Esperance Anglican Community School





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Dear Parents and Carers,

The momentum of the term certainly seems to be building with much going on.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE

Welcoming 15 students and two staff from Osaka has been a great pleasure. All have thrown themselves into the life of the School, participating in a range of activities as well as normal lessons. A trip to Lucky Bay was particular highlight but there have also been great opportunities in English lessons, cooking and the family fun night. I am very grateful, indeed, to our host families who have made this exchange possible, and hope that they are getting a great deal out of the experience.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Thanks are also due to our Parents and Friends Association for the organisation of this wonderful evening. A range of exciting and enjoyable activities complemented good food and camaraderie, with all who attended agreeing that it had been a most worthwhile and enjoyable evening. It certainly helped our visitors from Japan and Italy to be absorbed into the life of the School in a novel way.

COMMUNITY SERVICE - NULSEN BREAKFAST CLUB

It has been good, too, witnessing the enthusiasm of our Year 9 students for this laudable activity, with nine visiting Nulsen this morning, taking along a variety of School-baked food to give a nourishing and enjoyable breakfast.

MUSIC

Enjoyment and participation was also seen (and heard) this morning at Recess when our recently formed Jazz Band performed for the School. They sounded really good and were clearly revelling in the music. More will be heard from them, and our other bands and ensembles, at the Esperance Music Festival.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We were also pleased to be able to hear about the Christmas shoe-box appeal from Mrs Sue Thomason, in which we will participate. Thanks are due to those who have already donated items which our Year 7s will pack and arrange for collection. This is a good way of our young people contributing, in a meaningful way, to the lives of others less fortunate than themselves.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

As you know we embrace the use of IT within the School as a powerful and effective tool for teaching and learning. Although the vast majority of our students use IT responsibly we have had a couple of incidents recently of inappropriate use. Although these have been dealt with I have decided to review our policy and procedures on the use of IT and will shortly send out a revised version of these. This should help to clarify areas of confusion and provide an indication of what is acceptable, with consequences for inappropriate use made plain.

TALKS TO YEAR 7

As you will be aware Vanessa Rowell - the counsellor we employ from Esperance Psychology has been meeting with Year 7 students to discuss with them the issues they may face as they develop relationships. She has also been suggesting strategies on how to avoid problems and how to deal with these if they do arise. I hope that these have been valuable opportunities to cement the essential ethos of the School which we try to emphasise in all that we do here.

THE WEEK AHEAD

I append a summary of forthcoming events but if you need more information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Week 4 Wood on duty Monday 8th - 1000 - Assembly Tuesday 9th - 1000 - Vanessa Rowell from Esperance Psychology talk on relationships to Jackman Year 7 in DMP - Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp at Stokes Inlet Wednesday 10th - Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp at Stokes Inlet - Amy Coombe talk on leadership to Year 11

As always I hope that you might enjoy a good weekend.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Kerr Fulton-Peebles Principal

FROM ROSE YOUR CANTEEN LADY

- Please ensure manners are used at all times.
- A simple Please and Thankyou go along way!.
- Also late lunch orders will now be given a vegemite sandwich. Thank you

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Last week our Year 10 students spent their week on Work Experience; we had 17 students stay in Esperance and work with local businesses, 20 travelled to Perth and 2 spent the week at Curtin School of Mines in Kalgoorlie. The students researched and approached their individual businesses, organised their own travel arrangements and all contributed positively to their chosen work places. The students have all returned bubbling with enthusiasm about their week and all businesses have responded positively, many remarking that our students were some of the best they've ever had. Thank you to the following businesses who so willingly agreed to host our students and to the staff who visited them during the week.

