

# EACS NEWSLETTER



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**1 -12 November**  
ATAR exams

**4 November**  
Interschool Chess Congress

**11 November**  
Remembrance Day

**9 November**  
McHappy Day - Free Dress

**15-19 November**  
Year 10-11 Semester Exams

**16-17 November**  
Executive Principal in school

**16 November**  
Year 7 Immunisations

**17 November**  
Open Morning

**20 November**  
safeTALK Workshop

**22 November**  
Executive Principal in school

**22-26 November**  
Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Camp  
Year 7-9 Semester Exams

**26 November**  
Year 6 Transition Day

**30 November**  
Musical Soiree

## Prefect Candidates 2022

A process is currently underway to select our new student leaders for 2022. Five candidates have nominated themselves: Kacie Goodman, Ella Purchase, Codee Walter, Lauren Ware and Joane Wilson. Each girl submitted a letter of application stating their personal attributes and the reasons why they feel they would make a good student leader. This was followed up by mock interviews with our current year 12 prefects, speeches to the whole school during assembly and student voting. The final stage will be interviews with the Executive team in coming days. Congratulation to all girls on the strength of their applications.

Mr Iain Clark





# From the Executive Principal



In the natural cycle that exists in School communities, one cohort of students ends their time in school while the next step up and become the leaders. While the last couple of weeks have included many wonderful opportunities to celebrate the contribution of the Class of 2021, it is wonderful to see the current Year 11 students, members of the Class of 2022, applying for the opportunity to be selected in the 2022 Student Leadership group. I wish them every blessing as they prepare for the opportunities that lie ahead.

The Year 12 Valedictory Dinner, held at the Esperance Bay Yacht Club on Monday, 18 October was a wonderful occasion at which the School community, staff, students and parents joined together to celebrate the contribution of the Class of 2021 to our School

An excerpt from my final message to the departing Year 12 students is included in this edition of the School Newsletter:

*Whether we like it or not; or whether we are willing to admit to it, the past inevitably shapes us. It is undeniable that our experiences, whether they be at home, school or elsewhere, impact on who we are and who we will become. They affect the way we deal with situations and people – and just as importantly they impact on how we see the world.*

*I want you to reflect on the experiences you have had here at EACS. Some of you will look back with great fondness and will celebrate with great pride and joy. Others will have mixed feelings about what has taken place over the years. In either case, remembering where you have come from, building on the positives, learning from your mistakes and misfortunes will be fundamental to your future success and happiness.*

*My fond hope is that you will all come to see that you have been blessed with a wonderful Christian education. That you have spent the last few years with teachers that care for your wellbeing, and have guided your education and personal development on a daily basis. That you have parents who have sacrificed their own needs and wants to put yours first, who love you dearly and want the best for you. Your parents and teachers have worked together to provide you with the best foundation on which you may now build. This is a great privilege you will carry with you, one that I'm sure you will grow to appreciate as you mature. It is my hope that you will take the experiences, opportunities and friendships that you have gained at EACS and allow them to be the driving force and source of immense support for you, to may make a difference in this world.*

*Year 12's, go in the knowledge that you have contributed greatly to our school in your own unique way. As a group you have developed many wonderful friendships and other positive relationships, you went about your learning in your own special way, both remotely and while on campus, you showed leadership and provided community service to many. I encourage you to set academic, social and community standards that you will be proud of, standards that others will aspire to. Set your sights high and always do your very best.*

The Year 12 students leave us with our heartfelt blessings and prayers, firm in the knowledge that they have made a difference and that their contribution to our community has been significant.

We now wish them every blessing as they go and make a difference in the communities of which they will live, impacting the lives of those around them positively and with supportive intent.

Every Blessing

**Jason Bartell**  
**Executive Principal**

# From the Associate Principal

## Esperance Show

EACS once again had an important presence at the Esperance Show with our stand prominently located in the heart of the new indoor sports stadium. Many staff volunteered their time to assist with enquiries throughout the weekend, ably assisted by our School Prefects and students providing a free hand painting service much to the delight of the children passing by the stand. We fielded several enquiries regarding future enrolments and received a lot of positive feedback from members of the local community who have had an association with EACS over the years. Thank you to all families for being such positive advocates of our school within the local community.



## Armed for Life Presentation

Last week we hosted a series of presentations from Adam Przytula Founder of Armed for Life. Armed For Life is a social enterprise driven by the goal of helping children, teenagers and adults develop resilience and increase their wellbeing and mental health. Adam has much experience working with students and adults alike and has developed presentations and resources around supporting people of all ages forge positive relationships, make better decisions, deal with stress and anxiety, and build resilience. Adam's parents' presentation at the Civic Centre was well received, as was his workshops and presentations held at EACS with students across all years. Adam was supported by a talented Hip Hop Artist who was able to convey a powerful message using rap songs and rhyming music. We look forward to welcoming Adam and his team back to the school in the future.

**Mr Iain Clark**



# Curriculum Focus:

## Vocational Education Training (VET)

This year has been a very exciting for our VET program, we have had 30 students completing Certificate qualifications across 11 different subject areas, including such diverse topics as Preparation for Health, Bookkeeping, Music Production and Graphic Design.

