Students have completed their first week of exams; and both students and parents are coping really well. Keep up the good effort. May all your hard work lead to well-earned goals. Students who encounter a problem of any kind during the exam period are invited to notify the school immediately.

**Write a Book in a Day**

Congratulations to the *Reading Worms* team who were commended for the West Australian Best Book in the 2015 WA Middle School Category, awarded for “Flying to Freedom”. Well done to the students involved: Keely Flanagan, Paige Gibson, Arabella Lawrance, Brydie-Rose Mellor, Dylan Molloy, Hannah Revell and Ysabel Villamayor.

**Tournament of Minds**

TOM is holding a fundraising quiz night on Friday 20th November at the Civic Centre. Pirates of the Caribbean-Dress up is optional. There will be a 6:00pm start with tickets $20.00 each for tables of eight. BYO sharing plates. It should be a fun night out!

**New Mural for Girls Academy Wall**

Girls’ Academy students have been working hard creating a mural for the wall near their classroom. The design will have pictures of how the students visualise each word in our school’s vision (*community, excellence, opportunity*) and the hands in the mural are universal symbols in any language. This project has made a huge difference to the students’ connection to the school.

The Twilight Beach vista will be painted on metal panels and the words will be done in mosaic tiles. Students chose the beach as the back drop as all the girls felt this represented Esperance best. To finish off the mural, the students will add their hand prints around the metal boxes.
Entrenchment Project

Next year the Esperance community will be preforming a musical based on war time memories and experiences. As part of this project a class of year 10 History students will be conducting interviews with local members of the community this Friday. There is a display in the library with artifacts from past wars about the entrenchment project. Please take a look and be respectful as the items belong to a private collection.

Primary Awareness Day Wednesday 11th November

The Demo Block will be open to a range of primary schools; the students will have the opportunity to experience first-hand the importance of agriculture in the world we live in. Students will be taught how to tie knots, soil testing, seed and weed, GPS training, handling chickens, vegetable growing, and nutrition.

Clontarf Camp Wadjemup Cup (Rottnest Island)

Clontarf are taking nine students to the Wadjemup Cup Football camp this weekend at Rottnest Island. The students will be playing a game of football against football sides: South West–Great–Katanning–Yule Brook, Midwest–Carnarvon–Coodenup, Karratha–South East Goldfields, Girrawheen–Swan View Northam and Clontarf Cecil Andrews–Gilmore; they will also have the opportunity to attend the Clontarf Aboriginal College, Just 4 Fun Aqua Park, ride on the Rottnest Ferry, and enjoy Adventure World.

Clontarf Awards Night

Congratulations to the Clontarf students and staff, the Director, Mr Glen Symonds, Mr Ray Davis and Mr Sentana Wyatt, on an Outstanding Awards night.

The boys were a credit to themselves, their families, their school and the program. Well done to the MC, year 11 student Che Wyatt, for doing such a professional job!


Congratulations to all award winners and to all staff at school who helped the Clontarf students achieve their goals.

Year 12 clearance forms

Can all year 12 students who are graduating this month please complete and return their clearance forms to the front office as soon as possible so that they can receive their graduation portfolios on graduation night.

Healthy Heart Month

We are promoting Healthy Heart Month for the Month of November! Look for updates in the Notices to participate in activities at Lunch times on Wednesdays and Fridays! The Canteen will also have healthy options available. Hope to see you all participate throughout the month!
Business Manager Information

2016 Commencement Information
- A school information package for 2016 (including booklists, contributions and charges sheets) will be posted to parents in the first week of December.
- Only Year 11 and 12 students are required to purchase textbooks.
- Parents should order textbooks and stationery online before Christmas at www.campion.com.au. Stationery can be purchased locally if preferred.
- If paying contributions and charges by post, please forward a cheque or money order payable to Esperance Senior High School to: Attention Business Manager, PO Box 465, Esperance, WA, 6450. EFTPOS, BPAY and Direct Debit facilities are also available.

Secondary Assistant Scheme
Parents or legal guardians holding a current Centrelink concession card may be eligible for financial assistance for contributions, charges and clothing. 2016 assistance will be $350. Clothing Allowance ($115) can be paid directly to the school or directly into the bank account of the parent/guardian. If you choose to have the allowance paid to you, please bring your bank details with you at the time of completing the form.

