



ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Comment from the Principal - 26th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has gone by and we are now, incredibly it seems, into the final week of term. The School is relatively quiet with about a quarter of the School, and accompanying staff, away on Country Week.

Country Week

We wish our teams – touch-rugby (for the first time), volleyball, basketball, netball and dance – every success in this incredible week of sport and look forward to hearing how they have fared. My thanks are due to the staff involved (Mrs Abbott, Mrs Marquis, Ms Salomone, Mrs Walter, Mr Abbott, Mr Castelli, Mr Clayton, Mr Grobler) but especially to Mrs Lisa Marquis for her organisation of the week. Just to reassure that all classes have been covered and will function as timetabled; a quick tour of the classrooms this morning confirmed that this was the case (with not a video being shown!).

Inter-Schools Cross Country

We were blessed, again, with fine conditions for the inter-school cross country races held, again, over the iconic Twilight Beach course. Winners were Esperance Senior High School, Esperance Primary School and Nulsen Primary School. Jessica Smith was the Senior Girls Champion, with Kristyn Baker as runner-up; Hayden Fiegert and Riley Wandel were place second and third respectively in the boys' competition at this level. The event was organised by Ms Laura Salomone, Mrs Natalie Shipp and Mr Blair Castelli, to whom thanks are due for their hard work.

Year 11 Options

Just a reminder that we are putting the finishing touches to our plans for the Year 11 programmes next year and will be communicating the options to parents and students in Year 10 in the early part of next term. I will reiterate here that we do try to provide as wide a choice as possible and will always give serious consideration to any student who wishes to study ATAR courses. This said we must recognise that ATAR courses demand a very high level of commitment, which is not always understood, and assume a level of ability able to cope with its demands. ATAR is not for everybody and the General options we aim to provide next year will provide a very good and viable alternative. The whole process of course selection is treated seriously, and in a measured way, with consultation involving students, parents and staff a vital element.

Year 10 Parent-Teacher Meeting

Thank you to those parents and students who attended what I believe was a constructive meeting which will help to put reports in perspective ahead of the discussions about options for Year 11.

Education Perfect

As you know we use this powerful learning 'app' in a variety of subjects and it was pleasing to learn that Dana Sharpe was awarded 'Credit' level in the World Social Sciences Championships. As a School we did pretty well gaining 9th place in our category in WA and 56th overall in the world rankings.



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I have heard so many warm words about this production which certainly echoed my own impressions of the play. There are many things I love about drama and the theatre so it is a great joy to be able to indulge this passion through the work of our students and staff on dramatic productions.

This year's production revealed those wonderful traits of energy, enthusiasm and engagement. That this whole process of putting on a production forms part of their education is also wonderful. All sorts of aspects are learned, not least the more prosaic learning of lines, and the appreciation of the written and spoken word. But there is so much more, too, which is relevant to the approach we espouse: full commitment to a task, resilience, genuine collaborative learning, time-management and of course the absorption and use of new skills. Naturally all involved are running on adrenalin for most of the time and, of course, they are no, no doubt, tired but the rewards, not just on the night of a performance, are invaluable, not least in some fundamental lessons for life.

I hope that you enjoyed the production all the more knowing that its impact will extend well beyond the immediate pleasure of the evening.

The Stage Band

Musical pleasure was heard at the Changeover Dinner of the Rotary Club of Esperance Bay when the Stage Band performed with aplomb and to much appreciation. It was also good to hear one of our music teachers, Mrs Ilka McKeown, entertain with some fine violin playing. My thanks to her, to Mrs Gail Saunders and to all members of the Band who performed.

Operation Christmas Child

This year, to support Operation Christmas Child we are asking all students to collect sports equipment to be passed on to community organisers. Students are kindly requested to either collect equipment loosely and then hand in for packing, or put their contributions into some kind of small sports 'goodie bags'. Students may still collect their own individual boxes but will have to follow instructions as per Samaritan Purse website but will have to include the \$10 donation fee. They can hand in boxes to reception when completed.

Sports 'goodie bags' could include (please don't make gender specific):

Whistle
Skipping rope
Bouncy balls
Hand Ball, tennis balls (bouncy)
Ribbon wands
Elastics
Toy cars
marbles
yo-yo
slinky
fidget spinners



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There will be an Advisory Group shoe box packing day later this year and a gold coin donation free dress day to raise money for the \$10 donation fee that each completed shoe box will require to pay for shipping and handling.

Immunisation forms - for Year 10-12 students.

Forms were handed out in advisory groups for the upcoming Meningococcal immunisation. Please complete and return to Reception ASAP.

The Week Ahead

Week 10 Jackman on duty

Country Week in Perth - all week. School will operate normally during the week.

Friday 30th - 1210 Jackman lead Chapel

- Final day of School - **the day ends as normal at 1500**

Events in prospect

School Vacation Saturday 1st July to Monday 17th July

Monday 17th July - Staff professional development day - no students in School

Tuesday 18th July - 0840 School starts for all students including Year 9s not on camp

The School Office will be open from 0900-1500 daily during the vacation (apart from Wednesday 5th July)

I do hope that you will all be able to spend some time together as families this vacation for which all good wishes and safe journeys.

Yours sincerely,

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