



ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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COMMENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL – 3rd June 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Greetings at the end of a busy week of beautiful weather, and a reminder that Monday 6th June is a public holiday for WA (or Foundation) Day and the School will be closed.

EXAMINATIONS

I am sure that our Year 11 and 12 students will welcome the long weekend and the opportunity to relax after the rigour of their exams. These appear to have run smoothly although I know, too, that the students were certainly challenged appropriately. A reminder that results and comments will be available on SEQTA as the exams are marked and feedback given.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

A reminder, too, 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 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.

YEAR 10 PARENTS' MEETING

It was good to be able to have the opportunity, on Wednesday of this week, to meet with several parents of students in Year 10 to provide information on course options for Year 11. Students have also been given a briefing as part of the comprehensive process of consultation on subject choices but if you need further information please do not hesitate to get in-touch with Mr Iain Clark.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

It was most encouraging to have to consider 23 students for this commendation which considers traits such as commitment, mateship, contributions to the community and general attitude to life here. These all fit so well with our whole approach and reinforce the 'FISH' principles. In the end the following students received the accolade:

Year 7	Sarah Curnow
Year 8	Luke Burnside
Year 9	Ashlynn Beckett
Year 10	Darby Smith
Years 11 & 12	Chloe Pelham

We have now started gathering commendations for June and I look forward to seeing the display of further positive traits from our students.

PFA GARDENING BUSY BEE

The recent busy bee did provide the opportunity for commendations to be received by the ten students who came along to help parents, staff and governors. A great deal was accomplished on what proved to be a super opportunity for real fellowship and collaborative



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involvement. Thanks are due to all who came along and, in particular, to Julie Withers for masterminding the whole event.

JUNIOR BOYS' FOOTBALL COMPETITION – KALGOORLIE

The commitment of our junior boys in this competition was remarkable and they earned two well-deserved wins out of three in a day of intense, and exhausting competition. Not only does this mark us a school now firmly established as a worthy competitor on the sporting front but it also confirmed the abundance of the very traits we see in the *Aussie of the Month Award*. I am so pleased with what our lads achieved and what it represents.

STAFF REVIEWS (Appraisal)

I am also very heartened by the feedback I have received from the *Educator Impact* process of staff review (appraisal by another name) which has been part of the work of staff new to the School. The collated results show a very strong alignment of views across reviews from me, staff, students and the teachers themselves. This is, in itself, encouraging but also heartening have been the recognition of very positive responses against *The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership* (AITSL) standards. Prime amongst these were the very strong recognition that our teachers build strong relationships with their students and teach relevant, interesting lessons using a variety of approaches. The use of feedback has developed well, clearly benefiting from the training that we have completed on this aspect over the last few months. Good communication between teacher and students, and proper management of the classroom were also identified as strengths. Targets for the School to assist teachers further would be to consider the calibration of levels of difficulty and the driving of deep learning, although these were not seen as weaknesses, rather as areas which could benefit from polishing.

I am delighted that our new staff have settled so well and contributed so strongly. The remainder of my colleagues will start their review process at the end of this term, again using *Educator Impact*.

THE PRINCIPAL

Whilst on the topic of staffing the Chair of the School Council, Mrs Victoria Brown, has asked me to let you know that we have agreed a new five-year contract for me to continue to serve as Principal of EACS. Of course this is conditional upon me receiving a new visa, the application process for which I will now start before my current one expires in March next year. I am delighted that I have been given this opportunity and hope that the authorities will look kindly on my application for a visa.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - WEEK 7

Monday 6 th June	Public holiday – School closed
Tuesday 7 th June	Inter-House Cross Country at Twilight Beach – first race at 12noon, starting near the Surf Club. Students have normal lessons periods 1-3 but may attend in PE kit. All students are expected to participate even if only as a helpers.
Thursday 9 th June	Netball Festival in Kalgoorlie Scholarship examinations
Friday 10 th June	Dr Graham Jacobs speaks to Year 9 Netball Festival in Kalgoorlie



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MOPED KEYS

Finally, on a more prosaic note, could I remind you that all student moped and car drivers should leave their keys at Reception when they arrive in the morning.

I do hope that you will be able to enjoy the long weekend.

With warm wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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