



ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Comment from the Principal – 28th July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Time marches on and Week 3 beckons already, with much in prospect to build further on a week of activity.

Assembly

This activity started with our assembly on Monday which saw Lachlan Kerr telling us about his week of sailing adventures on the *Leeuwin*, reprising his Year 10 *Big Picture* presentation. This is the third occasion this semester where students have shared notable experiences, or aspects of their lives to the acclaim and interest of their peers.

Staff Professional Development

Peer assistance was also part of the staff training session which saw Kate Stannard of AISWA giving my colleagues and me advice and ideas on differentiation within the whole process of teaching and learning. This training will continue during the year and will play a part in the classroom observations which are part of the appraisal process for teachers.

Canteen Assistance and Training

Training of a more culinary variety will be available through an on-line food-handling course which will enable student volunteers to assist in the Canteen. I have sought volunteers through *Daily Notices* but if your child may be interested please do encourage them to register their interest with me as soon as possible. I can then arrange for the training to take place and a roster of volunteers to be drawn-up.

Counselling

As I have intimated previously we now have a new Counsellor – Vashti Ashman – attending for a full school day in Weeks 3, 5, 7 and 9. Appointments can be made through Reception from where further information is available.

Guitar Tuition

Very sadly our erstwhile guitar teacher, Ms Karen McLurkin, is very unwell and so has stepped down from her role. We will miss her but are also pleased to welcome Mr Andrew McGill as her replacement. If your child wishes to continue with guitar, or begin lessons, please contact Mrs Gail Saunders via Reception.

Scholarships

The testing and interviews for this year's scholarship candidates were concluded this week with six awards being made to very worthy candidates from Condungup, Castletown and Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary Schools.

Our numbers for next year's intake take look encouraging and should lead, again, to a Year group of around 40-45, which is what we aim for.



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Australian Mathematics Competition

Some 50 of our students from Years 7 to 10 have been going through the rigours of the Australian Mathematics Competition which was approached in serious and focused fashion. It was encouraging to see our students engaged in this challenging academic endeavour and we look forward to seeing how they have fared in due course.

Volleyball

I also look forward to hearing how our teams have fared in the volleyball tournament being played out today in Kalgoorlie. Hopefully we can build on the success of our Country Week teams.

Landscaping Works

The first stage of the landscaping works between Dempster and McVay should be concluded next week. The next phase will be the laying of paths and planting of trees which should lead to the formation of an attractive area, in the heart of the School, for quiet recreation.

The Week Ahead

Week 3

Jackman on Duty

Japanese students in School all week

Tuesday 1st August – All day - School Counsellor in School

- 1715 PFA Meeting in D1

Wednesday 2nd August – Presentation by Thomas More College of UWA

Friday 4th - Free Dress Day in aid of *Jeans for Genes* (gold-coin donation)

Saturday 5th – 1800 – PFA Family Fun Night at the School

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 8th - Year 10 Information Evening – letter to follow

Wednesday 9th - School Photographs

Tuesday 15th – Marine Education incursion

Friday 18th & Saturday 19th – Music Festival

Monday 21st - Mid Term Holiday

Tuesday 22nd – Science Week – *Questacon* incursion

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th *Smart Money* incursion



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Parent Survey

You should all have received my invitation to participate in this year's satisfaction survey but, in case these details have been lost, the survey link can be found here:

<https://www.research.net/r/eacsparent2017>

The survey should be completed by Friday 4th August please.

I do hope that you will have a good weekend, despite the rather ordinary weather that is being forecast.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal