

ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL A school of the Anglican Schools Commision Inc

# **COMMENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL – 25th May 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am a little tardy with this comment but will use the 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 are working through their exams at the moment; 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.

## **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

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



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### 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. Any information call Julie on 0429866874.

A wider range of information on events and other aspects will be sent to you soon as a more formal newsletter.

Until then all good wishes

Yours sincerely,

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