Esperance Anglican Community School





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Dear Parents and Carers,

My comment comes attached to the School newsletter which conveys much of what has occurred recently; however a few points from me would not go amiss.

PFA Gardening Busy Bee

It has been so encouraging to see the 'greening' of our new beds, with the work of our Year 11s on their kitchen garden project being complemented by the planting work of the PFA last Sunday. Reticulation will be installed and a Viburnum hedge is being planned for the raised area behind the basketball/netball court.

NetSetGo

In conjunction with Netball WA and EACS becoming an accredited netball specialist school, we are now running a NetSetGo Hub for young students aged from 5 to 10 years old. This programme is designed to introduce young players to the game of netball; it incorporates the skills through various games and modified games. Integrating both our status as a Netball Specialist School and Big Picture we have two of our fabulous Year 11 students running this course: Tylah Kennedy and Ayla Rae-Anthonysz. We have a very encouraging 24 enrolments for Term 4 and hopefully more in Term 1 next year.

Digital Citizenship

Some parents are aware, through the regrettable involvement of their children, of a recent breach in our network security protocols by students, using a virtual private network (VPN) to circumvent our internet security procedures. As part of the consequences of this serious breach those students involved had to complete a series of worksheets on digital security (devised by the Australian Government for schools to use). One part of these asked students to log the hours they spend on social media and I was, I confess, shocked by the findings: in the group Of 20-plus students the average time spent on social media each week was 14.5 hours, which is over two hours per day. This cannot be healthy. We will certainly be reviewing how we approach the teaching of digital citizenship but I am sure that you, too, would like to speak with your children to ensure that you are comfortable with the amount of time spent on-line.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 13th November Mid-term holiday School Closed

Tuesday 5th December Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Thursday 9th December EACS Awards Night Last Day of School

Examinations

ATAR examinations started on Wednesday in the Parish Centre and we wish all candidates involved the success they deserve as they go through this arduous process. It is good to be using, for the second year, our 'own' venue and I am so grateful to the Parish Council of St. Andrew's Church for allowing us to use this excellent facility. School examinations start next week: on Monday for Years 7 to 10, and on Thursday for Year 11.

Chapel

Again, we had our service led for us this week, in fine style, by our students, this time from Goldsworthy. They gave a very entertaining and relevant message about how we can use and develop our talents by getting students to show their own skills in dance, music, sport and comedy. Whilst it would be good to have our own Chaplain it is heartening to see and hear how our own community can support the mission of our Anglican School in this way. One of our parents, Mr Steve Wallace, talked to us last week about Samson and how we all have the strength within us to develop our talents to the full.

Year 11 Pro-Prefects

All Year 11s are, as in previous years, involved in the smooth running of the School by performing a range of duties, taking over from the Year 12 Prefects who have done such a sterling job.

I am giving Year 11students specific leadership training each week prior to them being involved in the organisation and running of Transition Day. Elections will follow soon thereafter with all students and staff having a vote.

The School Ball

Speaking of voting, I must apologise for the abortive attempt to use SEQTA Poll to garner views from Year 11 and 12 students and staff about the most suitable time to hold the Ball next year. The erratic operation of the poll did not allow views to be expressed so I will send out shortly another poll using Google Forms which has worked well before. I encourage all Year 11 and 12 parents and students to take part.

Exit Surveys

We will also be sending out, in due course, a survey for all departing (or departed) students and their parents to complete to give us some pointers about developing the School further.

Yearbook

You will see in the full newsletter details of the Yearbook which is now in the final stages of editing. This is a fantastic achievement as it has been a senior-student initiative, although with able guidance from Mrs Sharelle Walter. Full details will be available shortly but please keep the purchase of this publication in mind.

As always the School Calendar on SEQTA, and the website, gives up-to-date information but a summary may be helpful:

The Week Ahead

Week 5 – Jackman on Duty Monday 6th November – School exams start for Years 7 to 10 (until Thursday 9th) Thursday 9th – School exams start for Year 11 (until Friday 17th) Friday 10th – Jackman House Chapel Service

Forthcoming Events

Monday 13th November – Mid-term Holiday – School closed
Wednesday 18th – School Council meeting
Tuesday 21st – Year 10 Big Picture meeting
Wednesday 22nd – School attends 'The Arrival' at the Civic Centre (letter has already been sent)
Thursday 23rd – School Surf Competition and in evening musical soiree (invitation will follow)
Friday 24th – Transition Day for Year 6 students
Monday 27th – Year 11 Outdoor Education Expedition (until 1st December)

FINAL WEEK

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th – GSSSAA Athletics Carnival in Albany
Tuesday 5th – Visit by the Chief Executive of the Anglican Schools Commission, Revd. Peter Laurence, OAM
Tuesday 5th – 1800 Graduation Dinner for Year 12 and parents (and attended by Revd. Laurence)
Wednesday 6th – Inter-House Beach Volleyball Competition
Thursday 7th – Last day of School

- 1830 Awards Night in the Civic Centre

I trust that you will all be able to have a restorative and enjoyable weekend.

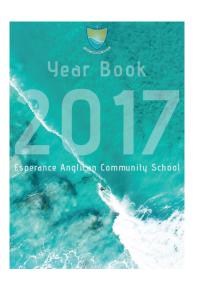
With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

Kerr

P. Kerr Fulton-Peebles Principal Caitlyn recently went to visit Esperance Care Services. Her task was to rearrange all the jewellery section to make it look more presentable. She was very enthusiastic and made the stand look amazing! Caitlyn and Georgia have been going there every two weeks to put into practice what they have been learning in school.





