EACS NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS:

19-20 September
Executive Principal in school

21 September
Interhouse Athletics Carnival

22 September
No school - Day of Mourning

23 September
Last day of Term 3

3 - 7 October
Yr 12 Mock Exams

10 October
Term 4 commences for staff

11 October
Term 4 commences for students

14 October
No school - Esperance Show

15 October
Scholarship testing for new students 2023

17 October
Year 12 Graduation Dinner

21 October
Year 9 TAFE Open Day

21 October
Year 12 ATAR students final day of school

Community Involvement

In week six, our school basketball squad had the privilege of being involved in the Clontarf Foundation Stingray Basketball Carnival.
Five teams comprising local High Schools and Horizon Power battled it out in a number of matches, showcasing some great local talent and all around great sportsmanship, a credit to our local community.
We would like to thank the Clontarf Foundation for organising the event and well done to our boys!
Kallen Williams





Educating the whole person – in mind, body and spirit

From the Executive Principal



2022 Country Week

The EACS Country Week teams competed in Perth in Week 7 of this Term and represented the School brilliantly over the five days of the annual Country Week carnival. The carnival was a magnificent spectacle with Perth turning on brilliant early Spring weather for the entirety of the carnival. It was wonderful to be a part of this year's carnival with thousands of students from around the state converging on Perth to represent their schools in this annual event. While this year's Country Week carnival was held later in the year than is usual, due to COVID, the excitement was palpable amongst all students after the disappointment of the cancelled carnival in 2021.

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the fixtures on Thursday, 1 September with the School's new Principal, Mr Jordan Smith. It was lovely to see all staff and students enjoying themselves, whether they won, lost or drew. The main focus of the School's teams being to compete to the best of their ability, support each other and represent the School with high calibre sportsmanship. EACS had teams in the representative sports of Basketball, Hockey, Netball, Volleyball as well as a Dance Team in the performance arts section of this year's carnival.

New Principal – Mr Jordan Smith

The announcement of Mr Jordan Smith, to commence as the Principal of the Esperance Anglican Community School from Term 4 2022, is a wonderful occasion for the School. Mr Smith brings with him a vitality and enthusiasm for the role, as well as a keen leadership skillset that I am sure all school community members, staff, parents and students alike, will find engaging, comprehensive and effective.

While John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School (JSRACS) staff, students and parents will miss Mr Smith, his loss from JSRACS is most definitely EACS' gain. Over the past four years, Mr Smith has worked with other members of the JSRACS Executive Team to oversee a cultural change across the School. This cultural change has seen a transformation in the way that leadership is demonstrated across the School and its positive impact has benefitted and empowered staff, students and parents throughout the JSRACS community. I am certain that Mr Smith will bring his effective and transformational leader style to EACS and I look forward to working with Mr Smith in the continuation of EACS journey over the next 15 months.

While this will be my last contribution to the School's newsletter, as Mr Smith will contribute to future newsletters in his new role, I have been blessed to be a part of the continuing and developing EACS story. Each Principal comes into a new school with a keen sense to make a positive contribution to the continuing development of the community of which they have inherited. Three years ago, when I was asked to oversee the re-energising of the School community, I didn't expect to oversee the management of the School through a global pandemic. While I was required to make some strong decisions, it was indeed Mr Iain Clark and the staff at EACS that were effectively implementing these decisions and taking actions that would benefit all members of our community.

I did understand that there would come a time when I would hand over the more detailed operational oversight of EACS. Mr Smith's appointment as Principal of EACS is timely, as my work in overseeing the increase in enrolments, ensuring the financial stability of the school and developing a plan for the further future capital development of the school has been completed. While I will continue in my role as the Executive Principal until December 2023, working alongside Mr Smith, my active role within the School will be operationally limited, and I will do more work behind the scenes, with Mr Smith, overseeing the broader strategic aspects of the School's continuing development.

There are indeed exciting times ahead for EACS, and I wish every staff member, student and parent every blessing as you journey through our brilliant school community. We indeed have committed staff, wonderful students and dedicated parents, who all add significantly to the development of our School community, of which we can be very proud.

