Dear Parents and Community Members,

Camp is almost upon us and is now becoming a reality that has to be dealt with, rather than a distant vision.
Camp staff have met and have put in place common processes for managing the group and have finalised details for the itinerary and traveling procedures. The excitement is starting to build for our students and it won’t be long before we are taking off!!

Reports are nearly completed and are at the proofing stage. I have spoken to both teachers as part of their Performance Management and am very happy about how they are planning and executing the delivery of the curriculum and use of current resources that we have in the school. Any advice given has been taken in good faith and I feel they are both addressing the demands of their jobs well.

We also had a visit from Jill Fitzpatrick this week, who is the Alcohol and Drug Awareness and Road Safety co-ordinator for the region. I will be looking to have a presentation for parents next term pertaining to awareness of these issues in the community and how to deal with them from a parental point of view.

Hope you all had a fantastic long weekend and I look forward to seeing you for a chat or to discuss any concerns.

Take care.
Debbie
"Miss Collins, we made you a shoe rainbow!"

Kindy 2014

They have grown a bit!

Same kids ordering shoes from longest to shortest

Year 1 2016
Parachute Picnic with Pikelets and Pizzas!

The Pre Primary and Year 1’s are learning about Recount writing and used the experience to write some amazing recounts!

The Kindy’s are learning about alliteration! What a better excuse is there to have a picnic!
The Year 5 and 6 students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of Canberra. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $240 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. The generosity of the P&C, your principal, and hard earned fundraising also helped families be able to afford to attend the camp.

To make the most of the opportunity, students have been learning about the history of Canberra, the Australian political system and what they expect to see on their trip to Canberra, in the classroom, working on booklets that they will complete during their tour.

We were also lucky enough to have had a visit this term from Dr Chris Back, Liberal Senator for Western Australia and Rick Wilson, MP for O’Connor. The focus for the visit was to speak with all of our students, with a special emphasis on the older students and their upcoming trip to Canberra and their visit to Parliament House. The students engaged in a ‘question and answer’ session where they learnt about the complexities of the role of a politician and what life is like in Canberra.

So armed with this knowledge and a packed itinerary, we wish Ms Hayes, Tara, Sarah, Tameeka and Hannah a fabulous trip, and we look forward to hearing all about it on their return.

Chris Walter
Registrar
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TV CASTING OPPORTUNITY
NEW DOCUMENTARY SERIES

We’re looking for kids who are currently in grade 6 and starting high school in 2017

From childhood to adolescence, moving from primary school to high school is a time of significant change.

It can be a time full of fun, excitement and new experiences, but can also be challenging and scary for some kids.

This new documentary series will tell the real story of the transition from primary school to high school told by the students who are going through it.

APPLICATIONS: https://goo.gl/Vd0KYR or email casting@princess.net.au
A one day first aid course has been organised for Thursday 23rd June from 8:30-5:00 with pre-reading required at the cascade hall.

Cost $199

Need to know names for people wishing to attend.

Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Thank you

Susie Stead
10th September 2016
ESPERANCE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
50th Year Celebrations

An open day will be held at the school between 10am and 3pm. A Sundowner will follow at the Yacht Club from 6pm onwards. Nibbles and a light dinner will be supplied during the evening.

Tickets for the Sundowner are booked through Trybooking.com

Trybooking for purchasing Sundowner tickets

Facebook page for information
https://www.facebook.com/ESHS50yearcelebrations

The school website for information
https://www.esperanceshs.wa.edu.au

2016 National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEITA)
Nominations open: 18 April 2016
Nominations close: 31 July 2016
Do you know any outstanding educators at your early learning centre, primary or secondary school or in your community? Why not nominate them for an ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award.

For general enquiries call: 1800 024 487
Nominate online at asg.com.au/nominate
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National Excellence in Teaching Awards
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

YOUNG CARERS THROUGH THE LENS

WHO IS A YOUNG CARER? Young carers are people under the age of 26 who help look after a family member who needs extra support at home. The person they care for may have a disability, mental illness, a drug or alcohol problem or a long term illness.

KEY DATES: Entries open Saturday 25th June & close Sunday 7th August 2016.

THEME: Portray the role and/or feeling of being a young carer.

PRIZES:
Young Carer & Non-Carer 8-15yrs winners: Up to the value of $400, a choice of ipad mini or Drone

Young Carer & Non-Carer 16-25 winners: Up to the value of $400, a choice of Dr Beats Headphones or Red Balloon Gift Card

The runner up prize for each category is a UE Boom 2 Wireless Speaker

For more information, full terms and conditions, or to download an application form, please visit the Young Carers WA website.

1300 CARERS (1300 227 377)
youngcarers@carerswa.asn.au
www.youngcarerswa.asn.au
Search ‘Young People Who Care’- Carers WA
Esperance Photographers Club Inc. presents

2016 BIENNIAL PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPETITION & EXHIBITION

6 May - 28 May
The Cannery Arts Centre
Opening Night 6 May @ 7pm

Entries close 30 April
Entry forms available at:
The Cannery Arts Centre
Esperance Community Arts
Old Court House Framing and Printing
Facebook - Esperance Photographers Club

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Community health dates!

