



# ESPERANCE EXPRESS

NEWSLETTER



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

**Dear Students, Parents, Carers, Staff and Community,**

Welcome to the mid-point of Term 1! This newsletter will provide a summary of the first five weeks of school and what is happening in the second half of this shorter than usual term!

We started the year with a school population slightly lower than this time last year with enrolments at our Week 2 Census being around 430 students. We have enrolled 8 new students in P-6 and a further 41 kindergarten students have commenced their schooling careers with the school. We have comfortably sized classrooms across the school with plenty of room for new enrolments to be absorbed if the case arises.

Start of the year in our classes – At the SDD at the start of the year I spoke with our staff at our School Development Days about the importance of providing our students with a safe, supportive, comfortable and caring classroom environment as a way of commencing our school year. I spoke about what makes this school very special is our strong staff and student culture which is the foundation of our positive classroom communities. This safe and supportive environment also extends to the partnership that our parents have with our school, with a message for our teachers and parents to connect over the coming weeks. We know all too well that this partnership is pivotal to the success of each child in our school.

From the first day of school, I would like to thank every family for helping your child commence their year so smoothly. Most teachers have held their parent meetings where you have been provided an overview of themselves, the routines and timetables of each class and importantly their expectations for the year ahead.



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## Parent / Teacher Interviews

One of the most significant additions to the school calendar in 2025 were the two parent / teacher interviews in Terms 1 and 3. As you will be aware our first interviews of the new school year will occur this Friday 6 March and hence the school will be closed for the day to allow this to occur.

The purpose of holding this first meeting early in the year is to allow teachers and parents to discuss:

- A) how students have settled socially and emotionally,
- B) initial assessment data collected to date,
- C) for Year 6 students, their participation in the Albany Camp (Week 3),
- D) and any concerns, goals, or questions parents may have as their child begins the year with a new teacher.

A second day of Parent/Teacher Interviews will occur in Term 3, with the date yet to be confirmed.

**NAPLAN** for our Year 3 and 5 students will be held in weeks 6 and 7. Staff in these year groups have been assisting students prepare for the assessments with opportunities to write two genres used in NAPLAN writing as well as allowing opportunities for students to navigate the NAPLAN test environment and the various methods to respond to a question.

Most importantly, it is important to allow all students to feel comfortable in participating in the assessments and remove any pressure or anxiety linked to their participation. Information for all parents of our Year 3 and 5 student cohort has been distributed this week and if you have any questions on the NAPLAN assessments, please do not hesitate to contact the school's office.

## Year 6 Camp

The students and staff have returned from the Year 6 camp (in Week 3) and I am adamant that the staff, parents and students who attended the camp made the most of the opportunities to maximise the warmer weather of late February. More importantly a camp at the beginning of the year provided the perfect environment for each student to bond with each other and develop strong, trusting relationships with their teachers and one another.



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**Faction Sports Carnival** - we will have a Week 7 Carnival to be held on Tuesday 17 March for our Jumps and Throws and Friday 20 March for our full day of faction athletics. The Inter-School Carnival will be held in Week 9, Thursday 1 April, with the Thursday as the reserve day in case of inclement weather. This year the carnival is being hosted by Castletown PS at their school oval.

**Staffing changes for 2026** - at the end of last year we said goodbye to:

**Miss Nicole Creed** - who said goodbye to us all in November with her beautiful little Halle and husband Zach. Miss Creed's three years at our school was all too short as she brought positivity and a can-do attitude to her teaching with relationships at the core of her values. She will now be based in Perth and working in Northam.

**Mrs Marg Campbell** - for over 28 years Mrs Campbell has worked at our school as an education assistant and has now decided to retire and enjoy some time for her and Peter. Mrs Campbell has worked in many learning hubs and in each one she has brought her smile, unique sense of humour and wonderful rapport with our students.

**Mrs Jessika Pokucinski** - not a teacher or an education assistant, but our much loved and respected school psychologist who for five years has assisted so many students and families with their learning as well as the very important social skills and emotional regulation that is so critical to being successful in education. Mrs Pokucinski has been instrumental in making our school what it is today - inclusive and research led - you are one in a million Jess.

