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NEWSLETTER



Week 6 Newsletter – Term 2, 2026

Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Community,

We are now cruising through Term 2 and writing this newsletter I am reflecting on the past month and the many events and activities that have occurred over that time. I'll try my best to summarise the month as best as I can within the next few paragraphs.

Humphreys Dance – In Week 3 our Year 3–6 students enjoyed the very unique experience of Humphreys Dance where they were led by Miss Melanie Humphreys and aptly assisted by Julian. Watching the growth and development of our students as they learnt new routines was truly inspiring. As many of us are aware and have experienced, Humphreys Dance is much more than dance, it is about trialling something new, risk taking, working with, and celebrating their achievements with their peers.

A huge appreciation must go to the Year 5 parent group that fundraised at the Thursday evening disco by selling a wide variety of food and drink. The group raised a total of \$4 800 which was an enormous achievement with all monies raised going towards the Year 6 2027 Camp to Albany. On behalf of the fundraising group, I would like to acknowledge a long list of local businesses that were extremely generous in supporting the fundraising team.

They were as follows:

- Pink Lake Butcher
- Esperance Bakery – Redz Pies
- French Hot Bread Shop
- South Coast Foodservice
- Dominos Pizza Esperance
- Woolworths





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Let's all Welcome our New P&C President! At the last P&C Meeting in Week 4 the Committee were excited with the nomination by a new parent to our P&C to the President role. That nomination came from Mrs Amber Warren who moved across from her School Board role to take on the very important role in the functioning of our P&C. Mrs Warren is well known to many in our school community as a Mum to Oliver in Year 4 and Elaina in Year 2 and having been a parent representative on the school board. I am truly confident that Mrs Warren will bring some new ideas and wonderful leadership to the P&C and I know you will appreciate her nomination and welcome her to the role when you see her around school.

Year 3-6 Fun Run - With almost perfect running conditions with a light breeze and clear skies on Tuesday 5th May the Year 3-6 students walked from school down to our beautiful foreshore for the annual Fun Run. The students had the opportunity of participating in a 2- or 3-kilometre run, with the longer run attracting medallions for the first finishers of each year level and a trophy for the fastest boy and girl crossing the line. I would like to congratulate Mr Gurney & Miss Swan for their co-ordination of the event and to the Year 3-6 staff for their supervision of the students for this event. To the parents and families who attended the event, my appreciations for your support of your children and in making the morning a truly community event.

Congratulations to all of our top 1-5 runners for each year group. The event is truly unique within schools, and I was proud of how the students represented the school 'on mass' in our community as a very visible sea of blue winding their way through town and across the foreshore. Each year, I am witnessing more examples of students demonstrating 'sport person ship' during the run. Acts of kindness are common, and students demonstrate a true sense of looking out for each other - from assisting a peer that has experienced the misfortune of a fall, or someone that has an untied shoe lace requiring assistance in the race.





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Inter-School Fun Run – one of the most recent introductions to the sporting arena for our school has been the inter-school cross country / fun run.

The idea evolved from discussions between our regional schools Physical Education (PE) teachers as a way of allowing our students who excel in long distance running an opportunity to compete at a higher level.

The Inter-School run occurred on Friday 8th May on our foreshore. Teams competing were EPS, Castletown PS, Nulsen PS, OLSOTS and a combined Mallee schools' team. The top four runners from Years 4-6 from our Fun Run were selected to compete. The competition is a relay style with teams of four students and all runners completing 2km. In near perfect conditions our students excelled winning five of the six team events and 5 of 6 individual winners from each year level. A special mention must go to the following students who completed the event as the quickest runner for their year level:

Year 4 – Arlo Sharpe (joint winner with Nate Agenbag from CPS) & Adelaide Bergman

Year 5 – Katy Yookhong & Robert Hewlett & Banjo Van der Snook (equal winners)

Year 6 – Isabella Castelli & Hugo Synott.

A very special mention must go to Hugo Synnot who recorded the fastest run of the day, completing course the 2km in the incredible time of 6 minutes 42 seconds. Quite Remarkable!

Appreciations go to all of the region's PE teachers for the concept of the event and for Mr Gurney and Miss Swan for their encouragement of our competitors on the day.



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Reporting to Parents Changes – some minor changes to reporting to parents have recently been introduced. This has been initiated by the Minister for Education with a view to reduce workload for teachers. This is done with the view that all schools have or will be introducing parent / teacher interviews twice a year with the expectation of improving communication between home and school.

Some of the Key Changes are:

- *Comments – an overall teacher comment up to 1 000 characters (from 4 000 characters previously), including information about progress in English and Mathematics.*
- *Teachers are no longer required to include learning area comments.*
- *For all learning areas, other than English and Maths, no mode or strand reporting grade – simply an overall grade in the printed report.*

P&C Day WA – the Esperance PS P&C is undoubtedly the most productive and positive P&C group of individuals that I have had the pleasure of working with in the eight schools that I have worked in my career. Their commitment to the families and students at our school with their fundraising and support of our canteen is to be commended and, this Friday, I would like to once again acknowledge the group on what is the annual P&C Day WA. With a group that regularly fundraises more than \$8-12K each year there is the need to celebrate their achievements and ensure that all our students benefit from their hard work.

