



Dear Parents and Carers,

The holidays are here after such a wonderful end-of-term in the shape of our inaugural surf carnival.

### The Surf Carnival

As you will have recognised the closure of the swimming pool in the local leisure centre meant that we did not have the opportunity to hold our 'usual' swimming carnival and so Mr Blair Castelli and Ms Laura Salomone set to work on an alternative, using our wonderful natural, coastal environment. Poor weather a couple of weeks ago forced a postponement but, happily, last Friday provided the perfect opportunity to dive-in and try out this new initiative. The carnival was such a marvellous occasion and showed the School at its very best in all respects. To have such a variety of activities, organised and run superbly, and with active and full participation of all was just wonderful. Swimming, life-saving, beach sprints, water games, sand sculpting and aquatic tug-of-war were all available and committed-to by a good turnout of students. It was clear that all appreciated this new initiative which will have to become one of our 'signature' activities in the future. And the weather and sea was kind to us! Still it was such a pity to recognise that perhaps up to 30 students decided that the day was not be for them and so they missed the enjoyment and camaraderie to be had; however my thanks are also due to those parents and carers who let me know of student absence for good and unavoidable reasons - this support and understanding is helpful.

Analysis of the final scores showed Jackman winning the day overall with Goldsworthy runners-up. Wood won the sand sculpting competition with a convincing partnership of turtle (complete with eggs) and accompanying mermaid (complete with hair). Suzanne Bell was a more than worthy recipient of the Robert Austen Award for her outstanding encouragement and commitment throughout the day.

### Community Service

It has also been heartening to see how our students have embraced the concept of formalising a commitment to community service, about which I have written and spoken on a number of occasions.

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#### PARENTS/CARERS

If students are away for any reason please contact School reception 90 832444 or email [mfissioli@eacs.wa.edu.au](mailto:mfissioli@eacs.wa.edu.au) to let the School know.  
Thank you

In this regard I was very pleased with the willingness of over 40 students in Years 7 and 8 (accompanied by several members of staff during the day) to come along to the Parish Fete and help with the running of the various games and face-painting available there for children. The Band, too, were involved in providing musical accompaniment. It is always good to see the interaction between our students and the members of the public and the parish, who really appreciate the politeness, cheerfulness and commitment of our young people.

Commitment of a different sort saw Mrs Natalie Shipp, along with Emily Payne and Maddie McGrinder, attending the Esperance Youth Summit which, over the course of two days, gave an opportunity for young people to put their views to the Shire on what they would like in the area.

Looking ahead, our Head Girl, Lucy Gardiner, and Head Boy, Troy Edwards, will accompany me at the ANZAC Day Parade on Monday 25th April.

Our students also showed their photogenic and co-operative qualities to good effect in a recent photo shoot conducted by Dan Paris.

## **Staff News**

Staff new to the School have been going through the Educator Impact appraisal process (trialled successfully last term by nine of my colleagues) which focuses on their performance against the standards laid down by AITSL. This provides detailed feedback on their work in the classroom which is then followed by an appraisal interview with me and agreement on goals to be focused on in Term 2. Mrs Chelsea Warren is expecting her first child in the not-too-distant future and so is currently on maternity leave. Her timetable will be taught by Mrs Lara Williams who currently teaches SOSE to a Year 7 class.

We had to say a poignant farewell to Revd Bob Booth who has now completed his stint as our locum Chaplain. In the short term he will be replaced by the new locum Parish Priest Revd Alan Blair but I am currently in the process of seeking a full-time Chaplain, realistically from January 2017. The need for a full-time Chaplain has been well-established and Revd Bob showed us all how effective the position can be, so it is high time that such an appointment is made. I will, of course, keep you apprised of developments in this regard.

Mrs Christine Brandenburg has, sadly, decided to retire from her role as House Mother in McVay House. She has played a pivotal role in the pastoral care of our boarders and has also acted in the role of counsellor for all our students so she will be sorely missed. Mrs Karen Hatton will act as relief House Mother for the first few weeks of Term 2 and we have made other arrangements for counselling as outlined below.

## **Counselling**

We will have access to counselling in the form of Vanessa from Esperance Psychology on a Tuesday from 0900-1200 in the Careers/Meeting Room at the front of the School. Parents and carers will need to sign a permission form if they wish their child to have access to these services which are usually arranged after discussion with me.