There are also a number of staff that will be taking leave for 2026 they include: Ms Shelby McAllister, Ms Emma Andrews and Mrs Clare Jefferies.

We also warmly welcome to the school some new additions to our teaching team as well as the return of some familiar faces.

**Miss Anna Swan** - Anna has moved over from OLSOTS and moved into the PE teaching role each Wednesday and Thursday and working across all year levels over those two days. Anna is well known to many in our community with her Yoga business as well as being a Mum for Azarni.

A change to Mr Karl Gurney who will now work each Wednesday and Thursday at ESHS in his role as Esperance Regional PEAC / TAGS coordinator. This role is to manage the extension program for our gifted and talented Year 5 and 6 students and hosting the students at ESHS will allow Karl to utilise their specialist resources and rooms.

Warm Regards,  
Gareth Palmer  
Principal



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Blue Haven 3  
Year One's  
enjoying their  
Visual Arts  
class on  
Mondays' with  
Mrs Spencer





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## Honour Flag winners - Lucky Bay 4

We received the first Honour Flag for 2026 for our Classroom of Cool Creatures because our class has monstrous fun!



## Honour Flag winners - Dolphin Cove 3

Dolphin Cove 3 received the 2nd Honour Flag for the year for their terrific Tiger Masks from their reading unit 'Can You See Me?' by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott



Maths with  
Dolphin Cove 3





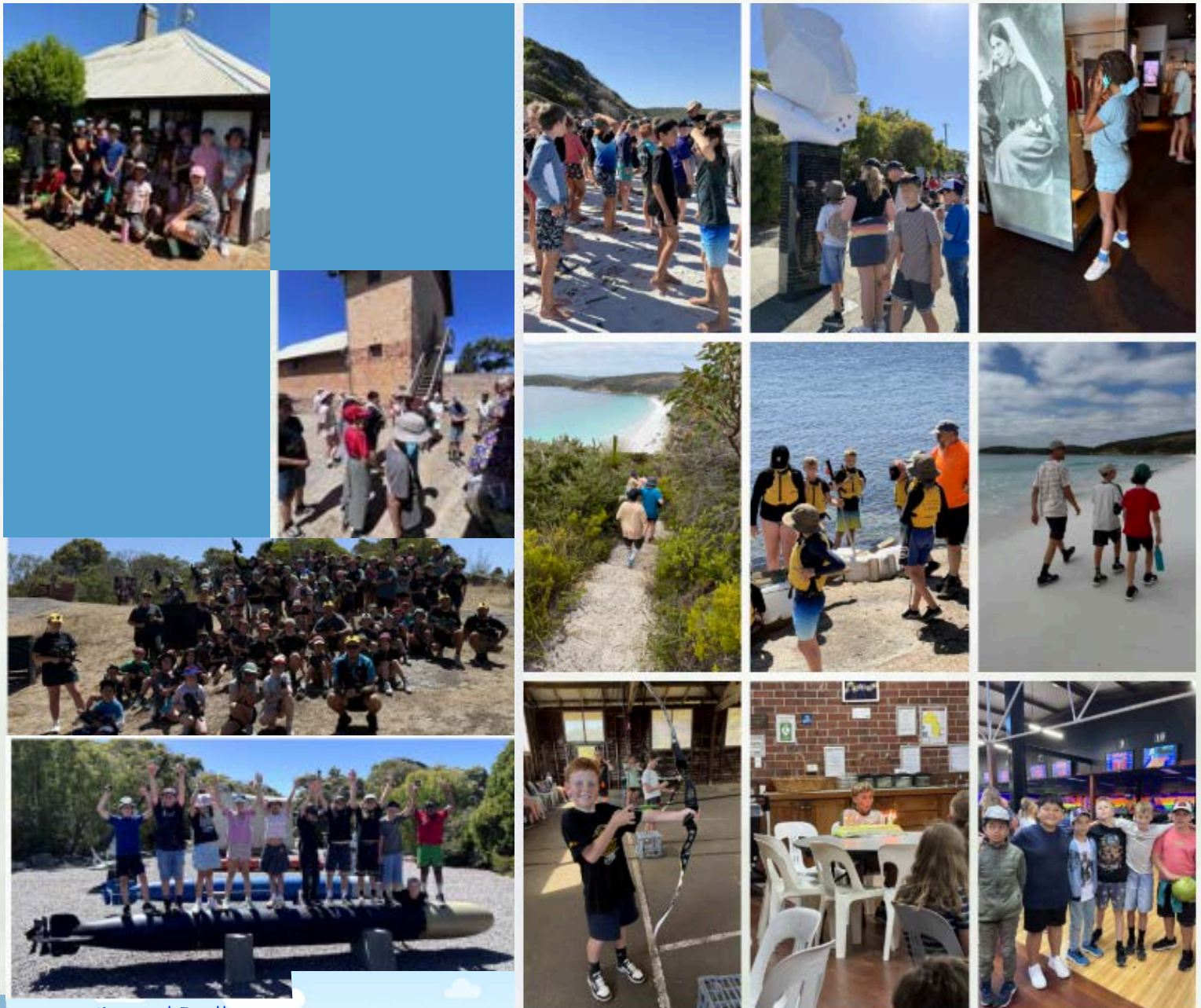
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## Year 6 Camp

