



Dear Parents and Carers,
Time marches on and Week 3 beckons already, with much in prospect to build further on a week of activity.

Assembly

This activity started with our assembly on Monday which saw Lachlan Kerr telling us about his week of sailing adventures on the Leeuwin, reprising his Year 10 Big Picture presentation. This is the third occasion this semester where students have shared notable experiences, or aspects of their lives to the acclaim and interest of their peers.

Staff Professional Development

Peer assistance was also part of the staff training session which saw Kate Stannard of AISWA giving my colleagues and me advice and ideas on differentiation within the whole process of teaching and learning. This training will continue during the year and will play a part in the classroom observations which are part of the appraisal process for teachers.

Canteen Assistance and Training

Training of a more culinary variety will be available through an on-line food-handling course which will enable student volunteers to assist in the Canteen. I have sought volunteers through Daily Notices but if your child may be interested please do encourage them to register their interest with me as soon as possible. I can then arrange for the training to take place and a roster of volunteers to be drawn-up.

Counselling

As I have intimated previously we now have a new Counsellor – Vashti Ashman – attending for a full school day in Weeks 3, 5, 7 and 9. Appointments can be made through Reception from where further information is available.

Guitar Tuition

Very sadly our erstwhile guitar teacher, Ms Karen McLurkin, is very unwell and so has stepped down from her role. We will miss her but are also pleased to welcome Mr Andrew McGill as her replacement. If your child wishes to continue with guitar, or begin lessons, please contact Mrs Gail Saunders via Reception.

Scholarships

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Dates to Remember

School Photos
Wednesday 9th August
Full Winter Uniform for all
Students

Mid Term Holiday
Monday 21st August
School Closed

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Our numbers for next year's intake take look encouraging and should lead, again, to a Year group of around 40-45, which is what we aim for.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Some 50 of our students from Years 7 to 10 have been going through the rigours of the Australian Mathematics Competition which was approached in serious and focused fashion. It was encouraging to see our students engaged in this challenging academic endeavour and we look forward to seeing how they have fared in due course.

Volleyball

Well done to our A Team who won the volleyball tournament played in Kalgoorlie on Friday.

Landscaping Works

The first stage of the landscaping works between Dempster and McVay should be concluded next week. The next phase will be the laying of paths and planting of trees which should lead to the formation of an attractive area, in the heart of the School, for quiet recreation.

The Week Ahead

Week 3

Jackman on Duty

Japanese students in School all week

Tuesday 1st August – All day - School Counsellor in School

- 1715 PFA Meeting in D1

Wednesday 2nd August – Presentation by Thomas More College of UWA

Friday 4th - Free Dress Day in aid of Jeans for Genes (gold-coin donation)

Saturday 5th – 1800 – PFA Family Fun Night at the School

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 8th - Year 10 Information Evening – letter to follow

Wednesday 9th - School Photographs

Tuesday 15th – Marine Education incursion

Friday 18th & Saturday 19th – Music Festival

Monday 21st - Mid Term Holiday

Tuesday 22nd – Science Week – Questacon incursion

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th Smart Money incursion

Parent Survey

You should all have received my invitation to participate in this year's satisfaction survey but, in case these details have been lost, the survey link can be found here:

<https://www.research.net/r/eacsparent2017>

The survey should be completed by Friday 4th August please.

I do hope that you will have a good weekend, despite the rather ordinary weather that is being forecast.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

Kerr

P. Kerr Fulton-Peebles

Principal

MADDIES FUNDRAISER

Maddie McGrinder had her long, flowing locks of hair cut (by friends and staff in front of the whole School) to raise funds for the Variety cancer charity; her hair can also be used to make wigs for cancer patients who have lost their hair as part of the process of treatment. It looks as if she will have raised the remarkable sum of \$9,000, with a free-dress day contributing to this via a gold-coin donation. Many congratulations to Maddie on this fine achievement, and for the example she has set to us all. Friday 14th July was free dress day @ EACS raising \$540.90 to put towards this great charity. Well done Maddie!.





Esperance Anglican School's Parents & Friends Association
Cordially Invites You to our

Family Fun Night

hosted by Draker from Radio 747

August 5, 2017

6.00 p.m. start

Esperance Anglican Community School
5 Griffin St,
Esperance WA

Help us make our Japanese Exchange Students feel at home by sharing
a BBQ tea & home-grown entertainment.

Please R.S.V.P. by 2 August 2017 to
Leonie at
donal.henderson@bigpond.com or
call 0427 796015.

