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Moral Purpose: ESPS will provide a safe, enriched learning and teaching environment driven by high expectations for success.

From the Principal



A big thank you to the Richardson Family for donating Private Ernest Harvey - The Great War Gallipoli Bear. He will be used by teachers to deliver ANZAC lessons in any year level. Private Harvey is a limited edition ANZAC Bear and you can discover their world and listen to their stories at AnzacBears.com.au

In response to student and parent feedback through our TTFM survey, we have been able to remove most of the internal garrison fencing. This has allowed for more free flowing student traffic and certainly improves the look of our school environment.

Thanks to applications from this school and the ESPS P & C to the School Crossing Unit and the City of Swan, we have managed to gain a guarded school crossing on Strathmore Parkway. This should be used by all students and parents to ensure it staying a viable and safe crossing point. Any other crossing point closer to Ellen Stirling Primary was deemed too dangerous due to car parking areas. A voluntary manned crossing point on Cardowan Avenue is still going through all of the appropriate channels for approval.

You would also have seen the Nature Play area that was constructed in the Kindergarten / Pre-primary area at the end of last term. This was designed and installed by 'Nature Play Solution' in Kewdale, was paid for by the school and is part of the work that is required to maintain our status in the 'National Quality Framework' (NQF). The NQF provides a national approach to regulation, assessment and quality improvement for early childhood education and care and outside school hours care services across Australia.



Dr Dean Goldspink
PRINCIPAL

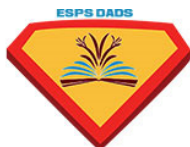
End of Term 1 Prizes

Every term we have a huge number of students visiting the office to show off their amazing in-class achievements. Students are always extremely excited to explain what they have produced and thoroughly enjoy receiving the praise, often leaving the office covered from head to toe in stickers! Each student who attends the office for good work is entered into our termly prize draw, which was drawn on the last Friday of Term 1. Congratulations to the following students who, thanks to Vanessa Saunders at Liberty Finance, have won themselves a gift voucher for Smiggle:

Tyler Robinson	Dante Amaya-Lopez
Siera Heel	Rebecca Lee
LeBron Mapanda	Isabelle Morelli

We look forward to seeing even more students arriving in the office throughout Term 2 as we continue to raise the bar academically and socially at our school.

Mr Matt Pinkard
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL



**DOWNRIGHT AWESOME
DUDES**

The ESPS Downright Awesome Dudes

The ESPS Dad of the Month Award

Each month, students at Ellen Stirling Primary School nominate male role models in their lives for the ESPS Dad of the Month award. The winner out of all of the hundreds of entries for the month of March is Uncle Josh. Josh was nominated by Isabella who wrote 'My Uncle rocks because I love my Uncle very much. My Uncle deserves this award because he tries to do the best for me and he does. My Uncle Loves me and I Love him. Josh will receive a custom designed flat cap that has been kindly donated by our local uniform provider, Lowes Ellenbrook.



Mr Matt Pinkard



Tell Them From Me
Parent Survey

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the parents in our school community who took the time to complete the Tell Them From Me survey we ran in Term 1. We held the survey as part of our school improvement program and value your feedback about what we are doing well and what areas we need to focus on.

We now have the results of the survey and have looked at the data closely as a staff. We can give you a brief summary of the results that we highlighted and will be working on.

Positive	Something you think we do well is communicate well. That's great! This is important to us as we know strong partnerships with parents and families benefit the students' learning. Our Communication Policy allows for thorough communication between home and school via a variety of means.
Positive	Another thing you said we are good at is going above and beyond to support and care about your children. This is great because we worked hard to ensure the students are supported academically and social emotionally at school, to allow the students to develop to their full potential.
Development	An area you identified as something we need to develop is keeping you more regularly informed about your children's academic progress. (Other than the IEPs and Formal Reports) We aim to use our now very comprehensive communication systems to devise ways to give you even more information.

Thank you again for responding to our request for feedback. We look forward to continuing to grow and improve as a whole school community and look forward to hearing more from you in the future.

ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Scholastic Book Club



Orders for **Issue 4** are due in by **Wednesday, 16 May 2018**. Please hand orders to class teacher or Front Office by this date.

To use the new online ordering facility visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP

When ordering please ensure that orders are enclosed in an envelope with correct amount of money, cheque or vouchers. Always ensure child's name and room number are written on order form.



Sharmain Belajich
Book Club Coordinator

PE Corner

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope you had a fun and action packed holiday.