In Week 3, Year 6 students enjoyed a wonderful week-long camp in Albany at Camp Quararup. Throughout the week, students had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities including archery, laser tag, bushwalking, bowling, and raft building.

Students also explored local history and culture by visiting the National Anzac Centre, Old Albany Gaol, Western Australian Museum - Great Southern, and Patrick Taylor Cottage.

Thank you to our fantastic parent helpers Ms Fiona Morrison, Mr Billy Vibart, Mr Harlan Mannix and Mr Oli Jones as well as our bus drivers Mr Paul Watt and Mr Brian Walsh for joining the students to help make the camp such a memorable and fun experience!





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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!



## Science at E.P.S

This term, all students are learning and studying Earth and Space, with each year group working towards achieving their 'I can' statements

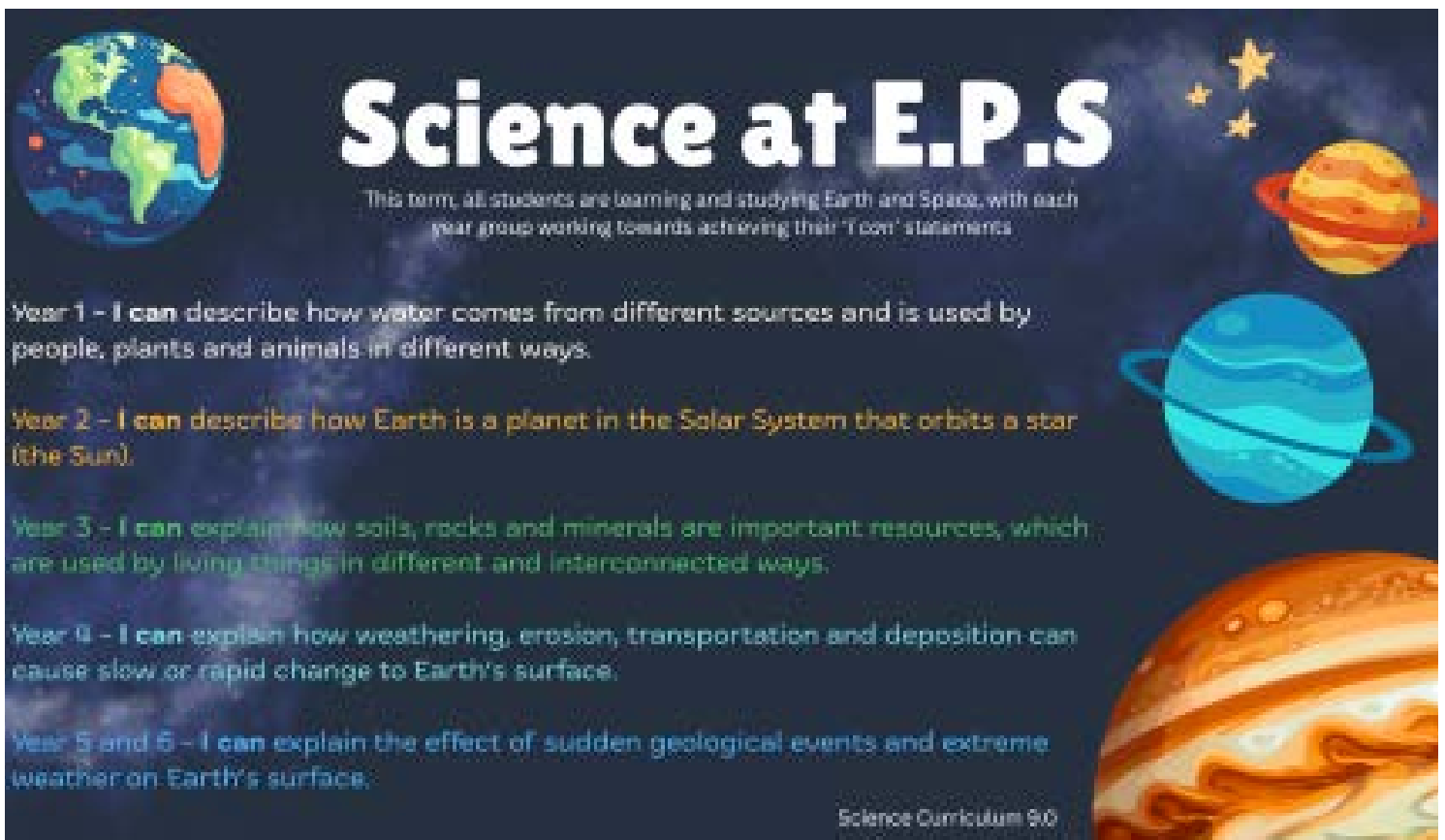
**Year 1 - I can describe how water comes from different sources and is used by people, plants and animals in different ways.**

