

# ESC Express

## NEWSLETTER

### OUR SCHOOL ETHOS

To foster an atmosphere of care and inclusion  
by providing appropriate education  
opportunities.

Edition 1  
March 2020



## Welcome to 2020

### Staffing

In 2020 we welcome back our committed staff and welcome a fresh kindergarten cohort, consisting of three newly enrolled students. We also welcome new Co-Principal, Dan Beaudoire to our team. Similar to 2019, there are four ESC classes across the school with current numbers sitting at a total of 31 students. The four classes include the following staff members:

#### **ESC 1** (Kindergarten, Pre Primary, Year 1)

Teacher: *Mrs. Tiana Burns*

Support staff: *Ms. Joy, Ms. Jo and Ms. Christine*

#### **ESC 2** (Year 1, Year 2)

Teacher: *Ms. Gleneice Coventry*

Support staff: *Ms. Sally, Ms. Vicki, Ms. Teresa, Ms. Jody*

#### **ESC 3** (Year 2, Year 3, Year 4)

Teacher: *Ms. Lucy Nixon*

Support staff: *Ms. Cath, Ms. Virginia, Ms. Tanya,*

#### **ESC 4** (Year 4, Year 5, Year 6)

Teacher: *Mrs. Holly Hurrell*

Support staff: *Ms. Kat, Ms. Harris, Ms. Lina*

**Specialist Teachers:** *Ms. Lisa Fardell and Mr. Dan Beaudoire*

### Corona Virus (COVID-19)

Business as usual at O'Connor ESC. All students are encouraged to attend school if they appear in good health. Our teachers and support staff remain frequently updated by the Department of Education including recommendations from the Department of Health. A gentle reminder to all in our school community to remain alert, but certainly not alarmed.

Support and advice is available at [www.healthy.wa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.healthy.wa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus) or the health direct helpline on 1800 020 080 for more information on the virus and its symptoms.

Please view all cancellation of events over the next page.



### Harmony Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Week 7 saw our four classes take part in creating artworks of all mediums to promote the celebration of diversity. Each class had the opportunity to display their work throughout the school grounds. Students also showed their support for diversity and peace by wearing orange to school.

### Bright Minds Therapy

Our school has allocated funding for a speech therapist and occupational therapist to support our students by providing expertise and essential strategies to encourage individualised language and communication outputs. Both therapists will be visiting our school once a fortnight. We look forward to working closely with Bright Minds this semester.



Cass Bender & Dan Beaudoire  
Principals  
20/03/2020

## Term 1 event cancellations

- All assemblies (junior, senior, whole school)
- All community access outings
- Harmony Day celebrations – 20/03/2020
- Water Fun Day – 27/03/2020
- Family Picnic – 08/04/2020

## Important dates to remember

- School Council Meeting:** TUE 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- Good Friday:** FRI 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
(Public holiday)
- Easter Sunday:** SUN 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- Anzac Day:** SAT 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
(Public holiday on Monday 27<sup>th</sup>)

## ESC 1 embrace inclusion

**ESC1** have commenced Physical Education lessons with Miss. Ennis (Junior Sport Teacher) and the Pre Primary students in EC4.

The students are working on their fundamental movement skills during these lessons as well as their social and emotional skills.



## ESC 4 go mining

**ESC4** students have been investigating the purpose of mining in the Goldfields and safety devices on mine sites. Our class visited the Hannans North Tourist Mine. During the excursion, students had the opportunity to sit in the cab of a dump truck, enter a rescue chamber, view a range of historical artefacts and explore an old camp site. We finished the day with a picnic in the Chinese garden.



We had an awesome time and the experience has enriched our learning and understanding of mining in the Goldfields.



## Let's all use the same language

All staff in our school continue to encourage learning and positive behaviour by using the same phrases and language across the school. We invite you to use these phrases at home to promote consistency.

