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Principal's Report



Term 3 has been busy and productive. Music students returned from their 8-day International Music Festival in Sydney, where they performed at the University of NSW, the Conservatorium of Music, Chatswood Concourse, the Maritime Museum and the Sydney Opera Houses. Students and teachers enjoyed iconic locations such as Bondi Beach, the Blue Mountains, the Sydney Zoo, the Harbour Bridge, Chicago the Musical and Luna Park. Students excelled on the international stage and always represented the school with pride. Well done to all involved, and we thank all the parents who made the trip over to support our music group. Congratulations to Mr Lynam and Mr Bourgault for their outstanding work with the Music program.

Term 3 also included the third session of OLNA for the year. This was the final opportunity for Year 12 students to sit these online assessments and results will be available early Term 4.

Unfortunately, the weather didn't go as planned for our Athletics Carnival this year. Many students and staff got into the spirit of the day by dressing in a variety of costumes and in house colours. However, due to inclement weather, it was called off at recess. Students were able to compete in all the missed events during recess and lunchtime in the weeks that followed. Thank you to Mr Davis, the Physical Education Team and all staff who assisted in the planning and running of this event.

The school acknowledged RUOK? Day with free dress on 12 September. This is a National Day of Action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life.

Our school partnership with Real Schools was further strengthened by our in class coaching day on Wednesday 18 September. Candice Brown, our Real Schools partner visited classes to demonstrate our restorative practices and approaches in different classes and contexts. This was followed by a staff debrief and then a parent information session after school. Thank you to those parents who were able to make our event in the library.

The Year 11 River Cruise was held on Thursday 19 September. Captain Cook Cruises took a large group of Year 11 students and a small group of lucky teachers cruising along the Swan River while we danced the night away. It was a great success with an enjoyable evening being had by all.

The end of Term 3 included the final few weeks for our Year 12's. Students participated in Spirit week which included different dress-up themes, the farewell breakfast and whole school assembly. Week 10 included the final ATAR school exams and one final reward afternoon. Achievements of the Year 12's will be celebrated at Graduation in Term 4, and I wish all our Year 12 students the best of luck for their future endeavours as they transition to life beyond school. Thank you for your contribution to the Eastern Hills SHS school community over your years at our school. Good luck.

Raelene Infanti

Acting Principal

Superstars of ESHS

Our very own HaSS teacher, Miss Howard, has been selected as Vice-Captain for the WA Womens 35s team for the AFL Masters National Carnival which will be held in Fremantle during the second week of the school holidays. She has been playing footy for four years now and currently plays in the Perth Football League for Hills Rangers and Pickering Brook in the Masters competition. This will be her third time playing for WA as a state representative and her first time as a part of the leadership group. Congratulations Miss Howard, what an amazing achievement and good luck, WA for the win!

If you would like to come down and cheer on Team WA, the fixtures are available on the carnival website

https://aflmasterscarnival.teamapp.com/?_webpage=v1¹



Real Schools Partnership

Restorative Practices – An Introduction for Parents

¹https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Faflmasterscarnival.teamapp.com%2F%3F_webpage%3Dv1&data=05|02|claudia.peet%40education.wa.edu.au|c94035698b9a483c99b908dcd6bfcd1|e08016f9d1fd4cbb83b0b76eb4361627|0|0|638621366484077973|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiv2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|0||&sdata=xa8YP%2Fjiv2DmL0yAabX81v%2FaRJYJaPxMBgbc3Pz24c4%3D&reserved=0

Our school has made a very important decision to become a Restorative School. Using Restorative Practices isn't something we take lightly. We've been watching what's been happening in the world of education when it comes to creating a strong school culture, to building effective relationships, to resolving conflict and to improving student behaviour and bullying. The bottom line is that we think there's a better way.

Restorative Practices is that way. Working restoratively is really all about asking the right questions to students when things go wrong. We'll be asking your children questions like:

- What happened?
- How has that made people feel?
- And what action needs to be taken to make that better?

It's all about teaching responsibility for your actions and knowing that nobody is going to do it for you. Our job is to help them do just that ... better and better and better.

There's a LOT more to Restorative Practices and our ongoing Partnership with Real Schools is supporting and resourcing us to make this change and parents have access to all the resources too.

Head to the Partner Portal Login tab at www.realschools.com.au² and use the following details to have a look at all that we're working on at school:

User Name: easternhillsseniiorhs

Password: easternhillsseniiorhs

Here are a couple links to videos to get you started:

What is Partnership? (Parent Video) | Partner Portal (realschools.com.au)³ What are Restorative Practices and 2.0 Culture (Parent Video) | Partner Portal (realschools.com.au)⁴

Drama Production

We are thrilled to recognize the outstanding work of our Year 11 students who brought the enchanting world of *Alice* to life in last week's school production. Their dedication, creativity, and passion for performance were evident in every scene, and they have left us all in awe of their talent.

