

# EACS NEWSLETTER



## Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is the commitment of EACS staff to the wellbeing of each student. Effective pastoral care is achieved through promoting positive school environments that support the physical, social, intellectual and emotional development of every student. All students attend a 30 minute “Advisory period” from 8:40am to 9.10am every day before the School starts. Students perform different types of activities and play games for their holistic development. In the Advisory Class, students also go through “Daily notices” to get informed about what is happening in the School in that week and what is planned in near future. The Monday Advisory is reserved for School Assembly.

Here students of Year 8.2 and 8.3 Advisories are seen building sand castles as part of a “Relationship building” exercise which promotes better learning. Pastoral care activities like this, in the morning, help to remove emotional stress among students and prepares them better for learning their core subjects. The activity can also help in developing “Fellow feeling” and “Team Building” spirit among students.

**Mr Utso Chakraborty**



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**18-20 October**  
Executive Principal in school

**18 October**  
Year 12 Graduation Dinner

**18-22 October**  
Year 12 students Exit Week

**20 October**  
Armed for Life Presentation

**22 October**  
Year 12 students final day

**26 October**  
Year 10 Immunisations

**1 November**  
ATAR exams commence

**4 November**  
Interschool Chess Congress

**20 November**  
safeTALK Workshop



# From the Executive Principal



## Welcome to Term 4

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to EACS to all members of our school community. I hope you enjoyed your time together over the recent school holidays and had the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends.

Term Four is another busy term, complete with an array of school community activities that I hope you and your family are able to enjoy and contribute towards.

## Esperance Show

The Esperance Show is always an exciting time for the Esperance Community, and this year's event was no exception. With last year's event cancelled due to COVID it was great to have this year's event go ahead as planned.

As usual EACS staff were hard at work promoting the benefits of an EACS education at the School's stand. It is always wonderful to see the staff's commitment to our school, as evidenced in their willingness to give of their own time in order to speak with members of the community regarding the School.

I trust you and your family enjoyed the Show.

## Year 12 Valedictory Assembly, Eucharist and Dinner

The Year 12 Valedictory Dinner will be held on Monday 18 October at the Esperance Yacht Club. This event is always a wonderful occasion at which the families of our Year 12 students and the staff of the School mark the end of our journey with the Year 12's.

While it is always difficult to say goodbye, we wish our Year 12's every success as they progress through to the next phase of their lives.

## safeTALK: Suicide Alertness Workshop

Esperance Anglican Community School aspires to provide the very best pastoral care possible for every member of our school community. The Reverend Mark McCracken, School Chaplain at John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School will be running a safeTALK Suicide Alertness program for staff and parents of EACS on Saturday, November 20.

safeTALK Suicide Alertness is one part of creating a safer and nurturing community where many people are alert to the possibility of suicide, can ask the question about suicide of the other person, listen effectively to their response and then keep them safe until skilled assistance can be found. It is a simple and effective approach suitable for anyone over 16 years of age.

This program is strictly limited to a maximum of 30 people, with approximately 15 staff already attending. If you wish to attend please register your attendance with the School by phoning 90832444.

For further information please refer to the flyer featured in this edition of the EACS Newsletter.

Every Blessing

**Jason Bartell**  
Executive Principal

# From the Associate Principal

Respect for individual differences is something that has always been a point of positive reflection when considering the way students relate with one another at EACS. Whilst it is recognised that students do not always get it right, causing occasional angst and a build-up in tensions and emotions, overwhelmingly there is an understanding that all students are wired differently, all students have value, all students have something unique to offer, and all students are important. We quite simply wouldn't be the school we are today without such a diverse and eclectic group of students all adding their own special blend of humour, strengths, weaknesses, and personalities into the school equation. Schools should embrace, nurture and be thankful for such richness and diversity in their school population and this is something I feel we do very well as a school.

One such example of respect for individual differences and mateship was evident at the recent Athletics Carnival held at the end of last term. As the photo depicts Ryan Edgar in Year 9 was having a go at the javelin with his peers and friends James Treloar, Darcy South and Fletcher Williams looking on, supporting Ryan every step of the way. Well done boys!

Mr Iain Clark



## McVay House News

The boarders hoodies have arrived! A number of designs were created by the boarders and then voted on - with this as our end result. They're already a hit for a trip to town on a cold day, or just laying around at the house. We've already got some ideas to add to the wardrobe next year, so watch this space!



# Curriculum Focus: Technologies

The Technologies Curriculum aims to help students develop knowledge, understanding and skills to work independently and collaboratively to create designed solutions. At EACS, the Technologies Curriculum is the framework for many subjects including Digital Technologies, Computer Science, Food Science and Technology, Woodwork, Materials Design Technology and Childcare.

