

# EACS NEWSLETTER



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**18-20 May**

Year 11 Outdoor Ed Camp

**10-20 May**

NAPLAN Online (Yrs 7 & 9)

**24 May**

Year 7 Immunisations

**17-19 May**

Executive Principal in school

**1 June**

Interhouse Cross Country

**2-10 June**

Year 11-12 Exams

**6 June**

WA Day - School Closed

**7-10 June**

Year 10 Exams

**13-17 June**

Year 7 & 8 Camp

**21 June**

Interschool Cross Country Relays

**24 June**

School Ball

## General Physical Education

In Year 12 General PE Studies this semester, the students have been focusing on the sport of tennis. Whilst it was new to several of the students, they have been practicing their skills and improved significantly. Last week, they were fortunate enough to have the local tennis coach Bastien Henrotin come in for some coaching lessons. They worked on their forehand, backhand and volley skills. Bastien gave them some great tips on how to improve their skills, as well as playing some exciting games. It was fantastic to have Bastien come in and provide some extra coaching and feedback to the students prior to their skills assessment this week. Thanks to Bastien for this great opportunity for the students.

**Ms Michelle O'Brien**





# From the Executive Principal



## **The 'New Normal'**

Has the 'new normal' commenced here in WA? With relative freedom to participate and organise community and sporting activities, albeit with an ever-cautious, yet measured approach being implemented while one eye is on the fluctuations of the State's COVID numbers?

EACS has seen a return to the planning and implementation of aspects of its pre-COVID arrangements over the past three weeks. The School has implemented a sound but cautious approach and is planning for those elements that enhance a child's experience at EACS, to be gradually re-introduced.

It has been great to see some aspects of our 'new normal' introduced and planned for more recently, including the planning of the Year 7 Camp in June, the training of teams for Country Week, the return of Parent/Teacher interviews and the gathering of our students in Assemblies and Chapel Services.

## **Free RATs**

The State's efforts to ensure that the latest surge in COVID cases does not impact negatively on the State's Hospital system, as well as to slow the rate of spread throughout Western Australia (WA), has come in the form of the delivery of 20 free Rapid Antigen Tests to all students across WA (RATs), disseminated through schools.

Esperance Anglican Community School's free RATs have now been delivered to the school and will be distributed throughout this week. These free RATs will support our students to continue to attend school for face-to-face learning and will minimise disruption to their schooling. You will be able to test your child at home if they are feeling unwell. You can also use these RATs if your child is a close contact to enable them to test daily and continue to attend school, as long as they receive a negative result, remain asymptomatic, and wear a mask.

The School will commence its distribution of these RATs to each individual student from Tuesday, 17 May, 2022. It is planned that all RATs will be distributed to all students by the end of the week, Friday 20 May 2022. Advisory Tutors will distribute the RATs to each individual student. I would urge all parents to please check their children's bags or request the RATs off them, on the day that you are notified.

If your child becomes symptomatic, they should stay home and be tested for COVID-19. You should notify the school if your child tests positive for COVID-19. Refer to [healthywa.wa.gov.au](https://www.health.wa.gov.au) for information on close contact definition, testing and isolation requirements.

Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping our school COVID-19 safe.

## **Sayonara – Max Bosworth**

In 2012 Max Bosworth was a student of mine at EACS. I remember this bright eyed, highly intelligent boy, who was always quiet, yet actively involved in all aspects of our growing community and the education offered here at EACS.

Max's contribution to our community, as a student, was significant. Max then graduated from EACS, studied at university and then returned to contribute to our growing community in a different way, as an employee, assisting as a Boarding House Supervisor in 2022.

Max leaves us to take up a position in Japan, teaching English. While his loss will be felt by our Boarder's (and his mother, Linda) I am certain that he will return and that this is not the last that EACS has seen of Max Bosworth.

We wish Max every blessing as he explores Japan and the wider world, and look forward to seeing him back at EACS, sometime in the future.

Sayonara Max.

Every Blessing, keep well and stay safe.

**Jason Bartell**  
Executive Principal



# From the Associate Principal

With Term 2 quickly unfolding before our eyes I would like to use this opportunity to reflect on several items:

## COVID – ongoing considerations

Term 2 has commenced with a renewed enthusiasm for 'life returning to normal'. It has been great to see events and activities beginning to take pride of place back in school planning considerations. This said we must be continually mindful of the basic health and hygiene practices that have worked so well for us over the past couple of years. Hand washing and sanitising remains important. In certain close contact public settings, where social distancing cannot be adhered to, mask wearing is also still advisable.

