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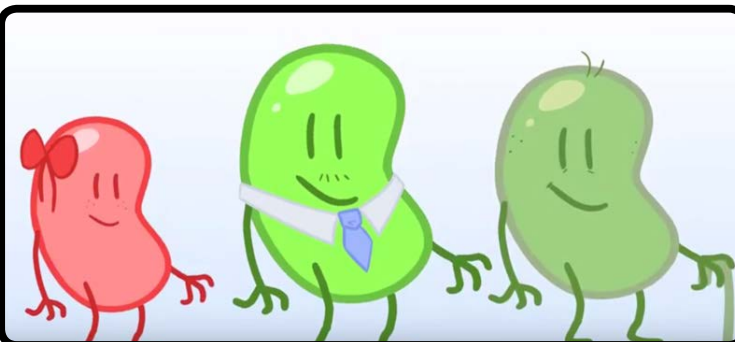
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Welcome to POWA House, the Parliament of Western Australia's quarterly newsletter.

The Parliamentary Education Office (PEO) is committed to providing Western Australia specific civics and citizenship resources to assist you in engaging, inspiring and informing your students about the role they can play in our democracy.

CIVICS GOES CYBER

The Parliamentary Education Office has been thrilled by the response it has received to the expansion of its digital footprint. As well as our [FACEBOOK PAGE](#), highlighting the many facets of civic education, our [REVAMPED WEBSITE](#) also makes it easier for teachers and students to locate the suite of civics and citizenship curriculum-linked resources. Check out our latest animation [YOU, ME AND DEMOCRACY](#) created by the talented students of North Metropolitan TAFE which has just been launched.



REGIONAL OUTREACH

Hot on the heels of last term's highly successful Pop up Parliament series in Bridgetown and Manjimup that saw nearly 700 students and teachers attend our civics and citizenship workshops, the Parliamentary Education Office has just returned from delivering the program to over 800 students and teachers in Port Hedland. Geraldton will be our next stop from 9 to 13 September. This is a great opportunity for regional students to learn about parliamentary process in an interactive and immersive way. During our outreach program, teachers also have the opportunity to participate in a free professional learning workshop on Wednesday, 11 September from 3.30pm to 5pm. [BOOK HERE](#)





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HASS WEEK

Our Parliamentary Education Team was also onsite at the recent **HASS Week Conference 2019** held at the State Library of Western Australia to answer lots of civics and citizenship questions and to provide innovative engagement strategies for primary and secondary educators.

Our presenters also delivered an interactive and informative professional learning workshop entitled '**Disengagement, Democracy and Why HASS Matters — How Young People Can Get Their Voices Heard**'. Lively discussion ensued and assisted in firing up enthusiasm for all things democratic.

PARLIAMENTARY STAR CLASS AWARD



Congratulations to the staff and students of **Arbor Grove Primary School** for winning our Parliamentary Star Class Award for semester 1. It was clearly evident that teachers had prepared students prior to their visit to Parliament House. Apart from following all booking guidelines in relation to ensuring bags were not brought to Parliament, the students had also practiced their role play and were an absolute credit to their school community. You, too, could have your students acknowledged by ensuring that you are familiar with our **VISITING GUIDELINES HERE**.

YMCA YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Dozens of young people took over Parliament during the term break for the 2019 YMCA Youth



Parliament. This program, now more than 20 years old, gives young people a chance to stand up in Parliament and have their voices heard. Over the week, participants representing each electoral district throughout WA debated, deliberated and delivered democracy in action. Why not see democracy in action yourself by **BOOKING A FREE TOUR** for your class. Also check out our video - **WHAT DOES DEMOCRACY MEAN TO ME?** on Facebook.