Behind the scenes, students played a critical role in making the production a success through their exploration of lighting, sound, costume design and prop design.

We would also like to thank you to Mrs Britton the production's director, who guided and supported the students every step of the way. Her passion for theatre and dedication to her students were critical in making *Alice* such a remarkable production.

This production was a wonderful example of collaboration, creativity, and commitment. Congratulations to all the students involved — you should be incredibly proud of your achievements!

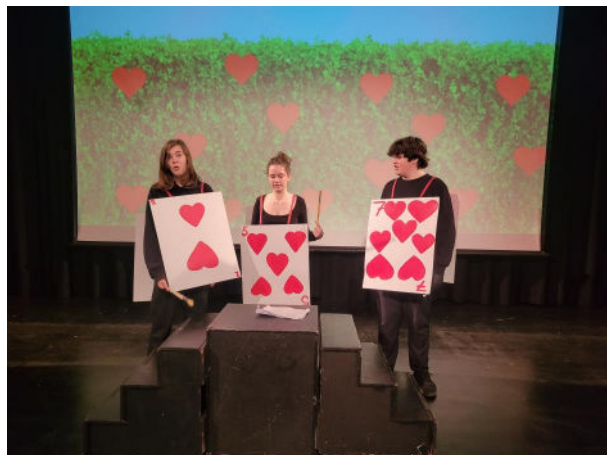
We look forward to seeing more amazing work from these talented individuals in the future!

²<http://www.realschools.com.au/>

³<https://realschools.com.au/partner-portal/resources/candice-what-is-partnership>

⁴<https://realschools.com.au/partner-portal/resources/candice-what-are-restorative-practices-and-2-0-culture>





PE Update

House Faction Athletics Carnival

The much-anticipated sports carnival faced unexpected challenges this year, with the original event being postponed due to bad weather. Unfortunately, on the rescheduled day, the carnival was cancelled once again. However, the PE staff displayed incredible dedication, working tirelessly over the next two weeks during recess and lunch to ensure that all students had the opportunity to compete in their events. Thanks to their hard work, we now have our champion boys and girls, an interschool team ready to represent the school, and a winning house. A big congratulations to the Carrick Kookaburras, the winning house captains, and all the medal winners for their fantastic efforts! The excitement is already building as we eagerly anticipate the upcoming interschool athletics carnival next term.

Overall points standings -

Carrick Kookaburras 2649

Connolly Roos 2595

Flynn Blue Tongues 2502











Home Ec Update

Science Teacher Mr Hughes was the Celebrity Chef for the Year 7 Food Class last week. Students were asked to observe Mr Hughes's 'rights and wrongs' of food prep and kitchen safety/hygiene as

he prepared his signature pasta dish. A great time was on the cards right from the first chop of tomato!





Year 11 Hospitality students made Mocktails







Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) – Care, Pride and Growth

PBS is a key element of creating purposeful learning environments which support student learning, wellbeing, and engagement. When students demonstrate the positive behaviour expectations outlined in our Behaviour Matrix, teachers are encouraged to give students positive points through Compass. Congratulations to the following students have received 100 positive points or more so far this year:

- Lexi G (7.05)
- William C (8.02)
- Noah S (8.06)
- Ruby M (9.02)
- Natasha W (9.04)
- Isabel L (9.06)
- Phoebe N (10.02)
- Kaleb R (10.03)

The highlight for PBS this term was the Reward Morning Tea held on Wednesday 11 September. Staff were asked to nominate students in their classes who had consistently demonstrated our positive values of care, pride and growth. There were over 200 students nominated with 80 lucky students randomly selected to attend. Thank you to the Hospitality staff and students who prepared the delicious food for the event.





Updated Mobile Phone Guidelines

The Department of Education does not permit student use of mobile phones in public schools. Schools are required to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school until the conclusion of the school day. Exemptions to this ban include where a student requires a mobile phone:

- To monitor a health condition as part of a school approved documented health care plan.
- For a particular educational purpose under the direct instruction of a teacher.
- To pay for items at the canteen. Students must be in line and within the area marked by the yellow line.

The term 'mobile phones' includes smart watches, other electronic communication devices and associated listening accessories, such as, but not limited to, headphones and ear buds.

While a significant part of our school community abides by the mobile phone ban there has been a noticeable increase in student use of mobile phones. As a result, we will be updating our 'Student Mobile Phones Guidelines'. The guidelines support staff and students to:

- Reduce the potential for learning distraction.
- Protect the privacy of staff and students.
- Improve health and wellbeing.
- Improve social connections at school.

We recognise that an increasing number of parents/caregivers who for safety, security and/or emergency purposes choose to provide their children with mobile phones. All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur through the school's administration. Students needing to communicate with their parents/caregivers should attend the Student Services Centre where the communication will be facilitated.

