



ESPERANCE EXPRESS

NEWSLETTER TERM 3
25 SEPTEMBER 2025



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Learning Journey – Thanks to the massive turnout from our families for the Learning Journey on Thursday evening. I estimated that there were around 90% of our families visiting the school and viewing the learning of their children. Highlights always are the Art Gallery and Specialist classrooms and of course the supper provided by the Tournament of Minds (TOM) parents who catered for the evening.

A MASSIVE Thank you must go to Woolworths Esperance for donating the sausages and bread for the catering we are very grateful for their generosity.

THANK YOU! A big shout out also to the Shire of Esperance – Mr Tobin and Mrs Reynolds who supplied and delivered 6 pin up boards and 5 trestle tables for the Under Cover Area Visual Art Gallery. Without that kind gesture we would not have been as prepared for the wonderful display of artwork exhibited that evening. Thank you for supporting the TOM parents who raised a superb \$2400 towards TOM – this was amazing, and I appreciated the time given up by the families of our TOM students to cook, serve and clean up on the evening.

Tournament of Minds – a group of eager and highly energised Year 6 students travelled up to Perth last Friday with Mr Gurney and Mr Rule to compete in the State Finals of TOM at Edith Cowan University Joondalup. The team consisting of the following students – Evie Terrell, Lara Joyce, Tayler Crawford, Kaelin Gurney, Ralph Bednall, Kiarra Hughes and Leo Senior performed out of their skins and fell just short of qualifying for the National Finals. We are very proud of the team for the commitment to the TOM program over the past 2-3 months and to Mr Gurney and Mr Rule for the opportunities they have provided these students with their time, experience and guidance throughout Term 3. A special mention to Esperance Senior High School, whose Language and Literature team made it through to the National Finals, which will be held in Sydney in Term 4.

We wish them well for the event as a large percentage of these students are ex-EPS students!!!



Mr Mac and Mr Palmer and ToM family members setting up for Learning Journey sausage sizzle fundraiser to get to the state finals in Perth



Below I-R
EPS Yr5s and 6s participating in the Regionals.
EPS Language and Literature team participating in the State Finals





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Interm Term 4 Swimming for our PP, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3s – will occur in Weeks 1-4 of Term 4, the PP and Year 2 will be participating in the first two weeks of the term and our Year 1 and 3 students will be participating in Weeks 3 and 4. All students have completed their permission slips, and are now secure with the Bay Of Isles Leisure Centre staff so they can make up our swim groups, ahead of us arriving next term. Timetables for all four weeks of swimming are available now.

Numero – Esperance PS team winning the Regional Finals – just under a fortnight ago a team of four students – Nathan Mbangani, Levi Rose, Jago Spencer and Lewis Bergman competed and won the regional finals of Numero. This is massive achievement as our students were up against some stiff competition from most schools in our local region. EPS entered four teams at the regional finals and all four finished in the top 7 of the 12 teams competing on the day – a great achievement.

Our winning team will travel to Perth to compete in the State finals in Week 5 of Term 4 and more information on this event will follow. A special mention must go to Mr Steve Barter who has mentored and guided all our students over the previous month, and his expertise and knowledge of game skills and tactics has been well received, this has no doubt assisted with their success. Photos below

Parent Request for 2026 Class Placement - It is that time of year once more, and as is good practice in all schools, parents and carers are invited to have a say in the placement of their child/ren for classes for the following year. If you would like to make a formal request for the placement of your child for classes for the 2026 school year, please complete the form that has been linked with this newsletter and return it to the school office in a sealed envelope. I advise that you cannot name teachers as part of your request as the decisions around placement of teachers will not be made until late Term 4. I recommend you think about the following when completing the form or simply email your request to Esperance.ps@education.wa.edu.au.

- a) The social and emotional needs of your child and what type of teacher will be best for your child.
- b) The type of learner they are and what style of teacher would suit that style of learning; and
- c) Peers that your child is connected with – with possibly one name of one student that you would request a placement with.

I strongly advise that you do not place any request for straight classes as the model that we will be using next year for class structures will involve a combination of composite and straight classes. As always, we will do our best to address your request and accommodate the needs of your child, however, please bear in mind that the final placement is a school decision. In placing students, our staff will consider a range of factors – a student's friendships and social groups, learning styles, and levels of achievement. Staff will then discuss with their colleagues the placements for the following year. Your request is totally confidential and is checked against the placement recommendation made by teachers. You will have until the end of **Week 1 of Term 4 (Thursday, 16 October 2025)** to hand in your requests.

For any families that are planning to leave our school at the end of the year, it is important for you too to complete the top half of the form, so we can gauge accurate numbers for classes for 2026. Your co-operation in this is much appreciated.



