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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly credit that we have reached the end of the first term, with a frenetic dash to the finish line confirming the speed and energy that has been present over the past weeks. It has been heartening to see how well our new students have settled and taken their place in our growing community. This growth has seen another step-change in the way the School runs as can be seen from the summary of the last month or so.

#### THE CO-CURRICULUM

Educating the body, as well as the mind and spirit, is important and to this end much of note has happened. The camp for years 7 & 8 emphasised this aspect most emphatically as can be seen later in this letter; equally working and living together was also an important dimension of the experience. Sport has figured very strongly too with our Swimming Carnival an enjoyable demonstration of so much that we value; genuine effort and commitment, teamwork, and mutual encouragement and support. It was heartening, too, that so many parents and carers came along to support, and even join-in. Success in the Esperance Pool was repeated in Albany at the Southern Schools Carnival where our team came third overall, records were broken and, as you will read later, two of our students were runner-up champions. Perhaps even more heartening was the comment of one of the main judges with regard to the exemplary behaviour of our students – fine ambassadors indeed.

I know, too, that this positive attitude will pervade our Country Week teams who have already begun training for the event at the end of Term 2. This will be our second year at Country Week in which we will enter teams for basketball, netball, volleyball and dance. The commitment of students to training and fund raising has been admirable and will, I know continue all next term.

Activities such as beach fitness, tennis, robotics and Band will also continue next term, with the addition of a French Club, cookery, metalwork and the School dramatic production. Our boarders have also been involved in sport with town teams after School, and at the weekends, allowing our boarding students to become part of the local community too.

#### SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Playing our part in the local community through service activities is also developing as part of the business of educating the spirit. Several of our Year 10s helped in the development of the Easter Treasure Hunt at Adventureland.

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A big thank you to the wonderful ladies who have dropped materials and brick or brack off for the sewing class.

They will come in very handy down the track.

Also I'm looking for any old unused dress/craft patterns for the sewing class so we can start a bit of a collection up, for projects.

Thank you

Bev Stewart

The following year 8 students received recognition for their entries in The West Australian newspaper's annual Young Travel Writer competition. They were listed in the newspaper's Travel liftout of March 21-22 as "Young Travel Writers of Note" and commended on their entries, for putting "...their heart and soul into their stories".

Congratulations to Ashlynn Beckett, Ben Livingstone, Ben Loffler, Jesse Fraser, Kate Shearer, Keely Parnell, Luke Webb, Michaela Budrey, Shaj Varea and Zachary Fox.

On the theme of Easter it was good to see many of our students following the lead of our Chaplain, Revd. Bob Booth, in making palm crosses for our Maundy Thursday service. The links with the Parish have been strengthened by the attendance of our boarders at Sunday services which has been an encouraging initiative. So, too, have been the House Chapel services this term – all demonstrating thoughtfulness and care for others in their varied themes.

Initiative was also present in abundance when several of our Year 10 students helped the Rotary Club of Esperance Bay with the erection of a marquee (which we will use later in June for the opening of Stage 3). Good experience was gained and enjoyment was also to the fore. Student leadership, too, has been developing: our School Prefects meet each week with me and Mr Clark, and they are taking on several roles in assisting with the smooth running of the School. Houses are also developing leadership roles to support the School Prefects.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Of course the mind is central in the education of the young and it was very pleasing to see around a dozen of our younger students receiving commendations in the Young Travel Writer competition.

Our biologists in Year 11 have been enjoying the opportunity to investigate biodiversity in the field and it was good to see them conducting a practical into blood-sugar levels. Such direct experience is a very good way to both cement theoretical understanding and provide new challenges.

Indeed I have been observing much good practice in my formal lesson observations and tours with visitors. There is so much energy and variety in what is being taught and it is a joy to see students responding so positively.

We do try, as you know, to give our teachers opportunities to hone their skills and keep up-to-date with best practice across the country. To this end a representative of AISWA conducted several sessions of professional development in mathematics to give teachers a range of interesting options to enhance the teaching of the Australian Curriculum in that subject. Other professional development opportunities have seen staff learning about techniques for teaching creative writing, the use of positive psychology and blending IT into the day-to-day teaching of all subject areas.

Interim Reports will be sent out shortly and it is good to see a largely very positive impression. I intend to support these reports with parent-teacher meetings early in Term 2 for Years 7,8,11 & 12; these will be followed after the exams (in Week 6) for Years 9&10.

SEQTA CONEQT will also roll out at the start of the term and provide you with rich information on the programmes taught, and assessments conducted with your children. Further details will be sent out in the holidays by Mr. Clark who has masterminded the development of this important initiative.

