

EACS NEWSLETTER



Year 12 Leavers Jackets

The class of 2022 are ready and rearing to go, first day of school, not only did they arrive ready to complete their final year of high school, but they were recipients of the long-awaited Leavers Jacket.

As a school we are excited to see our Year 12 students navigate through their various courses. Our students are studying a variety of courses, including ATAR, Certificates and University entrance level.

Three terms will go fast, and we know that these students will be putting their best foot forward as well as looking sensational in their jackets.

Mrs Sharelle Walter

UPCOMING EVENTS:

15-17 February
Executive Principal in school

21-22 February
Elevate Study Skills workshops

7 March
Labour Day Public Holiday

11 March
School Ball





From the Executive Principal



Welcome Back

The new school year brings with it much excitement for students as they actively participate in their classes and scheduled activities. It has been pleasing to see the students return so positive, well rested, energetic and eager to learn. From the staff's perspective, the school year has commenced exceptionally well, with all students settling into the daily routines of school life at EACS. It has been wonderful to see and feel the energy that all of our students bring to our growing community.

I trust that the students have been coming home and informing you about the wonderful learning opportunities they have been provided, as well as the positive relationships they have been forming with all of their teachers.

New Staff

In this edition of the School's newsletter, we also focus our attention on our new staff, Mr Shane Meyer, Miss Abbey Tobin, Miss Kenya Forsyth, and Mr Zane Sawyer. I would encourage you to read the new staff's short biographies as featured in this newsletter. In the next edition of the newsletter we will feature Mr Glen Henderson, Miss Rosie Henderson, Mrs Myriam Saillard, Mr Max Bosworth, Mrs Annie Smith and Mr Phil Lindsay.

An interesting fact about one of our new staff members, Mr Zane Sawyer. Zane was a Year 1 student when I commenced my Principalship at Walpole Primary School in 2004 (just typing this instantly makes me feel very old). I have vivid memories of Zane as a bright-eyed boy with blond curly hair, of whose class I would visit occasionally to read stories. While I would like to be in position to claim that my small contribution to the formative years of Zane's education had a lasting impact on Zane; and was the precursor to Zane's decision to choose teaching as his career, Zane hasn't confirmed this, so therefore I am not in a position to claim this.

All of our new staff are valued, and have had an immediate impact on the re-energising and rejuvenation of our School community. I wish to extend a warm welcome to all of our new staff.

EACS is looking forward to the valuable contribution that all of our new and existing staff will bring to our growing school community in 2022. My prayer for all of our staff is that you find our School a supportive and friendly community where every body's contribution is valued and respected.

Pastoral Care

Our staff care immensely for all of the students attending EACS and demonstrate this in their daily engagement within their classrooms, as well as across the many and varied incidental occasions that present every day. I wish to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the staff for the small moments in which they consistently demonstrate their care for our students and build positive relationships.

In saying this, we should (parents and staff) acknowledge that this care sometimes takes the form of support, care and laughter and in other times it means caring enough to gently correct and to apply fair consequences when required.

A staff member shared with me a great little quote by no great mind in particular, however, it brought a smile to my face as I reflected on the staff's relationship with our students.

"I don't know how to act my age, I have never been this age before"

Our students, your children, are finding their way, we are here to help and assist them through the joys of being a teenager!

COVID-19

The School has been keeping a keen eye on the current and evolving COVID-19 restrictions for schools and how these restrictions may be applied to operational matters and major events scheduled at EACS.

The Minister for Education, the Honourable, Sue Ellery MLC, in her press conference on Monday, 7 February 2022, highlighted restrictions for schools, that apply across the State, that will have a significant impact on the way that all schools operate, as well as the events that schools are able to host and consider. Since the Minister's press conference, the Department of Education has released the relevant operating guidelines. While initially the School enacted on all elements of the operating guidelines, in full, the Executive Team has met and believe the School will be in a position to reinstate some of its activities in a COVID safe manner and environment.

The School's Executive Team will keep you informed of these changes as they occur, and will investigate opportunities for some of the 'cancelled' events to be reinstated later in the year, as we are able.