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PLEASE RETURN FORM TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY
16 October 2025
Email Esperance.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Families Departing our School in 2026

My child/ren **will not** be returning to Esperance Primary School in 2026.

My child/ren will be attending _____ School.

Child/ren's Name/s _____ Room: _____

_____ Room : _____

_____ Room : _____

Esperance Primary School

Parent/Carer Information to Assist with the Class Placement Process 2026

Please note: Specific teachers cannot be requested as they may not be returning for 2026.

Child's Name _____

Current Year Level _____

Current Room _____

- *Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate requests, concerns and reasoning, no guarantee can be given regarding any placement.*
- *The final decision about the placement of students will rest with the principal.*

Parent/Carer Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Carer Contact Phone Number _____



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School Development Day for Term 4

A reminder that the Term 4 School Development Day (SDD) will be Friday 17th of October – this is at the end of week one next term. We have done this in conjunction with Castletown PS and Esperance SHS and to allow families involved in the Esperance and Districts Annual Agricultural Show an opportunity to participate over the three days. At the SDD staff will be looking at our school priorities for 2026 and reviewing and planning our operational plans in priority areas for next year. We will also be providing staff with time to plan their curriculum programs for Term 4.

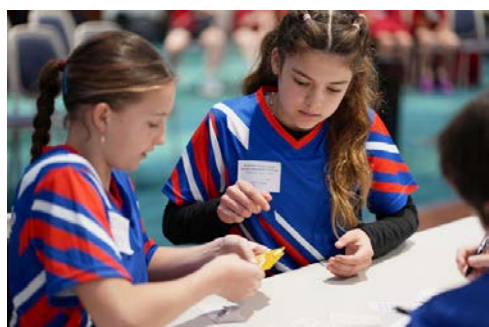
Start of Term 4

All students will return to school on Monday 13th October for their first day of Term 4, with the last day of Term 4 being Thursday 18th December. A term planner with key dates will be included in this newsletter.

I wish you and your family the very best for the school holiday break and please try to find those moments where you spend quality time with each other. Whatever the weather, get out there and enjoy our wonderful environment and I look forward to seeing you all return for the last term of 2025.

Best wishes,

Gareth Palmer
Principal



NUMERO



DEPUTY DIARIES

Kindy Sports Day - On Wednesday 24th, our Red and Blue Kindy groups came together for their combined Kindy Sports Day! The children showcased their Fundamental Movement Skills with running, jumping, skipping, throwing, and catching — all with huge smiles and brave hearts. Parents, carers, grandparents, and siblings attended the morning, cheering on their little legends as they raced through the events under the beautiful Esperance sunshine. After the activities, families enjoyed a relaxed morning tea with the children, soaking up the warmth of the day.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible Kindy teachers, Mrs Gettings and Mrs Simson, and our multi-talented Education Assistants, Mrs Barter and Mrs Wells, for their dedication, energy, and care in making the day such a success. Special thanks also to Mrs Marpole and our Year 6 Faction Captains, whose leadership and support helped create a truly memorable experience. We're incredibly proud of our Kindy kids — what a mighty effort!

Personal Best - We have been lucky to view some incredible personal best work in the past few weeks. In the upper years, collaborative history posters highlighted teamwork and a deepening understanding of the past. Our Year 1 students wowed us with their Personal Best Writing and information texts. Mathematics assessments revealed strong problem-solving skills, while Science results reflected curiosity and critical thinking through solid understandings and inquiry! We're incredibly proud of every student's efforts over the term and seeing their personal best work is a highlight of our day!. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive families—together, we're helping our learners thrive!

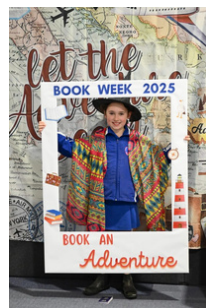
Todd McElroy & Fabianne Lance

Deputy Principals



EXCURSION TO ESHS

Year 4 Book Week Visit to ESHS - Our Year 4 students enjoyed a fantastic excursion to Esperance Senior High School as part of Book Week celebrations. They explored the library in full themed splendour and participated in a range of engaging activities. The day was made even more special thanks to the amazing leadership and warm welcome from ESHS students and staff. It was a fun-filled experience, with both students and staff buzzing with excitement and enthusiasm throughout the day!



Dolphin Cove 4



POTATO HARVESTING

The students in Dolphin Cove 4 were delighted to harvest their potato crop this week. They all looked like wombats burrowing in the soil. They will enjoy their harvest at a 'Royal Banquet' tomorrow.