As you may, or may not yet, know there are two major health promotion opportunities coming up in May:
- Heart Week 2\textsuperscript{nd} – 8\textsuperscript{th} May
- World No Tobacco Day 31\textsuperscript{st} May

Local businesses and community agencies have the opportunity to access free presentations, support and resources:

During Heart Week Health Promotion and 360 Health & Community will bring presentations to local groups on heart health, risk factors and recovery. These will include blood pressure testing, interactive presentations and resources. To book a presentation for your group please call Sue Mitchell on 0419 919 489 or email smitchell@360.org.au

For World No Tobacco Day we aim to get locals involved in celebrating being smoke-free, quitting and staying quit with #smokefreeselfies

Get your organisation or business involved in the #smokefreeselfies fun: contact Megan on 9079 8056 or send a Reply email to receive your free kit

Thanks for your attention to this email, please share this information!

Best regards
Megan Press

Senior Health Promotion Officer
WA Country Health Service, Goldfields
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Healthier country communities through partnerships and innovation

20\% of Esperance currently smokes, a greater rate than the rest of WA, and smoking leads to the deaths of 3/4 of Australian smokers. By getting involved in these initiatives you can be part of the drive to bring down smoking rates and create a healthier community.
EXPAND YOUR WORLD

Capture the spirit of fun and friendship in your own backyard! Department of Education-approved Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is pleased to provide a different educational and cultural experience for you and your family. Don’t miss the invaluable opportunity to learn about your favourite foreign culture, and even improve your languages’ score.

Our volunteer families come in different sizes but all have big hearts in choosing to share their daily life and culture with an international exchange student. Volunteer families are more than wonderful hosts. They are a crucial part of S.C.C.E.’s tireless award-winning efforts to embrace our world through international cultural understanding and help put Australian culture on the map. Their voluntary accommodating of a 15-17 year old sporty, adaptable and nature-loving young individual brings with it unexpected rewards as the opportunity offers everyone a unique experience, to learn, gain and adjust.

Exchange students will be arriving soon in mid-July. Select your choice of a French, German, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, Finnish, Danish or Norwegian student and according to your family’s availability. S.C.C.E. takes care of all the arrangements including school.

Call 1800 500 501 (toll-free)
Email: scceaust@scce.com.au
Web: www.scce.com.au

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Broaden your horizons. Expand your mind. Make friends for life.
OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME

In June and July we will be receiving exchange students from Brazil, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Norway, France, Japan, Sweden, Slovakia, the USA and the Netherlands. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter or mention it on your website. You can download the newsletter notice here in pdf format or as a Word doc.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Below is a sample of students who will be arriving.

16 year old Brazilian student Luiza is looking forward to coming to Australia to experience a different culture and improve her English. She is passionate about being healthy and enjoys going to the gym and hopes that she can exercise with her Australian host family. Luiza enjoys watching TV, reading and studying and describes herself as easygoing, outgoing and open minded.

Caroline is a 16 year old student from Denmark. She is looking forward to getting to know a new culture, meet new people and have new life experiences. Whilst in Australia, she is hoping to continue to do athletics and running and if possible try surfing and participate in social activities. Caroline describes herself as happy, sporty, extrovert, independent and caring.

Leopold is a 16 year old student from France who loves his cats, horse and pony as well as scuba diving and music. When he is not studying, he enjoys lots of activities such as climbing, body building, swimming and going to the cinema. He visited Australia as a young child and has great memories and therefore would like to spend a year here getting to know the culture. His parents describe him as curious, interested in different cultures and passionate about nature, animals and the water.

Koen is a 17 year old student from Holland. He is passionate about scuba diving and has his advanced licence. He enjoys travelling, experiencing new cultures and broadening his horizons. His family describe him as honest and responsible with a sense of humour. In addition to diving, Koen enjoys sports, meeting up with friends, reading, listening to music and working at his local supermarket.
The Stuart family were thrilled to have Danish student Simon stay with them for 8 months. As commented by host mum Victoria, "it has been a fantastic experience. Simon has been an awesome role model to our two young children, he has been like an older brother to them." Victoria continues, "the experience has benefited us too, as it has allowed us to have greater free time and flexibility as a family. I was very impressed with Simon, as within the first couple of days he was here, he asked what should his chores be?"

"Just give it a go, the benefits will surprise you. I highly recommend it", mentions Australian Host Dad Andrew, from the Stuart family. "Not only do your children benefit, but the benefits exist for the parents too." Host Dad, Andrew continues, "We are so lucky to have Simon come stay with us. He is a fantastic student, easy going and not very demanding. He has fitted into the Australian way of life so easy. He even obtained his Bronze Medallion. We are so proud of Simon."

The Stuart family talk about their hosting experience further and discuss the ups and downs of hosting, why they hosted and the benefits of being a volunteer host parent. Please check out their video [here](#). You can also watch a selection of videos of the Cain family from our [host family testimonials](#) page on our website.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au).

If your students, families or language teachers have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, they can respond to this email, call our office on 1300 135 331 or visit our [website](http://www.studentexchange.org.au). Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to their family. No obligation.

Please note that the purpose of this email is to find families to host international exchange students. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Harders
Hosting Coordinator

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Simone is a 16 year old student from Italy who loves to travel, play the drums and play table tennis. He has many passions such as skiing, sailing, being on the water and cooking as well as playing with his dog. He is looking forward to coming to Australia and is intrigued by the outback and the beaches. Whilst here, Simone would be interested in trying new sports

You can view more profiles of students arriving soon from our website. Please note that this is just a handful of the students who will be arriving. If families would like a selection of student profiles sent to them to review and decide which student may fit into their family best, please contact us or reply to this email.
THINKING OF ENTERING THE MUSIC FESTIVAL 18 - 20th AUGUST 2016?

ENTRY DAY: SATURDAY 11th JUNE

9am - 1pm at Esperance Cannery Music Centre.

2016 ESPERANCE MUSIC FESTIVAL SCHEDULES AVAILABLE NOW

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