Once again, I wish to thank all staff, students and parents for their understanding that decisions need to be made in real time and changes to planned events are going to be inevitable.

Every Blessing

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Bartell'.

Jason Bartell
Executive Principal

From the Associate Principal

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. Our newsletter is one of several communication mediums to keep families abreast of upcoming calendar events, whilst providing a snapshot of all the good things that a holistic EACS education offers its students.

This term families can expect to receive the newsletter on odd weeks 3,6 and 9. Each publication will incorporate a feature article showcasing a specific learning area or feature event. This publication you will notice 'Boarding' as the feature article with our boarding community having recently returned from a fabulous weekend at Woody Island. If you haven't experienced Wood Island yet, this is a must do on your bucket list!

'Hitting the ground running'

To hit the ground running means to start a new activity with a lot of energy and enthusiasm. This idiom has connotations that directly apply to the positive engagement shown by students (both new and returning) since the start of the new school year.

Our new Year 7s have assimilated well and can all hold their heads high. They have come to terms with their new surroundings and are increasingly settling into new routines, embracing new expectations, and engaging with new curriculum.

To borrow a coin of phrase from our FISH Philosophy vernacular students have been colloquially "Living the FISH" meaning that they have been striving to live up to the four guiding principles encompassed by the FISH Philosophy, which seeks to promote positive behaviours and interactions with others:

- Be There – Be present in the moment (for self and others)
- Choose Your Attitude – make a conscious choice to be positive
- Make Their Day – look for ways to make others the focus of your attention
- Play – learning should be fun, but play needs to be timely, inclusive, and appropriate

Whilst the Covid pandemic appears to have no let up with massive repercussions for all schools across the state, we remain forever optimistic that postponed events will eventually go ahead, and cancelled events may even reappear on the radar as the landscape moving forward becomes less opaque.

For now, good practice informs us that we should focus our energies on elements that are within our sphere of control and influence. This relates to Learning 101 (students CARING about their learning) and Teaching 101 (staff CARING about their teaching).

Wishing all staff, students, and families the best of luck for the year ahead.

Mr Iain Clark

Year 7 Science

As an introduction to high school science the Year Seven students used their creativity to make phones out of cups and string. They then progressed from the simple system to bringing in other materials and designs. The class concluded with a group chat!



Introducing Our New Staff

We have welcomed nine new staff members into our EACS school community for the commencement of Term 1 2022. Over the next few newsletters we will be publishing a short paragraph of introduction for each new arrival. This edition focuses on teaching staff, the next issue will feature our boarding house supervisors, education assistants and IT support staff.



Hi! My name is Shane Meyer and I have recently joined the EACS team in a part time role teaching Religious Studies and Health. I was born in Esperance and spent my childhood and teen years growing up on a farm near Condingup. After being away in Perth for secondary school, I returned to the farm for a couple of years to assist my parents with the running of the farm. Following this, I worked in a bank for a couple of years before starting my teaching journey at Wongutha CAPS school near Gibson. I spent the next 21 years at the school in a range of roles finishing the last 11 years as School Principal. I am married with four children aged 19, 16, 14 and 12. Three of my children are students at EACS. I'm enjoying the opportunity to support EACS students with their teaching and learning in 2022.

Mr Shane Meyer

I was fortunate enough to grow up here in Esperance, surrounded by my family and the close-knit community that makes up this town, and returning now as a teacher I want nothing more than to foster childhoods like the one I had with the students at EACS. Spending childhood here means I have a strong respect and admiration for the ocean, a love for community and a desire to support others, all of which was something I carried with me when I left Esperance after finishing school. I studied Journalism and International Relations at university but after finishing I finally decided to honour a calling to the teaching profession that had been niggling at me for many years. I took a job in the Pilbara town of Port Hedland, where I fell comfortably into the familiarity of small-town life, one which I had missed while living in the city. The only difference being that I had to swap my love of Australia's best beaches for the iconic red dirt and some of the most beautiful sunsets I have ever seen. I nurtured students in a Pastoral Care role from Year 8 to Year 12 and honed my skills in teaching upper school English. After ten years away I am grateful and excited to become apart of Esperance Anglican Community School and life back here in Esperance.

