



## ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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### COMMENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you had a good holiday and that we are all suitably refreshed for the term ahead. I confess that I am happy to be back, seeing the School come alive, with staff and students back in action.

#### **ANZAC Day**

The action started earlier in the week for Head Girl, Lucy Gardiner, and Head Boy, Troy Edwards, as they participated in the ANZAC Day Parade and Service. It was good, too, that other students were also present in other organisations such as the Cadets and Scouts. In our Assembly the following day Monica Dellaca and Adam Edwards read the poems they had composed as part of their English class. They really were first-rate and very moving, complemented nicely by an anonymous video presentation by one of their peers. It is good to see our young people engaging, in such a meaningful way, in this important act of remembrance.

#### **Aussie of the Month**

Something of the ANZAC spirit was seen in each of the students who were presented with certificates recently in our newly introduced 'Aussie of the Month' award. This considers traits such as fair play, generosity of spirit, community participation and concern for our environment: teachers log-on SEQTA cases, for individual students, where such traits have been exhibited. A discussion of potential awardees follows at the end of each month before a final choice, by year group, is made. This award complements very neatly our whole ethos and should prove a popular and worthwhile incentive. Monisha Nadison, Jayden Burge, Ben Loffler, Joshua Van Staden and Tayla Perkin were worthy initial recipients who deserve congratulation.

#### **Field Work**

Some of the traits evident in the awards noted above were present in our senior students as they engaged in field work in biology at Lake Monjinup and food technology at Esperance Care Services. Learning more about their subjects was certainly happening but engagement with the local community was also important.

#### **Facilities**

Our own grounds have been improved as the Cornfield Oval (the former John Holland site) has greened beautifully following the work completed towards the end of last term.

We have also added new storage sheds for McVay House, and for outdoor education, courtesy of the fine efforts of Mr Peter Grobler and his team of constructors. McVay House will soon be developing their courtyard area to make it an area to relax and enjoy.

#### **Counselling**

A reminder that we now provide counselling in the form of Vanessa from *Esperance Psychology* on a Tuesday from 0930-1230 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.



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### Parent-Teacher Meetings

A reminder of the meeting for parents of students in Years 11 and 12 which will take place next week from 1530 to 1830 on Wednesday 4th May. Full details of how to use our on-line booking service should now have been received but if you have any problems please just contact Reception.

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.

### Forthcoming Events

As always the calendar is available on SEQTA and in *Skoolbag*; you should also be able to access Daily Notices via SEQTA. This said I append a broad summary of significant events this term which I hope might be helpful.

#### Week 2

Tuesday 3 May - Pds 6-8 food group outing

Wed 4th May - 1530-1830 Year 11/12 PTM - ten-minute appointments.

Thurs/Fri 5/6 May - Year 11 OED Camp at The Duke

#### Week 3

NAPLAN test week

Careers Camp

#### Week 4

Scholarship Exams

Wed 18 May - School Council

#### Week 5

School Exams for Years 8-10

#### Week 6

School Exams for Years 11&12

Junior Boys' Football Competition - Kalgoorlie

#### Week 7

Mon 6 June - WA Day Holiday - School closed

Tue 7 June - Inter-House Cross Country

Senior Boys' Football Competition - Kalgoorlie

#### Week 8

Wed 15 June – Universities' visit

Fri 17 June - Inter-Schools Cross Country

Fri 17 June - Netball Competition in Kalgoorlie

#### Week 9

Wed 22 June - PTM for Years 8-10

Italian students arrive (until end August)

#### Week 10

Country Week in Perth



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Thu 30 June - Last day of school for students - sports competition

Fri 1 July - Staff PD Day

### **Country week training**

Mention of forthcoming events prompts me to note the training sessions for Country Week teams as they intensify their preparations for this important week in the sporting calendar.

Dance: Tuesday PCG 2

Soccer: Wednesday afternoon 3-4pm

Netball: Tuesday afternoon 3-4:15pm

Volleyball: Friday morning 7:15am

Basketball: Friday morning 7:15am

Of course if you have any queries, or concerns please do not hesitate to telephone or send an email.

With every good wish for the forthcoming weekend.

Yours sincerely,

***Kerr***

**P. Kerr Fulton-Peebles**  
**Principal**