



Cascade Primary School

Newsletter #6 2026 Term 2 Week 10

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

The past few weeks sure have been chilly and wet. School has been a hive of activity though, with lots of learning and excursions happening.

Semester 1 Student Reports

Formal school reports on student achievement and progress will be emailed to parents at the end of next week. The link to the report usually expires in 4 weeks. So be sure to download your electronic copy. If you would like a hard copy in a folder, please let us know at school and this can be arranged.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our reporting meetings last week. We hope this gave you a closer look into your child's achievement and progress against the achievement standard for their year level.

School Development Days in Term 3

There will be 2 School Development Days (SDD) in Term 3 this year. The first Monday back will be teachers only, with students returning on **Tuesday 21st July**. The second SDD will be **Monday 24th August**, similar to the last few years. The Esperance region has been granted the additional day to hold a combined professional learning day for staff. This will occur in Esperance on 24th August and involve all schools in our region.

Aus Alert Test

The Australian Government is launching AusAlert, a new national warning system that sends emergency messages to compatible mobile devices. AusAlert is a fast and reliable way to help keep Australians informed so they can act quickly during local and national disasters. These



could be natural hazards like bushfires, floods and cyclones, as well as security threats or public health emergencies.

Before AusAlert is ready to use in October 2026, local and national testing is needed so all Australians know what an AusAlert will look and sound like. A national test will be held on **Monday 27 July 2026 at 12 pm AWST**. All compatible mobile devices across Australia will receive a test alert on this day. As testing will occur during school hours, it is important that staff, students, parents and carers are aware of and prepared for the test.

Year 5/6 Mallee Camp

Our Year 5 and 6 students are off to Albany for their annual camp next week. There are 29 Mallee students attending the camp to Quararup (old quarantine station site). We have a week packed with action, with lots of fun and a bit of historical learning on the itinerary. From archery to canoeing and ANZAC history, we look forward to sharing our memories when we return.

Incursions and Excursions Aplenty

We have had a variety of events happening at school and off site over the past few weeks. In week 7 we welcomed back John Budiselik (poet, writer, musician) for a day of writing and storytelling. His passion for writing and expression through song, engaged the students across the day. In week 8 we welcomed Munglinup PS for the Musica Viva performance, Music of the World. This would have to be one of the most engaging shows we've had from Musica Viva. The talented artists entertained us with their singing and instrument skills.

In Week 9 we had Callum, Curtin University (Kalgoorlie) STEM Outreach Coordinator visit us with Sharon O'Rielly (Goldfields PEAC Coordinator) for 3 hours of science and engineering fun and learning. Students built a flying machine that had to last the longest in a makeshift





wind tunnel, programmed a Lego robot to dance, and became professors of acids and bases by mixing materials to make chemical reactions. The boys were victorious in the balloon gas filling challenge!

To round out a busy month, this week we ventured to Munglinup on Monday for a Life Education program, that value adds to our health and well-being education. On Wednesday, we travelled to Esperance for a combined schools NAIDOC event to share learning in aboriginal culture and environmental care.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Be safe and patient if you are out on the roads travelling.



Ashley Weckert



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Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Sense of Belonging



Junior Room

Well, how has the weather been lately?
Enough to blow your socks off!

How timely is it that this term the Junior Room is exploring weather in Earth Science. Early learning in science is about experiencing, questioning, investigating then being able to communicate and apply what has been learnt. Words and understanding what they mean are so important. We love to be hands-on in the Junior Room and science is all about that.

As a whole group we talk daily about the weather – what does it look like and how it feels using our five senses. Weather affects what we choose to wear and how we plan our day. Lately, we have been looking at weather symbols that are used on Apps, weather reports on TV and on our classroom weather chart.



Wow, how do scientists know what's coming? Before we look into that, we are chasing clouds. Aren't they wonderful and inspiring? Clouds seem to make shapes then meld into something else. I can't give away what's coming – but, it's all in a jar. Here are photos of our Weather Watchers checking out the skies.

Mrs Ritchie



Senior Room

Hello from the Senior Room!

The last fortnight has certainly been a busy one in the Senior Room! We've had incursions, excursions and plenty of exciting learning happening both inside and outside the classroom. We were fortunate to welcome Mr John into our classroom to help us explore the wonderful world of poetry. Students learnt about figurative language, including metaphors, similes, repetition and alliteration, before putting their new skills into practice. We even managed to squeeze in a few songs along the way, making it a fun and engaging experience for everyone.

We also had a visit from DFES WA, who taught us all about creating a family bushfire plan. Students learnt valuable information about bushfire safety and preparedness, and the highlight of the day was getting up close to the fire truck, kindly brought along by Mr Carmody!

