As indicated at the Home Tutors’ Seminar, number and writing skills are learning areas that Teachers have been focusing on during lessons and it is pleasing to hear that students are developing well in these areas. Editing is an essential aspect of successful writing, but continues to be an area students find difficult and dislike. I would suggest this is due to students being apprehensive to look at their writing again just after they have worked hard to produce it. How then do we motivate students to edit their writing from a scratchy group of sentences to a meaningful, clear and well structured text? I believe a major part of the answer to this is AUDIENCE. Who is the student writing to? Who will be reading this? Why is it important for the reader to know what you mean? These questions may help students gain insight into the purpose of proof-reading and editing, which is half the battle. For example, this text I am writing to you now needs to be clear, well structured and correct for you to understand the important aspects I am trying to communicate to you. This is something I need to check thoroughly; otherwise I will lose the interest and respect of my readers. Audience awareness is a key to motivating self-editing. As a school we are actively seeking to support Home Tutors in guiding students to use effective planning/editing processes and strategies. This is established through contacting your student’s Teacher and accessing the helpful hints section of our school website. This is an area I am particularly keen to work on with Teachers and Home Tutors, to help our students become successful writers. Stay tuned for more tips and support.

The WA Circuit Challenge starts next term so keep an eye out for your WACC pack. Each
student will receive their own pack so that they can record the results in their own log book.
More information will be provided in the packs.
Similarly to last year, students will receive an item of sporting equipment on completion of their circuit. As well as completing a signed log book with five photos demonstrating the different types of physical activities practised at home. I look forward to see how the students go this year!

A reminder about the Life Skills bag travelling around the stations. I hope to see some fantastic acting and puppetry skills coming our way soon that showcase this term’s skills: initiative, self-control and respect. Even if you don’t have the Life Skills bag you are welcome to plan a brief play (1-2min), record it on your digital camera and send it to me at James.Peletier@det.wa.edu.au.

During the Home Tutors' Seminar Mrs Mullane, Miss Stalker and Mrs Pocklington worked with our students on a School Pride Project. This involved students looking through the school and looking for ways they could ‘brighten up’ the place with canvas paintings. The students then set about painting and already some students have completed some sensational pieces (see Kelly’s and Belinda’s on this page). Students will be given the opportunity to complete their paintings during Teacher visits this year. The school will be a gallery of beautiful student masterpieces!

Last week we were privileged to have visitors from the West Australia Symphony Orchestra on air! A huge thank you to Brendan, Peter, Zac and Leanne, and to all the wonderful students who played their own instruments and asked great questions!

A reminder that term one vacation starts on Friday the 10\textsuperscript{th} of April due to the acknowledgement of Good Friday. This is a significant day for Christians as they believe it commemorates the day Jesus died on the cross and three days later rose back to life to save humanity. It is also a time when everyone can be a kid again and unwrap a chocolate Easter egg or three! Have a fantastic break everyone and I look forward to seeing you all again next term fresh and ready for another exciting term.

Mr. Jim Peletier