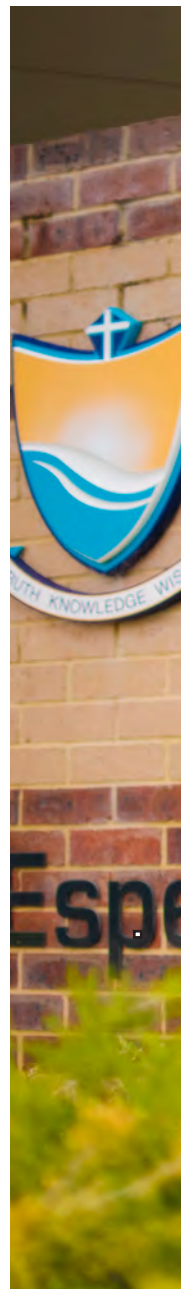
We'd like to take this opportunity to shine a spotlight on long-serving staff member, Petrus Grobler. Mr Grobler started at EACS in 2012 and, since then, has worked with students on individual projects for skills development and collaborative projects for the benefit of the wider school community.

Students developing their skills must investigate the materials and resources they use to ensure they can complete assigned tasks in a safe manner. Mr Grobler's younger students have regularly been tasked with producing items such as trucks, toilet roll holders, clocks and candlestick holders. Older students work individually to create products according to their own plans and designs, making items such as benches and billycarts.

In his early days with EACS, Mr Grobler worked with students on the challenge of limited resources for Outdoor Education classes. His students designed and built the canoes that are still used by students at EACS today. Another example of a real-world problem that Mr Grobler has worked collaboratively to create a designed solution, is the construction of chair trolleys. These large trolleys have helped overcome the challenge of storing and quickly moving the significant numbers of chairs that are required for set up of DMP for whole school gatherings.

We love the way that Mr Grobler has demonstrated the application of the Technology Process to solve real-world problems and we know that his legacy will remain long after his time at EACS comes to an end.

**Mrs Natalie Shipp and Mr Nathan Abbott**



# Lachie's House Fundraiser

Wednesday 8th September, 2021 saw many student's wish come true as they had the opportunity to pie a teacher in the face, all in the effort to raise money to assist those children who need to access the facilities at Lachey's House here in Esperance.

The year 12 Children, Family and Community class were set the task to advocate for a cause they felt drawn to. The girls chose to create awareness about the issue of Domestic Abuse in Australia. Their next step was to decide how and why they would raise this awareness. Thinking locally, the girls, in consultation with the staff at Esperance Crisis Accommodation, decided they would put their efforts into raising funds to create care packages of basic need items, and a couple of little fun things, for different age ranges of children who need to quickly access Lachey's House in a crisis situation.

One of the events they ran was a "Teacher Pie Throw" which saw eight of our very best volunteer to have a shaving cream "pie" pushed into their faces. Students bought tickets to win the chance to participate and in good humour, many students jumped on board.

Additional to the pie throw, events included a free dress day asking students and staff to wear white to raise awareness of White Ribbon Day for Domestic Abuse, a toiletries item drive amongst the staff at the school and a very successful Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. All funds were put towards purchasing essential items that each of the girls carefully packaged together, and as a group, took down to the wonderful staff at Esperance Crisis Accommodation.

The girls are to be commended on their incredible effort, and for the sincere and thoughtful way they went about creating a genuine project that benefited others in the local community.

**Mrs Mandie Abbott**



# Athletics Carnival

On the last Wednesday of Term 3, the long awaited Inter-House Athletics Carnival was held. It was a fantastic Spring day filled with the colours of red, green and purple from the students getting into their house spirit. Throughout the day, students participated in their throwing and jumps events, including discus, shot put, javelin, long jump and triple jump. Along with this, the running events included the 200m, 800m and 400m. The day concluded with the much anticipated 100m races and the relays. It was a terrific day filled with many great student achievements and fantastic house spirit. A huge congratulations to the medal winners on the day, as well as Regan Mott, Destiny Fels, Lachlan Mumme, Luke Maloney, Zachary Curnow and Jerri Gaebler for breaking records. The winning house was Wood, followed closely by Goldsworthy and coming in third place with hope for the future was Jackman. Thank you to all staff, parents and students for your assistance in ensuring the day was a success.

**Miss Michelle O'Brien**



# Community Notices



## 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**

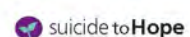
**\$40 for School families**

**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

**ARMED FOR LIFE**

Equipping you for a healthy and resilient life

## BUILDING RESILIENCE IN OUR CHILDREN

COMMUNITY & PARENT INFORMATION SESSION  
tickets available at [bit.ly/armedforlife](https://bit.ly/armedforlife)

**Tuesday 19th October**  
**6.30pm - 8.30pm**  
**Esperance Civic Centre**



**WITH THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY**



# Community Notices



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)



Shaping the future

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

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## LGBTIQA+ weekend WORKSHOP

October 30 - 31



SCAN TO REGISTER

Spend the weekend making new friends, enjoying fun activities and free food, and learning about looking after your mental health, that of your friends' and how to access LGBTIQA+ friendly services

You'll also get to participate in the safeTALK suicide alertness training and receive a certificate (it'll look great on your resume!)

This FREE event is starting soon so get in quick!

**Where:** headspace Esperance, 18 Andrew Street, Esperance

**When:** Saturday, 30 October (10am-5pm),  
Sunday, 31 October (10am-4.30pm)

**Who:** LGBTIQA+ people aged 12 - 26

Scan the QR code or go to [bit.ly/waacweekends](https://bit.ly/waacweekends) to register



Please email us at [hello@waac.com.au](mailto:hello@waac.com.au) if you have any questions before registering