Every Blessing, keep well and stay safe.



Jason Bartell
Executive Principal

From the Associate Principal

English Persuasive Text Accolades

Part of students adhering to their mantra of 'CARING about their Learning' is them engaging fully in class activities. When I have the privilege of attending classes in a relief capacity I am often witness to some commendable work where the student (or students) have really embraced the task at hand. One such recent occasion was a year 8 English class. Students were asked to study persuasive text techniques and then write a persuasive letter to myself about extending recess time from 20 minutes to 30 minutes. Whilst this was a hypothetical exercise, I was very impressed with this noteworthy effort from Benjamin Balsdon. Congratulations Ben and keep up the good work.

"I am writing this speech today to resolve a major problem in our amazing school. Tell me, would you rather sit in a boring Maths or Science class or would you rather be having a blast outside in fresh air? I think we all agree on the second one. In 2021 studies and Scientists have shown that our society is not getting enough outdoor time or outdoor activity. 20 minutes is a good amount of time but it is just not enough. I have faced many problems with our short 20-minute recess. I have had not enough time to go to the toilet, finish eating, finish a game and finish a thrilling conversation with your best friends. And some of these things can result in you being late to class and then if your late to class because of the short 20 minutes of recess you could then get a strike or stay back after class. So Mr Clark if we had just an extra 15 minutes of recess so so many problems would be solved."

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a Christian initiative run by an organization known as Samaritans Purse. They collect "shoeboxes" of donated items and distribute them to poorer communities across the world. Donated items include:

- ✔ **SOMETHING TO WEAR:** t-shirt, polo shirt, shor skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.
- ✔ **SOMETHING TO LOVE:** teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- ✔ **SOMETHING SPECIAL:** carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, wind-u torch, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.
- ✔ **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL:** exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
- ✔ **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH:** tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, etc.
- ✔ **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE:** soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.

As part of our students' community service commitment, I am pleased to say that 200 shoeboxes (approximately one shoebox per student in the school) have been collated and packed and are now ready for distribution. The cost to freight one shoebox is $10. The cost to freight 200 shoeboxes is $2000. The school has implemented two free dress days in support of the fund raising required to distribute the shoeboxes across the world in time for Christmas. Donations are still warmly welcomed. If families are in a position donate additional funds towards the freight of one (or multiple) shoeboxes the OCC bank details are detailed are:
Bank: Westpac, BSB: 736150, ACC No: 592496

Thank you for all your generosity provided in support of this worthy charitable fundraising initiative.
Iain Clark

Countryweek

The EACS Country Week team set off bring and early on Sunday morning to travel to Perth. After last years' efforts, we were excited that the event was taking place and that we would make it further than Lake Grace.

This year, we took a boys' basketball, mixed volleyball, mixed hockey, girls netball and girls dance team. Nine hours later and we arrived at Trinity, our accommodation for the week. The students had dinner and settled in for the night to prepare for their first games the next day.

The basketball, hockey and volleyball games were held at HBF park, whilst netball was held at Gold Netball Stadium and dance was at the King's Street Theatre. Day one saw most teams playing one game. Students settled their nerves and got into game play. Basketball, volleyball, and hockey came away with a loss, however netball got a win on the board which was fantastic. After the days' games, we headed back to the accommodation for dinner and then went to Strike Zone at Carousel for some arcade games.

Day two was an eventful day. Most teams had two games to play, however, the day was filled with drama with one of our students receiving a hockey ball to the mouth during the second game of hockey. The ambulance was called, and she was taken to Royal Perth Hospital where she received emergency dental treatment to get her teeth back in place. It was a long day sitting in hospital waiting rooms, but she was okay. The rest of the group had dinner and then headed to Bounce for the evening.

The rest of country week was filled with competitive and hard-fought games. The basketball team and netball team came away with a few wins, whilst hockey had a draw and some losses, and the volleyball team lost their games. The students held their heads high and tried their best. Students enjoyed spending time at Carousel for late night shopping on the Thursday. After the busy week, we headed home on the Friday. We stopped for dinner at Hyden and continued through, getting back to Esperance at 9:30pm. It was a terrific week, and the students had a great time. Thank you to all the staff that made it possible and congratulations to the students on their great performances.

