



**Semester 1, 2020**

Welcome to our first eNewsletter for 2020.

## **We've updated our website**

We've updated our website [www.dfes.wa.gov.au/schools](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/schools) to help you access our downloadable classroom resources and other useful links.

The [Triple Zero Kids' Challenge](#) is a great resource for students from Kindergarten to Year 2, providing fun activities to help children learn about emergencies and when to call 000 (Triple Zero). Teachers of Years 3-6 students, ESC and ESL students may also find it a useful classroom tool. Revisit our Home Fire Safety resources, which include our Teachers' Guide with a range of classroom activities, a home fire escape plan and a printable fire safety certificate.



We've also updated secondary high school pages to include links to short video clips and other resources that can easily be embedded into your programs.

Parents of young children can find activities on our Parents Page [www.dfes.wa.gov.au/schooleducation/parents](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/schooleducation/parents), which can be included in your school newsletter. Find home fire safety, storm and flood resources and links to story books which you can read together at home or in the classroom.

## **Our incursions and excursions are on hold**

Our DFES Education and Heritage Centre is temporarily closed due to COVID-19 and we are working on a staged plan to resume our excursion programs as soon as we are able to, with student safety as our number one priority.

Firefighters have currently placed their Year 3 Home Fire Safety School Visit program on hold. With your help, this well-supported program will undergo an evaluation in 2020/21.

We will let teachers and schools know when programs resume in the next edition of this eNewsletter. Please contact our team if you have any questions about our online resources or how we can support you in disaster resilience education.



## Can you help us with our new Children and Youth Strategy?



We are developing a new DFES Children and Youth Strategy (2020-2024). If you would like to have input, please email [elizabeth.addison@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:elizabeth.addison@dfes.wa.gov.au) and let Liz know what new resources or initiatives you'd like to see included in the new strategy.

Meanwhile, the team will be refreshing our excursion programs; finalising flood resources for North West WA; planning a Year 7/8 bushfire program; and, developing a template for Year 11 case studies, in partnership with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and teachers from the Geography Association WA (GAWA).

## Do you know of any young people who are playing with fire?

Over the past three years young people have been responsible for lighting over 700 bushfires, over 250 rubbish and vehicle fires, and more than 180 house fires. These are preventable fires that put children, our community and firefighters at risk.

DFES provides a free confidential fire safety education program for young people (aged 6-16) who play with fire. To refer young people to this program, contact Ruth on 9395 9488 or email [jaffa@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:jaffa@dfes.wa.gov.au)



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