EACS YEARBOOK

Thanks to the tireless work of the Year 12 Business students, particularly Summer Rose, the first ever Esperance Anglican Community School Year Book is in production and will be available for sale at the end of the year.

The price is no more than \$25. Limited copies will be available.

CHESS

This year's Grand Final contest was played between Luke O'Dea and Lachlan Kerr on a best of three games basis. Each game was facilitated 'on the clock' with each player having a total of 10 minutes to make all their moves. The winner in each game would be decided either by checkmate or one player losing on time. There was a small group of about 30 keen chess enthusiasts watching the action unfold on the big screen where all the moves were projected.

In game one there were a number of opportunities for both players but the pressure of time was forcing both players into making blunders. But it was Lachie Kerr that battled with time pressure the most and his red flag dropped signalling the end of game 1 - a win to Luke.

Game 2 started very close with good chances for both sides until a great knight 'fork' of Lachie's King and Queen set him back. Despite recouping some material Lachie, in losing his Queen early, was not able to fully recover and Luke held his nerve to checkmate him on the back rank.

Congratulations to both boys for the positive manner in which they acquitted themselves and special commendation to Luke O'Dea on being anointed this year's Champion.

The stage is now set for our annual EACS Chess Congress when the following boys will represent their school against ESHS:

Luke O'Dea, Lachlan Kerr, Mitchell Ware, Ben Loffler, Elliott Scott and Ashton Burnside. Trent Appleton is first reserve.













NULSEN BREAKFAST CLUB







YEAR 8 STUDENTS

GARDASIL VACCINATION

This vaccination is for the prevention of the Human Papaloma Virus which is linked to cervical cancer. Esperance Population Health will be visiting the School to provide Year 8 students with their vaccinations on Friday 17 November 2017.

Parents/carers filled in consent forms in Term one for this vaccination.

Vaccination will only occur if consent has been given so if you are unsure contact School or the Community Health Nurse.

As consents were collected in Term 1 we ask that parents notify the immunisation team/School Nurse

–If any information on the consent form has changed. I.e.: Medical conditions–If you wish to withdraw your consent

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to discuss with the School's Community Health Nurse Tanya Walker on 9071 0400.



SINGLE NAME PAVER ORDER FORM

Esperance Anglican Community School

Celebrating 10 years

2008 - 2018



SINGLE NAME PAVER: \$35

Your payment of \$35 entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your attendance at EACS. The paver will be permanently installed in the central courtyard. Alternatively you may purchase two pavers for \$60.

Size: 230 x 115 x 40mm

ENGRAVING DETAILS Please print clearly in block letters. Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). Max 16 characters per line, three lines per brick. (No hand drawings.) LINE 1 LINE 2 LINE 3 Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cash, **Esperance Anglican Community School,** 5 Griffin St, Esperance cheque or money order to: Alternatively, call Lisa to make a credit card payment over the WA. 6450 Company/Contact Name Street Post Code City Phone Amount Offer closes on Wednesday 6 December 2017

Please copy and pass on to any friends & family.



To Complete this form & place your order

If you are/were a student:

- 1. Go to lines 1 & 2 & type in your name (whether it be Line 1 Jones & Line 2 Jack or vice versa)
- 2. Go to line 3 & type in student and start/end years
- 3. Fill out attached form and either fax, email, or call Lisa.

If you are/were a member of staff

- 1. Go to line 1 & type in your title (Ie Mr Bloggs)
- 2. Go to line 2 & type in your first name (Fred)
- 3. Go to line 3 & type in your position (Gardener) & start/end years
- 4. Fill out attached form and either fax, email, or call Lisa.

If you are/were a boarder

- 1. Go to lines 1 and 2 & type in your name (as per student instructions)
- 2. Go to line 3 & insert the word boarder & start/end years
- 3. If you were a student & a boarder & can fit your name & the words student & boarder & the relevant years in the allotted squares, please feel free to do so.
- 4. Fill out attached form and either fax, email, or call Lisa.

Upon completion of the order, please either print it out & return it to the school with your payment, or email it to the school & call Lisa & arrange an alternative form of payment.

Please note: Your brick will not be ordered until payment has been made.

The above is a guide only. If you would like to change it, please do not hesitate to call Leonie on 0427 796015 to discuss your preferred variation.

A sample brick may be viewed at the Front Office; however, it is not the colour of the ones that are to be ordered. (We will keep the colour the same as the current footpaths).

ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CREDIT CARD AUTHORISATION FORM FOR PAVER/S ORDER:

Cardholder Name:
Type of Card Visa / Master Card
Card Number:
Card Expiry Date: /
CCV Number:
Amount: \$

VACSWIM 2017-18 SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS

Enrolments for VacSwim's December/January swimming program are now open. With swimming pools and beaches a part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring children learn how to swim and are safe in the water is a must.

Families can enrol online and I encourage you to make sure that families at your school are aware of VacSwim lessons and enrolment dates.

Children 14 years or older are encouraged to enrol for the higher level lessons and the Bronze Medallion.

To assist a poster is attached for you to print and display around your school. An article for your school newsletter and post for your web and social media sites is also attached for you to use and adapt.

For further information and details of locations and how to enrol visit the website.

I strongly recommend you encourage all families in your school to take part in affordable VacSwim lessons.

Thank you for your support in promoting this important opportunity to your school community.

Yours sincerely

FRAN WOOD MANAGER SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY

Wanted:

Expressions of interest to join our fun committee for the 2018 Kids Fun Day Out festival.

Paid coordinator role available.

Our aim is to create a community event for the whole family with fun and interesting activities.

Call Jo at Escare on 90713110.