Free entry, burger & drink \$6, cake & coffee \$2

BIG PICTURE

TEEN GETS INSIGHT INTO POLITICAL LIFE

An Esperance student was given a taste of a career in politics and communications after several weeks of mentoring and work experience at the office of WA Nationals MPs Colin de Grussa and Peter Rundle.

Campbell McKenzie, 15, spent a couple of days a week for several weeks at the office, taking on duties such as filing, drafting letters, and taking on media and communications tasks.

The opportunity was made available through the Big Picture Education program at Esperance Anglican Community School, recently introduced to allow students to experience a personalised learning plan based on their individual interests and passions. Campbell said he sought to do his placement within the office of Mr de Grussa, because of his interest in politics.

"It's interesting how politics actually has so much to do with everyday life," Campbell said



EARN AND LEARN

EACS will again this Year be taking stickers to contribute towards a trolley for the cooking room and much needed art supplies.

Stickers can be dropped off at School or at Woolworths in the EACS bin.

Thank you



THURSDAY 13.7.17

Departure from Esperance went smoothly with the group getting away on time at 2200hrs. The bus transfer was a pleasant nine hours, arriving in Perth for a McDonalds breakfast and coffee stop before heading on to Perth domestic airport to meet up with the rest of the group. Upon arriving at Virgin Terminal 1 the group checked in and were soon perusing the shops in preparation for boarding. The flight time was approximately 4 hours and after a movie, lunch and a crafty snooze (for some of us older custodians) we had landed in Sydney.

We were met by our Kennedy's Coach driver Dave who is a real asset to our travelling party having been associated with our school for a number of years. The hustle and bustle of Sydney traffic was soon clearly evident but it wasn't too long before we had arrived at our Sydney Harbour Youth Hostel accommodation which is conveniently located in the Rocks, the oldest and first colonised suburb of Australia. A quick check in then we ventured back outside to a local food court in China town where we enjoyed a variety of cuisine both Asian and western. It was then back to the hotel by 2045hrs and to designated rooms.

A tiring first day of travel and hopefully a good night's sleep will set us up for tomorrow's busy itinerary featuring a visit to Australia's nuclear facility at Lucas Heights (ANSTO) before returning to the city to do the Harbour Bridge Pylon lookout tour, Sydney Harbour cruise and shopping visit to Darling Harbour. The evening will be taken up with a visit to Sydney Tower the tallest building in Sydney with majestic 360-degree views of the city skyline.

2130hrs lights out and relative quiet reigned supreme.

FRIDAY 14.7.17

The group was up for a 0700hrs breakfast and it was evident that another couple of hours of sleep would have done certain students the world of good. But it was not to be as a busy first and only full day of activities in Sydney beckoned. First stop was ANSTO, Australia's Nuclear facility in Lucas Heights. An informative presentation, which included an interactive workshop, had the students needing to put on their thinking caps with lots of thought provoking chemistry involving protons, neutrons and electrons to contend with. This was followed by a tour of the facility where the students had the opportunity to view the heavily guarded Uranium reactor as well as other world leading cutting edge technology used in the production of medicine and carbon dating of materials and artefacts from all around the world dating back to around 50 000 years ago.

From there it was back to the Rocks and the Sydney Harbour Pylon lookout tour. Students received an informative presentation about the building of the Harbour Bridge, which culminated in a wonderful opportunity for students to get some great photos from the top of the south pylon. From there it was a brisk walk back down to Circular Quay for our Captain Cook Sydney harbour-cruise. In picture perfect weather conditions the cruise was a real highlight, providing memories and a vantage point of Sydney Harbour and Sydney in all its glory.

We disembarked at Darling Harbour and the students then had free time and were taken to Paddy's markets, one of the largest undercover markets in the southern hemisphere. A great souvenir acquiring opportunity with bargains to be had for the shrewd shopper.

A quick freshen up back at the youth hostel then we headed out again, this time with Sydney Tower in our sights. A hearty dinner in the food hall and it wasn't long before we were travelling the 44 seconds up the elevator up to the 250m observation deck of Sydney Tower, Sydney's largest structure.

The 360 degree panoramic views of Sydney was quite simply breath taking, but 15 minutes of viewing time and one could see that fortunes were fading fast.

A walk back through the city to the youth hostel sealed a productive and enjoyable day and it was off to rooms and quiet by 2130hrs.

