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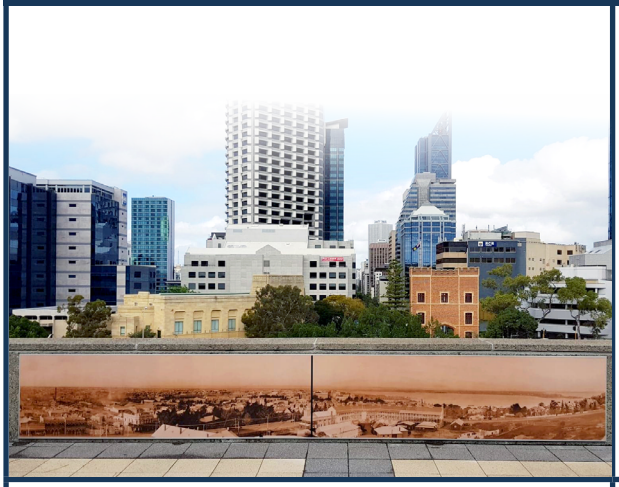
POWA House is the Parliament of Western Australia's quarterly Civics and Citizenship newsletter produced by the Parliamentary Education Office. Released quarterly, it is designed to keep you up to date on all of our curriculum-linked online educational resources. Don't forget to check out our channels for updates!

Parliament Tours Continue

In what has been a disrupted year for educators, the Parliament of Western Australia has adapted its resources and programs to meet the challenges. Apart from providing an extensive online, curriculum linked suite of resources, we have also been able to maintain our free onsite civic education program through modified talks and tours. Although restricted to non-sitting weeks, by being flexible, thousands of students have had the opportunity to undertake a tour of their Parliament House and participate in lively discussions within the public galleries.
You may notice some changes the next time you book a tour because we are committed to providing experiences that are fun, informative and COVID safe.

Treasure Hunt

One learning activity which continues to increase in popularity among both primary and secondary students is the Treasure Hunt. This curriculum themed activity incorporates historical, geographical and civic clues around the grounds of Parliament House and can be completed individually or in small groups. Taking around 45 minutes it is a great addition to a school tour or as a stop off or standalone activity when visiting the city's other attractions. Contact **(08) 9222 7259** or email: education@parliament.wa.gov.au



A Trip Back in Time

Another exciting addition for your next visit is the stunning panoramic photograph display in the Parliamentary forecourt. The photograph was taken by A.G. Sands in 1913 and the image has been transferred onto a six metre long metal panel which is placed in the same position as where the photograph was taken. It provides a wonderful discussion point for teachers wanting to demonstrate how Perth has changed in the past hundred years.

P&L Resources Just Released

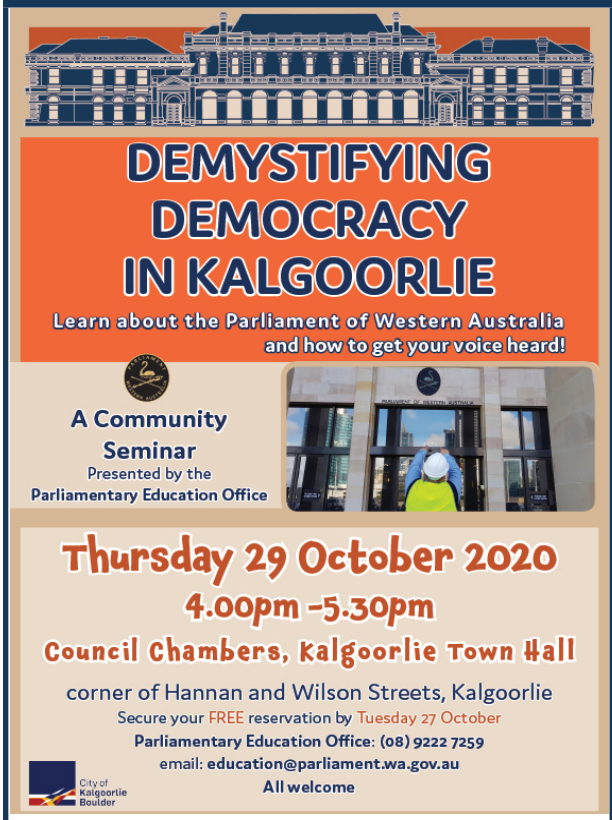
The Parliamentary Education Office has just released two brand new resources for Years' 11/12 Politics and Law, just in time for programming your 2021 academic year. These two resources will assist you in engaging your students in developing practical research skills and enhance their abilities in interpreting and applying statistical information to their own worlds.

The interactive workbooks are curriculum linked to:

- P&L General Unit 1: Political and Legal Decision Making
- P&L ATAR Unit 2: Representation and Justice.

Country and Preston

When students from Manjimup Primary School recently toured Parliament House they were greeted by WA Parliament's Sous Chef, Preston. The students learnt that he uses fresh produce from their region when he prepares meals for Members of Parliament and their guests. With many of the students' families involved in farming, they were very proud that their region had left such a strong impression.



Regional Outreach

Hot on the heels of last term's whirlwind trip to Karratha, our Parliamentary presenters are next week concluding their regional outreach program in Kalgoorlie. Over the course of these two trips, over forty Pop up Parliaments will have been delivered to over 1,500 students and teachers. Another exciting facet of this program is the community workshops which discuss how regional Western Australians can get their voices heard in Parliament.

Thanks to Kevin Michel, MLA for the Pilbara, Kyran O'Donnell, MLA for Kalgoorlie and Mining Pastoral MLCs, Hon Kyle McGinn and Hon Robyn Scott for taking the time to meet with constituents during these important sessions. Our next free community workshop is at the Kalgoorlie Town Hall, 29 October from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. To confirm your attendance call: (08) 9222 7259 or email: education@parliament.wa.gov.au

End of Year Quiz

Transform your term 4 revision into a fun activity with a competitive edge. Simply divide your class into two teams and give them one minute to come up with a team name. Let them know in advance that the best Parliamentary team name will be awarded five bonus points. Alternate each of the following 20 questions between each team. Each correct answer is worth five points.

If the initial team gets it wrong the opposing team can elect to pass or 'steal'. If they choose 'steal' and answer the question correctly they receive five bonus points, however if they answer incorrectly they lose five points off their existing score. Provide periodic score checks to build suspense and you are sure to keep your class engaged. Not sure of the answers? Check out our fact sheets and you will have it covered or even set it as a research task for your class, preceding the quiz.

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1. Who was our first Premier?
2. Who is our current Premier?
3. Who was the first woman elected into any Parliament in Australia?
4. Who was the first woman to become a Premier of an Australian state?
5. Who was the first Aboriginal person to become a Cabinet Minister in WA?
6. Who is your local Member?
7. What is the term given to the person who carries the mace?
8. Who fulfils the role of umpire in the Legislative Assembly?
9. How many members sit in our Legislative Assembly?
10. How many Lower House electoral districts are there in WA?
11. Who is the umpire in the Legislative Council?
12. Who carries the black rod?
13. How many Members sit in our Legislative Council?
14. How many electoral regions are there in WA?
15. What do we mean by the term bicameral?
16. Who was WA's first Governor?
17. How many levels of Government are there in Australia?
18. In what country is the Westminster Parliament?
19. When is the next state election?
20. What is the bird emblem for Western Australia?

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