Abstudy Supplement Allowance
The Abstudy Supplement Allowance is available to valid Centrelink or Veteran Affairs card holders and supplements the Centrelink Abstudy Fees Allowance payment. This allowance is valued at $79 and is paid directly to the school.

Applications close on the last day of term 1 (Friday 8th April 2016) – no late applications will be accepted.

2015 Contributions and Charges are now overdue
Contributions and Charges for this year are now overdue. You can make your payment using cash, cheque, EFTPOS, BPAY or direct credit to the school bank account. Bank details are as follows:
BSB 066-040 Account Number: 19901279 If you use this method of payment please send a remittance advising payment details.

Compulsory charges not paid by 27th November will be sent to a debt collection agency (Dun & Bradstreet).

Sheryl Sharpe – Business Manager

The Leeuwin gears up for a new sailing season.
For more information and to see our voyage program for 2016, please visit our website www.sailleeuwin.com. Alternatively you can contact our team on (08) 9430 4105 or by email at office@sailleeuwin.com or contact Mr Poole on 90719 555

Blessing of the Fleet 2015
Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday 8th November – Schedule of events and demonstrations will commence at 10 am. There will be displays, stalls and exhibitions.
Preferences for Year 11
Year 10 students who have applied for a placement in the VET program next year will be informed very soon about their placement. Those who were unsuccessful must re-select from the mainstream options.

Tournament of Minds
The Year 10 students who participated in Tournament of Minds (TOM) modelled the school’s mission statement in grasping the **opportunity** TOM presented, creating a **community** with TOM students from other year groups, across Australia, Asia and the Pacific, and **excelling** in the Australasian Pacific Finals in Sydney in mid-October.

The Year 10s TOM leaders were Chaiyya Cooper, Emma Thomason, Trent McDonald, Jake Forster, Matilda Ellett, Caiti Staer, Samantha Crisp, Joe Quinlivan and Claudia Hodges.

High Achievers
Congratulations to Samantha Crisp for her achievement as the winning WA entrant in the National History Challenge for Year 10. Samantha entered the competition through her GATE program studied externally.

Congratulations to Ashleigh Winfield who represented WA in the National Final of the Apex Australia Teenage Fashion Awards in Melbourne with her “top deck” gown.

Road Awareness
Teachers have advised newly licensed moped riders to take more care on public roads. They have reminded students that moped riders who bunny hop, curb climb and ride abreast are not responsible driving behaviours.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,

Lois Saunders
Year 10 Coordinator
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With just three weeks left until the end of the school year for year 11 students, it’s great to report that most are on track to “pass year 11”. Essentially, for students to move into year 12, we want them to be in a position to obtain their West Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and thereby graduate.

One of the requirements of the WACE is that students have fourteen ‘C’ grades (or above), of which six must be obtained in year 12. This means that ideally we want students to have at least eight ‘C’ grades (or above) from the courses that they’ve studied in year 11. I have been meeting with “at risk” students over the last week to implement strategies that will hopefully result in the best possible outcomes.

In reviewing students’ progress it’s been really pleasing to note how the Vocational Education and Training (VET) students have tackled the work placement component of their courses. Their approach has also been recognised by the business community with a number of students securing apprenticeships and traineeships over the last six weeks.

The students who are aspiring to get to university are also to be congratulated. It has been particularly gratifying to see the general improvement in semester two exams and grades (when compared to the semester one results). By my unofficial, “rule of thumb” calculations, fourteen students are on track to get ATARs over 90, with a further fifteen looking to be in the 80 – 90 range. All ATAR students can feel satisfied if they know that they’re doing as well as can.

All year 11 students have been given a buff coloured sheet that highlights which course and/or subjects we believe they’ll be undertaking next year. These need to be signed off by a parent/carer (and the student) and then returned to me ASAP. Thank you to the students who have already done this.