Local Businesses :

Dixons Building Hope FM Shire of Esperance IT Department **Stewarts Engineering** Dept of Parks and Wildlife **Esperance Public Library Castletown Primary School Riggs Australia Esperance Port Authority** Twilight Aerials – Esperance Gymnastics **Hellfire Boats Esperance Christian Primary School** Full Throttle Auto Aurelias Ice Creamery **Esperance Primary School** Rocks Ripped and Rolled Wongutha Capps

Perth Businesses:

Oldfield Knott Architects Beatty Park Physiotherapy UWA – Arts Department UWA – School of Sports Science UWA - Chemistry Centre **Beyond Custom** Wembley Primary School The Sunday Times Christ Church Grammar School F.A.J.I.T St Thomas Primary School Mt Hawthorn Primary School Leederville Early Childhood Centre Performance Pilates and Physiotherapy Worley Parsons WACA Netball WA Linear Clinical Research St Georges Anglican Community School

Kalgoorlie Business:

Curtin University School of Mines





























AUSTSWIM SWIMMING TEACHER COURSE













CANBERRA CAMP

Students from Esperance Anglican Community School have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital where they have been given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$260 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

The staff and students of Esperance Anglican Community School would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the Australian Government for the generous financial support that is provided to help ease the burden on regional families.

2016 Year 9 Canberra Camp

Day 1&2 - Sydney

After a long bus trip through the night, and then a long flight across the country, the Year 9 Canberra Camp arrived in Sydney. When we arrived we were greeted by the famous Dave Berry, our bus driver for the trip. Whilst in Sydney we got to relax on the famous sands of Bondi Beach, explore the old settlement of the Rocks, climb the pier of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and cruise the harbour on the ferry. That night we enjoyed views of Sydney from the top of the Sydney Tower.

Day 3 – Canberra

On the third day we left for Canberra. We stopped off at the Australian nuclear reactor, ANSTO, and learnt about how nuclear research is performed and how radioactive medicines are created. After a quick stop to visit the world's largest Merino, we arrived in Canberra. That afternoon we hiked up to the top of Mount Ainslie, before going on a tour of the Dinosaur Museum that night.

Day 4 – Canberra

On the Sunday we started off the day by participating in various experiments at Questacon. After we learnt about the history of Canberra at the National Capital Exhibition, we had lunch at the Canberra Arboretum. That afternoon we had a guided tour of some of the facilities at the AIS, by a member of the Australian volleyball team. That night we burnt off an excess energy by challenging each other to games of laser tag at Zone 3.

Day 5 – Canberra

The Monday morning kicked off with a visit to Government House, where we were honoured to meet and talk with Sir Peter Cosgrove, Australia's Governor-General. We then visited Parliament House, where we were got to tour the building and act out the process of passing a bill through the Lower House. The Year 9s successfully passed a bill to get a tax placed on sugar in soft drinks. There was a buzz in the air as it was the first day back for the members of Parliament after the recent election. In the afternoon we had a chance to explore the National Museum and see Phar Lap's massive heart. We finished the night by climbing walls at the indoor rock-climbing centre.

DAY 6 - Canberra

The Tuesday started off with a solemn visit to the Australian War Memorial, which happened to be the 100-year anniversary of the Battle of Fromelles. The guided tour took this into account as the guides explained the significance of Australia's involvement in the Western Front to us. We also had a chance to search for, and pay our respects towards, our ancestors on the Wall of Remembrance. The afternoon consisted of learning how to vote at the Australian Electoral Commission, where we voted the apple to be the best fruit. Afterwards we visited Old Parliament House, where we had the chance to re-enact the famous bill that introduced conscription into Australia during the Vietnam War. That night we drove to the mountains in preparation for the next day of skiing.

Day 7 – Smiggin Holes

We rose early on the Wednesday and jumped into the bus to the top of Smiggin Holes, with our ski equipment in anticipation for the day of skiing. When we arrived we were surprised to find the temperature to be a mild 5 degrees with no wind! This beautiful weather unfortunately resulted in a few runs being closed due to the snow melting, but there was enough snow on the other slopes to get a good day's worth. Some of the boys even attempted some black runs and jumps! The Year 9s who found the skiing tiring spent the afternoon engaged in a massive snowball fight. Others were stoked just to feel snow for the first time. That night we returned to common room, lit up with an open fire, and engaged in a night of singing on the karaoke machine. After a few hours of singing, dancing and laughing our voices were spent and we all slept heavily that night.

