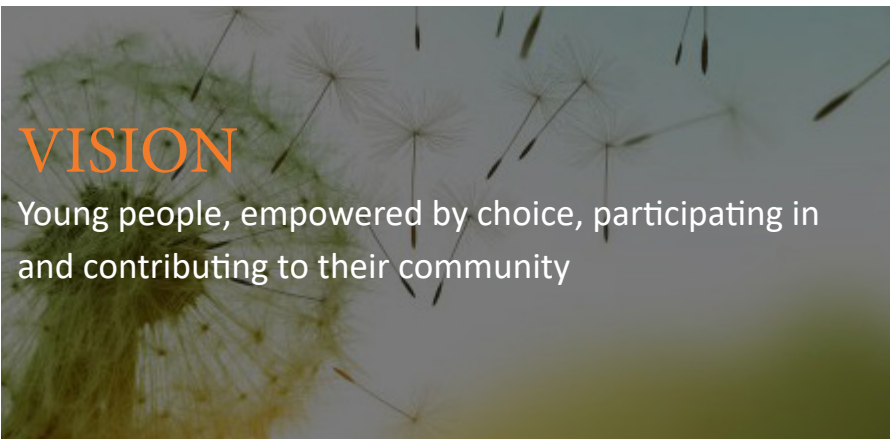




ESPERANCE EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE



VISION

Young people, empowered by choice, participating in and contributing to their community



PURPOSE

We work in partnership with our community to empower our students with the necessary skills to live productive and fulfilling lives, through an individually focused and supportive curriculum

TERM ONE 2025 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear School Community,

As we draw to the end of Term 1, I want to take this opportunity to commend our students and staff on a successful and productive term. During the course of the term, we have had a few long standing and experienced staff go on extended leave and I am really proud of the manner in which our school community have banded together to ensure our students are well supported and achieving their goals. The students have been resilient and have managed the changes really well.

The following staff members are on leave:
Mrs Mandy Gorst (remainder of the year)
Mrs Emma Valente (remainder of the year)
Mrs Helen McGill (Term 2)
Mrs Tiana Gilchrist (Term 2)

We are working to find suitable relief staff who are able to fill these important roles for our school. We will keep the school community informed as these positions are filled.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable school break and look forward to seeing all our staff and students in Term 2.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Last Day of Term One	Friday	11 April
Office Opens Term Two	Monday	28 April
Students First Day Term Two	Tuesday	29 April
School Photos	Tuesday	07 May
School Ball	Saturday	17 May
School Closed - WA Day	Monday	02 June
Students Last Day of Term Two	Friday	04 July

OPEN MORNING TERM ONE 2025

What a fantastic turnout we had for our Open Morning in Week 6 of this term! The morning began with a very special Welcome to Country delivered by our guest, Daniel. His words were a meaningful start to our time together.

Our guests also experienced our routine Morning Meeting tasks, including our Focus Words of the Week (Key Word Sign, Kapa Kurl Nyungar, AAC), Zones of Regulation and Noongar seasons. We then shared a Go Noodle session that got everyone moving and smiling! A significant moment followed as our remaining Year 12 students proudly received their Leaders Badges. Congratulations to all our Year 12 leaders! We finished our meeting by reminding everyone of our school's vision 'Young people, empowered by choice, participating in and contributing to their community'.

Everyone enjoyed catching up over warm drinks and some truly delicious food, with a special thank you to Room 16 for their yummy muffins! Finally, we were delighted to showcase our thriving school garden to our visitors. It was lovely to see everyone appreciating the hard work of our students.

Thank you to everyone who came along and made our Open Morning such a success! We really enjoyed sharing a glimpse into our wonderful school day with you.



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ME

By Kyan

I get up and have a shower. I have breakfast. I get my iPad and headphones. I put my lunchbox in my bag. I go to the Cascade Rec Hall with Chris. I say goodbye to him.

I get on the bus. I say hello to the bus driver. I sit in my seat. I enjoy my ride to school. I hop off the bus at school. I thank the bus driver. I go up the stairs. While I wait for the bell to go, I sit outside and say hello to my friends.

Once the first bell goes, we wait for our teacher's instructions. Once the second bell goes, we go to the morning meeting. I am an apprentice in the morning meeting. I don't interrupt or talk loudly.

I work five days a week for 4 terms of school. My favourite subject is Projects, in which I have in period five on Thursdays.

At recess, I sit on the benches and eat my lunch. At lunch, I go to the library. I can choose a computer or a book.

At the end of the day, I go home on the bus. I get dressed into my pyjamas. I have dinner. At 8:45pm I put my iPad on charge. At 9:00pm I go to bed.

P.S. I am looking forward to attending the school ball at the Yacht Club.

P.P.S. I am also looking forward to seeing some movies at a cinema in Esperance.