## The Benefits of Advisory

At EACS the pastoral care of our students is of paramount importance. Students spend the first 30 minutes of each day in their Advisory group. Advisory time is valuable time where students can benefit from learning opportunities that fall outside the remit of the standard academic curriculum.

## Thought for the Day

"Life itself is your teacher, and you are in a state of constant learning." - **Bruce Lee**

- What does this quote mean to you?
- Why is life our teacher?
- What does it mean to be in a state of constant learning?
- How do our experiences shape us as individuals?
- Is it healthy to make mistakes in life? Under what circumstances?
- Is there ever a point when learning stops? Why?
- How can we use life experiences to build stronger relationships with friends, family and our peers?

Above is an example of the type of robust discussion that can ensue on any given morning during Advisory, in this case centring around the 'Thought for the Day'. Students are given an inspirational quote and asked to contribute their ideas. For students, it provides the opportunity to think outside the box and bring their own context and insight to a topical discussion. For staff it brings the opportunity to lead the conversation through some thought-provoking questioning whilst offering their own life experiences to shed meaning and offer guidance and counsel.

Advisory is also time well spent participating in other activities, including but not limited to:

- Morning registration
- 'Check ins' and 'ice breakers'
- Daily Notices
- Assembly and Chapel
- Child Protection Curriculum 'Keeping Safe'
- Deep dive learning: Positive Relationships, Poverty and Inequality, Mental Health and Wellbeing
- General knowledge quizzes
- Morning fitness
- Community service initiatives
- Follow up on pastoral / wellbeing concerns

## Parent Teacher meetings

Thank you to those parents who have participated in Parent / Teacher and IEP meetings with our school staff. Hopefully, because of the ongoing dialogue and collaboration between family and school, the understanding of our student's progress and attainment as well as their learning needs is that much more strengthened.

# From the Associate Principal

## NAPLAN

Online NAPLAN testing is taking place this week. It has been a relatively seamless period, with students and Teachers working together to complete the battery of literacy and numeracy tests. Students across year's 7 and 9 are to be congratulated on the way they have embraced the testing, whilst doing their level best to achieve to their potential.

## Year 7 and 8 Camp

Families were recently sent initial correspondence regarding the upcoming Year 7 and 8 Outdoor Adventure Camp being held at the Manjedal Activity Centre in Karrakup (1 hour south of Perth) from the 13th-17th June, 2022. It should be a fantastic camp and we look forward to providing further information in due course. Any enquiries at any stage please email Camp Coordinator Shane Meyer ([smeyer@eacs.wa.edu.au](mailto:smeyer@eacs.wa.edu.au))

## Year 11 and 12 Exams

The Exam timetable for Year 11 and 12 ATAR students extends from Thursday 02 June to Friday 10 June and is attached for your convenience. These exams will take place at the Anglican Parish Hall. During this time ATAR students will be on study leave and only required to attend their exams when scheduled. All Year 11 and 12 General students are required to continue to attend school as normal. Best of luck to the students as they prepare for these important half-yearly exams.

Mr Iain Clark

### Year 12 Exam Timetable – Semester 1 2022

(Anglican Parish Church)

Thursday 02 June	Friday 03 June	Tuesday 07 June	Wednesday 08 June	Thursday 09 June	Friday 10 June
ITALIAN	ENGLISH	CHEMISTRY  HUMAN BIOLOGY	COMPUTER SCIENCE  MODERN HISTORY  VISUAL ARTS	MATHEMATICS	BIOLOGY  PSYCHOLOGY
12:00 - 2:30	8:50 - 12:00	8:50 - 12:00	8:50 - 12:00	12:00 - 2:30	8:50 - 12:00

### Year 11 Exam Timetable – Semester 1 2022

(Anglican Parish Church)

Thursday 02 June	Friday 03 June	Tuesday 07 June	Wednesday 08 June	Thursday 09 June	Friday 10 June
DANCE  PE STUDIES	ENGLISH	CHEMISTRY  BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT & ENTERPRISE	BIOLOGY  COMPUTER SCIENCE  HUMAN BIOLOGY	MATHEMATICS	PHYSICS  PSYCHOLOGY
12:00 - 2:30	8:50 - 12:00	8:50 - 12:00	8:50 - 12:00	12:00 - 2:30	8:50 - 12:00

# 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 Kallen Williams and I have recently joined the EACS team as a Big Picture Academy and Physical Education Teacher.