Whilst many of our students access South Regional TAFE for face-to-face lessons, some also complete their TAFE certificate online, with students studying through tertiary institutes in WA, NSW and Queensland.

Students at EACS are able to choose from a wide range of Certificate courses to suit their interests, these compliment their upper school subject selections and provide them with the opportunity to complete tertiary courses whilst still at school.

Our first group of Year 11 and Year 12 students commenced their study of Certificate IV Preparation for Health and Nursing locally this year, previously our students have accessed Northam TAFE for this course. Local nurse and lecturer, Katrina Dutton, has been instrumental in our student's success, with all 13 students completing the course in less then 12 months. Many of our students have received offers of University study on the back of their successful completion of the Certificate IV. As can be seen from the images, the course provides a very hands on look at Health studies.

**Mrs Lisa Marquis**



# The Graduating Class of 2021

The final week of high school {ever} for the Class of 2021 was filled with fun, celebration and activity. The Valedictory Dinner was held on Monday 18th October at the Esperance Bay Yacht Club. The students looked fabulous as they arrived with their families to celebrate and reflect upon their time at high school. There was great food, beautiful decorations, heartfelt speeches, tears and laughter- a very fitting way to kick off the week.

Throughout the week, the Year 12 students treated us to an array of fancy dress costumes. This year's themes included decades, famous duos and trios, inflatables (aka Skittles day), Aussie icons and on Wednesday, Mrs Shipp finally learnt what a Bitmoji is!

On Thursday, the students had a trial run at grown up recreational pursuits, with a trip to the Lawn Bowls Club. Our sincere thanks to Esperance Lawn Bowls Club for hosting us, and especially to Jan Fiegert who generously gave her time to teach the students the ways of Lawn Bowls. Congratulations to Jaxon Daw, who was crowned champion of the competition.



Some important learnings that came from the last day for the Class of 2021:

- Big items can fit through small spaces
- An hour and a half is not long enough to "do" 6km
- Most of the students are super squirmish when it comes to food.
- Shine, Jesus, Shine sounds great when belted out by 60 sets of lungs, accompanied by a sub-woofer.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2021, for completing their school journey. We are proud to see them finish their time at EACS, and look forward to celebrating with them one final time at their formal Graduation Ceremony in December.

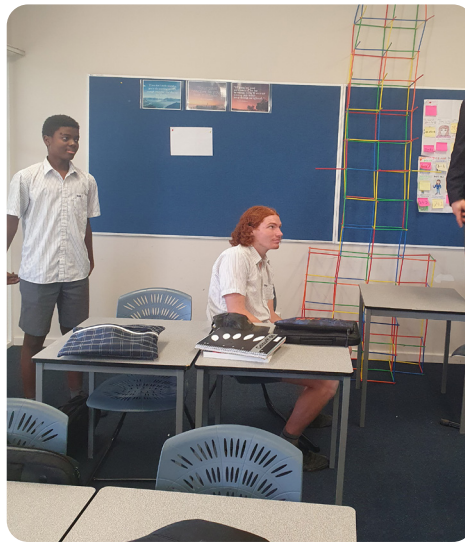
**Mrs Natalie Shipp**

**Live, learn and play in the heart of Esperance**

# Maths Around the School

Our Year 10 Mathematics students are carrying out measurements of right-angled triangles, testing the Pythagoras theorem. When learning Mathematics, knowing a theory - a basis for some rules is just one aspect of a big picture. We develop deeper understanding when we test the theory. Where possible, we do proofing in a real world setting. This helps us understand applications of mathematical concepts in real life. Trigonometry, can be fun!

At EACS, we understand that students' learning styles differ and that multiple representation helps learners develop a comprehensive picture of what they are learning. In this case, Luke, a Year 11 Foundation Mathematics student is learning to differentiate between capacity and volume. At times we get our hands dirt or wet while engaging with mathematical concepts.



Compassion and active citizenship can lead to making a positive difference in others' lives and brings joy to givers. These Year 11 boys, Keenan Holberton, Ben Murgatroyd, Joshua Kinyai, Levi Myer and Keenan, did an amazing job of fixing a Year 8 student's creation. During a second period, the teacher noticed that the creation was partly broken. The boys were requested to fix the tower so that the Year 8 would not get upset. These boys demonstrated an inclusive spirit and repaired the tower and even made it bigger. They forwent part of their recess having fun making an effort to create an amazing tower.

The Year 8.1 Maths Class are managing their own learning while enjoying the outdoors. Sometimes, the class enjoys the flexibility of self-pacing own learning. Education Perfect is an engaging online learning programme that students participate in. The class sometimes requests to do Education Perfect outdoors. These photos were taken on one such days. Who says Mathematics is not fun? Maths is fun!



