byford College	95506100
Canning Vale College	9455 7500
Kalamunda SHS ESC	9293 6490
Success PS KBLC	9414 4300

Ways to stay in touch

- Website
www.Educationsupportsouthnetwork.com
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- ESSN Newsletter
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- Email lists – Teachers, Education Assistants, Ministerial Officers, Principals/Leaders
- Working groups – via Connect



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