Sharelle Walter














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ARTS Centre




BASKETBALL
FUELLING
CHAMPIONS






WILDCATS





Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp

Monday: Our camp started off at 8am meeting at school to load into the two cars, with quick stop to IGA to get some more food and an essential coffee we made our way to Nanga bush camp. After stopping in almost every town so the boys could get food and go to the toilet, we eventually made our way to 'the roundhouse' arriving at 4:30. Once we had all settled into our rooms with a few spare beds after some people withdrew, we each had a go at trying to light the fire. We finished the day with a massive serve of cheesy chicken pasta bake cooked by Ella, Levi, and Izaak which we somehow managed to eat all of it. We finished the night with Miss O'Brien teaching us how to play Cambio and discussing some interesting topics we all got to know each other a bit better like how Mr Castelli must put his left shoe on first no matter what.

Tuesday: After listening to the rain fall all night on the tin roof, we woke up eagerly at 7am ready to start the day to find it was still raining, but this did not stop us and we began with rock climbing up a 20m wall, which everyone completed, even Miss O'Brien, after she ran away to check on lunch. After a quick break for morning tea we were taught how to set up ropes for abseiling and after much encouragement we went back first off a 10m drop, once we got the hang of falling of this height we ventured up to 20m. from the top of the tower it looked a lot higher than 20m which isn't that enjoyable but we all faced our fears together and sent ourselves off backwards, some more graciously than others in the slippery rain. Later, we enjoyed our home cooked chicken by Mr Castelli and Miss O'Brien, with only salt and pepper to season it that josh had found in his backpack. Due to the poor weather, we chose not to do kayaking and instead had multiple goes at the zipline which produced a sassy walk competition while telling the other that it was all clear to go. To everyone's surprise Levi was the winner of the sassy walk. For our last activity our instructors Shay and Niamh (Neve) introduced us to a game called gaga ball which is a lot like dodge ball, just on the ground and only using your hands to push the ball along. After everyone had fallen over in the mud, we returned to our cabin to play multiple games of Cambio and enjoy some tacos cooked by Lauren, Josh H, Luke, and Sam.

Wednesday: The day started a bit later allowing everyone a sleep-in which was much appreciated. After getting lost multiple times with Lauren as our navigator we made our way to tree top adventures. We all had a go at zip lining and the high rope courses which made everyone's arms hurt and realise that heights are not that fun, especially when tight rope walking and bungee jumping off trees. After







Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp

two and a half hours of being attached to a harness in the treetops, we headed back for some more roast chicken sandwiches and after much convincing we each had a go at swinging off a rope into the freezing cold Murray River. After defrosting in the showers, we went for a little bush walk along the river to find the rapids and finished the day with more card games and lots of pizza for dinner.

Thursday: We started the day with an early start so we could clean up a bit and try and convince the boys to finish all the leftovers, we packed up and got on the road at 8am eager to get home. We made a brief stop in Narrogin, where Ella nearly got us lost, we enjoyed some coffee and then got back on the road to power through Lake Grace avoiding letting Josh H have a corn dog (ew) much to his disgust. Stopping in only Ravensthorpe for a quick lunch. We were all feeling bittersweet about ending our last school camp together forever. A big thank you to Anywhere Adventure, Tree Top Adventures and Mr Castelli and Miss O'Brien for a wonderful and fun filled camp.

Ella Purchase







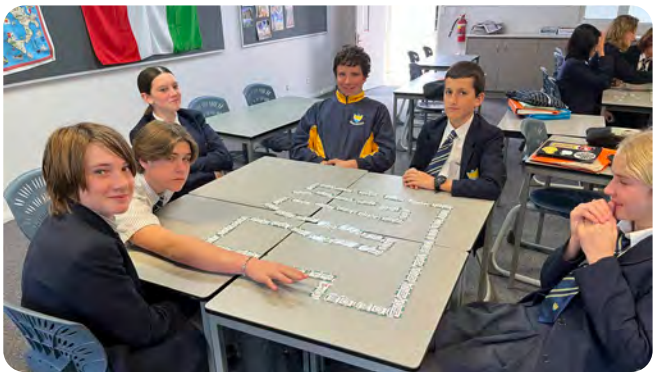

Italian Skills

Che ore sono? What time is it?