**Year 2 - I can describe how Earth is a planet in the Solar System that orbits a star (the Sun).**

**Year 3 - I can explain how soils, rocks and minerals are important resources, which are used by living things in different and interconnected ways.**

**Year 4 - I can explain how weathering, erosion, transportation and deposition can cause slow or rapid change to Earth's surface.**

**Year 5 and 6 - I can explain the effect of sudden geological events and extreme weather on Earth's surface.**



Science Curriculum 90



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## Taco Tuesday in Dolphin Cove 4 with Miss Lewington

On the first day of school we discovered that everyone loves TACOS ! We picked tomatoes, onion/shallots and cucumbers from the school vegie garden. We also cooked beef mince and had sour cream too. The classroom and hub turned it into our cooking area. It was a very busy place with everyone pitching in to help. We put beef mince, cheese, sour cream, tomatoes, onions and cucumbers on the tacos. Some people ate seconds and for some reason the cheese vanished!

We can't wait to see what Miss Lewington will let us cook next time!

Written by Elke, Tori, and Bobby



# TERM 1 PLANNER - 2026

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2 February First Day of Term 1	3	4	5	6
2	9	10	11	12	13 Student Council Assembly
3	16 Year 6 Camp School Board Meeting	17	18	19	20
4	23 P & C Meeting	24	25	26	27 Assembly Twilight Cove 4
5	2 March Labour Day	3	4	5	6 Parent Teacher Interviews
6	9	10	11	12	13 Assembly Dolphin Cove 1
7	16 School Board Meeting	17 Jumps and Throws	18	19	20 Athletics Carnival
8	23 P & C Meeting	24	25	26	27 Assembly Dolphin Cove 2
9	30	31	1 April Inter School Carnival Reserve Day	2 Interschool Carnival Last Day of Term 1	3 Good Friday