## **Parent-Teacher Meetings**

It was good for my colleagues and me to have the opportunity to meet with parents of students in Year 7 to review progress in their first term here. Such meetings are a valuable means of parents and teaching staff speaking with each other about the education of students here and allowing the exchange of helpful information in this regard.

The meeting for parents of students in Years 11 and 12 will take place during Week 2 of next term, from 1530 on Wednesday 4th May. Full details of how to use our on-line booking service will be sent out during Week 1 with confirmation of all the final details.

The meeting for parents of students in Years 8 to 10 will be held in Week 7 with final date and timings yet to be confirmed.

Year 10 parents will also be notified early next term of the consultation meetings to discuss subject choices for Year 11, to be held next term in accordance with the outline timetable already distributed. Year 10 students have already had preliminary discussions about possible (and at this stage very tentative) choices but I would simply stress again that final choices of subjects, and whether ATAR or General, will only be made after the full process of consultation with students and parents has been carried out.

## **Mopeds on Smith Street**

Parents of students who ride to School on mopeds should be aware that their sons and daughters have already been told about the dangers of taking a short cut along Smith Street. The junction between Smith Street and Twilight Beach Road is closed to all vehicular traffic because it is dangerous. Any student using this shortcut will have the right to use their moped withdrawn so I thank you in advance for your help in reinforcing this message.

## **Start of Term 2**

Term starts at 0840 on Tuesday 26th April with Assembly at 1000 that morning; Jackman House is on duty. Of course details of all events for the term are in the calendar which appears in SEQTA, on the website and in Skoolbag; notification of updates appear in my weekly comment (or blog - such an inelegant term!).

Uniform for Term 2 is our so-called winter rig, details of which are in the student handbook. We normally allow for a grace period of a couple of weeks to transition to the winter rig, if this is necessary. Rain(sometimes called spray) jackets can be worn over the normal blazer on days when it is wet but please note it cannot be used as a substitute for the blazer.

It has been a busy and productive term and the holidays will provide a welcome chance to recuperate. I wish you all a happy time together as families, wherever this may be, and a safe return for the start of term on Tuesday 26th April.

With every good wish.



Kerr Fulton-Peebles  
Principal



## 2016 JAPANESE EXCHANGE

We are pleased to again be hosting Japanese students on an exchange programme this year. A total of 15 students will be coming, along with two teachers, from the 29<sup>th</sup> July to the 8<sup>th</sup> August. If you are interested in hosting a student or would like any further information please contact the school or email directly Linda Bosworth [lbosworth@eacs.wa.edu.au](mailto:lbosworth@eacs.wa.edu.au)



# HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

JAPANESE EXCHANGE PROGRAM JUL 29 - AUG 8, 2016



EACS is hosting a group of Japanese high school students in term 3 (from **Jul 29 - Aug 8**) and we are inviting families to register their interest to host a student. The aim of their visit is to experience our Australian school and family life and improve their English speaking ability. We are looking for families who have a child at the school to host a student and give them a taste of our 'Aussie culture'. Hosting an international student offers many unique opportunities, including the chance to learn about another culture and build life-long friendships.

The family's responsibilities are to involve the student into their routine, including getting them to and from school and to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner. You don't need to have a spare room (the student can share with one of your children), nor do you need to change your daily routine – your student will fit-in as a member of your family!

If you are interested in hosting a student please return the Host Family Expression of Interest Form below to the school office or alternatively **you can** contact Linda Bosworth from EACS on [lbosworth@eacs.wa.edu.au](mailto:lbosworth@eacs.wa.edu.au) or Jason Hutchinson from Gold Intercultural Learning, whose details are below.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOSTING A STUDENT PLEASE CONTACT JASON HUTCHINSON THE PROGRAM MANAGER  
OF GOLD INTERCULTURAL LEARNING (GIL) ON 0417 773 846 OR EMAIL AT [JASON@GOLDIL.COM.AU](mailto:JASON@GOLDIL.COM.AU)**



## HOST FAMILY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

YES WE WOULD LIKE A HOST JAPANESE STUDENT!

