



## ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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### COMMENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL - 22nd July 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the School for the start of Term 3 in what has proved to be a distinctly cold, wet and windy week.

#### Activities

The inclement weather has not proved to be a barrier to our involvement in the great outdoors with students in Years 11 and 12 braving the freezing waters of the bay to continue their windsurfing. Students taking the aquatics elective have been involved in collecting sand samples from a number of our beaches to allow students from UWA to analyse the extent of the presence of micro particles of plastics. These samples will be analysed at the School next week, giving our students the chance to experience 'real' science.

#### Forensics Workshop

Students in Years 7-10 also had hands-on science in the shape of a very successful series of workshops using forensic techniques to investigate a sample crime scene, and then deduce who the perpetrator might be. It was encouraging to see how our students were so focused and engaged, and how much they enjoyed finding out who had committed the crime.

#### Country Week

I was heartened to learn that our basketball and netball teams performed particularly well at Country Week, both narrowly missing out on a grand final play-off; however their third places were very gratifying. So, too, were the many favourable comments from players and staff alike at the organisation and enjoyment of our involvement. Particular thanks must go to Mrs Lisa Stokes for her energetic and efficient organisation and leadership of the whole week; however thanks, too, are due to accompanying staff Mrs Alysha Castelli, Mr Blair Castelli, Ms Laura Salomone, Mrs Sharelle Walter, Mrs Mandie Abbott and Mr Peter Grobler.

#### Canberra

It was good, too, when our Year 9 students returned early this morning from Canberra, tired but full of praise for the week they had. Appreciation is due to the staff leaders: Mr Liam Newton and Ms Claire Wilson.

#### Routines

As we start the new term a couple of reminders about routines for registration to allow us all to be sure of where our young people are. If a student is late, arriving after the start of PCG1, they must sign-in at Reception. If a student has to leave early, for whatever reason, they must be signed-out by a parent or carer: no student, regardless of year group, is permitted to leave early without this process being followed. Finally, students driving to School should leave their keys at Reception for safe-keeping, and to avoid the temptation to slip away from School. Thank you for your understanding and help with these aspects which makes such a difference to the smooth and safe running of the School.

#### The Week Ahead



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Although the calendar in SEQTA's 'splash' page, and on the website, is kept up-to-date on a regular basis I append details of the week ahead to keep you informed. Of course please do not hesitate to contact Reception should you need any clarification or further information.

### **Week 2 - Goldsworthy on duty**

Year 10 Work Experience - there are no classes for Year 10 this week

Monday 25th July - UWA Plastics Survey

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – 1000 Talk to Year 7 Wood about relationships

Thursday 28th - Australian Maths Competition - on-line for selected students

Friday 29th – Goldsworthy lead Chapel

- Evening - Japanese students arrive for one week

Saturday 30th - PFA Family night in DMP from 1800 - details have already been circulated

I do hope that the weekend ahead will be an enjoyable one for you all.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

***Kerr***

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