NAIDOC Celebrations

As part of NAIDOC week, the students in Dolphin Cove 4 investigated Aboriginal art and symbols. They worked in teams to come up with a design which was then painted onto giant rocks. These rocks are now on display at the front entrance of the school. They look absolutely stunning.

Miss Lewington



Bin Sticker Design Competition

In a joint project between the Energisers and the Aboriginal Advisory Group a bin sticker design competition was held. The aim of the project was to promote sustainability and cultural awareness. The animals that were chosen represented important animals around Kepa Kurl Boodja. The Nyungar names for each of the animals is featured on the designs. This project is an important reminder that caring for country is the responsibility of us all, and small actions such as putting your rubbish in the bin can make a big difference. Winners are Bronte DC1, Xinyi DC4, Olivia LB3, Zara BH4, Sila LB3, Elise TC3.

Miss Lewington and Miss Barty

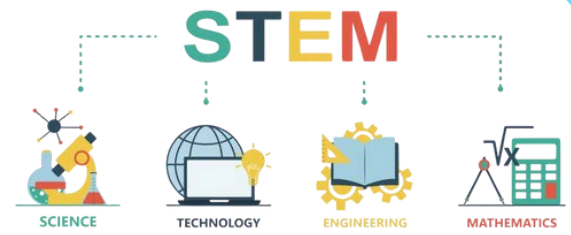


TWILIGHT COVE 1

In Twilight Cove 1, the Year 3s and Year 4s started a new Talk for Reading- Flood by Jackie French. We begun the unit with a STEM challenge. In small groups, students used an aluminium foil tray and natural materials to design a model that protects a LEGO figure from simulated floodwater, exploring strategies such as embankments, dams, afforestation, and river straightening. The activity emphasised teamwork, planning, testing, and reflection as students compared different approaches and discussed why some worked better than others.

Amy Posselt

Year 3/4 Teacher



RUOK? DAY AT EPS

TERM 3

SEPTEMBER 2025

WWW.RUOK.ORG.AU



Ask
RUOK? ANY DAY

On Thursday 11 September
Esperance Primary School
acknowledged RUOK? Day.

The whole school was a sea of
yellow with staff and students
wearing yellow clothes. Yellow
is a symbol of joy, happiness
and friendship.

Classes engaged in activities to
explore friendships and how to
check in on others.

The purpose of RUOK? Day is to
inspire and empower everyone
to meaningfully connect with
those in their world and lend
support with everyday
challenges.

EPS WELLNESS WARRIORS



Thank you to all who were able
to share the RUOK? Day
message. Remember to ask, Are
You OK? Anyday!

Georgia Pope, Hayley Kil,
Cooper Bacon

TERM 4 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	13 Term 4 Monday 13 October 2025	14	15 Swimming Lessons PP & YR 2 	16	17 Show Day - SDD Students not required to attend
2	20 Swimming Lessons PP & YR 2 	21	22	23	24 Assembly BH3 Summer Carnival YR 4 - Tennis YR 5 - Cricket 
3	27 Last Day Swimming Lessons PP & YR 2  Board Meeting	28 First Day Swimming Lessons YR 1 & 3 	29	30 ESHS Band Tour 9:45am 	31 TOM International Finals (Saturday)
4	3 November Swimming Lessons YR 1 & 3  P & C Meeting	4 YR4 IMSS Talk 10:15am (TBC)	5	6	7 9am in the Gym Assembly BH1
5	10	11	12 Student Leaders Morning	13 Numero State Finals (TBC)	14
6	17	18	19 Kindy Transition Session 1 (Red)	20 Kindy Transition Session 1 (Blue)	21 Assembly BH2 & BH5
7	24 Board Meeting	25 Kindy Transition Session 2 (Red)	26 Kindy Transition Session 2 (Blue)	27	28 2026 Booklist orders close today
8	1 December	2	3	4	5
9	8 P & C Meeting	9	10	11 YR 1 - 5 Presentation 2026 Booklist orders delivered to classes	12 YR 6 Graduation 
10	15 Kindy Farewell (Red)	16	17 Colour Run P&C Event School Reports emailed home today	18 Kindy Farewell (Blue)	19 Pupil Free Day