One skill the year 8 students have been trying to master this term in Italian is telling the time and communicating and understanding what times things are happening at. This feeds into the work they are doing currently around transport and travel. Students find telling the time on analogue clocks more challenging every year as we all are more used to seeing digital clocks in everyday life. Italians also use 24-hour time more than we do, which requires some quick addition. Learning a language gives students a chance to practice not only their newly acquired language skills but also skills they learn in other subject areas like maths. One activity the students enjoyed was a domino style game matching sentences about time to clock faces.

Nicole Harris





Community Music Concert

On Sunday the 11th of September a Small concert was held at the SDA Hall in Foy Street. This was a performance afternoon held in replacement of the cancelled Annual Music Festival normally held this time of year. It was a great opportunity for our young musicians from all over Esperance to perform their solos and small ensemble items that they had been diligently preparing over the past few weeks. All the students performed really well and was thoroughly enjoyed by a large receptive audience.

Pictured are the EACS Flute trio, large flute ensemble and Ms Gardner's clarinet group.

On Sunday the 18th there was a Bands Concert, featuring bands from ESHS and EACS with some smaller items in between. We finished the concert with a big finale – Bohemian Rhapsody played by EACS, ESHS and brass band combined!!

Gail Saunders







Army Reserve Visit

On Wednesday the 31st of August, EACS students enjoyed a visit from the Army Reserves. The visit was very interactive with students given the opportunity to climb aboard the three army vehicles, sit inside vehicles, engage with some equipment and ask questions of the visitors. Students were very engaged during the visit and participated enthusiastically in the question and answer session at the end of the visit. Students will now have a greater insight into the role and responsibilities of Army Reservists and a better understanding of the opportunities available as a member of the Army Reserves.

Shane Meyer









Education Assistant Appreciation

Thursday the 1st of September we celebrated our wonderful Education Assistants – Leonie, Elaine, Liz and Tammy as part of Education Assistant Appreciation week.

They received fresh coffees and chocolates at morning tea while we acknowledged the valuable contribution they make to both staff and students at EACS.

✨THANKYOU!!✨



Prefect Selection Process 2023

*T*he process to transition new Prefects into their roles for 2023 has begun with all year 11 students receiving letters outlining what leadership means in the context of a student leader at Esperance Anglican Community School. Students who aspire to a leadership position at EACS are expected to:



- Act with respect and integrity
- Be authentic – stay true to themselves and be unwavering when faced with challenges
- Be inclusive
- Work in collaboration with others
- Work hard and commit time and energy to tasks
- Be flexible and adaptable
- Adopt a positive attitude

The timelines brought into effect to determine the Student Leadership Team for 2023 is outlined below. Significant dates coinciding with official duties and responsibilities are also shown below:

Term 3

• Friday 09 September	Introduction to Leadership - School Prefects	(T3 W8)
• Friday 23 September	Application letters submitted to the Executive	(T3 W10)

Term 4

• Thursday 13 October	Candidate speeches during assembly	(T4 W01)
• Thursday 13 October	Student and staff voting	(T4 W01)
• Wednesday 19 October	Candidate interviews with the Executive	(T4 W02)
• Monday 24 October	Student Leadership Team 2023 announced	(T4 W03)
• Weeks 3-9	Prefect Leadership training meetings	
• Weeks 3-9	Assembly and Chapel service duties	
• Friday 11 November	Remembrance Day (official duties)	(T4 W05)
• Friday 25 November	Transition Day (official duties)	(T4 W07)
• Monday 06 December	Awards Night (ceremonial duties)	(T4 W10)

We have many promising student leaders in the Year 11 cohort, and I both welcome and encourage applications from any student with leadership ambition before the end of term deadline on Friday 23 September. Best of luck to all students as you reflect on the strength of your candidature.

