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Welcome to POWA House, the Parliament of Western Australia's quarterly newsletter. The Parliamentary Education Office (PEO) welcomes all educators back from the break and hopes you are refreshed and ready to engage, inspire and inform your students throughout the new year.

STUDENT PARLIAMENTARY POETRY PRIZE: **WINNER ANNOUNCED**



Congratulations to Taylah Drazic, the state winner of the Parliamentary Poetry Prize. The three state finalists attended a reception at Parliament House at which Taylah was announced as the winner and presented with a trophy and framed copy of her winning poem by Hon Kate Doust, President of the Legislative Council. Dr Harry Phillips, the head of the judging panel, commended Taylah and the other two finalists, Ria Cutt and Emily-Rose Lochore for the high standard of each of their entries.



To read the poems and see further learning opportunities,

PARLIAMENT STRIKES GOLD IN KALGOORLIE



The PEO recently conducted pop-up parliaments in primary and secondary schools throughout Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Over the course of the week, 855 students and 26 teachers were engaged across the 20 workshops. A teacher professional learning session was held at Kalgoorlie-Boulder Community High School. Twelve teachers attended and shared ideas on how to effectively engage students within civic education. The PEO will be conducting its next pop-up parliaments in Pemberton, Manjimup, Bridgetown and surrounding areas next term. If you teach in any schools within these areas, please indicate your expression of interest here:



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PARLIAMENT REMEMBERS

The PEO would like to acknowledge the staff and students of Comet Bay Community College for their assistance in preparing the two-metre Poppy Wreath for last year's Centenary of Armistice. The commemorative wreath was displayed at the front of Parliament House over a two-week period for Remembrance Day commemorations. It was appreciated by many visitors to Parliament House and was used as a backdrop for media interviews.



BOOK A TOUR AT PARLIAMENT

Last year more Western Australian students visited Parliament House than ever before. We encourage any teachers planning a tour to book early to avoid disappointment. Before booking a tour of Parliament, we urge you to check your internal school calendars to ensure that booked tours do not clash with other school commitments. If there is a need to cancel, please do it sooner rather than later so that the place can be offered to other schools.

We remind our country teachers that the Country School Travel Subsidy applies to schools located 150 to 260 kilometres from Perth. Further information about this program is available here:



Students visiting Parliament House from One Arm Point RCS



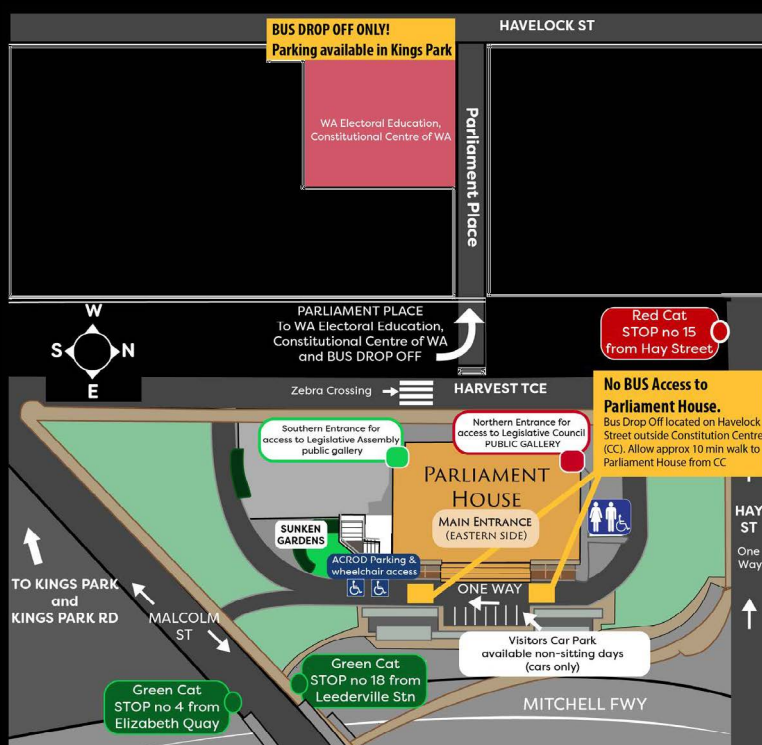
Students with Hon Kate Doust MLC, President of the Legislative Council



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GIRLS TAKE OVER PARLIAMENT

The PEO was very excited to participate in the Girl Guides Western Australia 'Girls Take Over Parliament' program held last term. Young women had the opportunity to watch Parliament in action, shadow a member, undertake a tour and participate in a workshop in the Parliamentary Library.



BUS ACCESS

Due to security and safety upgrades at Parliament House, buses can no longer access the Parliament House main entrance.

The closest bus layover area is adjacent to the Constitutional Centre on the corner of Havelock Street and Parliament Place (5 minute walk to Parliament House).

Groups with special access requirements should contact the Parliamentary Education Office on 9222 7259 ahead of their visit to discuss arrangements.



WEBSITE REVAMP

The Parliament of WA is in the final stages of redeveloping its website to make it easier for you to learn about and engage with our Parliament. Watch this space for further information.

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