This week we travelled to Munglinup to visit our "Friends Across the Paddocks." We were excited to catch up with Harold the Giraffe, who shared an important message about showing kindness and understanding to others, especially when they may be facing challenges we don't fully understand. It was wonderful to reconnect with our friends, and of course, spend some time with Neiko and Ms Rose.

On Wednesday we joined students from across the Mallee and Esperance schools for NAIDOC Week celebrations at the basketball stadium. We learnt about the deep connections Aboriginal people have with Country, both land and sea, and enjoyed a fantastic live band. While the music was great, the Senior Room wasn't quite convinced about joining in with the dancing!



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Back in the classroom, learning has continued at a fast pace. We've been wrapping up our Civics and Citizenship unit in HaSS, learning about local government and the important role it plays in our community. Students have also completed their French assessments and have been busy designing and building impressive catapults during our Digital Technologies lessons using the LEGO SPIKE kits.

As if that wasn't enough, we also enjoyed Musical Viva, where an incredibly talented violin, guitar and drumming trio entertained the whole school.

It has certainly been a whirlwind of a term, but the excitement isn't over yet! Next week our Year 5/6 students head off to Albany for camp. Be sure to keep an eye on SeeSaw for updates and photos throughout the week!

Nick Saul
Year 3 - 6 Teacher





Term 3 2026

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
1	20 July SDD – No school	21	22	23	24	25/26
2	27	28	29	30	31	1 / 2 Aug
3	3 P & C Meeting	4	5	6	7	8/9
4	10	11	12	13	14	15/16
5	17	18	19	20	21	22/23
6	24 SDD – No school	25	26	27	28	29/30
7	31	1 Sept	2	3	4	5/6
8	7	8	9	10	11	12/13
9	14	15	16	17	18	19/20
10	21 Swim Week	22 Swim Week	23 Swim Week	24 Swim Week	25 Swim Week	26/27



STEM Outreach



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Cascade PS Values Acknowledgements

Week 9

Raffle winners

Sense of Belonging – Benji, Oliver, Adrian, Victoria

Resilience – Hazel, Sam

Pride – Victoria, Isaac



WANTED

Mrs Richtie is chasing some plastic containers (eg. Yoghurt, milk etc) for the 'Winter Wonderland' Snowman competition.

Please send them into school if you have any



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Chaplain Chat



What is the difference between Crêpes and Pikelets?

What is the probability of choosing a baked bean or a spaghetti jaffle if we opened one tin of each?





Community News

SAVE *The* DATE

100 Years of Salmon Gums Primary School!

Salmon Gums Primary School proudly celebrates 100 years since opening its doors to the community.

We warmly invite past and present students, families, staff and community members to join us in marking this special milestone.

Come along to celebrate a century of learning, connection and community spirit.

Event Details:

Date: **Friday 26th of June 2026**

Where: **Salmon Gums Primary School**

*More details to come



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WINTER WONDERLAND

BUILD A SNOWMAN COMPETITION

For a chance to win some amazing prizes, join our BUILD A SNOWMAN Competition

9AM - 6PM
18 JULY 2026
ESPERANCE CIVIC CENTRE

Scan the QR code!



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FREE EVENT

Youth friendly, drug & alcohol free

NEON SHOWDOWN

DESIGNED BY THE YOUTH, FOR THE YOUTH

**4 & 5 JULY 2026
ESPERANCE INDOOR STADIUM**

Saturday, 4 July

Primary School Ages
10am - 3pm

High School Ages Only
5pm - 8pm

Laser Tag | Obstacle Course | Bungee Run | Silent Disco |
Chill Zone | Face Painting | Archery Tag | Giant Games
Full Canteen Fundraiser - Esperance Netball Association

Sunday, 5 July

Everyone Welcome
11am - 3pm

Adults Only
5pm - 7pm



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TAEKWONDO
ACADEMY**

3 wood street,
Esperance



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Fitness

Sparring

Friendly
environment

Our Teens & Adults
Classes

Monday 6pm -
7.30pm

Wednesday 6pm -
8pm

Our kids Classes

Monday 8y - up
4.30pm - 5.30pm

Tuesday 8y- up
5.15pm - 6.15pm

Wednesday 8y -up
4.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 5y -7y
4pm-4.45pm

Patterns

Self-defence



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This Term at Esperance SHS

Term 2 has been action packed so far at ESHS, we've had so much going on we couldn't fit it all in, but here's some favourites!

We've had activities in and out of the classroom, ranging from hands-on learning in Science and our Careers Tasters to fun celebrations like French Week and our School Ball. We also visited Perth for Careers Camp to see what future jobs are possible. There are still a few more weeks to go, with the much anticipated Country Week soon...



2027 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING **YEAR 7** NEXT YEAR?
ENROL AT **ESPERANCE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**



[ESPERANCESHS.WA.EDU.AU/ENROL](https://esperanceshs.wa.edu.au/enrol)

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