



ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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COMMENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL – 13th May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to Week 4 but perhaps the prospect of exams in Weeks 5 and 6 is not so appealing!

Examinations

A reminder, if such were needed, that the examination period is approaching:

Week 5 (beginning 23rd May) **Exams for Years 8-10**. Normal lessons for Year 7 and for all years outside exam times

Week 6 (beginning 30th May) **Exams for Years 11 and 12**. Students in Years 11 and 12 only who need to attend School (in full winter uniform) for their examinations but who may study at home outside these times. Normal school for Years 7-10.

School Uniform

A reminder that all students should now be dressed in full winter uniform. In place of 'strikes' for incorrect dress students will now be sent to Reception to make arrangements for the correct uniform to be worn. If this is not possible students will need to be sent to the Library for 'time-out' until they can be dressed properly. Uniform is part of our whole identity and we really do wish to make sure all students wear it correctly and with pride. As always, I am not unsympathetic to genuine problems so please let me know of these via reception as soon as you can; thank you.

Country week training

The pattern of training for country week teams continues as usual:

Dance:	Tuesday PCG 2
Volleyball:	Tuesday afternoon 3:00-4:00pm (NEW)
Netball:	Tuesday afternoon 3:15-4:15pm
Soccer:	Wednesday afternoon 3:15-4:15pm
Volleyball:	Friday morning 7:15am
Basketball:	Friday morning 7:15am

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests went-off well and may now be forgotten. I came across a recent article which so beautifully encapsulates what NAPLAN is, and is not, about:

St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Rockhampton, Queensland, gained national media attention for a note it sent home to Year 3 parents who were anxious about NAPLAN. Essentially, the note explained to parents that the NAPLAN results were only a small part of what makes their child an individual. Signed by the Year 3 teachers, the note went on to explain that NAPLAN doesn't show what is "exceptional and unique" about each individual.



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The note reads, 'The people that score these tests don't know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program. They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know that you participate in sports, help your mum and dad or that you play with your little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that everyday you do your best. Because these attributes cannot be tested.'

NAPLAN is a useful measure of specific skills in numeracy and literacy at a specific time, and can provide good information about where a child is weak or strong in these specific areas. It cannot, however, measure what schools like ours provide in terms of the wider aspects of education.

Excursions, Visit and Trips

The Careers Camp for Year 11s was a resounding success and they returned fired-up with ideas about their future. It was good, too, hearing of their exemplary behaviour which made the trip such a pleasure for Mrs Marquis and Mr Clark.

Cystic Fibrosis

A reminder that the prefects have organised for our participation in this Friday's '65 Roses' appeal by way of a free-dress day, based on wearing something red, in return for a gold-coin donation. This will take place on Friday 20th May.

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 18th

School Council meeting in Library

- Pds 1&2 Year 10 subject selection meeting

Friday 20th - Free-dress day for Cystic Fibrosis Appeal - red theme

NO Chapel

- 0900 Rick Wilson MP to meet with Year 9

- 1000 Recess

- 1030-1230 Well-being presentation in DMP for Years 7-10

- 1200 - CFC Field Trip

As always if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to telephone or send an email.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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