Students Who Breach the Guidelines

1. If a student is using a mobile phone or associated listening device during class or break times, then a staff member will request that the student hand the device over (no warnings will be issued to students).
2. If the student refuses to hand the mobile phone or associated device over, then the teacher will request the assistance of the Head of Learning Area (HOLA) or Student Services (SS). This staff member will request that the student hands over the mobile phone or associated listening device.
3. If the mobile phone or associated device is handed over, it will be logged at the Student Services Centre where it can be collected by the student at the end of the day. If the device is not handed over to the HOLA/SS the student will be suspended for refusing to follow staff instructions.

The updated guidelines will take effect on Tuesday 8 October (Day 1 Term 4) and we appreciate your support in ensuring that students have their mobile phones off and away all day.



Music Tour to Sydney



Music Alive and Well at Eastern Hills SHS

2024 has been a very busy, exciting, and rewarding year for the schools' music students and staff.

It has been a year of hard-work and packed full of highlights.

The **Term 1** annual music camps for the Intermediate and Senior Band and Guitar Ensemble started the year with a 'bang'. The camps are designed to provide intense, uninterrupted rehearsal time to energise the repertoire program of each ensemble, as well as to allow for social bonding. As usual, they were a great success and got all of us onto the right foot!

Term 2, another busy one, was dominated by Practising for the **Sydney International Music Festival Tour** which was held during the first week of the Winter School Holidays. Just prior to that, all ensembles also performed in the **Mid-year Concert**, which was closely followed by the tour- 'Farewell' Concert which was used as a tour preparation.

The Tour itself was an amazing experience for all concerned. The students were constantly performing, workshopping, and tasting the life of a touring, performing musician. The itinerary was completely packed with cultural, sightseeing and 'fun' events and, most importantly, the students played in the Sydney Opera House which was a real highlight. Both Eastern Hills Ensembles received 'Silver' awards for their adjudicated concerts.

The students' conduct, behaviour, manners, cohesion, co-operation, resilience, versatility, and effort were outstanding, particularly when you consider how exhausted they were towards the end of the trip. The staff on the Tour, Mr Bourgault, Mr Lynam, Ms Hardy and Ms Infanti were very proud to be associated with this group of students, and they are also to be congratulated for preparing the musicians and providing the care and day-to day running of the tour. Thanks to Mr Lynam for organising the bulk of the tour which took many hours over 18 months to put together.

Overall, it was a resounding success and a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all the students involved.

Term 3 is just finishing, but the work and reward keeps coming. Both the Guitar ensemble and Senior Concert Band received an '**Outstanding' in this years' annual music festivals**. The students have honed their skills to a terrific level and both groups are revelling in the fact that they have many music ATAR students in their ensembles. **The Spring Showcase concert** is being held in week 9 of this term, and it is designed to Showcase the best solo and ensemble performances that we can provide. If you read this before this concert on Thursday, September 12, don't miss out!

Term 4 is also another very busy time for the music department. We have the important and inspirational '**Primary Proms' Concert** to excite all the local primary School Students and then very soon afterwards, on **Sunday, October 20**, we are hosting a mammoth event to celebrate 50 years of music at EHS. This **50th Anniversary** will celebrate the birth of the music program at Mt. Helena Primary School in 1974 and its subsequent growth and extraordinary success over the ensuing years. We hope to host and entertain many ex-members of EHDCB and the Guitar Ensemble and provide an opportunity for them to reminisce, mingle and sample the music program that has evolved. All our students will be involved, and it is shaping up to be a really great day, full of performances, memories, food, and fun.

Long Live Music,

Mr. Bourgault

(Music Department)



Y12 Spirit Week, Graduation Breakfast and Farewell Assembly

At the end of this term the Year 12's enjoyed a week of fun for spirit week, a special graduation breakfast in the Lesser Hall prepared by the Year 11 Hospitality students and a whole school farewell assembly in the gym to wrap up their six years at ESHS. Big thanks go to Mrs Campbell, Ms Thomas and the ladies in Home Ec Prep for all their hard work in organising the graduation breakfast.

We wish all of our Year 12's well in their future endeavours.

















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Year 12 Economics Seminar

Mrs Hart's Year 12 Economics class took a trip to Guildford Grammar School for an Economics conference delivered by Steven Kemp, the author of *Investigating Macroeconomics*. It was an excellent opportunity for students to hear from the Chief Examiner of the ATAR Economics course in Western Australia and enrich the understanding of students in preparation for their final examinations.









Important Dates



- **Tuesday 8th October 2024 - First day back for students**
- **Thursday 12th December 2024 - Last Day of School for the year**

EHSHS would like to wish our families a happy and safe school holidays, enjoy this beautiful spring weather.

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