

Parent Update

Term 3/Week 2
25th July 2023



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IMPORTANT DATES

26th May

- Year 7 to 10 Councillors Levitate 7am in Auditorium
- Year 10 After School English W1 and W2
- Year 10 Leap Week Parent Information Night

27th July

- Tennis Testing #2 Year 5/6 at 4pm
- Science AA/AE ICAS Competition

28th - 30th July

- We Will Rock You Musical

31st July

- Year 10 After School English M1 & M2

1st August

- Year 9-12 Alliance Francaise Exam
- Year 10 English Support Workshops After School

2nd August

- Year 10 After School English W1 & W2

3rd - 4th August

- WA Schools' Senior Concert Band Festival at Churchlands SHS (after hours)

4th August

- Year 7 Lightning Carnival

4th - 5th August // We Will Rock You Musical

School Activities and Student Achievement

Keep up with all the exciting activities and student achievements that occur in the school by regularly checking our webpage, Facebook, Instagram or YouTube pages.

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School Calendar <https://applecross.wa.edu.au/parents/calendar/>
Parent Update <https://applecross.wa.edu.au/parents/parent-update-newsletter/>

Update from the Principal

Dear Parents / Guardians

Students have commenced the second half of the year in a very positive and industrious manner. Congratulations to those students who have been acknowledged with Academic Achievement, Personal Best or Mutual Respect certificates for Semester 1. I know that many students will have reflected on their academic performance over the first half of the year and will be keen to try to implement some changes over the next few weeks and months. Regardless of how well students went in the first semester, it is important that they focus on areas where further improvement can be made. Parents are encouraged to email teachers of subjects with concerns about their progress or achievement.

While this is an important term for all students, it is effectively the final school term for our Year 12 students. I am confident that students who make a concerted effort this term will reap the rewards later in the year. I wish the Year 12s and all our students the best for a productive and successful term.

Visit by Minister for Education

Dr Tony Buti, the Minister for Education, will be visiting the school on Wednesday, 2nd August, for a guided tour and a meeting with representatives of the Staff and Student Leadership groups, the School Board, and the P&C. This is an important opportunity for us to show the Minister around the school and outline some of the current issues and future challenges that the school will face. He will only be here for a little over an hour, most of which will involve meetings with our parent representatives.

Safe, supportive and productive schools

The Minister for Education recently announced the Standing Together against Violence statement and the Connect and Respect resources and supports for schools.

Our school community is a vibrant and diverse representation of society where children learn and grow. We both value and rely on the local community, parents and families to partner with us in their children's learning journey and encourage open communication.

We all share a responsibility for providing a safe, supportive and productive environment free from bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence. Parents and carers, and other visitors to our school, support safety by ensuring communication and conduct at school and school activities are respectful. We all have the right to feel safe and be safe at school.

The Department of Education has recently released Connect and Respect, a suite of resources to assist school communities in setting shared and respectful expectations to enable us to continue to work together in the best interests of our children.

This includes when and how to contact the school, what you can expect from us and the behaviours that interfere with teaching and learning. These resources and guidelines will assist us to continue to build upon our culture of connection and engagement, and we will implement them to support our staff to deliver quality education at our school.

- [Standing together against violence](#)
- [Connect and Respect Expectations](#)
- [Connect and Respect Engagement](#)

Kind regards
Paul Leech
Principal

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Financial Matters

by Finance Department

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who have paid the School Fees for 2023. Payment is now overdue. If you have not made a payment, your immediate attention is required to finalise your account for 2023. Please contact the Finance Department at your earliest convenience if you wish to discuss payment of your children's school fees. Please be reminded that debt collectors are used for all outstanding school charges.

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Year 11-12 Importance of Term 3 - Staying on Course

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Years 10-12

Term 3 is critically important for Year 11 and 12s for slightly different reasons. They are moving towards the end of their respective academic years, and both groups can sometimes have difficulty keeping focused.

Year 11:

Following the completion of Term 3, Year 11s have only four weeks of learning and revision to complete prior to their Semester 2 exams in Term 4. It is vitally important that Year 11 students maximise their time in their current courses and maintain a rigorous study/ review program throughout the duration of this term.

Year 12:

Year 12s completing all General courses and Certificates will finish their formal secondary schooling at the end of Term 3. Therefore, they have a limited amount of time remaining to ensure that ALL coursework for Certificates and their General courses are complete to ensure they remain eligible to achieve WACE. Their final 'formal' day of school is Monday, 18th September. On this day, we have a formal rehearsal for the Presentation evening, which ALL students need to attend.