Miss Abbey Tobin



After growing up south of Perth in the coastal town of Safety Bay, and completing my secondary and tertiary education in Perth, I felt it was time to branch out and see more of WA, so here I am! I count myself very fortunate to have landed a job on the coast - It makes this new journey a little less daunting to have the familiar scenes of the beach at my fingertips. I am really excited to be joining the EACS family, so I can work alongside teachers who really care about what they do and get to know students and how best to help them succeed in their schooling journey at EACS. I'm very much looking forward to getting involved in the EACS and Esperance community. In my pass time, you will find me walking along the beach, practicing Pilates or on the hockey field, so if you see me, don't hesitate to say hello!

Miss Kenya Forsyth

I grew up in the small town of Walpole where I spent the formative years of my life. Being surrounded by people who care so deeply about taking care of the environment and about their own local history gave me a guide as to how I was going to fashion my personality, values and interests going into adulthood. This was then pushed further by going to high school in Denmark. There I was influenced by many great teachers, and I discovered what career I wanted to pursue. After high school I spent some time working back home and then after a year finally made the move up to Perth to attend Edith Cowan University. I am excited to begin my career at Esperance Anglican Community School because it brings me back to what a valued so much during my own high school experience: Having a close-knit school community, being taught by teachers who really care, and of course being surrounded by a beautiful natural environment.

Mr Zane Sawyer



Live, learn and play in the heart of Esperance

Boarding House News

It has been a busy start to 2022 for everyone at McVay House, which has been most welcome. Before the start of term, the staff came together to start planning for our annual camp and welcomed our newest staff member, Max Bosworth. Max was once a Year 12 student here at EACS and has returned to Esperance after completing his Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Modern Languages at the University of Western Australia. Max worked as a Residential Advisor at St George's College and it has been a pleasure to see him enthusiastically transfer those skills to our boarders.

This year we opened our doors to 22 boarders, with 8 new Year 7 boarders. Our Year 7 boarders were given the opportunity to start the year in the boarding house after completing their induction day on the weekend before school opened for the rest of the school. This allowed them to start forming bonds with their peers and allow them to get a taste of the house routines, whilst exploring a bit of Esperance, including a few trips to the beach, before the remainder of the house arrived on the Sunday afternoon. Our first weekend has traditionally been a closed weekend to break the ice for those that are new and to promote healthy relationships between the boarders and staff. In the past we usually use this weekend as part of our annual camp, with the exception of the last two years. Fortunately, this year we were able to return to Woody Island for our camp and with the weather turned on for us it was a great event!

All boarders were sent to Woody Island on Saturday morning, accompanied by four staff members, Max Bosworth, Natahna Stone, Imogen Stone and myself. The camp consisted of a boat ride to the island, and everyone stayed overnight in the Eco Tents provided by Woody Island Eco Tours. Many activities were planned over the course of the two days, including snorkelling, fishing, kayaking, bush walking and lots of swimming.

It was a great weekend, where my hope is that the boarders learned something about their peers and enjoyed what Woody Island had to offer. As staff we learnt a bit more about the boarders, such as Jackson is a keen fisherman, he caught a squid pretty early on and then prepared and help to cook it for breakfast the next day. George, Heidi and Ben were also holding a line as often as they could and a few of the boarders snorkelled and were able to touch the boat wreck. It was also great to see almost all of the boarders happy to help out staff at meal prep, or their peers throughout the weekend.

At the end of the trip on Sunday, which was a very quiet boat trip back to Esperance, after the boarders had completed pack down and clean up, they were asked to complete a reflection task on their weekend during prep. It was heart warming to read the positive comments and suggestions. We look forward to start planning for 2023!

