



ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Comment from the Principal – 8th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this will reach you this week: our internet connection failed again on Friday and it has taken Mr Abbott a great deal of time and skill to get us back on-line.

Operation Christmas Child

Happily the internet problems did not stop our Year 11 students from helping pack shoe boxes for this initiative. I think the packing process brought home to our students just how fortunate they are and gave the whole enterprise a sense of purpose.

Chapel

A similar sense of purpose galvanised McVay House into action in devising an interesting and inventive service this morning which was based on the theme of teamwork. Part of their message involved a fascinating exercise in communication and teamwork which reinforced their point admirably.

I feel that we have been privileged to have our young people leading some of our Chapel services and hope that they have gained much from the whole experience.

Year 10 Work Experience and Year 11 Careers Camp in Perth

Reports from Perth, and from students on local work experience, have all been positive with some inspirational visits for a Year 11s providing food for thought in terms of future directions.

Mince Masters

Food for the body has also featured in our *Mince Masters* competition which Mrs Shipp has been running this term. Today's session led to four students being selected for the final – Hayden Fiegert, Jaxon Goodman, Brandon Turner and Rhys Symonds. Apparently the standard of cuisine was very high and the atmosphere in the kitchen calm and purposeful, which augurs well for the final (date to be confirmed).

Year 12 Arrangements

A reminder that Friday of Week 9, and the final week of 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 has been circulated, by email, to parents of Year 12 students and also made available on SEQTA.

The ATAR mock examination timetable has also been published. These examinations are due to take place in the Anglican Parish Centre from Friday 6th (in School on this day only) 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.

Congratulations

To Josh Van Staden who won the Best Home-Based Business category in the ECCI Business Awards for his company JV Media. We have certainly benefited from his skills on the audio-visual front.



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The Week Ahead

Week 9 Jackman on Duty

Tuesday 12th September - Open Morning

- Counsellor in School

Tuesday 12th to Saturday 16th September - Anglican Wildflower Festival – School involved with art, music and catering

Wednesday 13th – School Council meeting

Thursday 14th – Inter House Athletics Carnival – **all students expected to attend**

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 19th September – meeting of the Shire Youth Advisory Council

Wednesday 20th – Dieback field trip to Lake Monjinup

Friday 22nd – normal School day; holidays start at 1500

Friday 6th October – ATAR mock exams (at School)

Monday 9th October – 0840 - School restarts for all students

- ATAR mock exams (Parish Centre, Andrew Street)

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