ANZAC Day

2026 School Captains, Koa and Amilee, attended this year's ANZAC Day Service held at the Cenotaph in Esperance RSL Memorial Park. Pictured on the right, with the Esperance Primary School wreath, they took part in laying the wreath in remembrance of Australians who have died in service during wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.





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School Board Up-date – The school board met on Monday, 4th May. The board discussed a variety of matters including:

- 2025 Annual Report – this was presented and the Board have endorsed this document as an accurate summary of the previous school year including students' achievement and progress, attendance, enrolments, financials and the 2024-26 Business Plan.
- 2026 Funding Agreement for the school – a breakdown of the method by which the school is funded – this was endorsed by the School Board on the evening.
- Reporting to Parent changes (as in newsletter).
- BYOD Parent Survey last term was discussed and implications for students travelling on buses and potential workshop with Kaylene Kerr was shared.
- A HUGE thank you to Amber Warren for her three years on the School Board. She has been a quiet achiever in providing wonderful feedback and input into many aspects of our school over that time. Amber advised the Board that she had a strong desire to work within the P&C and contribute to the group in a meaningful way.

Warm Regards,
Gareth Palmer
Principal



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Shaping the future

Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2027

If your child will be **4 years old**
by **30 June 2027**, enrol them
in Kindergarten now.

Visit your local public school or
community kindergarten to apply.
Apply to enrol before 24 July 2026.

Find out more:
education.wa.edu.au/enrol



School enrolments are now open for 2027

If your child is starting **Kindergarten**,
Pre-primary, **Year 7** or **changing**
schools you will need to apply
to enrol by 24 July 2026.

Find out more:
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RECONCILIATION WEEK WALK This is an important time EPS calendar, and as educators, we understand the value of truth-telling for the generation of students we have the privilege and responsibility to teach.

I greatly appreciate all our staff for their support of the Reconciliation Week walk, and the care taken in guiding the students through the 3-4 kilometre walk through town and on our foreshore. The hands were marvellous, and the messages expressed through the students' beautifully decorated artwork were both thoughtful and inspiring.





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Esperance
Primary School
Reconciliation
Walk 2026
'ALL IN'





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Mrs Victoria Brown Visits Year 2 HASS

In HASS this term, the Year 2 students have been exploring significant people from the past and important places within our community. What better way to bring history to life than by welcoming a very special guest, Mrs Victoria Brown, former Esperance Shire President and resident of the oldest building in Esperance.

Mrs Brown shared fascinating stories about local history and her time working with the Shire. Students were especially interested to learn about some of the Shire by-laws. Did you know that households in town are only allowed two dogs unless permission is granted by the Esperance Shire? Mrs Brown also showed students her ceremonial gavel, gifted to her by the Shire, along with a framed picture of the original Dempster Homestead.

As part of our studies, students have been learning about the Dempster Brothers and the important role they played in establishing the first pastoral lease in Esperance. In 1864, the Dempster family were granted 1,000 acres at Esperance Bay and undertook an incredible journey from Northam, bringing with them 518 sheep, 80 cattle, and 19 horses across land with no roads or maps.

The Year 2 students are now eagerly anticipating their Year 3 excursion to the Dempster Homestead. The famous chandelier and the "royally squashed mozzie" are already highlights of interest! Mrs Brown's engaging stories and historical recounts truly captured the students' imaginations.

A big thank you to Mrs Brown for sharing her time, knowledge, and passion for Esperance history with us.

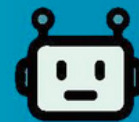




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YEAR 6 ICT ASSISTANTS

Year 3 Dash Robot Activities



During Thursday lunchtimes this term, some of our Year 3 students have been learning to use Dash Robots with the support of our Year 6 ICT Assistants.

Dash robots are small educational robots designed to help students learn coding, problem-solving, and teamwork through hands-on activities. Using simple apps and commands, students can program Dash to move, light up, make sounds, and complete challenges in a fun and engaging way.





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HELP OUR LITTLE LEARNERS

Do you have spare,
small school uniforms at home?