**Careers Camp**

Congratulations to all of the students who attended the universities camp during week 2. The behaviour of the students throughout the week was exceptional, and reflected positively on their family, their school and our town. I received a number of comments from venues that we visited (e.g. The Hangout, Miss Maud’s and “Bounce”), from the staff at our accommodation and from our bus driver. As well, I’ve received emails from two of the universities complimenting the students on their conduct and for the questions that they asked. The students are also to be congratulated on the way that they engaged in the fund raising session that saw $155 raised for our World Vision child in Tanzania.
Voting for Prefects and Faction Captains for 2016

The voting to elect the ten prefects and eight faction captains has opened. It will close on Wednesday, 11th November. Students will be notified of the results on Friday November 13th. Students elected to these positions will be presented with their badges at the year 12 Graduation Ceremony and Upper School Prize Night on Wednesday, 25th November. The head boy and head girl for 2016 will be announced at the same time. A letter covering what to do will be sent to those students elected.

Year 11 subject prize winners will be presented with their awards at Graduation. Every effort is made to contact recipients and their parents/carers to notify them of the need to attend. Please make sure that your contact details are correct on the school’s information system.

I am currently in the process of organising 2016 year 12 leavers jackets. I plan to place the order on Monday, 16th November so that they will be here in time for the start of the 2016 school year. If your child hasn’t been to see me about a jacket, please get them to do so as soon as possible.

Student Council

To Parents/Guardians
The student councillors are participating in “Operation Christmas Child”. They will be collecting items, packaging them into shoe boxes and sending them away to less fortunate children in places such as Cambodia, so that they can experience Christmas. The student councillors have organised for a box to be placed in the school’s front office for students to bring suitable items in from home to add to the shoe boxes.

Items that can be donated include:

**Clothing:** scarfs, socks, T-shirts, pants, underwear.

**Toys:** dolls, yo-yo, cars or trucks, puzzles, Frisbees, teddies, Lego and books.

**Sanitary items:** soap, face wash, toothbrush, hair brush.

**School Items:** ruler, pens, exercise books, coloured pencils, glue sticks.

(“Please note all items donated must be new and not broken or used)

The Student Council have also organised a gold coin donation dress day on Friday the 13th November to raise money to purchase more items to put in the shoe boxes.
Year 11 Career Camp students at Edith Cowan University

The girls team preparing for battle at Laser Blaze

Angus Down at the Hangout

Rynhardt Prinsloo at the Hangout

Students at Curtin University
Congratulations to all year 12 students who have satisfied WACE requirements. I am happy to hear news of students who have been successful in gaining apprenticeships and traineeships or commencing meaningful employment. I am also impressed to see ATAR students working hard to prepare for their WACE exams.

WACE Exams
WACE exams began for ATAR students on Monday, 2nd November. Students need to check in with their teachers and review old exams during study time. Students are reminded about the importance of keeping a good study/life balance in the days leading up to the exam period. Remember, there is a lot of support here at school if you need it.

Students are reminded that they must attend each exam 30 minutes before the scheduled start time, with their personalised examination timetable. If students misplace their personalised examination timetable please contact me or go to the student portal at http://www.wace.wa.edu.au.

Clearance Forms
These forms need to be returned to the school once all borrowed materials (library books, broadsheets, calculators, etc.) have been returned. It is expected that non-ATAR students have already returned their forms, and that ATAR students will have theirs handed in by Friday, 20th November. If this clearance form is not returned by graduation night, students will not receive their year 12 portfolio on the night.

Graduation Night
This ceremony will take place at the Civic Centre on Wednesday, 25th November. It is a formal occasion with a number of awards to be presented, as well as each student’s graduation folio. It is expected that students will dress and behave accordingly.

All students need to assemble in the reception room by 5.30pm at the very latest. The ceremony will commence at 6pm and should take two hours. Students who are not going to attend should, out of courtesy, notify me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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The Tournament of Minds

Fundraising Quiz Night

Pirates of the Caribbean
Dress up optional

Friday 20th November
Esperance Civic Centre

6.00pm start
Tables of 8
Great prizes
BYO sharing plates

$20 a ticket
Bar available
Fun night for all
Spontaneous games

Contact ESHS on 90719555 for ticket information
Or search Esperance SHS TOM Quiz Night on Facebook