



## ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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### Comment from the Principal – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The long weekend certainly made the week just past fly-by but I hope that the extra day's leave was restorative for all (as it seems to have been for many to whom I have spoken).

#### **Music**

Certainly our musicians (probably around 35% of the student body) needed a bit of time to recharge their depleted reserves of energy after an outstanding Festival. Keely Johnston and Max Bosworth received individual, best-in-festival accolades for their performances, and the Choir, Stage Band and Senior Concert Band all triumphed in their sections; there were also, I believe, numerous individual instrumental awards. A fine tribute to the hard work, commitment and resilience of all involved.

#### **Science Week**

The Week continued with series of *Questacon* workshops involving the construction of models of landing pads for drones and bridges which employed skills of mechanics, as well as design. Staff, too, had their chance of some professional development to aid their teaching of, amongst other things, earthquakes.

#### **Smart Money Incursion**

In a busy week students also enjoyed workshops from the Commonwealth Bank on financial matters which included budgeting and setting up your own business. Our HASS classes will also have benefited as economics is part of their programmes.

#### **Good Works**

There have been several examples of initiatives, in the past week or so, involving what I like to call 'muscular Christianity'.

Congratulations to Cameron Williams and the team of six Prefects who undertook the 40-Hour Famine over the long weekend. Not only did they endure minimal food and lack of sleep but they also cleaned out and reorganised the sports store, whilst raising over \$300.

It was also good to see another student-led initiative - from Grace Fiegert - receiving support in the shape of donations of food items for the charity 'Food Bank'.

We have also filled our boxes with sports gifts for 'Operation Christmas Child' which also led to the red/green themed free-dress day to raise money to send the boxes overseas.

Jackman supported these initiatives by leading us in a thoughtful Chapel service on poverty.

In the week ahead, Wednesday will see Summer Rose asking everyone to dress as their hero to support her work for the 'Zero2Hero' charity, raising awareness of mental health issues in the young, which supports the work we do in health classes and advisory groups.

This care and concern for others really is a strong feature of our School community and it is very heartening to see much of the initiative in this area coming from students.

#### **Netball Specialist School**

Many of you will be aware we have signed-up with Netball WA to become a specialist School, providing dedicated coaching and associated training for three hour per week to those students selected to participate. Although this will only start in earnest next year we were fortunate to host an initial training and selection session on Friday which saw three members of the 'Fever' team put the girls through their



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paces. It was a very useful and enjoyable event which gave a taste of things to come in this exciting new initiative.

### **The Week Ahead**

#### **Week 7 Wood on duty**

Monday 28 August - OLNA Numeracy and Reading commences

Tuesday 29 August - Year 11 Outdoor Education hike (one day)

- Year 12 Stress Reliever session with School Counsellor during AG2

- Fire Warden training for selected staff

Wednesday 30 August - 'Zero2Hero' awareness day - dress as your favourite hero

- 1800 Scaddan boarding social event

Saturday 2 - Saturday 9 September - Year 10 Work Experience, Year 11 Careers Camp, Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp

### **Forthcoming Events**

Monday 4th September - OLNA Writing commences

Tuesday 5th September - 1715 PFA Meeting

Thursday 7th September - 'Go for Gold' basketball (tbc)

Friday 8th September - packing day for 'Operation Christmas Child'

Tuesday 12th September - Open Morning

Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th October- Anglican Wildflower Festival

Wednesday 11th/Thursday 12th October - Kate Stannard of AISWA - Staff Professional development - subject-specific in small groups. School as normal.

19 October - Kalgoorlie - Girls AFL for Years 8-10 (note change of date)

It is hard to believe that we are in to Week 7 already but there is much yet to experience as the term moves forward.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

**Kerr**

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