



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am a little tardy with this comment but will use the last weekend's annual retreat for senior staff at ASC schools, and a course in Perth on safer schools, as a reason. Both events were enjoyable and useful in their own ways and confirmed, if such confirmation was needed, that the School is on the right track in what it offers and how it is doing so.

EXAMINATIONS

Students in Years 8 to 10 have completed their exams at I am sure that you have done much to encourage your children in preparing for these exams, and we will all await the results with much interest.

Exams and Externally Set Tasks for Years 11 and 12 take place next week. These students are only required to come to School for their exams - in full uniform please - and may use the rest of the time for private study at home.

I have applied to the Curriculum Authority (SCSA) to conduct our Year 12 WACE examinations in the St. Andrew's Parish Centre on Andrew Street which I hope might help our students feel more comfortable. I must await final approval from SCSA but will keep you posted on developments.

WACE written examinations are scheduled from Monday 31st October until Wednesday 23rd November. The mock examinations take place from Monday 10th to Friday 14th October, with the intention of also holding them in the Parish Centre.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Once the examinations are over and marked we will provide the opportunity for a meeting for parents of students in Years 8 to 10. This will be held in Week 9, on Wednesday 22nd June, from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. As usual we will send details of the process for booking appointments nearer the time. For students in Years 11 and 12 it is intended that we will review the exam results and arrange individual appointments with teachers in areas where there are concerns for particular students.

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Coming Events:

Exams Years 11 & 12	30 May - 4 June
Junior Boys Football in Kalgoorlie	31 May - 1 June
Year 10 Information night for Parents regarding Year 11 Subjects @ 5.30pm	1 June

PARENTS/CARERS

If students are away for any reason please contact School reception 90 832444 or email mfissioli@eacs.wa.edu.au to let the School know or use the skoolbag app. Thank you

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Discussions about the second set of awards under this banner will take place early next week with an announcement to follow thereafter. It is encouraging to see the development of commendations being given to students and I look forward to seeing who will receive the accolades on this occasion.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - WEEK 6

Exams for Years 11&12

Tuesday 31st and Wednesday 1st June - Junior Boys' Football Kalgoorlie - departs 12 noon on Tuesday
Wednesday 1st June - 1355-1455 Presentation on identity theft to Year 10 and any Year 11&12 students who wish to attend

1730 - Year 10 Parents - Information Evening regarding subject selection for Year 11.

A reminder that Monday 6th June is a public holiday for WA (or Foundation) Day and the School will be closed.

MUSIC CAMP

I would like to give advance warning that we are planning to run a music camp for the Band, to coincide with the biennial ASC Schools Concert, from 11th-17th September. Obviously we would not expect Year 12 students to take part in this week although there may be viability in considering attendance at the concert of the Friday.

PFA GARDENING BUSY BEE

EACS Parents and Friends are having another Gardening Busy Bee this Sunday 29 May 2016 at the School, between 10am and 3pm.

Jobs to do include laying another stepping-stone path, planting donated plants and mulching garden beds.

Anyone who can come along for an hour or two and give us a hand would be most welcome.

Bring garden gloves and garden tools like trowels and spades if you have them. Rose's Anzacs available for morning tea!.

Any information call Julie on 0429866874.

All good wishes

Yours sincerely,



Kerr Fulton-Peebles
Principal

Duke of Edinburgh

This award scheme is continuing at EACS this year. The Award aims to recognise students internationally who take part in learning a new skill, improve their physical wellbeing, volunteer in the community and experience a team adventure. All participants are supported by a network of adult Award Leaders, Assessors, Mentors and Supervisors. All logs are reported online, and activities are tailored to the individuals wants and needs.

It is very exciting to have such an award existing at the School with the hope that it reinforces students to challenge themselves and step outside their comfort zone. It is offered to students aged 14-25, and equips them with life-long skills, while also increasing their career opportunities. A wonderful opportunity and one not to be missed! More information or questions can be directed to Miss Gregory.



What is the Duke of Ed?

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award equips young people for life and work. Participants design their own unique program that challenges them to set and meet goals while forging qualities of strength, resolve and commitment. Open to young people aged 14 to 25, the Award is run in over 140 countries and is available at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Each of these levels has four Sections - Skill, Service, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journeys. Additionally, the Gold Award has an fifth Section - the Residential Project.

SECTION	WHAT IT'S ABOUT FOR PARTICIPANTS
Skill	Unleashing talents and broadening abilities and interests - anything from refereeing, to digital production, learning an instrument, to jewellery making.
Service	Connecting with the community and providing service to others - activities such as youth work, environmental and charity work.
Physical Recreation	Improving physical fitness and wellbeing by getting active - team sports, individual pursuits or getting creative and working up a sweat.
Adventurous Journey	Inspiring a spirit of adventure and discovery in unfamiliar and challenging environments - building resilience and team spirit along the way.
THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL SECTION FOR GOLD ONLY	
Residential Project	Broadening horizons and challenging views of the world - in Australia or anywhere around the globe

Participants design their own program and set their goals according to the minimum requirements summarised below. Full requirements are detailed in the Award Handbook at www.dukeofed.com.au

	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Skill	3 months*	6 months*	12 months*
Service	3 months*	6 months*	12 months*
Physical Recreation	3 months*	6 months*	12 months*
Plus for the Major Section	All Participants must complete an additional 3 months in either Skill, Service or Physical Recreation	Participants who have not achieved a Bronze Award must complete an additional 6 months in either Skill, Service or Physical Recreation	Participants who have not achieved a Silver Award must complete an additional 6 months in either Skill, Service or Physical Recreation
Adventurous Journey	2 days + 1 night**	3 days + 2 nights**	4 days + 3 nights**
Residential Project	N/A	N/A	5 days + 4 nights
Minimum age to start	14 years	15 years	16 years
Minimum age to finish (without exception)	14 years 6 months	Bronze Awardees: 15 years 6 months Direct entrants: 16 years	Silver Awardees: 17 years Direct entrants: 17 years 6 months
Maximum age to finish (without exception)	Before 25th birthday	Before 25th birthday	Before 25th birthday

* These are minimum time requirements and are expressed in whole months, during which there should be regular commitment. Regular time commitment is based on at least one (1) hour per week, two (2) hours per two week period or four (4) hours per four week period.

** Satisfactory completion of the Adventurous Journey Section includes Preparation and Training appropriate for the journeys being undertaken and at least one practice journey of a similar nature and duration as the qualifying journey (at each Award Level).

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2017 JAPAN TOUR

EXPERIENCE A HOMESTAY WITH A JAPANESE STUDENT FROM GUNMA KOKUSAI ACADEMY!

JAN 14TH - 25TH 2017

WHO CAN APPLY?

Students who will be in years 7, 8 or 9 in 2017.

Places are limited and priority will be given to students who have hosted with GIL in the past!

TOUR COST \$3200

TOUR INCLUDES

- ✓ Fully escorted by a GIL staff member and a Japanese primary teacher
- ✓ 7 night homestay with a student (of the same gender) from Gunma Kokusai Academy (GKA)
 - ✓ 2 night stay in Tokyo
 - ✓ Tokyo Disney Sea
- ✓ Tokyo full day sightseeing and cultural tour
 - ✓ Authentic Japanese meals
- ✓ Airport transfers on private coaches
- ✓ Singapore airlines return flights and taxes

*doesn't include some meals, spending money and travel insurance *



WANT TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST?

Email Jason Hutchinson at jason@goldil.com.au or 0417 773 846