HONOUR CARDS and TRIBES CERTIFICATES

CLASS	HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNER		TRIBES CERTIFICATE Mutual Respect
Dolphin Cove 1	Ben Palmer	Bronte Terrell	Kaelin Gurney
Dolphin Cove 2	Braxton Miller	Thomas Bridger	Athena Hassett
Dolphin Cove 3	Lucas Maher	Lara Joyce	Veronica Edgar
Dolphin Cove 4	Levi Rose	Damien Haddrill	Duke Perry
Twilight Cove 2	Shaun Jayasundera	Mackenzie-Grace Walsh	Grace Collins
Twilight Cove 3	Lucky Stewart	Emma Royle	Fransiskus Dopo
Twilight Cove 4	Billie McMahon	Yahya Al Kott	Baxter Richardson
Twilight Cove 1	Charlie Gray	Lachlan Westover	Emmy Johnston
Lucky Bay 4	Teddy Joyce	Caolan Hart	Amelia Starcevich
Lucky Bay 3	Timothy Pitman	Ahna Wilson	Evan van der Berg
Lucky Bay 2		Kingston Graham	Tui Mannix
Lucky Bay 1	Patrick Stubna	Indigo Warren	Piper Reed
Blue Haven 1	Barry Brown		Piper Castelli
Blue Haven 3	Sophie Robinson		Murphy Mulder
Blue Haven 4	Connor Turrell	Rose Dixon	Atoa Bednall
Blue Haven 2	Matilda Lenane	Lotte Abbott	Jack Ross
Blue Haven 5	Skylar Greenwell	Tully Starr	George Calley

OUR P&C



P&C News

**Colour Run 17th
December 2025!**

White Shirts will be available
to order.

Fundraising opens 3rd
November to 12th December.
More information will be sent
home in Term 4!



Jolly Socks \$5 pair!

Thank you for your support of
the Jolly Socks Fundraiser!
Any leftover boxes/ socks can
be returned to the office.

Where our funds go

Raised funds go to projects
that benefit our school
community, here are a few:

- Kindy Hats & Teddies
- Sports Day Ribbons
- Graduation Awards
- Scitech Visit 2024



Next Meeting Term 4, Week 4 | 3rd Nov, 6-7pm

Meetings Week 4 & 8 every Term | Contact us esperancepandc@gmail.com



This Term at Esperance SHS

It's the last week of term 3 and the weather is slowly getting warmer. It's been action-packed this term with our TOM team making it to the international finals (again)! We had the school science fair, plenty of camps & hikes, and so much more!



Achieving in and out of the classroom

This term at ESHS, our students have been super busy achieving in the classroom, out in the field, and on the stage! Our Year 8s donned their lab coats for our yearly science fair, where we all enjoyed the fantastic questions from the curious primary school students who attended. Our TOM teams excelled with creative thinking and problem solving and will now compete in the international finals!

The Year 10s have been putting their survival skills to the test by braving the weather, hiking, and camping in nature, while our farm students have been hands-on learning about the complexities, & modern farming techniques.



Learn More About Us!

If you're interested in what we get up to, we're posting regularly on **Facebook!**



Esperance Senior High School

2026 Enrolments are open!

Get ahead so there's no end of year rush, enrol online today at:

esperanceshs.wa.edu.au/enrol/

COMMUNITY NEWS



Swim School Holiday Program

Week ONE

Tuesday 30/09
 9:50-10:20am Clownfish
 10:25-10:55am Stage 3 Freestyle
 11:00-11:30am Private Available

Wednesday 01/10
 9:15-9:45am Seahorse
 9:50-10:20am Stage 4 Backstroke & Survival Backstroke
 9:50-10:20am Stage 2 Freestyle
 10:25-10:55am Stage 4 Freestyle
 10:25-10:55am Private Available
 11:00-11:30am Private Available

Thursday 02/10
 9:50-10:20am Jellyfish
 10:25-10:55am Stage 4 Breaststroke Kick
 11:00-11:30am Private Available

Friday 03/10
 9:15-9:45am Stage 3 Survival Backstroke
 9:15-9:45am Stage 5/6 Breaststroke
 9:50-10:20am Diving & Tumble Turns
 9:50-10:20am Goldfish/Octopus
 10:25-10:55am Private Available
 10:25-10:55am Private Available
 11:00am-11:30am Private Available





Swim School Holiday Program

Week Two

Monday 06/10
 9:15-9:45am Stage 3 Freestyle
 9:15-9:45am Private Available
 9:50-10:20am Squad Fitness & Technique
 9:50-10:20am Ducks 6
 10:25-10:55am Stage 2 Freestyle
 10:25-10:55am Diving & Tumble Turns
 11:00-11:30am Stage 3 Survival Backstroke

Tuesday 07/10
 9:15-9:45am Ducks 6
 9:50-10:20am Stage 3 Survival Backstroke
 10:25-10:55am Private Available
 11:00-11:30am Private Available