For ATAR students, all course content will be completed this term prior to their Mock exams. All ATAR students (even those students doing less than 4) will be required to attend school in Term 4 until 18 October. We are working closely with our students to keep them on track and ask parents to let us know if they have concerns about how their children are going with either their commitment to their studies or their emotional wellbeing. As a team, we will do our best to ensure students maximise their outcomes. We want our ATAR students to get the best results they can achieve and our General/VET students to ensure they meet the requirements to achieve their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and complete their TAFE certificates.

Please refer to the schedule of events and key dates below for ALL Year 12 students.

Wednesday, 18th October, is the last day for any Year 12 student to attend school for any formal reason. Please carefully check all dates and days for events that specifically pertain to you and your child.

It is important that all Year 12 ATAR students return in Term 4 largely to get their Mock Exam results back and complete a rigorous review of their Mock exam performance. This is critical preparation for their WACE exams, and previous students will attest to the exam review process and the importance of remaining at school during this time. Maintaining momentum leading into the WACE exams is a proven high-performance indicator for best results.

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| | Week | Day/ Date | Year 12 Event | Who is required? | |
|--------|------|-----------------|--|--|----------------------|
| Term 3 | 7 | Every afternoon | After-School Revision Workshops (Weekend Masterclasses 2/3 Sept) | ATAR Students | |
| | 8 | Every afternoon | After-School Revision Workshops (Weekend Masterclasses 9/10 Sept) | ATAR Students | |
| | 9 | Every Afternoon | After-School Revision Workshops | ATAR Students | |
| | 10 | Monday 18/9 | | Final Day – VET/ General Students Presentation night rehearsal during SMART Period | ALL Year 12 students |
| | | Tuesday 19/9 | | Study Day – No Year 12 students attend | All Students |
| | | Wednesday 20/9 | | Mock Exams Commence (Follow exam timetable) | ATAR Students |
| | | Thursday 21/9 | | Mock Exams (Follow exam timetable) | ATAR Students |
| | | Friday 22/9 | | Mock Exams (Follow exam timetable) | ATAR Students |
| | | 1 | ALL WEEK | WACE Practical Exams (PE Studies/ Art/ Drama) | ATAR Students |
| | | 2 | ALL WEEK | Mock Exams – N Block (Follow exam schedule) | ATAR Students |
| Term 4 | 1 | Wednesday 11/10 | Year 12 Students Return – Mock Exam Review | ALL ATAR Students | |
| | | Thursday 12/10 | Mock Exam Review | ALL ATAR Students | |
| | | Friday 13/10 | Mock Exam Review | ALL ATAR Students | |
| | 2 | Monday 16/10 | | Mock Exam Review – WACE Exam Preparation | ALL ATAR Students |
| | | Tuesday 17/10 | | Interschool Athletics Carnival | Selected Students |
| | | | | ATAR Course Tutorial Day (schedule TBC) | ATAR OPT-IN only |
| | | Wednesday 18/10 | | Year 12 Awards – Whole School Assembly P1 | All Year 12 students |
| | | | | Shirt Signing/ Year 12 Fun Activities | All Year 12 students |
| | | | Year 12 Dinner Dance – Mineral Resources Park | All Year 12 students | |
| | | 3 | All Week | Year 12 ATAR Students – Study Break | |
| | 4 | | WACE Exams Commence – Check Individual WACE Exam Timetable | ATAR Students | |
| | 5 | All Week | WACE Exams – All Week – Check Individual WACE Exam Timetable | ATAR Students | |
| | 6 | All Week | WACE Exams – All Week – Check Individual WACE Exam Timetable | ATAR Students | |
| | 7 | | Official Leavers Week Celebrations | Year 12 Students | |
| | 8 | Monday 27/11 | | Year 12 Presentation Evening – Optus Stadium | All Year 12 Students |

Year 12 Personalised WACE Timetables

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Years 10 -12

Year 12 students sitting ATAR exams will receive a personalised exam timetable that will be available from Tuesday, September 5. This timetable will list all exam dates and times and the venue for the exam. Most exams are being held at Applecross SHS, but some are off-site at different locations. Students can access their own copy via <https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au> from September 5. We will also provide all students with personal practical and written WACE exam timetables.

Students will need to bring their personalised timetable to each exam. I would encourage a copy of the exam timetable to be kept at your home where it can be easily seen, and parents are fully aware of when the exams are to run.



Make sure you have your WACE Exam timetable memorised and reminders are placed everywhere!

PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS!

Unfortunately, every year a very small number of students do not attend an exam as they have mixed up the date. As the exams are scheduled and managed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, there is no capacity to sit exams at another time.