# HONOUR CARDS and TRIBES CERTIFICATES

CLASS	HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNER 13/2/2026		
Dolphin Cove 1	Charlie Wells	Oliver Maley	
Dolphin Cove 2	Rafe Luberdá	Emmalee Barrett	
Dolphin Cove 3	Hugo Sinnott	Sienna Cozens	
Dolphin Cove 4	Bobby Kreinbihl	Havana Triscari	
Twilight Cove 2		Yahya Al Kott	
Twilight Cove 1	Leo Nguyen	Freya McLean-Schilling	
Twilight Cove 3	Matilda Cliff	Paige Rose	
Twilight Cove 4	Adelaide Bergman	Coco Massenbauer	
Lucky Bay 4	Cuba Van Der Snoek	Rosie Miller	
Lucky Bay 3	Sky Browning	Mikhaela Dopo	
Lucky Bay 2	Bay Scallan	Hunter Brown	
Lucky Bay 1	Nelisha Weerasinghe	Dylan Meiklejohn	
Blue Haven 4	Oakley Johnstone	Alyssa Clare	
Blue Haven 3	Dustin Starcevich	Rory Barrett	
Blue Haven	Addison Turnbull		
Blue Haven 2	Bruce Dansey	Shari Oversby	
Blue Haven 5	Harper Welke	Fletcher Plane	

# HONOUR CARDS and TRIBES CERTIFICATES

CLASS	HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNER 27/2/2026		Mutual Respect Certificate Winners
Dolphin Cove 1	Finn Smith	William Turner	Kolby Hood
Dolphin Cove 2	Finley Jones	Koa Mannix	Mieke van der Berg
Dolphin Cove 3	Skyla Howat	Myles Vibart	Nate Lovejoy
Dolphin Cove 4		Oliver Meiklejohn	Bailey Leeming
Twilight Cove 2	Jasper McArthur	Ahana Kishore	Korie Firth
Twilight Cove 1	Thihas Kariyawasam	Hayley Ditton	Evan van der Berg
Twilight Cove 3	Oliver Warren	Molly McQueen	Charley Hood
Twilight Cove 4	Reuben Hughes	Devon Wright	Maisie Wells
Lucky Bay 4	Piper Reed	Tina Vu	Violet Polmear
Lucky Bay 3	Zara Ditton	Ava Casey	Darcie Spengler
Lucky Bay 2	Barry Brown	Harlow Bennie	Remi Maguire
Lucky Bay 1	Piper Castelli	James Cozens	Elaina Warren
Blue Haven 4	Zoe Barrett	Harvey Graham	Patrick Collins
Blue Haven 3	Cameron Coyne	Isla Nelson	Billie Mansell
Blue Haven 1	Ivy Edwards	Tully Starr	Riley Bourne
Blue Haven 2	Ren Liddle	Kosta Hind	Esme Castelli
Blue Haven 5	Fiia Freeman	Cillian McKenna	Lottie Edwards

# THANK YOU!

We are incredibly grateful for your support of the **2025 Colour Run!**

Thanks to your generosity, we raised more than **\$9,500!**

All funds will go back into projects around the school. Some very amazing memories were made by everyone on the day!



## Your 2026 P&C Committee

President - **NEEDED!** Vice President - Jemma Veness

Treasurer - Jo Turrell Secretary - Tonya Cartledge

Fundraising Coordinator - Jean Marie Van Der Berg

Canteen Coordinator - Holly Meiklejohn

Executive Committee Members - Anna Badge and Gemma Wells

**Next Meeting** Term 1, Week 8 | Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> March 6-7pm

**Meetings Week 4 & 8 every Term**

**Contact us [esperancepandc@gmail.com](mailto:esperancepandc@gmail.com)**

## Annual Easter Egg Raffle is on again this year

Each family will receive a  
1 x book of 10 tickets to sell  
*They will come home soon with your eldest sibling*  
Simply return the tickets and money  
in the envelope supplied

Yep it's that time of year we are gratefully accepting donations from our generous families of eggs, bunnies, holiday crafts, decorations, bags and baskets please drop them into the School Office.