Day 8 – Canberra

We returned to Canberra on the Thursday. We stopped off at the Skyzone Trampoline centre where we got to somersault into foam pits and participate in a massive game of trampoline dodge ball. After the trampoline centre we had time to roam the shopping centre and spend whatever money we had left over. We then headed back to the airport, where we to say farewell to Dave, undoubtedly the best bus driver Canberra has to offer. We then boarded the long flight home, followed by the epic overnight bus trip, to get back home to our families (and warm beds) with many stories to tell.













Newsletter Screed: Esperance Anglican Community School 2016 SCHOOL PHOTOS INFORMATION

Our School Photos will be taken on:

Wednesday 17th August 2016

Personalised Envelopes have been sent home to parents. PLEASE NOTE You now have the option of placing your photo order <u>ONLINE</u> instead of filling in the pre-paid envelope, refer to your child's personalised envelope for details about online ordering, or phone MSP Photography on 08 9342 3465 if you have any queries.

If you are placing your order through the pre-paid envelope please make sure that your child brings the envelope to school on photo day to hand to the photographer, otherwise your order will be missed. NOTE: If you have placed your order online, you DO NOT need to bring in your envelope to hand to the photographer.

If you wish to purchase a family photo, please come to the administration office to collect a Family envelope. Family Photos will be scheduled before school on each photography day. On delivery of the school photos the family photos will be left at reception for parents to collect, they will **not** be sent home with the children. NOTE: Family photos cannot be ordered online.

NO CHANGE will be given so please ensure correct money is enclosed in your envelope. We now offer online ordering for your convenience. Payment for photos can be made by cash, cheque or money order in your prepaid envelope or via Credit Card for <u>Online Purchases Only.</u>

All children will have an individual portrait taken whether purchasing photos or not for the school data base. If you have not placed an order on photo day you can still ORDER ONLINE up to 14 days after the last photo day. If you wish to place an order and it is after the 14 day period please phone MSP Photography on 08 9342 3465. PLEASE NOTE: Orders placed after the 14 Day period will incur late fees.

All children will have the opportunity to purchase Specialist Group Photos, once the photos have been delivered to the school, at **\$25.00** each. The photos will be available to view and order **online** up to <u>2 weeks</u> after the delivery of our photos for ordering. The school will send out a new newsletter with instructions once the photos are available to order. Any Special orders placed **after the due date** (featured in the second newsletter) will incur late fees. All Special orders will be sent directly to the parents address and not to the school.

SAND AND PLASTIC

EACS WELCOMED DR HARRIET PATTERSON FROM UWA WHO IS DOING RESEARCH ON PLASTIC IN OUR SAND. STUDENTS WERE GIVEN HANDS ON EXPERIENCE. RESULTS SHOW THAT THERE ARE MANY PLASTIC FIBRES IN TWILIGHT BEACH SAND EVEN THOUGH IT LOOKS VERY CLEAN. MORE RESEARCH TO COME IN THE FUTURE WITH THE SAMPLING OF 200 BEACHES THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH WEST.



STUDENT KITCHEN GARDEN

TEAMWORK! CREATING SPACE FOR A KITCHEN GARDEN, DRIVEN BY STUDENTS.





JAPANESE EXCHANGE

EACS RECENTLY HOSTED 15 STUDENTS FROM JAPAN WHO WERE BILLETED OUT WITH FAMILIES FROM OUR SCHOOL AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY. THANK YOU TO ALL HOST FAMILIES WHO HELPED MAKE THIS EXCHANGE A SUCCESS.















THE ESPERANCE EXPERIENCE FROM SHOP TO SHOEBOX

Begins 1st of September

1. You will need to collect items from around Esperance to fill your shoebox. Some items will be free. Others you will need to pay for.