By Kira

I come to school with dad. I stay at the Esperance Education Centre to wait for my friends to arrive, then we all go to the morning meeting.

I head back to our classes in room 16. I write in my resilience diary while I wait for the instructions from Ms Keiley. I go to a mainstream class, and I paint. I am doing pop art on Keith Harding.

Then I head back to room 16 to do more work. I complete English and Math.

I go to work experience on a Tuesday at SportsPower. My jobs are to hang up clothes and scan items.

I tidy my desk and my classroom up before I go home. Then my dad picks me up from school.



SWIMMING LESSONS

Students are having a great time participating in swimming lessons every Thursday at the Bay of Isles Leisure Centre. These lessons provide a fun and engaging way for students to improve their swimming skills while staying active. It's a fantastic weekly opportunity to promote fitness and water safety!



ASDAN PROGRAMS TAKE OFF AT ESPERANCE EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

ASDAN programs have lifted off to a flying start at the Esperance Education Support Centre, providing students with exciting opportunities to develop essential skills in a variety of areas.

The Senior School students have been cooking up a storm in their Independent Living class, where they are learning practical skills for everyday life. In their Relationships class, they are delving into the complexities of public and private spaces, understanding boundaries and communication in social settings.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Lovejoy's class is exploring new sensory programs designed to promote independence in communication and numeracy. These hands-on activities are tailored to support students' development in a way that is both engaging and meaningful.

Mrs. Durrant's class is tackling an impressive nine modules across multiple disciplines, including Geography, Arts, and Literacy. These cross-curriculum outcomes are helping students build foundational knowledge while enhancing their critical thinking and creativity.

ASDAN is an innovative program that offers a wide range of curriculum award opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities. The program blends activity-based learning with a framework for developing and accessing key personal, social, and academic skills. Through the Towards Independence Award Program, students are recognised for every step they take in their journey toward greater independence.

With such a dynamic start to the year, the ASDAN programs at Esperance Education Support Centre are providing students with the tools and confidence to succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

ASDAN COOKING CLASS

By Josh

In ASDAN cooking we cook all types of breakfast food options and drinks for our education and living program. This is so, when we leave school, we can take care of ourselves and loved ones for the future and now. We have cooked foods like pancakes, eggs on toast, French toast, jelly, and we had tea and milo for drinks.





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OUR WHEELCHAIR BUS MAKES COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL

Kayne is loving his weekly Community Access trips around town, including stopping by the Post Office to collect our school mail. Thanks to our little bus, Kayne can easily participate in these outings, fostering a greater connection with the community and enhancing his independence. It's a wonderful experience!



MAINSTREAM ART CLASS

By Kyan

In art this semester, I have been learning about expressionism art.

The art medium I have been using is collage.

The artist I have chosen is Picasso.

I have used chopped up magazine articles to collage my Picasso painting.

I like gluing on the ripped bits of coloured paper.

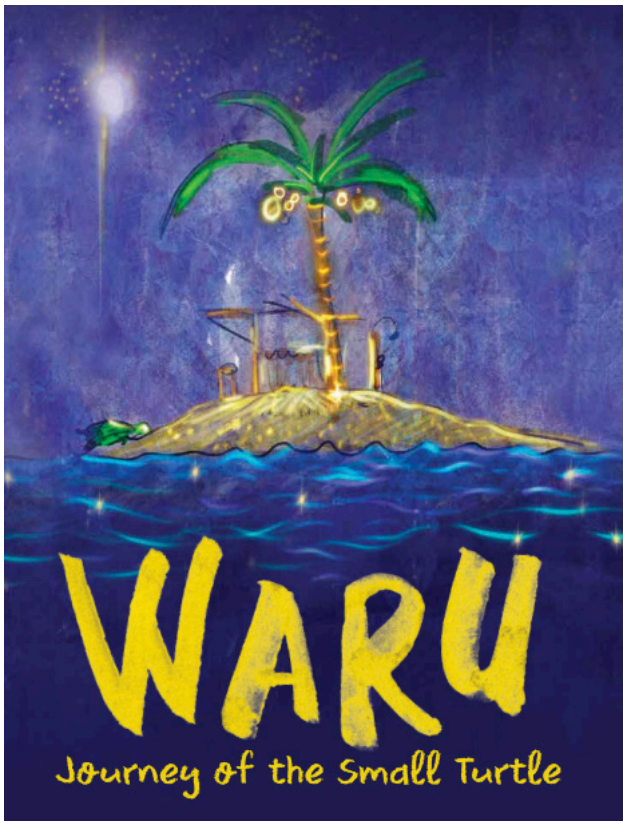




BANGARRA DANCE THEATRE

An Exciting Journey into First Nations Culture with Bangarra Dance Theatre

On March 27th, our students had the incredible opportunity to immerse themselves in the rich storytelling of Torres Strait Islander culture with a special screening of Waru – A Journey of the Small Turtle, presented by the Bangarra Dance Theatre. This spectacular stage show, filmed live at the iconic Sydney Opera House, was made available to us through the Department of Education network, and we couldn't wait to experience it together.



