



## ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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### **Comment from the Principal – 1st September 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this will reach you this week: our internet connection failed on Thursday and was not restored until the weekend. We hope that all is well now with thanks due to Mr Nathan Abbott for the many hours he spent resolving the problem.

#### ***Zero2Hero***

It was remarkable how many students made a real effort to find costumes for Summer Rose's initiative in organising the day for the *Zero2Hero* charity. There were many innovative outfits although I confess that I liked Cameron William's interpretation of 'Iron Man'. Summer met with all students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to talk about the tragedy of youth suicide - her account appears on our *Facebook* page and is very moving. It was touching to see how her peers responded so well to her story and desire to act in a preventative manner.

#### ***Operation Christmas Child***

The School collected three large boxes of sporting material which students will help with packing on Friday of this week. I am glad that we have been involved in this way and know that our contribution has been appreciated by the organisers.

#### ***Esperance Youth Council***

I am also pleased that four of our students responded to the call to represent young people on the Shire's newly formed Youth Council: Dana Sharpe, Ellen Timmins, Lucy Hart and Maddilyn McGrinder are now members. Indeed Ellen has been appointed Chair and Dana secretary, so we are well represented.

#### ***Year 10 Work Experience***

All of Year 10 are undertaking work experience either in Perth, with Mrs Marquis, Mrs Harris and Mr Grobler, or in Esperance, under the supervision of Mr Clark. Obviously they are not expected in School this week.

#### ***Year 11 Careers Camp in Perth***

Around half of the Year 11 cohort are in Perth this week for the annual careers camp led by Mrs Marquis. They have a busy programme of visits to universities, colleges and employers. Classes continue as normal for those not attending.

#### ***Year 12 Arrangements***

The final week of this term will be given over to intensive preparation for the ATAR examinations and completion of work for General candidates. All students will be expected in School during this week. A timetable will be produced shortly and will be made available to students and in SEQTA. The ATAR mock examination timetable will also be available soon. These examinations are due to take place in the Anglican Parish Centre from Friday 6th to Friday 13th October. During Week 1 ATAR candidates are not expected to be in School but it is envisaged that General courses will continue. The Week following (Week 2) will be the final week for all Year 12 students. Full details will be confirmed in due course.



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### **Australian Mathematics Competition**

47 students from EACS in Years 7-12 participated. Of these the following pattern of achievement can be observed:

High Distinction 0 (0%)

Distinction 3 (6%)

Credit 11 (23%)

Proficiency 23 (49%)

Pass 10 (21%)

Four students were placed in the 70th percentile or above - Danielle Baker, Justin Dellaca, Lucy Colgan and Riley Greatrex. To have nearly 30% of the group achieving at credit, or above would appear to be a worthy achievement.

### **Staff Appraisal**

All teachers are currently going through an observation and reporting process as part of the annual appraisal process. A significant element of this process is the observation of, and provision of feedback on, lessons by teachers, students and me. This then leads to a detailed report and discussion between each teacher and me, followed by a clear plan of action for improvement. This is the third year we have conducted this process and we now have evidence that it has led to improvements in the standard of teaching as defined by AITSL (The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership) parameters. This is all to the good for students, who receive quality teaching and learn more effectively, and for my colleagues who can develop their professional competencies.

### **The Week Ahead**

#### **Week 8 Goldsworthy on duty**

Monday 4th September - OLNA commences

Tuesday 5th September - 1715 PFA Meeting

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

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

### **Forthcoming Events**

Tuesday 12th September - Open Morning

Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th September - 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)

With my warmest wishes for the week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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**Principal**