REMEMBER WE DO NEED TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

- 2. You will also be given the opportunity to participate in craft workshops and talk on radio. This is an optional activity. If you choose not to participate you will still need to collect signatures and stamps from the organisation.
- 3. When you arrive at the business you will need to let them know what you are doing. Show them your shoebox. Ask them the question on the sheet.
- 4. Please write your answer in the box. The business employee will then stamp inside the same box.
- 5. Select items for your box and label your box.
- 6. Donate \$9 per shoebox. You can pay online, by cash or
- cheque. If you would like to pay online go to operationchristmaschild.org.au/shoeboxdonations. A barcoded label for each shoebox will be emailed to you.
- 8. These will need to be printed and then stuck on your box.
- 9. Cash and cheque donations should be placed in an envelope inside your shoebox.
- 10.Place a photo of yourself on the inside lid.
- 11. Write a short note to the child (no more than 20 words as this will be translated quickly.)
- 12. Return your completed box to your school where they will be checked or contact Sue Thomason on 0437910169

THE ESPERANCE EXPERIENCE FROM SHOP TO SHOEBOX

Begins 1st of September

1. List the seven countries that the shoeboxes are delivered to from Australia and New Zealand.

2. What is the name of the programme the children can participate in after receiving the shoebox?

3. What is the total number of shoeboxes that have been delivered around the world in the last 23 years?

4. List five other ways Samaritans Purse helps those in need.

5. How many shoeboxes left Esperance in 2014?

6. Where are the oversize beanies sent to?

7. A three year old boy received a shoebox in Cambodia last year. What toy sprang from the box as he opened the lid?

8. Last year a lady from Queensland went on a distribution trip. She gave a nine year old a box. Why was she so surprised when he opened it?

9. Where do boxes go when they leave Esperance? And why?

10. How many boxes were sent from Australia and New Zealand last year?

- 1. Community Arts (Carry bag FREE)
- 2. Christian Bookshop (Beanies FREE)
- 3. HOPE FM (pencils & case FREE)
- 4. Bay of Isles Sports (Purchase items)
- 5. ESP Museum Village (Purchase Items)
- 6. Toyworld (Purchase Items)
- 7. Toy Station (Purchase items)
- 8. Chris Harris Dentisit (toothbrush FREE)
- 9. Village seep shop (Flannels FREE)
- 10. Express Yourself Printers (Purchase stationary and sticker)



DEAR PARENTS, BEGINS 1ST OF SEPTEMBER

Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal has been operating in Esperance for the past ten years. This project encourages children and adults to fill a shoebox full of gifts for a child in need. It is a fantastic opportunity for Australian children to become a part of helping others in a tangible way.

This year we are promoting an activity "From shop to shoebox" in our local schools. Children will be asked to go to designated businesses to receive or purchase items for their box. Some businesses may choose to donate certain items, discount them or let participants pay full price.

We do want to support local business and would like to encourage each other to purchase extra items from the business.

We are asking children to take their shoebox to the business. They will have a sheet with ten questions to answer. Each place visited will provide the children with one answer. Children should write their answer in each box. The business owner/employee will then stamp or sign their sheet. These stamps will show us that the children have entered the business.

On completing the box the children will return it to their school for checking and receive their prize. (The first 20 boxes handed in will receive a lucky dip prize.)Every box returned MUST have the Childs full name and year level attached. Please include the date it was returned. These names will then go into a draw to win a major prize.

Esperance Community Arts will also be running some workshops where children can make items to put in their box. Families may also like to look at the window display for further ideas. Items such has beanies, pencils, pencil cases and carry bags will be donated. Please remember to ask for your FREE item.

This event will take place in the month of September. Boxes will be available from the Child's School, the Esperance Christian Bookshop, Florissons Home Furnishings and Esperance Community Arts. Boxes are free. Please return boxes if you are not using them. If you would like to help in any way with donations or have any further questions please contact me on 9071 1368 or 0437910169.

Kind regards

Sue Thomason

(Area coordinator for Operation Christmas Child)

SUE THOMASON WILL HAND OUT QUESTION AND ANSWER SHEETS ON THE 1st OF SEPTEMBER.