\*PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS AND HAND THE FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR EMAIL DIRECTLY TO [HOMESTAY@GOLDIL.COM.AU](mailto:HOMESTAY@GOLDIL.COM.AU)\*

STUDENT NAME

MALE / FEMALE

STUDENT GRADE

STUDENT CURRENT AGE

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONTACT NUMBER

PARENT / GUARDIAN EMAIL

BEST TIME TO CONTACT



## Kids Fun Day Out

Random acts of piracy featured at this year's Kids Fun Day Out last Sunday when Year 10 Drama students from EACS took to the high seas.

The students had been exploring Street Theatre as part of their course and, under the guidance of drama teacher Lyndel Taylor, devised characters and scenarios to perform at the biennial event which is aimed at children and families.

The Adventureland Park setting offered a range of performance opportunities for the eager band of EACS pirates who had a "whale of a time" as they sailed away in search of treasure.

While this style of performance is challenging, the students threw themselves into it whole-heartedly with a range of prepared and improvised performances over nearly two hours – including an impromptu battle with a band of outcasts armed with water pistols!

The students are to be commended for the professional way they conducted themselves and for the vibrant presence they added to the children's festival.





## BIOLOGY YEAR 11 INVESTIGATION LAKE MONJINIUP

Environmental Officers, Julie Waters and Rachel from the Esperance Council are supporting our students to learn field techniques used in Biology and the effects of a fire on plant growth, including native species and weeds. Students have been collecting samples of plants to press. They are progressively learning how to identify each species present. This is an ongoing project where students will continue to monitor and help with the management of Lake Monjiniup.





## Arts immersion (PIAF Camp 2016)

Esperance Anglican Community School students are culturally enriched after taking part in this year's PIAF Camp.

The four-day camp saw 22 Year 11 and 12 EACS students travel to Perth with teachers Lyndel Taylor and Marcia Leonard to take in a range of events at the Perth International Arts Festival from February 17-20.

The students were fully immersed in a range of arts activities including visits to galleries, theatres and an outdoor cinema. They seized the opportunity to view works by international visual and performing artists and to take part in workshop discussions with them.

Highlights of the camp included the musical theatre extravaganza *Lion King*, an interactive audio exhibition entitled *A Mile in Their Shoes* (which saw students exposed to other people's real-life stories while literally walking in their shoes) and an intimate, moving and funny one-man show called *The Object Room*. This show was unique in every way and even afforded our students the opportunity to become part of the show.

We also enjoyed an international movie experience under the stars at Somerville and a very different version of *Hamlet* featuring live music and circus-style aerial work.

Over the four days the students have drawn, pondered, explored, questioned, laughed, been moved, inspired and even danced as they made the most of every opportunity.

The programme was jam-packed and the students returned a little weary but definitely artistically richer for the experience.







Greetings,

We are pleased to announce the details of Brick Club for Term 2, 2016:

**Esperance Brick Club**

Every Monday from 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 20<sup>th</sup> June (inclusive)

Builders (5yrs – 8yrs) & Designers (9yrs – 14yrs) 3:30pm – 5pm

Held at the Lotteries House Conference Room, Forrest St  
(entrance via the Courtyard)

\$50 term fees

\$30 enrolment fee incl. shirt & badge (new members only, once off payment)

Total of \$80 per child

We will be hosting an Exhibition Night at the end of the term where the children will put on display their amazing building skills. Family and friends will receive invites to participate, view and encourage.

Expressions of Interest in Enrolment are now open. There will be limited places in each group and some children may be placed on a waiting list. If your child/ren currently attends, their enrolment will automatically continue. If successful, full payment of fees will be required on or before the first Brick Club session. Please contact us if you require financial assistance.

Please contact Samara Clark to place your interest via :

Email : [esp.teamleader@gifsa.org](mailto:esp.teamleader@gifsa.org) or Mobile : 0406 294 709

**We thank you for your continued support with establishing Brick Club as a favourite in Esperance.**

# TRAVEL OVERSEAS

## in your summer holidays

with the Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange Program

**Applications close 30 June 2016 or when places are filled.  
APPLY NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