SATURDAY 15.7.17

After a good nights sleep we awoke ready for our second and final morning in Sydney. After a hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs the group made the most of our surroundings and did a nostalgic walk around the harbour taking in the Opera House, Botanical Gardens and Lady Macquarie's Chair. The bus was waiting to pick us up and took us on an eye-opening trip through the exclusive Eastern Suburbs of Sydney. We paused briefly at the Gap for a scenic photo opportunity before ambling down to Bondi Beach. We had an hour and a half free time, which everyone utilised differently to venture through the weekend markets, walk along the beach, peruse the shops, eat ice cream and take some choice photos.

It was then time to say goodbye to Sydney and hello to the 4-hour bus journey to Canberra. You could sense the change in temperature as our nations capital loomed and after 4 pleasant hours in the bus it was time to stretch the legs and burn off some energy. We got dropped off at the bottom of Mount Ainslie and spent the next 45 minutes walking up the 250m vertical elevation to the summit. It was a walk in the park for some students, for others it became a feat of endurance, but importantly we all made it and were rewarded with majestic views from the top.

The bus once again was waiting for us and transported us the short distance back down the mountain to the motel accommodation. After settling in a simple but tasty fish and chips dinner hit the spot and it was off to the National Dinosaur Museum night tour. The evening activity was a fun, fast paced and extremely informative presentation, which really brought the Jurassic period to life.

The end to another busy day and it was back to the accommodation and safely tucked up in the rooms and quiet by 2130hrs.

SUNDAY 16.7.17

Our first morning in Canberra gave us a taste of things to come. As we made our way to breakfast it was -4 degrees Celsius (no not a typo!) and it was a few hours before the mercury hit positive integers. One thing is for sure and that is that the signs are extremely good for skiing in 2 days time with snow already casing the slopes in preparation for our arrival.

After a selection of both continental and hot breakfast options we made final preparations for the day and hit the road. With time to kill we familiarised ourselves with some of Canberra's government and tourist buildings before parking up outside Questacon National Science Centre and making our way inside. It was an interesting couple of hours of thought provoking and enjoyable interactive exhibits to wet the Science taste buds.

From there it was a short journey over to the National Capital Exhibition to receive an introductory presentation centring on the establishment of Canberra as the chosen site for our nations capital city. This was time well spent and a valuable educational experience.

Despite it still being a brisk 10 degrees at lunchtime the sun was out making our 'hotdogs' lunch on the lawn of Regatta Point a welcome period of down time. Then it was off to the Canberra Arboretum for a picturesque view looking back over Canberra city and some free time to explore the Bonsai exhibition and other tree regeneration projects underway in response to the Canberra bush fires some 14 years ago.

The excitement had slowly been building and it was finally time to head off to the Australian Institute of Sport. It was an action packed few hours with the group spending 45 minutes in Sportex, an interactive sports exhibit followed by a 45 minute tour of the facilities. We were then gifted a bonus and had the opportunity to watch a World Championship qualifying volleyball match between Australia and Chinese Taipei. Despite not being able to watch the full match, suffice to say that Australia emerged triumphant in three sets and now can look forward to being included in the main draw of the upcoming World Championships. Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, oui, oui, oui!

But the day wasn't done yet. The group returned to the accommodation for a quick change before a tasty chicken schnitzel, chips and salad dinner. Fuelled up we were ready for Laser Tag and the evening activity quickly became the highlight of the day and possibly the week thus far. Everyone had a blast and left wanting more - always a good place to finish, when you're having too much fun!!

MONDAY 17.7.17

Day 2 in Canberra heralded another cold yet equally pleasant outlook. We really have been quite fortunate thus far to have experienced such accommodating weather. First up was a visit and tour of Government House. Thousands of students visit Government House each year and only a handful of schools ever get to meet the Governor General. Well guess what? For the fourth time in six years our students had this opportunity. His Excellency Sir Peter Cosgrove graced our group with his presence and spent about 10 minutes with us answering questions in a most humble and relaxed manner. A group photo was a treasured moment and this has been included in the image gallery. Our students are commended for their impeccable behaviour throughout.

After such a memorable start it was off to Parliament House where we first had some time to visit the rooftop for majestic views over Old Parliament House, down Anzac Parade, out over the War Memorial and up to the top of Mount Ainslie. Symmetry personified!

From there we made our way down to our Parliamentary 'role play' session where the students had the opportunity to debate a bill enabling 'Free wifi on public transport'. In a quite unusual role-play situation a vote on the bill ended in deadlock with the cross bench MPs voting with the opposition, hence the bill wasn't passed and the government (if a real life situation) would possibly be facing a vote of no confidence. Oops!

