



ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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COMMENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL – 6th May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of Week 2 already with the term unfolding rapidly as we all get busy with the life of the School. It was good to watch the volleyball and basketball squads at their training session this morning and to see students leading their peers in the process.

Country week training

Mention of sport 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

Parent-Teacher Meetings

It was good to meet with many of the parents of students in Years 11 and 12 at the recent Parent-Teacher meeting. They are very valuable occasions to exchange information to assist with the progress of students and I know that my colleagues valued the opportunity to meet with you.

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

NAPLAN

Whilst on the topic of teaching and learning, a reminder that the NAPLAN tests are taking place next week. Students will have the necessary information and parents were sent an outline of what is involved; however the schedule for the week is as follows:



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Year 7 NAPLAN TESTING SCHEDULE 2016

Tuesday 10 May	Wednesday 11 May	Thursday 12 May	Friday 13 May
Language Conventions 45 minutes 08:50 – 09:45 07.1 > E1 07.2 > E2	Reading 65 minutes 10:50 – 12:05 07.1 > D1 07.2 > D2	Numeracy (Calculator allowed) 40 minutes 08:50 – 09:40 07.1 > E1 07.2 > E2	CATCH UP DAY (If required)
Writing 40 minutes 10:50 – 11:40 07.1 > E1 07.2 > E2		Numeracy (Non-calculator) 40 minutes 10:50 – 11:40 07.1 > E1 07.2 > E2	



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Year 9 NAPLAN TESTING SCHEDULE 2016

Tuesday 10 May	Wednesday 11 May	Thursday 12 May	Friday 13 May
<p style="text-align: center;">Language Conventions 45 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">08:50 – 09:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;">09.1 > E8 09.2 > E7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Reading 65 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">08:50 – 10:05</p> <p style="text-align: center;">09.1 > E1 09.2 > E2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Numeracy (Calculator allowed) 40 minutes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">08:50 – 09:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;">09.1 > E3 09.2 > E4</p>	<p>CATCH UP DAY (If required)</p>
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Parents & Friends Association

The PFA met, again, last night with eleven parents present. A range of projects and events were discussed and an interesting and exciting programme arranged for the year. In summary these will include the following, with full details to be sent out by the PFA in due course.

Smart Rider Card - The PFA intends to fund the software necessary for the School to produce these cards which will allow students to benefit from subsidised State-wide travel, discounts and a clear check on identity.

Gardening Busy Bee – this will take place on Sunday 29th May from 1000 until 1300 – we have a lot of donated plants to plant, a path to construct and mulch to spread, and we hope that many students and parents will want to be involved.

Family Night – The success of last year’s event means this will be repeated on the evening of Saturday 30th July.

Concert – A concert is planned for 7th September and the PFA would like to be involved in hosting this.

Wildflower Festival – This take place from 13th to 17th September and it is likely that the PFA will be involved in assisting with the catering on one of the days.

I have to say I am so pleased at the energetic way in which our PFA has started. The meetings are sharply focused and the plans to help the School are very encouraging and touching; this really helps the whole School community so, please, do consider coming along to the meetings, or getting involved in one of these events.



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Excursions, Visit and Trips

Our Year 11 students are looking forward to the careers camp in Perth next week, which will be led by Mr Iain Clark and Mrs Lisa Marquis. I know, from comments in previous years, how valuable an opportunity this is in broadening horizons and making students aware of alternative options for their future careers.

Hopefully the students in Year 11, currently on the outdoor education snorkelling camp, based at the Duke, will not be too exhausted to enjoy the careers camp thereafter.

Cystic Fibrosis

The CF 65 Roses Appeal is coming up soon and the prefects have organised for our participation in this 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.

Uniform

A reminder that Week 3 is the last week of flexibility on uniform: all students are expected to be in winter uniform from the start of Week 4 on Monday 16th May. If you do still need to purchase items of uniform please contact Reception at the earliest opportunity; thank you.

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

With my warmest wishes for a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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