Mr Nathan Abbott
Head of Boarding



Woody Island Reflections Task

Isabelle -

My favourite things about Woody Island camp, first of all we boarded the boat to Woody Island on the dock in Esperance the boat was amazing. It was also my first time on a boat!! When we arrived at Woody Island the first thing that happened is that we got assigned our tents, I shared a tent with Emilee Webster. We all had lunch after that... but it was a special lunch because it was Emily Walters birthday, we all ate cake (it was delicious)! About half an hour later we went down to the beach and jetty. In that time I swam, snorkelled and fished. I learnt that Jackson was a really good fisher he caught a squid!!

At night we went out to go and look for some fairy penguins. We didn't find any penguins but we found lots of crabs. We went to bed. The next morning I realised that I had sunburn and a lot of it. It hurts so muchhhh!!! After trying to cool down my skin, we went swimming and fishing again it was really fun because I jumped off the jetty!! Then we had to pack up our tents went swimming one last time and then got ready for the boat trip home to Esperance. I loved going to Woody Island it was amazing but the main thing I learnt was PUT MORE SUNSCREEN ON!!

Sadie -

This weekend was a blast! I really enjoyed jumping off the jetty and off the pontoon. I didn't think I would do any of that but I did so I was very happy with myself. Even though it was so hot it was good fun and hope to go back soon. I learnt that Jackson is a pro fisherman and that woody has lots of kangaroos near the camp grounds! I wish I went snorkelling at skinny dip Bay but I'll do that next time I go because I'm definitely going back! Thanks boarding house it was such a good weekend!

Jackson -

On our Year 7 camp I enjoyed being able to fish as high school doesn't allow me to go fishing on week days and snorkling with star fish and a squid I caught. I learnt that what ever you put your mind to you can do as I made a goal to hold my breath longer than 20 seconds I accomplished that and I have a few new diving buddies I wished to have caught a flathead there but sadly there was no sand that's all.

Claire -

My favourite thing on camp was going swimming. It was so much fun. We jumped off the jetty and went fishing. I learnt that there are no snakes on woody island. Which is good because I don't like snakes. I really wanted to see the fairy penguins but we were late.

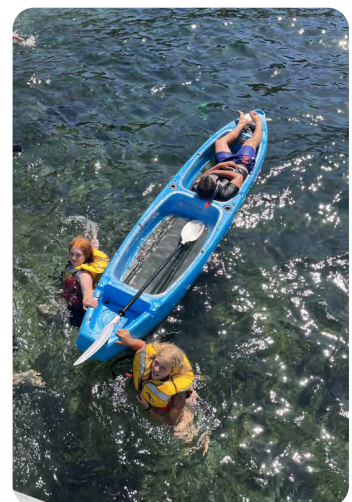
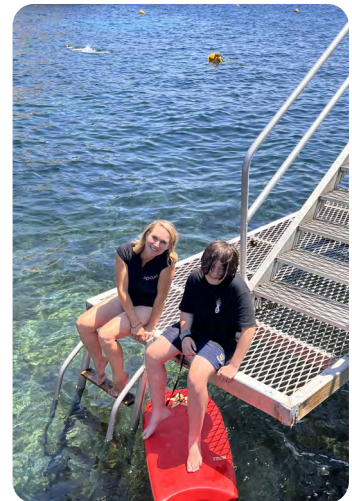
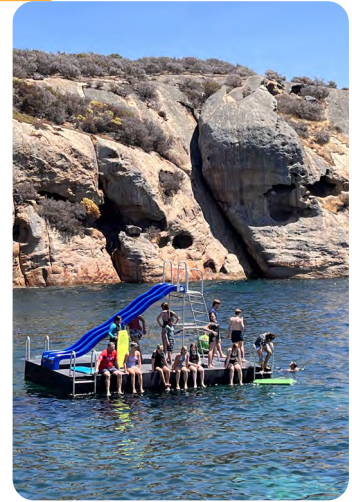
Martino -

I enjoyed the walking in the beach it was fun climbing on rocks I liked pushing people pushing people off pontoon it gave Adrenalin the boat ride was fun the waves looked cool.

I learned about myself is I need to work on my bottle flips the other boarders really into snorkelling. I really want the night walk to be done because I really I liked the walking and I really wish we saw penguins overall camp was really fun.