I grew up in the vibrant and windy town of Geraldton, spending majority of my time in the ocean surfing or on the football field. After moving to the city to complete my university studies, I completed a Bachelor of Exercise Science at Edith Cowan University, which led me into a career of Exercise Physiology, working for various mining companies around Western Australia. I then moved into the Education sector, where I taught at Halls Head College, specialising in the Targeted Sports AFL program and the Big Picture Academy.

In my spare time I love to travel searching for waves, cook for my family and hang out with my border collie Olli.

I look forward to immersing myself in the community of Esperance and to have a positive effect on the students at Esperance Anglican Community School.

**Mr Kallen Williams**

My name is Taylor Hughes and I have recently come onboard for one day a week, in the Big Picture Advisory role. From a young age my interests have revolved around sport, community and leadership, so it made sense my pathway was that to a Physical Education Teacher. I have been teaching Health & Physical Education for nine years, I completed my Big Picture training in 2018 and took a years maternity leave in 2021.

I'm now excited to be part of the team at EACS promoting the Big Picture philosophy of nurturing the next generation of learners by putting students at the centre of decisions around what, how and when they learn.

Away from school you'll generally find me watching, playing or coaching netball and going on outdoor adventures with my family.

**Ms Taylor Hughes**



## 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](mailto:info@eacs.wa.edu.au)

Closing date for applications: Friday 8th April 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.



### **Employment Opportunity**

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

**Educating the whole person – in mind, body and spirit**



# Curriculum Focus: Humanities

This Term in HASS the curriculum focus is on History, covering content from the Ancient World, Middle Ages, World War I and World War II. The following illustrates a few activities that students have participated in to consolidate information taught in class.

The Year 8 content was slightly gruesome at the start of the term looking at life in the Middle Ages including occupations such as the barber's surgeon, leech collectors and fuller. Some students crafted tools of the trade with ceramics. Crime and Punishment thrilled most with the horrific means by which they managed society. Among the favourite punishments were the brazen bull, rack and bride's scold. We then moved towards the series of Religious Wars between the Christian and Muslim faith called the Crusades. This gave ample opportunity for students to research and share their creative abilities, delivering booklets and PowerPoints to their peers. The last topic for the term included content about the Black Death which many had been looking forward to all term. To strengthen their understanding of the buboes, typical of the Bubonic Plague, students examined how custard filled jam donuts represented the buboe.

At the beginning of the term the Year 9's studied the changes that the Industrial Revolution brought to Europe and how it impacted daily life. Some of the innovations in this period were the foundations of structures that are in operation today, such as the sewerage system. Innovations and expansion of empires were some of the underlying causes of World War 1. Students then investigated the other causes of World War 1, its progression and Australia's involvement. The content included trench life on the Western Front. The Year 9 classes each spent half a lesson in the volleyball sand pit recreating the various components of the trench system. This included; No Man's Land, the Front line, Communication Trenches, Support Trenches and Reserve Trenches. Students enjoyed reliving their younger years with time in the sandpit and were learning in the process.

**Ms Terina Dell'aGostino and Ms Shirelea Garvey**





# McVay House News

It has been an action packed start to the term for the boarders with lots of activities to keep them busy. The start of footy, hockey and netball has seen the kids zipping in and out for training and games. The first weekend saw a group of boarders head out to Bandy Creek on the bus for a fishing clinic with Jim from the Lions Club - everyone was very excited to catch some fish and a few were disappointed to throw them back in! Jim has kindly offered to take the kids once a month, so there will be more fishing photos soon.

The following weekend we went out of town for a bonfire complete with sausages on the hot plate and s'mores. We have had to sadly say goodbye to one of our Supervisors Max Bosworth, who was offered a role teaching English in Japan (a dream come true for him). We will all miss Max's organised and calm presence and his great sense of fun. We wish him all the best in Japan and hope to see him again soon!

**Ms Natahna Stone**



# Big Picture Project

Hi my name is Jandr  Viviers and I am a Year 11 Big Picture student here at EACS.