**Mrs Eva Mbangani**

# McVay House Weekends

Weekends at McVay house are usually spontaneous bouts determined by remaining members in the house and the somewhat unpredictable Esperance weather. It is always pleasing to see when our boarders take initiative and plan an activity that benefits the whole house. This weekend Luke Ietto (Year 11) planned a movie night for Friday that involved him organising a vote on which movie was to be played (Cruella was the popular vote!) and organising snacks for the night, which were cooked after school by other boarders.

Last weekend we received a phone call from the Shire of Esperance looking for volunteers to help with an evacuation exercise at the airport. We only had small numbers in the house that weekend, however the remaining members that did not have work commitments were happy to help and headed out to the airport on Sunday morning. The exercise involved them to “roleplay” as passengers and perform certain actions so the staff could respond accordingly, such as walking off to their vehicle during the evacuation.

Some upcoming events for this term include a climb up Frenchman’s Peak, a friendly mini-golf tournament and of course as many beach or pool trips as the weather will allow.

**Mr Nathan Abbott**



This year, the Year 10 Big Picture students are proud to carry on the tradition of assisting McDonalds Esperance in the preparation and planning of the McHappy Day celebrations to be held at the local restaurant on Saturday 13th November.

Students have been eagerly collaborating with local businesses who have generously begun donating items to assist in the annual raffles, of which tickets will be available for purchase very soon at McDonalds. Tickets will be on sale for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. These raffles are gearing up to be packed full of awesome local goods.

Other students have been planning additional fundraising activities to be held in the lead up to McHappy Day. EACS students will have the opportunity to participate in a Free Dress Day on Tuesday the 9th of November with the contribution of a gold coin donation. The canteen has kindly agreed to contribute the day’s cheesy sales on Thursday the 11th, and a “Guess the Jelly Beans” competition will be held in the upcoming days. All the raised funds from these events will go directly to the Esperance McHappy Day contributions.

If you are able to donate any goods to go towards the raffles and have not already been approached by one of the year 10s, please do not hesitate to contact the school to organise collection, or feel free to drop items off to reception as soon as you can. Otherwise, be sure to head to McDonalds Esperance on Saturday 13th November to purchase a Big Mac, of which \$1 from each sold will go towards Ronald McDonald House, an incredible service for rural families accessing medical care in the city, buy a raffle ticket or make a donation to help the year 10s in working with McDonalds to make this the most successful local McHappy Day! **Mrs Mandie Abbott**



# Bandanna Day

We had a free dress day last Friday in support of National Bandanna Day.

The school showed their annual support of this worthy cause by selling bandannas to support young people when cancer crashes into their world. Canteen is the game changer. They help young people cope with cancer in their family, rebuild their foundations and connect with others in the same boat.

In addition to the sale of bandannas for \$5, we also raised \$106.40 from the gold coin donations.

As part of the day our lovely canteen staff made Halloween inspired snacks. Any one fancy some frankenstein's bleeding fingers (red snags), devils eggs (blue dyed eggs), zombie pizzas, blood & pus cups (jelly & custard), dirt slice (choc slice) and brain cake (carrot cake)? Yum!



# Community Notices



Department of Education

Shaping the future

## VacSwim enrolments now open

Get your Bronze Medallion and help save lives. Enrol now for the October 2021 and summer 2022 school holidays.

[education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](https://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)



Department of Education

Shaping the future

## VacSwim enrolments now open

Help keep your child safe in the water. Enrol now for the October 2021 and summer 2022 school holidays.

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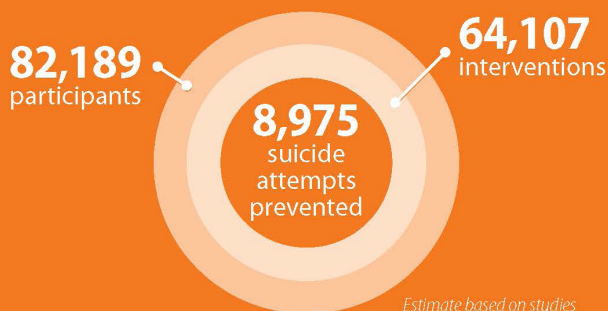


## Make a connection. Help save a life.

**Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.**

- Half-day training in suicide alertness skills
- Learn four basic steps to create a life-saving connection
- Widely used by professionals and the general public

### safeTALK's impact in 2016



### safeTALK works

Studies show that participants gain confidence:

- Asking people about suicide directly
- Connecting them to life-saving resources
- Keeping them safe until those resources take over

### People making a difference with safeTALK



### Esperance Anglican Community School

**Saturday 20th November 2021**

**9 am to 1pm**

**\$40 for School families**

**Free for accompanied students over 16 years of age**

**To Register**

**Phone 90832444 and register your name and attendance**

Learn more about safeTALK and see the evidence at [www.livingworks.net/safeTALK](http://www.livingworks.net/safeTALK)

# Community Notices



South  
Regional

# TAFE OPEN DAY

## SAVE THE DATE

**4-7pm Thursday 18 November 2021**

- ▶ Course information and assistance
- ▶ Discuss your training options
- ▶ Tours of the new campus
- ▶ Meet and talk with lecturers
- ▶ Games and interactive displays
- ▶ Local food and drink vendors



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