**All tickets both SOLD and UNSOLD must be returned to school before the draw on Wed, 1 April 2026, all winners will be notified by phone**

*There is a super short turn around of two weeks for the raffle and it will be drawn on the Wednesday 1 April 2026 - just in time for the school holidays*





## SEAHORSE SNACKS

# FACTION CARNIVAL MENU 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026



AVAILABLE ONLY ON QUICKCLIQ

[QuickCliq for school canteen orders](#)

ORDERS CLOSED FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 9AM

### GOLD COMBO \$9.50

TRAVELERS PIE w SAUCE

Juice box OR Breaka

Anzac Biscuit

### SILVER COMBO \$9.00

HOTDOG

Juice box OR Breaka

Anzac biscuit

### HOT FOOD

Travelers Pies \$6.00

Sausage Rolls \$5.00

Tomato Sauce \$0.50

Hotdogs \$5.00

### BRONZE COMBO \$7.00

HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH

Juice box OR Breaka

Anzac Biscuit

### PARENT/CARER SPECIAL \$7

Sushi

Chicken Salad or Vegetarian

#### SANDWICHES

Vegemite	\$3.00	\$3.50
Cheese	\$3.00	\$3.50
Salad	\$3.50	\$4.50
Vegemite & Cheese	\$3.50	\$4.00
Ham & Cheese	\$3.50	\$4.00

#### WRAPS

#### DRINKS

Bottled Water	\$3.00
100% Fruit Juice (apple/orange/apple & blackcurrant)	\$3.00
Breaka Milk (Chocolate, Honeycomb or Strawberry)	\$3.00

CASH ORDERS CAN BE PLACED AT CANTEEN

Esperance Primary School P&C Fundraiser

VIP CAR  
PARK  
TICKETS  
\$1

AVAILABLE  
THROUGH THE  
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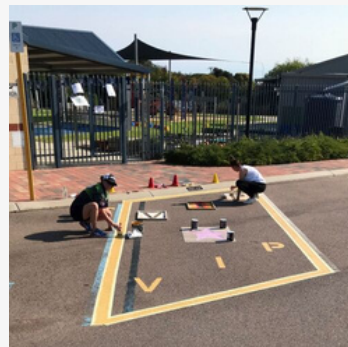
ESPERANCE PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

VIP Car Park  
Fundraiser

An opportunity to WIN your very  
own designated Car Park for a  
whole TERM!

Tickets \$1 | Available from the Canteen

Via Quickcliq only



Esperance Primary School P&C Fundraiser

VIP CAR  
PARK  
TICKETS  
\$1

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# Community News

**Soccer registrations** are open until 8th March 2026. Changes to training times will increase pitch space for all players to train. There is a 15-18 years league with regular matches against seniors. 12-14 mixed division, 9-11 Girls and Boys division. 7-8 mixed 5-6 mixed. Friday night girls only training and matches. There is literally an option for everyone! Register via our facebook page or website links:

<https://www.facebook.com/EsperanceSoccerAssociation>  
or

<https://espsoccer.tidyhq.com>

Queries to

[espsoccerassoc@outlook.com](mailto:espsoccerassoc@outlook.com)

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
9am-3pm  
Football, Fun & Friends!  
All Girls Program  
Auskick Age 5-7 Superkick Age 8-12

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED**  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
9am-3pm  
Football, Fun & Friends!  
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**Esperance**  
Sunday 10th May 2026  
Esperance Whale Tail  
7:30am - 8 km Run  
8:30am - 4 km Walk

**Mother's Day Classic**

REGISTER TODAY  
[mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://mothersdayclassic.com.au)

Locally sponsored by:  
The Quarters SPORTSPOWER

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TERM 2 • SATURDAY MORNINGS!  
FOOTY FUN IS HERE!  
REGISTER NOW!  
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MORE INFO AND LOCATIONS:  
[www.esperancedfa.com.au/auskick](http://www.esperancedfa.com.au/auskick)

CONDUNGUP P&C PRESENTS  
**CONDUNGUP COMMUNITY SATURDAY FAIR**  
21ST MARCH  
10AM TIL LATE  
FREE ENTRY  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CONDUNGUP PRIMARY SCHOOL  
KIDS ACTIVITIES  
RAFFLES & COMPETITIONS  
FOOD STALLS  
BAR FACILITIES  
LIVE MUSIC  
CONDUNGUP PRIMARY P&C  
Warakirri Esperance CSRP Southern Ports SOUTHEAST PETROLEUM