Iain Clark

Australian Mathematics Competition



The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is an engaging 30-problem competition that demonstrates the importance and relevance of mathematics in students' everyday lives. For Secondary Schools, it is open to students in years 7 to 12. Australia's leading educators and academics, with a deep understanding of our national curriculum standards, actively design the unique AMC problems every year.

Held in Term 3, the competition has three divisions; Junior (years 7–8), Intermediate (years 9–10) and Senior (years 11–12). The 2022 cohort from Esperance Anglican Community School comprised of 29 students; 19 in Junior category, six in Intermediate category and four in Senior category. Emily Walter, from Year 7, proudly achieved a "Distinction" and based on those results she was awarded EACS "Best in School" MAthematics Shield for 2022. Other results included, eleven students achieving "Credit", twelve achieving "Proficiency" and five "Participations".

Participation in Australian Mathematics Competition increases interest in mathematics among students and gives them a perspective about where they stand in mathematics in whole of Western Australia. All the staff members of Esperance Anglican Community School congratulate the participating team in AMC.

Utso Chakraborty

Boarding House News

The term has flown by in a flurry with sports, birthdays, visitors and a myriad of activities to keep the boarders busy. This term we have welcomed Hlomla, our new supervisor. He is a keen rugby player and has been a fantastic addition to the house (I've never seen a supervisor run so fast in a game of tag!).

Last week we hosted 25 students and 2 staff from John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School in Perth, who were in Esperance for a service learning camp. It made for a fun dinner and lots of noise in the house. As always, we were treated to an amazing meal and we thank Yvonne and Barbara, who keep us well fed each and every night.

Winter sports are slowly coming to end, which means more time for walks to the beach or the skate park. This weekend the boarders went fishing at Bandy Creek with Jim from the Lions Club, who kindly organised all of the equipment and gave the kids some great tips - everyone had some luck and the fish were biting. We also had another bonfire and have even had a hit of mini golf - with some hotly celebrated holes in one!

Have you spotted the new McVay hoodies around town? They have been getting some use in the cold weather and seem to be able to take anything a teenager can throw at them.... As the term comes to an end, we wish everyone a relaxing time with their families, a chance to fill their 'cups' back up with lots of hugs and family time. **Natahna Stone**











Community Notices



FREE
For all ages and abilities

Esperance One & All Community Program

September 2022

Wed 28th
Thurs 29th
Fri 30th

Healthy Participants Only! Please stay at home if you are feeling unwell.
(Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult at all times)
BYO Drink Bottles Clearly labelled – Morning Tea provided

PLEASE ARRIVE 10 MINUTES EARLY TO REGISTER ON THE DAY

Waste Warriors
Wednesday 28th September
10am-12pm
@ Gum Tree Church, Rouse St

Badminton
Thursday 29th September
10am-12pm
@ Esperance Indoor Stadium



Squash
Friday 30th September
10am-12pm
@ Esperance Squash Club, Black Street

Responsible Adult must complete and sign the registration sheet upon arrival

For more information please contact Escare on 0475863302 or email: esperanceinclusive@gmail.com

ESCARE

Junior Pennants and OZ Tennis are back



When: Every Saturday from 22nd October 2022

Where: Esperance Tennis Club,

Esperance Greater Sportsground, Black Street

ESPERANCE TENNIS CLUB

Junior Pennants and OZ Tennis run through Term 4 2022 and Term 1 2023.

8:15 –10:30am for Junior Pennants players aged 8-17 years old

9:00—10:00am for OZ Tennis players aged 7 and below.