I am very interested in honeybees, so for my Term 1 Big Picture Project I made a honey brand which is named Sticky Fingers. I did an internship with a local beekeeper, where I learnt the ropes and he showed me the entire process from making the boxes to catching swarms, hive inspections, the extraction process and the business side of bee keeping.

I collaborated with a fellow Big Picture student, Charli, who made my brand logo. My original thought on bees were that they are stupid little bugs, but through me exploring the intricate world of bee keeping I learnt that they are extremely important and most of all they make beautiful honey.

I can't wait to continue my Bee journey and I hope to grow my business through a social media platform.

**Jandr  Viviers**



# Historical and Museum Tour

On Thursday the 5th of May students from Year 9 Big Picture participated in a History Walk around Esperance. This was organised with the Esperance Museum volunteer Kathy Hine and Esperance Museum Cultural Officer Lynda Horn. Thank you Kathy and Lynda for an informative and interesting walk where we found out about the history of many locations in town and about Esperance's very own bushranger. We also learnt that most of the Norfolk Pines and fig trees in Esperance were planted in the late 1890's. They were very popular in coastal towns, as they were hardy and held up well to strong winds. Some were planted by local dignitaries, and some, at the junction of Williams St and the Esplanade, were dedicated to soldiers who died during the first world war.



Lynda finished the tour with a talk of the history of the Museum. It was originally the Goods Shed, built in 1895 and was a place to store incoming and outgoing freight. The Bonded Store and Goods Shed use became obsolete in the early 60's and the Shire of Esperance and Esperance Bay Historical Society efforts saw to preserving the building and in 1976 the building formally reopened as the Esperance Museum, a use which continues to this day.

**Ms Marcia Leonard**

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

# Year 7 Music Performance

Last week was the culmination of 13 weeks of music and dance elective for some of our Year 7 and 8 students. They have enjoyed learning music, how to play different band instruments and rehearsing as a group. On Thursday a small concert was held in DMP, much to the delight of students, teachers, and parents in attendance. It was fantastic to see our students enjoying themselves whilst exhibiting a positive self-efficacy and confidence to perform so commendably in front of a large crowd. A fabulous rendition of "On the March" and "Power Rock" was enjoyed by all. Well done!!!

Rotation 2 electives will come into effect from next Monday 16 May.

**Mr Iain Clark and  
Ms Gail Saunders**





# Table Tennis Championship

Last week Ashton Davies emerged victorious three sets to one in a very close Grand Final Table Tennis match against Lucas Tobin.

The annual Table Tennis Championships has been going since 2009 and is always a highly anticipated and hotly contested event. This year's final was a high calibre match where both boys engaged in long tense rallies. The match was played with great spirit throughout.

Congratulations to both players.



## Community Notices

### Catholic Church Sacramental Preparation

The Catholic Church is beginning Sacramental Preparation very soon. If you have a child or children who are eligible to receive any Sacrament we invite you to contact the Parish office on 90712091 or [esperance.parish@iinet.net.au](mailto:esperance.parish@iinet.net.au) Year 3 and older receive the Sacrament of Penance, in Year 4 and older receive the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion) and children in Year 6 and older receive the Sacrament of confirmation.

Enquiries Welcome.

## ART LAB



*Creative workshops for curious minds*

#### FUNKY FRAMES

10 May 3.30-5pm  
5-10yrs

#### MACRAME POT HANGER

15 May 9am-1pm  
16yrs+

#### POTTERING ON SUNDAY

15 May-19 June 1-3pm  
Adults

#### WATERCOLOUR AND INKS

17 & 24 May 5.30-8pm  
Adults and Teens 14years+

#### WEDNESDAY WHEEL

18 May -22 June 6-8pm  
Adults

#### LIFE DRAWING

19 May 7-9pm  
Adults



#### CREATIVE FABRIC PAINTING

28 May 10am-4pm  
29 May 10am-12noon  
Adults and Teens 14years+

#### LUMINESCENT LANTERNS

31 May 3.30-5pm  
5-10yrs

#### ACRYLICS AND TEXTURES

2 & 9 June 5.30-8pm  
Adults and Teens 14years+

#### MULTI COLOURED RELIEF PRINTING

12, 19 & 26 June 10am-1pm  
Adults and Teens 16years+

#### PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR ART

16 June 6pm-8pm  
All Ages

#### CREATIVE CANVAS COLLAGE

21 June 3.30-5pm  
5-10yrs

*Bookings essential*

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