From the moment the performance began, we were captivated by the stunning costumes, the powerful music, and the soulful singing that brought the story to life. But what made this experience even more magical were the turtles – their journey, their symbolism, and how they tied together the deep messages of respect, connection, and understanding of the land, sea, and all living creatures.

As the story unfolded, we felt like active participants in the storytelling itself. Waru beautifully shared the traditions and wisdom of the Torres Strait Islander peoples – how they care for their environment, how they honour their ancestors' knowledge, and how they keep their culture alive. The performance highlighted the importance of culture, the land, and the sea in the lives of the Torres Strait Islander people, and it was an eye-opening experience for everyone involved.

We know that students at this age are becoming more aware of the wider world around them, full of curiosity about their place in it. This unique viewing experience helped us connect not just to the land of the Torres Strait, but to the many cultures that make Australia so special. It was an unforgettable journey of learning, and the interactive elements of the show allowed us to add our own magic to the experience. We are so grateful for the chance to learn more about Torres Strait Islander cultures, and the beauty of their storytelling traditions. The students left the screening feeling inspired, connected to Country, and with a newfound respect for the diverse cultures that shape our world. What an exciting and enriching experience it was for us all!



SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS' PREPARE FOR THE BALL

The excitement is building at Esperance Education Support Centre as our Senior School students get ready for the upcoming Ball in Term two! To ensure they are fully prepared, we recently took an excursion to the venue – the stunning Esperance Bay Yacht Club – where students had the chance to familiarise themselves with the space in a calm and relaxed environment.

For our students, preparation and predictability are key. Visiting the venue ahead of time without other people around gave our students the opportunity to explore the layout, understand the routine, and reduce any anxiety about what to expect. The excursion also allowed us to practice the “walk up” – where students strut their stuff with confidence, rehearsing how they’ll enter the venue and feel like a million bucks when it’s their time to shine!



ROOM 16's JOURNEY CONTINUED

Once we finished at the Yacht Club, Ms. Keiley's class continued their community access activity, which was equally exciting and valuable. In Mathematics, we've been focusing on the vital role that banks play in our community. To put our lessons into action, we visited both ANZ Bank and the Commonwealth Bank, where students learned about banking processes and the importance of managing money.



Our trip continued with a fun stop at Little Local, where we put our budgeting skills to the test. Each student had a \$10 budget to spend on a mid-morning treat. The selection of tasty pastries was tempting, and it was a great opportunity for students to practice making choices, budgeting, and using money in a real-world context. It was a challenge for many to decide what to pick, but everyone did an outstanding job staying within their budget!



It's been an exciting, hands-on term filled with learning, exploration, and lots of fun. The students are not only getting ready for the Ball, but they're also developing vital life skills that will serve them in the future. We can't wait to see them strut their stuff on the big night!



By Kira

Our class went on an excursion to the Yacht club to see where our school ball will be.

We then walked to the banks to learn how to do banking.

After all that walking, we stopped at little local for a tasty snack.

We then hopped on the bus and came back to school.



BALL TICKETS

Our Year 11 and Year 12 students are buzzing with excitement for the upcoming School Ball on Saturday, 17th May, at the Esperance Bay Yacht Club. Tickets will be available for purchase in Week 1 of Term 2. It's shaping up to be a night to remember!



INTERESTING GARDEN FACT

How do you know when to pick a pumpkin?

Picking the perfect pumpkin is all about timing! Here's how you know when it's the right moment:

1. Colour: A ripe pumpkin will have a rich, deep colour, usually orange for most varieties.
2. Stem: The stem should be brown, dry, and firm. If it's still green or soft, it might have been picked too early.
3. Texture: The skin should feel firm and hard.
4. Sound: Tap the pumpkin lightly with your knuckles. If it sounds hollow, it's a good sign that it's ripe.
5. Size: Pick the size you want but be aware that larger pumpkins are usually more mature. Smaller pumpkins can still be picked if they're firm and have the right colour.

For eating, it's best to wait until it's fully ripe to get the best flavour!



FROM THE COMMUNITY



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OPEN STUDIO FREE SESSIONS

SEASCAPE TEXTURED ART

Tuesday 15 April
10:00am-11:00am
11:30am-12:30pm
1:00pm-2:00pm

Join inspiring artist Hajni for a fun, hands-on Open Studio these school holidays! Kids 7+ will create a hangable, ocean-inspired artwork using sand. Perfect for all skill levels, all materials provided - book now!

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For children aged 7-17.

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