Hello everyone,

I can't believe how quickly the weeks are spinning by!

Last week we were privileged to have a visit from the local MPs Dr Chris Back and Rick Wilson. They spoke to the whole school about their roles and responsibilities in parliament and took questions from the students relating to the upcoming visit that our senior students are making. Interested parents also quizzed them at the end of the session. Although it was a whirlwind visit we appreciated their time and also the gifts of the Australian and Aboriginal flags to our school.

Next week Sue Stead and myself will be attending the follow up feedback about the Education Department initiative to appoint a Level 5 principal to the district, to support the Mallee principals and schools. We look forward to hearing the outcomes of the discussion.

We will also have a visit from the SEMLDC support officer next Thursday the 2nd June. She will look at supporting staff with students who have speech and language difficulties.

Next week both Sarah and Tahlia will attend PD to enrich their teaching in small schools. This is a valuable experience that allows them to moderate students work and gather ideas from other similarly placed staff.

Have a great week and talk to you soon.

Debbie
This year the year 5 and 6 students have been working with Michael Valentine from Hale every Thursday. They talk to him online and must complete set tasks. They have had the opportunity to work with students from Caversham, Darkan and Dunsborough Primary Schools. The last two weeks they have been Skyping students in Singapore! The girls were set a challenge to build the tallest tower they could using only Jubes and skewers and won the competition out of all the schools. The girls enjoy each week.

Tara says “It’s excellent to connect with other schools.”

Hannah says “It’s fun to talk and video chat every Thursday, with Michael.”

Sarah says “we have to find out information like ‘what is the most stable 3D shape’ or ‘who was the first to climb Mount Everest’.

Tameeka says “I like doing the activities”.
Gardening

This term all students have had the opportunity to plant and look after a vegetable and herb garden. We planted vegetables such as cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, carrots and silverbeet. The students’ loved getting in the dirt and planting all the little seedlings.

The Senior Class are now responsible for looking after the plants. They are watered daily and once a week we go out and tend to them. We have been using the worm castings that we have collected as fertiliser and checking to see that the plants aren't being eaten by bugs.

Eventually we hope to harvest some vegetables from our garden so that we can cook with them. In Health we have been learning about healthy eating and we all know that veggies are very good for us!
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Cascade Create Your Taste

Cascade Rec and Cascade hockey team invite everyone down to the hall to celebrate the completion (or near completion) of seeding 2016.

Burgers will be available on the night with a range of fillings so you can create a burger to your liking, along with a generous helping of chips. Nuggets and chips for the kids beforehand.

When: Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} May
Where: Cascade Hall
Time: Casbar will be open 6.30pm till late.
Cost: $ 20 per meal for adults $ 3 for kids.

Encourage all employees to come down,
Please drink responsibly, camp the night if plan to have a skinfull.

RSVP
Cameron Ayers 0428 792 018
George Carmody 0488 103 132
Note RSVP will be served first!!
Invites past Staff, Students, Families and Parents and Citizens to attend

Come and help us celebrate the memories made and lives changed

Commencing at 1pm at the School
Official ceremony at 2pm

Light evening meal available - please purchase tickets in advance for catering. Adults $10, Children $5

Sunday 5th June 2016

Camping facilities at the hall free of charge

Contact the School on 90757042 on Wed or Thursdays, Mobile 0427757029 or email trudilietto@education.wa.edu.au to purchase tickets for the light evening meal, gather information or RSVP to the afternoon.

Commemorative glasses available at a cost of $10 each, please order by 13th May 2016

Contact us if you have any photos or memorabilia you would like to share with us for the day, we are happy to arrange copies. Please gather all your friends and let’s make this an event to remember. This will be your last chance to visit the school

RSVP by 13th May 2016 ASAP
Grass Patch Primary School 50th Anniversary, Reunion and Closure

Sunday 5th June 2016

Name ___________________________ Contact number ___________________________

Relationship with Grass Patch School _________________________ (student, staff, parent etc)
From ______________ to ______________ (date)

Number of Adults Attending ______ Number of children attending _______

Number of Evening meal tickets required - Adults ______ ($10) children ______ ($5)

Camping overnight? _______ (yes or no)

I would like to pre order _______ (number) of commemorative glasses @ $10 each.
Hello all,

**Breaking News.....**

The Shire has moved to eNewsletters.

To keep up to date with all the latest news and events from the Shire of Esperance I encourage you to subscribe to the new eNewsletter services. When you sign up you will have the choice of the type of newsletter you wish to receive.

There are 5 different eNewsletters covering various aspects of the Shire and its services. The weekly Shire Flyer will have all of the latest Shire and Council news, whereas the Esperance Sporting Network, Esperance Volunteer Resource Centre, Shire Vacancies and Community information will contain news as titled and will be more ad hoc.

For some time now I have been sending you all Community Information Emails, which contains all sorts of valuable information about Our Community including what’s happening and when, workshops, funding opportunities, surveys, awards, school holiday information and general community event details.

I will now be moving the Community Information Emails over to the new eNewsletter system. So, if you would like to continue to receive information from me and the Shire I would like to encourage you to sign up today by clicking on the link below. Please also forward this email onto your contacts for their information.

Also, please continue to send me your information for inclusion in the Community Information eNews – it’s your news and I am here to help inform the community of it.

Here is the link to subscribe

http://eepurl.com/bXBRLX

Don’t be Shy – Subscribe 😊

Cheers

**Kind regards**

**Lynda Horn**

Community Support Officer

Shire of Esperance

Ph: 9071 0624

Fx: 9071 0600

PO Box 507, Windich Street, Esperance WA 6450

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

School website for information
https://www.esperance.shs.wa.edu.au
National Walk Safely To School Day Friday 20 May 2016

National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is on Friday 20 May 2016. Now in its 17th year, the campaign and annual event encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers to walk regularly and safely to school. The community event promotes road safety, health, public transport and the environment. Australian children are becoming less active. One substantial contributor is the decline in walking to school. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and are less likely to be overweight or obese. Walking regularly is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine.

The objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are to:
• encourage parents and carers to walk to school with their young children
• promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
• help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the ages of 10 years hold an adult's hand when crossing the road
• help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians
• reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
• reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
• promote the use of public transport.

To support and encourage ongoing healthy behaviour in families and school students, a fun and free interactive App (Walk Safely to School Day) is available from your app store. It measures the distances children walk, their average speeds, maps and even allows schools to view scoreboards of their students’ walking achievements.

For more information contact: Andrea McGill, Health Promotion Officer Email: andrea.mcgill@health.wa.gov.au Ph: 90798057
YOUTH FUN DAY!!!

Join us for a sports and activities day!

Free Sausage Sizzle!!!!!!

Sunday

29th of May

The activity day will be held at the
Ravensthorpe Rec Center
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.
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 2nd – 8th May
• World No Tobacco Day 31st 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
1 Hicks St | PO Box 339 Esperance WA 6450
08 9079 8056 | megan.press@health.wa.gov.au

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.
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.

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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

at:
Boulevard Newsagency, Esperance Newsagency, Esperance Town Library
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download via the Esperance Music Festival link at
www.esperancecommunityarts.org.au

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