Failure to attend an exam not only dramatically impacts a final mark as it is worth 50% but can also impact the achievement of WACE as you do not get any credit for completing the course if you do not sit the exam. The consequences of not sitting exams are severe, and getting the date mixed up is not an acceptable excuse to the SCSA.

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Year 12 Revision Workshops – Semester 2

by Toni Jones - Associate Principal Years 10 -12

These workshops will run again for all Year 12 students in preparation for their Mock and WACE exams in Weeks 7-9 this term. You will receive a detailed schedule of workshops within the next couple of weeks. Once you receive this schedule, you will be able to book your child's place in these workshops in preparation for their final exams.



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ONLA - NAPLAN Results and Year 9 Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment

by Donna Levar-Uppill

All Year 7 and 9 students' NAPLAN reports can be accessed via SEQTA under the Reports Tab. All students should be commended on their conscientious approach to these tests.

Year 9 parents and carers will also be provided with an information letter about the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment, explaining its purpose and what it means for your child.

OLNA for Year 9 students will occur in Term 4, from Monday, 23rd of October to the 3rd of November. Individual OLNA timetables, testing days and rooms will be displayed on students' SEQTA timetables the week prior to testing.

All students needing to sit an OLNA are strongly encouraged to use the OLNA SUPPORT website at <https://olna.com.au> and will be provided with a login shortly.

There are also additional practice and example tests provided by SCSA. These can be accessed by using the details below: <http://assess.scsa.wa.edu.au/>

username: 4002
password: prac

If you have any queries regarding accessing NAPLAN results, OLNA Support login, or specific test details please don't hesitate to contact Donna Levar-Uppill, NAPLAN & OLNA Coordinator, at donna.levar-uppill@education.wa.edu.au

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Year 11 - Updated SmartRider Cards

by Kerri Gur - Library Officer

On Friday, 28th July, a new SmartRider card with your latest Academy photo (taken in Term 1) will be ordered for all Year 11 students. Many students still have their lower school photo on their card. No payment is required for your new SmartRider. As the old card will be cancelled when the order is placed, money will be required for your public transport until the replacement card arrives. New cards should hopefully arrive by Wednesday, 2nd August, Australia Post permitting and will be delivered to your classes. Any monies on your card will be transferred to the new SmartRider. Concession cards for student fares are available from the Library on Friday and will remain valid until your new card arrives.

If you are a new student who arrived in Term 2 or 3, a new card will not be issued as it already has your most recent photo.

If you do not want an updated card or have any queries, please visit the library and speak to Ms Gur.



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Year 10 Leap Week Presentation

by Ben Kelly - Year 9 Coordinator

Week 9 of Term 4 is 'Leap Week' for Year 10's.

This is the week where students have an opportunity to either attend the CORE program or work experience as part of their transition and 'leap' into Senior School.

There are no Year 10 classes in school during this week.

An information session will be held on **Wednesday 26th July 5.00 - 5.45pm** in the school Auditorium (access via main gate on Links Road). You can watch the presentation live via Webex through the link below, or use the link later to watch a recording if you miss the live presentation.

Any questions regarding CORE, please email benjamin.kelly@education.wa.edu.au.

Any questions regarding work experience, please email melinda.kennington@education.wa.edu.au (Please note, Melinda is on leave until the end of Week 3)

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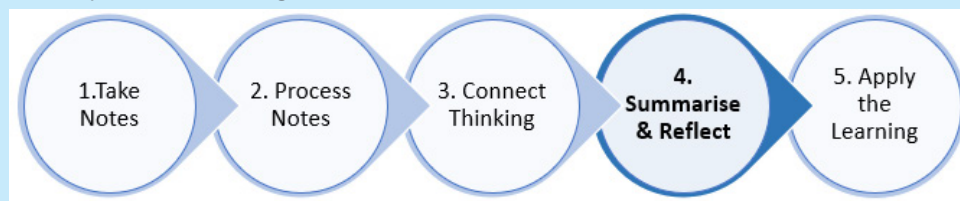
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Learning to Learn

by Sue Kovacevic - Teaching & Learning

Note Taking

It sounds easy, but it's actually quite a complex skill that consists of the five phases below. We explicitly teach the note-taking process because it is so essential to learning. In previous Parent Updates, I have provided a brief summary of Phases One, Two and Three. Today, we are focusing on Phase Four.