## PASTORAL MATTERS

We also value highly the pastoral care we offer here and I have been very pleased with the fine work completed already by Mrs. Christine Brandenburg who acts as Boarding House Matron and Counsellor. She is available on Thursday and Fridays each week for students (or parents/carers) to meet with her.

The School subscribes to Parenting Ideas and you will see elsewhere in this newsletter details of the latest information sheet designed to help parents in bringing-up their children, never an easy task.

Whilst on the subject of parenting it would be very helpful to the School if when you leave your children in the care of a relative or friend for any length of time that we are kept informed of the arrangements made, and contact details.

Could I also ask parents of boys in particular to make sure their sons have a haircut before the start of term – we have a number of shaggy heads that need a bit of shearing; I have spoken to individual students and will write to the parents concerned. Please also do not be fooled by your children's earnest protestations that it doesn't matter about make-up, jewellery, shoes and so forth because, whatever they say, we do not allow these aberrations. We are not draconian and allow time to rectify matters but your support in ensuring adherence to our reasonable dress regulations will be very much valued.

Please also do not be alarmed or annoyed if we telephone to seek your permission to administer paracetamol to your child as we need to know what has already been taken to avoid any chance of over-dosing.

Of course from time-to-time we all need additional support and for students an excellent resource is called Headspace which provides advice on-line at [www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)

#### PARENTS & FRIENDS

I have written to all parents already about my delight at the formation of our own Parents and Friends Association. They are intending to organise a gardening busy bee in the last week of the holidays and I hope many of you will wish to support this: full details will be sent to you under separate cover.

#### STAFF MATTERS

I am sorry to have end on something of a sad note by indicating that Mr. and Mrs. Hess will be leaving the School at the end of this term for personal reasons. Although they have only been here for one term they have made an impact on our community; we will miss their presence in the boarding house, on the sports field and in the classroom. Of course I will be making arrangements to ensure the continuity of care and teaching is not compromised and will let you know of these in due course. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Hess a safe return to Perth and thank them for their contributions.

Easter is upon us and I wish you and your families a blessed time, along with my thanks for your support of the School.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely



P. Kerr Fulton-Peebles  
Principal

# PIAF Camp

PIAF Camp participants returned to school in week 6 with their minds expanded after being exposed to a smorgasbord of artistic experiences in Perth.

The 21 Year 10, 11 and 12 students travelled to Perth to take in a range of theatre, film, musical theatre and visual art exhibitions at the Perth International Arts Festival. The four-day camp proved to be inspiring, challenging and thought-provoking.

Despite the long bus trip to Perth, the students were ready to embrace their first performance: Les Miserables, a large scale musical theatre performance which captured students' hearts and minds with its powerful music, gripping storyline and amazing production design.

Over the next two days students visited a range of art galleries around Perth, taking in visual art and music exhibitions. Students were particularly captivated by two exhibitions by the same artist – The End and The Visitors – which were immersive musical video installations. Some of the art amazed, some inspired, some moved and some just confused us!

Students also embraced the theatre experiences on offer, taking on board the important messages from Black Diggers, which explored the stories of the Indigenous Australians who served their country in World War One.

All students were open to exploring what was offer and seized opportunities to engage with the arts. This willingness to “jump in” was most evident at the workshop conducted by one of the actors from Black Diggers. Seeing all PIAF Camp participants – students and adults alike – bringing alive the script of the show we had seen the previous night was moving.

We also made the most of our time to discover both Curtin University and the University of WA. This, together with the experience of staying at Trinity College, gave students a taste of university life.

We celebrated our final night with a pizza picnic on the Matilda Bay foreshore before heading off to an outdoor movie at Somerville. This was a great way to finish our PIAF Camp... even if the film was in French!

It was a delight to take in PIAF with a group of such open-minded students who were excellent ambassadors for their school, their families and their community.

Sincere thanks to staff members Mrs Leonard and Miss Simes, who worked with me to ensure the camp ran smoothly, and to our bus driver Leigh Scott who got us to Perth and home again safely.

I am looking forward to sharing the PIAF experience with another group of students early next year. If you are interested in being involved, keep an ear open in November this year when I will be calling for expressions of interest.

- Ms Taylor



In your words...

