



## ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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### COMMENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of another week which I hope began with an enjoyable long weekend. Fortunately the onset of this week's bad weather did not impinge too much on our activities this week, especially the cross country competition.

#### **INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION**

The wind, rain and high tide did not stop us from holding another enjoyable and worthwhile inter-house cross country competition at Twilight Beach. I was impressed by the commitment of our students, even those for whom running is something of a trial; the support of their peers undoubtedly helped too. The competition was a close-run(*sic*) affair with only a handful of points separating the houses. In the end Wood clinched the honours ahead of Goldsworthy and Jackman. I am indebted to all my colleagues who helped run and organise the event, with special thanks to Ms Laura Salomone and Mr Blair Castelli for their enthusiastic and impeccable organisation. We now look forward to the inter-schools' event at the end of next week in which our fastest runners will represent EACS.

#### **JUNIOR GIRLS' NETBALL COMPETITION – KALGOORLIE**

Our junior girls are currently in Kalgoorlie participating in a netball carnival and hoping to emulate last week's success of the junior boys' football team. We await their return and news of their results with anticipation.

#### **IDENTITY THEFT PRESENTATION**

Thanks, too, are due to Mr Iain Clark and Mrs Lisa Marquis for organising an informative and engaging talk on identity theft which was well-received by our senior students: a timely (and graphic) reminder of the vulnerability of us all to the misuse of our personal information which is held on-line, on cards and in the 'cloud'.

#### **PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS**

A reminder of the 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 we are now reviewing the exam results and will arrange individual appointments with teachers in areas where there are concerns for particular students.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES**

I have just completed the testing process for the six Year 6 students who applied this year. Interviews will be held over the next week before announcements are made. Scholarships are only eligible for new students but, in cases of financial need, bursaries are available for all students.

#### **GARDENING**

It has been good to witness the leadership shown by Year 10 students in establishing a small veggie garden. They spent a rewarding morning at Nulsen Primary School learning from the work they have accomplished there and working with the students on their project. This initiative and collaboration is so heartening and valuable.



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### CHAPEL

Mr Geoff Usher did a splendid job this morning in inspiring his Year 8 and 9 students to lead us in our Chapel service. Whilst I am in the process of attempting to recruit a full-time Chaplain for next year it has been good to have the support of colleagues and students in helping run this important part of what we are about.

### STAFF NEWS

I am sure that you will be pleased to learn that one of our former members of staff, Mrs Chelsea Warren, gave birth to a healthy baby boy (Xavier).

Mrs Nicole Harris attended the Edutech event in Brisbane to learn more about alternative approaches to the curriculum and how IT can be used most effectively. The information she has gathered will be invaluable in our discussions and deliberations on the way forward in both aspects.

Ms Laura Salomone and Mrs Julie Hall underwent some training on developing a more effective student peer-mentoring system which we will introduce next term, in a training phase, with Year 10s. This will enable us to provide more help for our junior students whilst encouraging the development of new skills of leadership in our older students.

### THE LIBRARY

We have installed some new seating in the library, and in DMP, to provide a conducive atmosphere for reading. A whole range of educational magazines is now available in a rack in DMP, and a sample of students has been canvassed about their wishes for leisure magazines which we will endeavour to stock too.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS - WEEK 8

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Year 12 Outdoor Education Camp at the Duke

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – 1715 PFA Meeting in Dempster 4

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – 1100-1200 Universities talk to Year 10; 1315-1430 talk to Years 11/12

1800 Universities talk to parents at ESHS

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June – 1000 Talk by sports psychologist to Country Week teams

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – 0900-1200 Inter-Schools Cross Country Competition at Twilight Beach

In addition to this information I always seek to keep the calendar on SEQTA and *Skoolbag* updated regularly to keep you as informed as possible of what is going on here.

With warm wishes for the weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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