Sign up online on: www.esperancetennisclub.com.au/membership

You may be eligible for a Government rebate, click on the link for more information:
https://kidsport.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport/apply-for-kidsport-2019-1/

Or simply come and see us on **Saturday 22nd October 2022.**

ENQUIRIES:
JUNIOR COORDINATOR:
Jeff Sortberg 0498 638 143

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Community Notices

KickARts Workshops

Sept/Oct Spring 2022

FELTED BEACH PLAYSCAPE
Tuesday 27 September
9am-11am 8-14 yrs

CHARACTER IMPROV & COMEDY
Tuesday 27 September
1pm-2.30pm 8-12yrs

FAIRY POT HOUSES
Wednesday 28 September
10am-12noon 5+yrs

STRING ART
Thursday 29 September
10am-12noon 8+yrs

CLAY WALL ART
Friday 30 September
10am-12noon 5-12yrs

MINI STOP MOTION
Tuesday 4 October
9am-11am 8-14yrs

STINGRAY WATERCOLOUR
Wednesday 5 October
10am-12noon 5+yrs

WATERCOLOUR & INK BOTANICALS
Wednesday 5 October
1pm-3pm 10+yrs

FISH SCULPTURE
Friday 7 October
10am-12noon 10+yrs

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Raising Tweens in the 2020's: Same but Different!

A free seminar with Full Circle Psychologist Tracy Hart

Early adolescence - the tween years!

Can you relate to big emotions and backchat? Physical changes? Boundary pushing?

Some things stay the same.

But our tweens are going through this tricky time in a different world.

every child is different and every family unique... but we hope there is something helpful here for you.

In this Full Circle Seminar, Psychologist Tracy Hart will outline a **positive framework for navigating these years** with your children. **We hope to help you to get on the front foot during these important years.**

This seminar is not specific to raising girls and will be relevant to caregivers of ages 7 and up.

We will discuss:

- the importance of staying connected
- helping your tween regulate their emotions
- having counterbalance conversations in a sexualised world
- collaborative problem solving and setting boundaries
- getting real about social media and gaming

Thursday, 13 October 1.30pm – 2.30pm
The Cannery Arts Centre, Norseman Road.
Afternoon tea provided.

BOOK HERE

About Tracy Hart
Tracy is a registered psychologist and teacher, who has worked in primary and secondary education settings for over 30 years. Tracy is passionate about proactive, preventative work – arming parents and caregivers with the knowledge, understandings, and skills to best support our children and young people.

About Full Circle
Operating out of Penrhos College, Full Circle is a dedicated service; psychologists providing evidence-based programs to groups of adults in the lives of children and young people. We are confident the benefits will come back full circle to our children, young people, and the broader community.

Penrhos Full Circle

COVID-19 vaccination clinic

Goldfields Tour!

Esperance

Walk-in clinic.

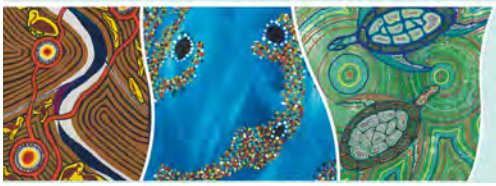
Tues 20 Sept 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Gum Tree Church - 60 Rowse St, Nulsen, 6450

Wed 21 Sept 10:00am - 6:00pm
The Esplanade Parking Lot - Esperance Youth Precinct, Esperance, 6450

Thurs 22 Sept 10:00am - 6:00pm
RSL Memorial Park - 84 Dempster St, Esperance, 6450

Had COVID-19?
Updated advice from ATAGI now recommends that you wait THREE MONTHS after a confirmed COVID-19 infection, then receive your next COVID-19 vaccine dose as soon as possible.

Get your free COVID-19 vaccine dose or booster (if eligible) to ensure you have the best protection against COVID-19. Child and adult COVID-19 vaccines are available. Medicare cards are not needed to get vaccinated.



Roll up for WA
COVID-19 Vaccination

RESILIENCE YOUTH CAMP

Resilience is the ability to bounce back regardless of the problems that we face. This ideally means we are able to respond to our problems rather than 'react'. Our self esteem and mental health play a large role in whether we can respond to problems. Join Adam from 'Armed For Life' to have some fun and gain a real life skill for life!!!!

Fri 7 Oct 10am til 4pm
Esperance Civic Centre
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