Levi -

I enjoyed going to woody island. I learnt that I can't walk anywhere without hurting my self on stuff. I would've liked if we could've stayed longer then one day because it was very fun and I liked seeing the kangaroos.



Year Seven Students

EACS is excited to begin 2022 with our highest intake of Year 7 students. They have come from a variety of schools and districts, we believe it is imperative to know our students and for them to form relationships with their peers.

Mrs Walter's 7.1 English class are learning all about each other – in an interesting way. Thirty five questions needed to be answered and no one was allowed to talk! The creativeness behind their questioning skills was a delight to see.

We look forward to not only learning about our students but being able to witness them becoming part of our school community. Goodluck class of 2027!!

Mrs Sharelle Walter



Employment Opportunities at EACS

MATHEMATICS 1.0FTE (Permanent/Ongoing)

(Ability to teach at ATAR Applications level, is essential.)

The position involves teaching Mathematics (Year 7 – 10) and ATAR Mathematics is essential. We are willing to consider applications from both newly qualified and experienced teachers with an enthusiasm for the education of the whole person in mind, body and spirit.

For further information about this position please contact the School on 08 9083 2444 or email info@eacs.wa.edu.au
Closing date for applications: Friday 25th February 2022
Full details of the School can be found on our website <http://www.eacs.wa.edu.au>

Interviews will take place in person or via Zoom and the successful shortlisted applicants will be contacted to arrange these interviews.

CASUAL BOARDING HOUSE SUPERVISOR

We have an employment opportunity for a Boarding House Supervisor commencing immediately. The Boarding Supervisor role is a casual position on a shift by shift basis. The position involves the supervision and transport of boarding students and monitoring their pastoral needs. All staff are expected to be completely supportive of the school's Christian tradition. EACS is committed to safeguarding children, and all staff are required to follow our Child Safe Policy and Procedures and our Code of Conduct; all staff will be vetted via checks on references, a federal police check and a Working with Children check.

For further information about this position please contact Nathan Abbott on 08 9083 2444 or email nabbott@eacs.wa.edu.au

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Employment Opportunity

Applications are open for a new position at Esperance Anglican Community School

Community Notices

ART LAB



Creative workshops for curious minds

<p>A SKETCHY DATE WITH SARSBY 14 Feb 7-9pm Adults</p> <p>LEAF MOBILE 15 Feb 3.30-5pm 5-10yrs</p> <p>POTTERY WHEEL 23 Feb-30 Mar 6-8pm Adults</p> <p>SUNDAY POTTERY 27 Feb - 3 Apr 1-3pm Adults</p> <p>WIND SPINNERS 1 Mar 3.30-5pm 5-10yrs</p> <p>DRYPOINT ETCHING & PRINTING 11 & 18 Mar 6-8pm Adults</p> <p>INTERMEDIATE MACRAME POT HANGER 13 Mar 9am-1pm 16yrs+</p>	  	<p>ROCK'N'CRAFT WOOD SIGN 15 Mar 3.30-5pm 5-10yrs</p> <p>MESSY MINNOWS 18 Mar 10-11am 1-4yrs</p> <p>ACRYLIC PAINTING WITH JUDY 25 Mar 6.30-9pm Adults</p> <p>ACRYLIC PAINTING WITH JUDY 26 Mar 9am-12noon 7-17yrs</p> <p>EASTER CARDS 29 Mar 3.30-5pm 5-10yrs</p> <p>CRYSTAL RAINBOW 1 Apr 6.30pm-8.30pm Adults</p> <p>MESSY MINNOWS 6 Apr 10-11am 1-4yrs</p>
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OCEAN HEROES IS COMING TO ESPERANCE!






'Ocean Heroes aims to improve the wellbeing of those on the autism spectrum and their families through surfing'. We're coming back to Esperance and can't wait to share the stoke with the local autism community!

- WHEN: 26TH & 27TH MARCH 2022 9AM-1:30PM
- WHERE: TWILIGHT BEACH, ESPERANCE
- WHO: THE AUTISM COMMUNITY
- HOW MUCH: FREE!

For more details contact: Sam
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