Phase 4: Summarise & Reflect

This phase provides another opportunity for students to review their notes. In the summary, students capture the most important ideas in order to answer the lesson's Essential Question. Students are also encouraged to add a few sentences to explain how the notes might contribute to their academic and personal success, such as how they might be used in an upcoming task or how they have enhanced prior knowledge or deepened understanding. This type of reflection makes learning more meaningful and memorable.

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From the Canteen Team

by Cre Millar and the Canteen Team

Welcome Back to School!

We are so excited to see everyone back at school this term. We know that students are always hungry, so we have made some delicious changes to our canteen menu. We are now serving warm, homemade soups, and we have a few other surprises in store.

We are also looking for volunteers to help out in the canteen. Even if you can only volunteer for a morning or once in a while, we would be grateful for your help. The cold weather can make it difficult for our volunteers to be out on the cold mornings, so we especially need your help during this time.

When we have more volunteers, we can open more windows, which means that students can get served more quickly and get out of the cold. We hope that you will consider volunteering in the canteen this term.

Thank you for your support!

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Sanitary Products for all students

Our school now provides access to free period products for all secondary students, as part of the Western Australian Government rollout across all public secondary schools.

Period products are a fundamental health necessity and having a period should not be a barrier to participating in school. Providing access to free products at school is designed to enable students to stay engaged in their studies and ease some cost-of-living pressure for families.


Dispensers have been installed in 12 female/accessible toilets, where students will be able to take what they need, when they need. Both single-pack Libra-branded pads and multipack tampons are available. Libra products are Australian manufactured and made to Australian Standards.

Our school is committed to providing period health education to all students. This will include discussing the purpose of the dispenser and the safe and hygienic use of period products.

Information available from the following websites may assist you to have conversations about menstrual health and hygiene at home:

- <https://www.getthefacts.health.wa.gov.au/our-bodies/periods>
- <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/menstruation>

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P&C Secretary Needed

The AXSHS P&C Assoc Inc is seeking a Secretary to join the new, dynamic Executive Team for 2023. This would suit an organised person who is keen to support the P&C and the wider school community.

A thorough handover will be provided.

Our current Secretary is unable to continue beyond the next meeting so we need someone who can support the P&C with the following:

- work alongside the President, Kerri Gur, to prepare the agendas
- attend one P&C meeting per month - take the minutes and circulate them
- attend Executive Committee meetings when required – take the minutes and circulate them
- be a bank co-signatory on the P&C bank accounts
- circulate (via email) relevant information to the P&C Members

The current Secretary has already:

- set up templates for agendas and meeting minutes
- set up the filing system for the keeping of minutes of meetings

To put forward an Expression of Interest or gain additional information, please contact the P&C President, Kerri Gur, or the Secretary, Narelle Pearce, at axshspsc@gmail.com.

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P&C Treasurer Needed

The AXSHS P&C Assoc Inc is seeking a suitably qualified Treasurer to join the new, dynamic Executive Team for 2023. Ideally, it would be a Chartered Accountant or CPA who can volunteer a couple of hours each month.

A thorough handover will be provided.

Our current Treasurer is unable to continue beyond the next meeting so we need someone who can support the P&C with the following:

- payment of fortnightly wages for Canteen Staff
- payment of EOM supplier payments (monthly)
- meet with the Canteen Manager when required
- review monthly P&L provided by the Bookkeeper
- attend one general P&C meeting per term and provide an update on the P&C finances (Bookkeeper generates the required reports)
- attend Executive Committee meetings when required
- work with the paid Bookkeeper to ensure all payments are made and to ensure compliance for employment of staff
- provide information/access to MYOB for the Auditor at the completion of 2023

The current Treasurer has already:

- set up the 2023 Budget
- completed ACNC and AssociationsOnline compliance for 2023
- appointed the Auditor for 2023

To put forward an Expression of Interest or gain additional information, please contact the P&C President, Kerri Gur, or the Secretary, Narelle Pearce, at axshspsc@gmail.com.

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P&C Liaison Officer Needed

The AXSHS P&C Assoc. Inc seeks an enthusiastic person to promote the P&C and its activities to the wider school community. This role would suit an organised and enthusiastic person who has a public relations flair.

This is a new role we have created within the P&C, and we are looking for someone to act as a liaison between the P&C committee and the school community.

Your main role will be to assist with marketing events and activities undertaken by the P&C. The P&C has a number of activities each term and requires a dedicated person to market these events via the school newsletter and the school's Facebook page.

If you are interested in this fun new role within the P&C, please contact the P&C President, Kerri Gur, or the Secretary, Narelle Pearce, at axshspsc@gmail.com.

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Community Notices

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2024

Year 12 Program

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