EISA WINTER SPORTS CARNIVAL TRAINING

Notes went home last week for Year 5 and 6 students who want to be involved in the EISA Winter Carnival training sessions starting this Wednesday morning at 8:00 am – 8:30 am. Training is a chance for students to fine tune their knowledge of the sport they have chosen to try out for. Team selections will be completed in a few weeks time. At the Winter Carnival our students will compete in Netball, Soccer, AFL, Hockey and Modcrosse. If you are interested in helping out at training, or umpiring/coaching/managing a team on the day of the carnival, please contact the PE staff through the front office. Scheduled date for EISA Winter Carnival is Thursday, 28 June.

RUNNING CLUB

Notes went home last week to all Years 3 to 6 students who would like to join us before school on a Thursday morning for some extra fitness work, focussing on running. Sessions take place across the road, meeting at the stairs on the corner of Strathmore Parkway. This is a fantastic venue so we can practise true cross-country running. Any parents interested in joining in, you are welcome, please come along.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL – COOLAMON CLASSIC

Our ESPS Coolamon Classic Cross Country Carnival is fast approaching. It will be held on Tuesday, 19 June, starting and finishing on the school oval. Dust off your sneakers and join us at Running Club for a bit of extra training.

JUNIOR SWIMMING LESSONS

Junior Swimming Lessons are being held this term during the last two weeks of term, starting on Monday, 18 June and concluding on Friday, 29 June. We will have a nine day programme (the timetable will follow soon, once final number are confirmed). Notes are going out this week and payment are due by Friday, 1 June 2018.

TENNIS LESSONS

At the end of last term all of our senior students and some lucky Year 2 classes, had some extra tuition from The Vines Tennis Academy. All Year 3 to 6 students took part in a couple of Tennis lessons, with the help from the Sporting Schools Program. Students learned some new skills and had a bit of fun at the same time. If your child would like to continue private tennis lessons, The Vines Tennis Academy are more than willing to accommodate them. Contact phone number is 0459 307 751.



WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Come and join the nation on Friday, 18 May and take part in the annual Walk Safely To School Day! Faction Captains and school leaders will meet you at the gates with a sticker. Please see more details below.

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 18 MAY 2018

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday, 18 May 2018!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

Ms Wass, Miss Janmaat and Mrs Bassett
PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEAM

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Community Notices

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED HELP IN MATHEMATICS?

Our final year education students studying in the Primary program and working under the guidance of mathematics education staff will be conducting support sessions for children experiencing difficulty in mathematics.

We are offering **free** places to children in Years 4 to 6, who attend schools where teachers mentor pre-service teaching students from Edith Cowan University. The support would involve five one-hour Mathematics assistance sessions.

When: The program involves an initial test of approximately one hour and five subsequent one hour weekly sessions. This would require a sincere commitment to ensure that children attend all five one-hour sessions. The session dates and times are listed below:

Maths Program 2018

Initial Test:	Wednesday, 1 August,	4:30 – 5:30 pm
Workshops:	Wednesday, 8 August,	4:30 – 5:30 pm
	Wednesday, 15 August,	4:30 – 5:30 pm
	Wednesday, 22 August,	4:30 – 5:30 pm
	Wednesday, 29 August,	4:30 – 5:30 pm
	Wednesday, 5 September	4:30 – 5:30 pm

Where: These will be held at Edith Cowan University, Joondalup Campus, Building 8A, Room 306

If you wish to register interest or know more about the program, then please feel free to ring Helen Dixon on 6304 5485 (on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 9:00 am – 3.30 pm) or email; h.dixon@ecu.edu.au. Places are strictly limited and will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

Paula Mildenhall
LECTURER MATHEMATICS EDUCATION



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Go for Gold in OSHC in Term 2

Welcome back to school – we hope you enjoyed your school holidays!

Updates to Flexible Booking Options

At Camp Australia we have been super busy over the Autumn break, between having a blast at our Aussie All-Stars Holiday Clubs and finding ways that we can add more value for parents with our new Flexible Booking Options. While we make improvements to the Flex-e-Care e-card, it will be removed from our purchase options; we'll bring it back when we are confident it can suit your needs.

We have updated our premium offering of the Gold Membership. This option has **no late booking fees and no cancellation fees** up to two hours before the service. The minimum amount of bookings per year to pay the permanent fee has been **halved** to 20 per year pro rata – so no need to lock in to one booking per week.

As we're still in the Aussie All-Star spirit, we're offering **FREE upgrades to the Gold Membership!**

To upgrade from Silver to Gold, log on to your Parent Portal and follow the prompts before 14 May.

See how we make kids smile

You are more than welcome to visit us in the program at any time. Meet the team and see how we make kids smile every day.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon.

From the Team at Camp Australia

Program Details

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campastralia.com.au and search for your school.

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