



ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Comment from the Principal - 5th August 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

The momentum of the term certainly seems to be building with much going on.

JAPANESE EXCHANGE

Welcoming 15 students and two staff from Osaka has been a great pleasure. All have thrown themselves into the life of the School, participating in a range of activities as well as normal lessons. A trip to Lucky Bay was particular highlight but there have also been great opportunities in English lessons, cooking and the family fun night. I am very grateful, indeed, to our host families who have made this exchange possible, and hope that they are getting a great deal out of the experience.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Thanks are also due to our Parents and Friends Association for the organisation of this wonderful evening. A range of exciting and enjoyable activities complemented good food and camaraderie, with all who attended agreeing that it had been a most worthwhile and enjoyable evening. It certainly helped our visitors from Japan and Italy to be absorbed into the life of the School in a novel way.

COMMUNITY SERVICE - NULSEN BREAKFAST CLUB

It has been good, too, witnessing the enthusiasm of our Year 9 students for this laudable activity, with nine visiting Nulsen this morning, taking along a variety of School-baked food to give a nourishing and enjoyable breakfast.

MUSIC

Enjoyment and participation was also seen (and heard) this morning at Recess when our recently formed Jazz Band performed for the School. They sounded really good and were clearly revelling in the music. More will be heard from them, and our other bands and ensembles, at the Esperance Music Festival.

CHAPEL

This morning also saw us welcoming the Revd. Melanie Griffiths, Chaplain of Peter Carnley Anglican Community School in Perth, who led us in our worship. It was interesting - and heartening - to see our students involved in a two-minute period of 'corporate silence' as part of an introduction to mediation and prayer.

AUTHOR TALK

Another visitor to the School was Dianne Wolfer who has written a number of books for young people (the Library will be getting a number of copies). She spoke to Years 7 and 9 who received her thoughts and ideas with interest and enthusiasm.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We were also pleased to be able to hear about the Christmas shoe-box appeal from Mrs Sue Thomason, in which we will participate. Thanks are due to those who have already donated items which our Year 7s will pack and arrange for collection. This is a good way of



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our young people contributing, in a meaningful way, to the lives of others less fortunate than themselves.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

As you know we embrace the use of IT within the School as a powerful and effective tool for teaching and learning. Although the vast majority of our students use IT responsibly we have had a couple of incidents recently of inappropriate use. Although these have been dealt with I have decided to review our policy and procedures on the use of IT and will shortly send out a revised version of these. This should help to clarify areas of confusion and provide an indication of what is acceptable, with consequences for inappropriate use made plain.

TALKS TO YEAR 7

As you will be aware Vanessa Rowell - the counsellor we employ from *Esperance Psychology* - has been meeting with Year 7 students to discuss with them the issues they may face as they develop relationships. She has also been suggesting strategies on how to avoid problems and how to deal with these if they do arise. I hope that these have been valuable opportunities to cement the essential ethos of the School which we try to emphasise in all that we do here.

THE WEEK AHEAD

I append a summary of forthcoming events but if you need more information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Week 4 Wood on duty

Monday 8th - 1000 - Assembly

Tuesday 9th - 1000 - Vanessa Rowell from Esperance Psychology talk on relationships to Jackman Year 7 in DMP

- Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp at Stokes Inlet

Wednesday 10th - Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp at Stokes Inlet

- Amy Coombe talk on leadership to Year 11

As always I hope that you might enjoy a good weekend.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

P. Kerr Fulton-Peebles
Principal