Don't take my word for it... here is a selection of comments from students who attended this year's PIAF Camp

"I thought Les Mis was spectacular. I also enjoyed the experience of being in an outdoor cinema to watch *Girlhood*." (Helen)

"Les Miserables was so amazing! I'd never imagined a musical to be so gripping." (Michael)

"I don't think I will ever forget The End exhibition." (Jamie)

"It was eye-catching, mesmerizing and some of it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity." (Rhiannon)

"The history around the stories told in Black Diggers got me thinking." (Liz)

"Everything was so interesting and different... not something you see everyday. It was very enjoyable." (Amber)

"The Visitors exhibition was great because it made me realize how important it is as a musician to pay attention to others... and it moved me." (Rosie)

"It was interesting watching Black Diggers to learn the history of the war from an Aboriginal point of view." (Popi)

"I've never watched a whole movie in French before." (Hannah)

"Les Mis was very powerful. It had a great atmosphere and told the story with grand scale and emotion." (Simon)

"I have never heard much about Indigenous soldiers in the war. I found the story very touching but sad. It made me realize the significance of ANZACs." (Tayla)

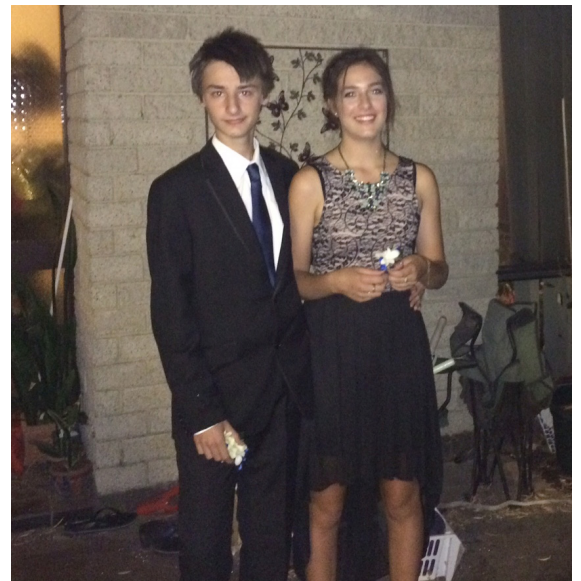


# SENIOR SCHOOL BALL

The Year 11 and 12 students frocked up for their one big night of the year. They were treated to an endless supply of gourmet finger foods and desserts, courtesy of Salt Water Catering. They were also able to get plenty of photo opportunities thanks to Peter Luberda, the professional photographer, and Esperance Photo Booths. DJ Dusk2Dawn supplied the music, with students sweating it out on the dance floor.

A special mention must go out to Isaac Smith for taking home the prize for best dance moves and Carina McCallum taking home the prize for the most enthusiastic ball attendee.

Overall it was a successful night and the students were well behaved and demonstrated outstanding manners!



## YEAR 7 & 8 CAMP

The whole camp was so much fun and I just wish that it went for longer. I really enjoyed all of our flexitime and the bus trips because we got to talk to people and play games or just chill out.

By Daisy Kirchner (Year 7 Goldsworthy)

My favourite activity was rock climbing because I made it to the top once on the 10 metre and twice on the 20 metre. I also liked kayaking because we got to learn about Grace Bussell and me and Imogen made a parody to "Fancy" and people on the river were giving us strange looks when we were singing it at the top of our lungs.

By Macey Tromp (Year 7 Goldsworthy)

Camp was amazing! A lot better than I thought it would be actually! Compared to our last camp in primary school, the style of the buildings was like a 5 star hotel. There were even cupboards! The food was good too. We had a three course meal, then supper. First we had soup, then meat and veg, then dessert, then a hot milk drink for supper. My favourite activity was abseiling. I was soooo scared but once I got down it was a great feeling, just like my dad had explained it. I also liked swimming in the river and the dam. The only downside to swimming in the dam was that I got a leech on my toe. It was really small but it freaked me out a little! When I squashed it, blood squirted everywhere. Yuck! Overall the camp was a great experience, although I hated both the long bus trips!

By Luke Greatrex (Year 7 Goldsworthy)

On Tuesday the 3rd of March, the year 7 and 8 students set off on the 11 hour bus trip destined for Margaret River. The bus trip was entertaining as we started to get to know each other. Every morning Miss Wilson woke the year 7 and 8 girls up with her lovely singing of Frozen songs. Everyone eventually got up with a moan and carried on with their day. My favourite bits of the camp were when we made a raft out of wood and drums. Macey and I went in the boys' group because no one else wanted to! The girls came up with an amazing structure. Ours was very average and couldn't have even held one person if it tried! But, lucky for us, the girls raft didn't float either! So we both got to rebuild them and ours was amazing this time and floated the whole time we were on it. My favourite activity was abseiling. First we started with a 10 metre drop. Nearly everyone got through that without being too scared. Then we moved on to the 20m one which was VERY scary! WHILE THE WIND WAS HOWLING AND SCARED PEOPLE were waiting, we set off down the cliff. Only a few off us went down. I had a great time on camp and I'm sure everyone else did too!