A tour of the House of Representatives and the Senate was both interesting and informative and one can confidently conclude that as a result of the Parliament experience all students now have a much clearer understanding of the parliamentary process and the role of government in our daily lives.

Lunch was pizza and despite it not being the best pizza ever tasted it was still sufficient to fill the hunger void. With time to kill an impromptu tour of the Consulates and Embassies was well worth the effort and then it was on to the National Museum for a self-guided exploration of the various exhibits That, together, form a picture of Australia's history and national identity.

In a slight change to the itinerary we slotted in some free time at Civic (Canberra's city shopping centre) in recognition of the fact that it may indeed be our final opportunity to shop prior to departure. After a couple of hours of retail therapy the group travelled back to the accommodation at the Carotel Motel for a welcome rest before a nice roast chicken dinner.

The evening activity was Rock Climbing which was yet another highlight of the trip thus far. Seeing all the students demonstrate an overwhelming sense of camaraderie towards one another was wonderful. But the standard of climbing and fearlessness of climbing was also a sight to behold. Back to the Carotel and by 9:30pm students were safe and sound in their rooms.

Another important day looming with the Australian Electoral Commission, War Memorial and the Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House) on the agenda. After lunch the long awaited transfer to Berridale on the outskirts of the NSW snowfields.

TUESDAY 18.7.17

Day 6 started with yet another hearty cooked breakfast then it was off to the Australian Electoral Commission where the group learnt about the establishment and growth of democratic voting in Australia, the significance of our Constitution and the implications for a representative democracy operating under the preferential voting system.

Next was one of the big four, the Australian War Memorial, but a visit to the War Memorial would not be a visit without first touring the Royal Military College, Duntroon. This was a perfect pre-cursor to our visit to the War Memorial which arguably is the best collection of wartime memorabilia ever assembled anywhere in the world. The sound and light show was something to behold and hopefully gave the students a moving insight into the ultimate sacrifice made by our brave servicemen and women who served and died fighting to preserve national sovereignty and identity as well as upholding our commitment to global partnerships and alliances.

After a guided tour and presentation it was then back to the parliamentary zone and Old Parliament House or as it is now officially called 'The Museum of Australian Democracy'. This heritage-listed building provided the students with an interesting reference point to compare and contrast against the new Parliament House building.

The students were beginning to flag slightly after a pretty concentrated morning and early afternoon of activities so the two-hour bus transfer to Berridale on the outskirts of the Snowy Mountains provided an opportunity to kick back, relax and listen to some music.

It was dark when we arrived and dinner followed pretty quickly thereafter. The ski fit took place after dinner and laden up with attire and equipment the bus was packed and gear taken to rooms to keep warm. A quick debrief followed and it was in rooms, lights off and quiet by 10:00. A full day skiing looms and a cold yet hopefully sunny day on the slopes will no doubt provide lots of laughs, thrills and spills.

WEDNESDAY 19.7.17

After a 0600hrs wake up call followed by breakfast at 0630hrs we were on the bus in good time and on our way to Smiggins Holes for the much-anticipated day in the snow. The weather was picture perfect for skiing. Visibility was good, it wasn't too cold and snow was in abundance.

Needing to put chains on the tyres caused some delay but we made our destination and pretty soon students were having their introductory ski lessons to give them a basic grounding and a bit of confidence to attack the nursery slopes.

Lessons were finished by 1030am and students then had the rest of the day to put their new found skills into practice. It was great to see students using the chair lifts, enjoying each others company and making the most of their experience.

By 1500hrs everyone was pleasantly 'pooped' and ready for home. Plenty of aches and pains, thrills and spills but lots of fun, laughter and good times that will create memories to last a lifetime.

Another delay on departure with the bus chains getting caught behind the wheels but after a painstaking effort we had the problem sorted and were on our way back to the ski motel.

After a busy day burning calories dinner consisted of vegetable soup and either macaroni cheese or spaghetti bolognese. It seemed to go down well with many students going back for seconds.

An evening with no scheduled activity was the perfect finish to a hectic and tiring day with some students opting for bed and some opting to party on with some Karaoke down in the communal lounge area. It was still an early night with students in their rooms by 2100hrs and lights off silence by 2130hrs.

The final day tomorrow and Power Kart Racing back in Canberra before we board the plane back to Perth. Whilst everyone has had a great time, the thought of arriving back home to Esperance and being reunited with loved ones is now increasingly on everyone's mind.