- Lions Clubs International is one of the largest service organisations worldwide.
- The Lions Youth Exchange Program gives Australian youth aged 16-21 years an opportunity to travel overseas independently and safely, to become a member of one or more host families and experience their lifestyle, culture, interests and values.
- No school attendance is required overseas.
- Overseas destinations include Europe, North and South America, USA, Malaysia, New Zealand, Scandinavia and Japan. Chaperoned stopovers are available in Los Angeles and London.
- Youth to Japan depart late November and return late December. Youth to other destinations depart early December and return mid-January.
- Each Australian youth will pay approximately \$3,000—\$7,500 depending on their overseas destination. Accommodation is provided at no cost by host families associated with Lions Clubs International. Travel is not sponsored by Lions Australia.
- Email **Lion Lorraine Hemsworth** ([l.hemsworth@bigpond.com](mailto:l.hemsworth@bigpond.com)) of the National Lions Youth Exchange Committee to discuss the application process.
- For more information, download the *Guidelines for Australian Youth Travelling Overseas* brochure from the Lions Australia website:



[www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye)

*Flyer prepared by Lions Australia MD201 Youth Exchange Committee*



# LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY?

- to develop leadership skills as a project organizer, time manager and team leader?
- to learn how collaboration, teamwork and cooperation can bring exciting changes to your community and the world?
- to make friends and feel the rewards of community service?



## Join a LEO Club

**Membership is open to young men and women aged 12-30 years.**

**Leo Clubs can be school-based or community-based.**

**Leo Clubs are mentored by, and work in partnership with, local Lions Clubs. Prizes and awards presented to winners of the annual Leo of the Year Quest.**

*Go to the Lions Clubs Australia website for more information:*

**[www.lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/leos](http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/leos)**

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### ENQUIRIES TO:

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## Shire of Esperance Banners in the Terrace Competition



# B creative

**Banners in the Terrace** is one of the state's largest community arts projects, featuring banners from Councils from all over Western Australia, which go on display along St Georges and Adelaide Terraces, during the Annual Local Government Convention in July/August each year.

### 2016 Local Design Competition

Individuals, schools, community groups and professional artists within the Shire of Esperance are invited to submit designs for the 2016 competition. Councillors will vote for the best local design to be submitted into the WALGA state-wide Banners in the Terrace competition.

A prize of \$100 gift voucher from a local business to the winner and \$50 gift vouchers for two runners-up, whose designs best reflect the theme 'Local Impact'.

The Shire arranges for the local winning design to be digitally printed and exhibited along St Georges and Adelaide Terraces in the City of Perth during the annual WA Local Government Convention. The local finalist will also be in the running to win the state-wide 2016 Banners in the Terrace Competition.

The winning design, as chosen by the Shire of Esperance, is transferred to a 3.4m x 1.5m banner and will fly in St Georges Terrace as a part of Local Government Week. The banner will be on display with up to 80 other WA local government banners.

**Entries must be submitted to the Shire of Esperance by Friday 29 April 2016.**



# Shire of Esperance

## Banners in the Terrace Competition



### Banner Entry Information

Entries to the Banners in the Terrace competition are displayed for two weeks along St Georges and Adelaide Terrace allowing communities and regions throughout Western Australia to showcase local talents to thousands of people visiting the Perth CBD

The winning design, as chosen by the Shire of Esperance, is transferred to a 3.4m x 1.5m banner and will fly in St Georges Terrace as a part of Local Government Week. The banner will be on display with up to 80 other WA local government banners.

The theme for the banner is 'Local Impact'.

#### Banner Criteria:

- The design should promote a bright, positive image of Esperance
- The design should use large and bold images as minor details will not be seen when the banners are on display
- The design can be drawn, painted or digitally created and printed
- The word ESPERANCE must appear in large, clear lettering
- Only one side of the banner should have artwork

#### The Banners will be judged on:

- Creative composition
- Use of colour and creativity
- Artistic merit
- Individuality and boldness
- Is it easy to identify where the banner comes from?
- Can you read the ESPERANCE name?
- Does the banner capture the essence of the theme "Local Impact"

**Entries must be submitted on paper and must be 40cm high X 17.5cm wide.**

**Entries must be submitted to the Shire of Esperance by Friday 29 April 2016.**

Please include the following information with your submission: your name, contact phone number and email address.

**Please note:** The winning design will be made into a full scale banner 3.4m high x 1.5m wide, for the Banners in the Terrace display. The Shire of Esperance will cover the cost of banner construction and assist the winner with converting their design to a full scale version.

If you have any questions in relation to this competition please contact the Community Support Officer on 9071 0624 or email [shire@esperance.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@esperance.wa.gov.au)