By Imogen Stone (Year 7 Jackman)

In my opinion the whole of camp was a heap of fun and there were so many activities and and camp sites activities that were absolutely awesome. I can't choose a particular one but I especially enjoyed the abseiling on the 18 metre and the 37 metres. Esperance doesn't have that many opportunities so getting to experience what we experience was absolutely unforgettable. I enjoyed the whole of camp and I would be eager to go again.

By Kyra Morris (Year 7 Wood)

Our great adventure to Margaret River started with a very long bus trip. Some people were tired but most were awake and noisy so the bus ride felt longer than it actually was. When we got to Metricup everybody was thinking how fancy the place was. After we packed our clothes away we went to the dining hall to eat dinner. Every meal had a soup, then a main, and then a dessert. Most nights there was nothing left! Most nights everyone was tired but occasionally the teachers had a growl! All the activities were fun but the one everyone liked was the abseiling. I think most people were scared to do the abseiling but once they did it they just wanted to go higher. The year 8s got to do the 10 metre, 20 metre and 30 metre abseil and the year 7s got to do the 10 metre and 20 metre. Everybody enjoyed camp and I think they would like to do it again!

By Dana Sharpe (Year 8 Goldsworthy)

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By Jacob Wagenknecht (Year 8 Goldsworthy)

Camp was so fun and the place we stayed was magnificent and beautiful. The activities were amazing and the leaders were so helpful and helped everyone overcome their fear. Everyone encouraged everyone and that made the camp wonderful.

By Ashlynn Beckett (Year 8 Goldsworthy)

Camp was great because I enjoyed all of the activities but kayaking was the best because it reminded me of kayaking in New Zealand. I also enjoyed abseiling because you can't do it in Esperance same as caving and rock climbing as well and I enjoyed the cultural experience because I learnt new things about different plants and their qualities.

By Charlie Earle (Year 8 Goldsworthy)

My favourite things during camp was the rock climbing (I managed to face plant), abseiling on the 37 meter natural cliff face, caving learning about the stalagmites that grew out of the ground and the stalactite that formed on the cave roof, the EACS got talent and the disco after

By Michaela Budrey (Year 8 Goldsworthy)

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Friday 10 April**  
10:00-4:00

**Esperance Golf Club**

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Equipment supplied  
No previous experience required  
Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea included  
Cost \$50**

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**Liz Bott 0427 751 174  
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# Learn to DJ

**FREE in the school holidays**

**Ages 12-25**

**7 Sessions, April 1-18**

4pm to 5pm: 1st April at the Civic Centre

2pm to 4pm: 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th April at the Scout Hall

2pm to 4pm: 17th April at the Civic Centre

3pm to 5pm: 18th April on the Museum green as part of the EspY Youth Festival

**Limited places available**

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**Minkey:** Preprimary - Year 1

**Sub-Junior:** Year 2 – 3 (and new Year 4s)

**Juniors:** Year 4-7, (and Year 8 girls)

**Under 17:** Year 8-12



Online registration and payment are the preferred method.

***Please register before 9 April.***

Mouthguard Clinic and help to register if needed available at the Hockey Club Rooms on Saturday 28 March from 9am – 1pm.

***Season starts 2 May 2015***

For **Kidsport** eligibility, please contact Justine McDonald 0429 409 362

General enquiries to Justine McDonald or Marcela Roberts 0428 998 949



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# ESPERANCE INCLUSIVE

## Community Holiday Program

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FREE FOOD AND DRINK PROVIDED

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### SIX FUN DAYS OF INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES!

★	Mon 13 April: Football 3pm - 5pm at Newtown Football Oval	★
	Tues 14 April: Bootscooting 11am - 12.30pm at RAOB Hall	
	Wed 15 April: Ultimate Frisbee 3:30-5:30pm at Greater Sports Ground	
	Thurs 16 April: Hockey 10am - 12pm at Greater Sports Ground	
	Thurs 16 April: Chess 2pm - 4pm at Whale Tail	
	Friday 17 April: Sculpture Workshop 9am - 12 pm at Scout Hall (Registration essential)	
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Parents come dressed to participate!

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★ **Children under 12 to be accompanied by an adult for Sculpture Workshops**

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