Our Early Childhood (ECE) area is building
a collection of spare uniforms for little accidents,
messy play, and busy learning days 🍌

What we're looking for:

- ✔ Small-sized school uniforms
- ✔ Shirts and shorts
- ✔ Clean and in good condition



How you can help:

- ✔ Simply send any spare items to the ECE area.
- ✔ Every uniform makes a big difference to a small student 😊

Thank you for supporting our ECE community! 🌟



TERM 2 PLANNER - 2026

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	20 April	21	22	23	24 Staff Development Day Students do not attend school today
2	27 ANZAC DAY Students do not attend school today	28	29	30	1 May EPS fun run Yrs 3-6 Assembly Twilight Cove 1
3	4 Board Meeting Humphreys Dance	5	6	7 Humphreys Dance Disco 	8 Interschool Cross Country
4	11 P & C Meeting	12	13	14	15 Assembly Dolphin Cove 3
5	18	19	20	21	22
6	25	26 National Sorry Day	27 Reconciliation Week commences	28	29 Assembly Dolphin Cove 4
7	1 June WA Day Students do not attend school today	2	3 School Photo Day Reconciliation Week concludes	4 School Photo Day	5
8	8 P & C Meeting	9	10	11	12 Ear Bus Visit.. Assembly Twilight Cove 2
9	15	16	17	18	19
10	22	23	24 Combined School NAIDOC Day	25	26 Assembly Blue Haven 3
11	29	30	1 July	2	3 Have a go Day Year 6

HONOUR CARDS and TRIBES CERTIFICATES

CLASS	HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS 15 May 2026		PERSONAL BEST & PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY : TRIBES Winners
Dolphin Cove 1	Molly Ayers	Luca Sullivan	Thomas Kil
Dolphin Cove 2	Jake West	Levi Rose	Jennifer Taylor
Dolphin Cove 3	Oliver Mettam	Ivy Maher	Archer Gribble
Dolphin Cove 4	Fransiskus Dopo	Shaniya La'Brooy	Elke Bouckaert
Twilight Cove 2	Elise Palmer	Korie Firth	Bo Scallan
Twilight Cove 1	Cody Grant	Katy Yookhong	Cambell Maher
Twilight Cove 3	Olivia Sanders	Emmy Johnston	Scarlett Reed
Twilight Cove 4	Toby Willumsen	Maisie Wells	Coco Massenbauer
Lucky Bay 4	Sila Al Kott	Kingston Graham	Indigo Warren
Lucky Bay 3	Chace Stephen	Oran Peirce	Patrick Stubna
Lucky Bay 2	Eva Wilson	Lucy Tate	Lucy Sharpe
Lucky Bay 1	August Parker	Wally Sutcliffe	Isla Veness
Blue Haven 4	Rose Dixon	Van Hudson	Brooklyn Ederle
Blue Haven 3	Huck Gleave	Paige Heywood	Aubrey Warren
Blue Haven 1	David Pitman	Constance Hewlett	Kipp Freeman
Blue Haven 2	Bella Ryan	Olive Wilkins	River Mannix
Blue Haven 5	Indiana Eggers	Healy Veness	Koa Willumsen

OUR P&C



**Esperance Primary
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Winner is Lorenzo
Wolfenden...
Congratulations
Shania**

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Esperance Primary School

Photo Date/s: Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th of June 2026

School photo day is fast approaching, make sure you place your order.

- 1. Visit www.msp.com.au**
- 2. Select the "Download Portrait or Order Online" portal**
- 3. Use your child's unique shootkey**

A Late/processing fee will apply for orders received after

Thursday 11th of June 2026

**LIFE IS
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MSP Family Photo Booking and Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

MSP Photography will be visiting Esperance Primary School on Wednesday, 3 June and Thursday, 4 June to take individual, class, and family photographs.

Individual Photos

To order individual photos, please follow the online ordering link below. You will need your child's Unique Shoot Key, which can be found on the slip sent home on Tuesday, 19 May 2026.

Family Photos (Optional)

If you would like to have a family photo taken, please book a time via the schedule link on your Esperance Primary School Compass Page

This will take you to the School Interviews booking system—simply follow the prompts to select a suitable time for your family.

Important:

Family photo orders are placed using MSP printed envelopes, available from the school office, and are handed to the photographers on the day.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM

We recommend you add this to your Newsletter before photo day, to advise Parents/Guardians of ordering procedures.

Esperance Primary School

Our school photos will be taken on:

Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th of June 2026

Class Photos/Portraits:

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- The school has chosen to use the on line ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey.
- Log onto www.msp.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your shootkey the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is [Thursday 11th of June 2026](#) 
Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee.
- Spare order envelopes (green) will be available at the school reception if you prefer to pay with cash.

Specialty Group Photos:

- After photo day, a link will be sent to the school for distribution to parents whose child/children is/are in the specialty group photos.

Family Photos:

- Envelopes (orange) can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- Family photos cannot be ordered on line.
- Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.

Please Note:

Late orders can be placed via our website www.lateorders.com 

Individual and Family Photos are not available to view on line for Students' Security.

If for any reason you need to contact MSP regarding your child's photos you will be asked to provide your child's Shootkey.



This Term at Esperance SHS

At ESHS, we rounded out last term with the Athletics Carnival! It was a full day of fun, with Dempster bringing home the victory by a landslide.

So far, we've had a great start to Term 2. Our Year 7's have pitched their fantastic business ideas in our own Shark Tank, our Stars students have been creating pottery as part of the upcoming "Ocean, Earth, and Weave" Community project, and we took time to acknowledge those who've served our countries during ANZAC Day.



2027 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING **YEAR 7** NEXT YEAR?
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