THURSDAY 20.7.17

With much enthusiasm and anticipation about getting home students were bright and breezy upon waking up and it wasn't long before we were on the bus, saying goodbye to the snow, and making good time back to Canberra. We arrived back in Canberra just in time for our Power Kart racing booking, which came about as quite a surprise for us all - a real bonus indeed. All but three students wanted to participate and what a time was had by those that did. Each kart could reach speeds of up to 43km per hour and the racing was fast and furious. Fastest lap time was Brandon Turner, closely followed by Imogen Stone and Meghan Maguire.

With a further hour to kill we had our lunch and final shopping opportunity at a Direct Factory Outlet before making our way to Canberra airport in readiness for our return to Perth via Sydney. After some concern that the Sydney-Perth flight might be delayed or even cancelled due to extreme winds being experienced at the airport we eventually left on time and were soon making good time across the interior. After a good flight the group safely boarded the bus and it was sleep time. A relatively quiet and non-eventful trip back to Esperance through the night and we arrived safely back at EACS by 0845am.

A huge vote of thanks to all the attending year 9 students for their cooperation and responsibility shown whilst away and to Miss Gregory for such wonderful support and assistance.

A reminder that the Canberra Camp blog and accompanying photos from each day are accessible upon logging in to Seqta Learn and Engage.

Mr Clark

PACER GRANT

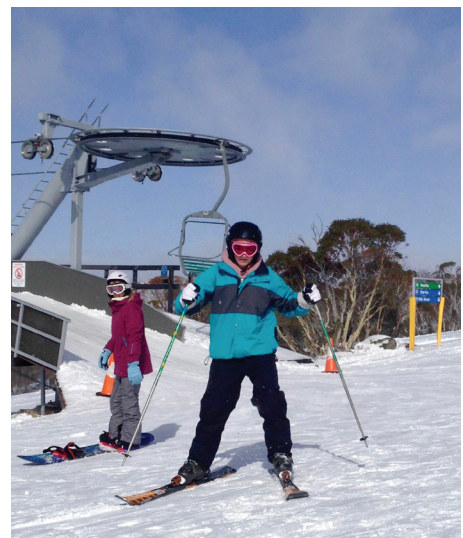
Students from our School have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital.

Students were 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 Australian being able to visit the national capital as part of the Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributes funding of \$260 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards the cost. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.







COUNTRY WEEK

Country Week

Another camp which offers a different sort of experience, and enhances our sporting focus, is Country Week, which took place in the last week of Term 2. This was our most successful week of our recent involvement, with notable results which, although intimated previously, bear repetition:

Volleyball, girls 1st

Basketball, boys 1st

Netball, girls 2nd

Dance, girls 3rd and 'Encouragement Award'

Volleyball, boys 3rd

Touch Rugby, mixed 7th

Thanks are, again, due to my colleagues for their leadership and commitment, not just during the week but in the months of training leading up to it: Mrs Lisa Marquis (organiser), Mrs Mandie Abbott, Ms Laura Salomone, Mrs Sharelle Walter, Mr Nathan Abbott, Mr Blair Castelli, Mr Kim Clayton, and Mr Peter Grobler.





COMMUNITY NEWS

Teen yoga 4-5pm

Monday & Wednesday

\$12 per class

@ the New Twilight Yoga Studio

(behind the 24hr Caltex – Hicks Street

Melisa Rowe

Twilight Yoga Studio & Melisa Rowe Yoga

0419049246



The poster features a background image of a young child swimming underwater, wearing red and blue goggles and a white wristband. The child is smiling and has their arms extended forward. The text is overlaid on this image.

 Department of Education

VACSWIM OCTOBER 2017

Enrol your children in swimming lessons during the October school holidays.

9 Days	5 Days
Tuesday 26 September to Friday 6 October 40 minute lessons	Monday 2 October to Friday 6 October 35 minute lessons
Prices from \$13 per child or \$35 for a family of three or more. Enrolments close Sunday 20 August	Prices from \$7 per child or \$18 for a family of three or more. Enrolments close Sunday 27 August

Enrol now
Visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming or telephone 9402 6412.



Esperance Anglican Wildflower Festival



SALTLAKES

THEIR WEB OF LIFE

Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th September 2017
9am – 4.30pm

Esperance Anglican Parish Centre (Corner Windich & Andrew St)

Gold Coin Donation

Identified Wildflowers
Photographic Exhibition
Local Music Groups
Refreshments & Light Lunches

Market Stalls
Student Art Exhibition
Local Artists
School Groups Free