Wednesday 08/10
 9:15-9:45am Ducks 6
 9:15-9:45am Stage 5/6 Backstroke
 9:50-10:20am Jellyfish
 9:50-10:20am Diving & Tumble Turns
 10:25-10:55am Ducks 6
 10:25-10:55am Clownfish
 11:00am-11:30am Stage 4 Freestyle

Tuesday 09/10
 9:15-9:45am Goldfish/Octopus
 10:25-10:55am Stage 4 Backstroke & Survival Backstroke





PLAY CRICKET

Esperance Cricket Blast Registrations are now open!!
 Cricket Blast goes for just one hour and is for Boys & Girls aged 5-10
 For more information and to register today, scan the QR code below or head to Play.Cricket.com.au and search 'Esperance Junior Cricket Association'



REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW
PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU

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Hands up if you like spending time at the beach?
 Or do you just look great in yellow and red?

Surf Life Saving might be for you. This season Esperance Goldfields Surf Life Saving club are looking for new members to join our club and it's not all about the Nippers. We are looking for youth, adults and veterans of the ocean to join our team

Aquatic rescue and first aid training is provided free to members and you can become a lifesaver this summer by completing a Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate

Training commences in late October, so if you're considering joining please get in touch so we can get you ready to roll into the season and joining in with all our club activities.




Register your interest now!

education@egslsc.com.au

Jayme Bergman
 Director of Education



COMMUNITY NEWS



After School Care, Book Now for Term 4!

Dear Families,
Our After School Care program had a very successful return in Term 3, and we are excited to continue into Term 4 (Monday 13 October to Thursday 18 December).

Some limited places are still available – if you require care from **Monday to Friday, 2:45 pm – 5:45 pm**, please get in touch!

Schools covered:


- Esperance Primary School
- Castletown Primary School
- Nulsen Primary School

ENROLMENT

- Families new to the service should enrol by following the QR code or clicking this link: <https://gqr.sh/v6ee>
- Families currently enrolled with access to the Xplor App should enrol via the App

For more information, please contact:

Luciana Steinle – Coordinator, Esperance Outside School Hours Care
☎ 0409 832 125 • ✉ eoshc@escare.org.au



Join us at KindiLink for ...

MESSY PLAY WEEK 2025

It's going to be a ...

Come Join us for a week full of mess, fun and play!

New Aboriginal family's welcome!

The Details:
Dates: 13th October 2025
Times: 12:45 – 14:45
AND
Dates: 14th October 2025
Times: 9:00 – 11:00
Places: Nulsen Primary School, ECE Block

All children and family's welcome!
e.g. Bring a towel, bathers (clothes you don't mind getting messy in), hat, water bottle & snack.

Ask about Messy Play Week Today!



WA MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Esperance Pop Up Cafe

Come on down these school holidays for this family friendly community event. Lots of fun activities, food, music and great community outdoor café vibe!

FREE Community Event

Friday 3rd October 2025
10am – 1pm
Esperance Museum Entrance

COFFEE <i>New Menu</i>	FOOD <i>Fish and Chips & Donuts</i>	LIVE MUSIC <i>Rock & Soul</i>	ACTIVITIES <i>Fun for everyone</i>
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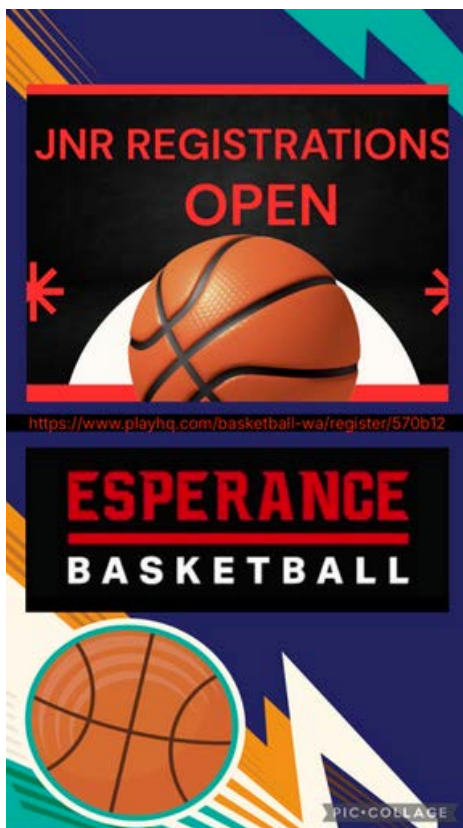
COMMUNITY NEWS



Starting on Friday October 3rd

See all events by heading to:

<https://events.humanitix.com/host/esperance-community-arts>



LAST CHANCE to register
for Junior Basketball!!!!
Registrations close this
FRIDAY and no late
registrations will be
accepted.
Link below

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-wa/register/570b12>