I continue to enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to be involved in the Wongutha CAPS school community. As a school we continue to aspire to be better tomorrow than what we are today. We are so blessed to see our students grow, mature and seek after the opportunities available to them at the school.

It always inspires me to see students overcoming the challenges of being away from home, the challenge of a new environment, different weather, living with other people, learning new concepts and developing new skills. There have been some particular highlights this semester. We have been blessed with the provision of a new Driver Training Car. This has been made possible with the support of our two local Rotary clubs and our local Toyota dealership. They have partnered with us to make this happen. We now have a shiny new Toyota Corolla with dual controls for the students to practice their driving skills in.

Another recent highlight has been the selection of Josh Cox to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. He has gone through the first two stages of the process and now been selected as a candidate for the 2017 year. He has represented himself and the school exceptionally well and he is the first Wongutha CAPS student to be selected for the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

The excitement is also continuing to build for the big excursion being held in Term 3. Many hours of planning and effort is going into ensuring our students have the most memorable trip visiting Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne. They will experience Parliament House, Snow, a School visit, tour an AFL club, maybe see an AFL game, visit some big city churches like Planet Shakers along with many other interesting activities. This should be a fantastic trip and we encourage parents and families to ensure we have received the signed permission form along with the $500 excursion fee as soon as possible.

We are also nearing completion of our Independent Living Units. These will accommodate our older students who are completing Traineeships or further training. They will be very comfortable and support the development of life skills and the transition from school to work.

We are in the final stages of our Infrastructure Masterplan and look forward to sharing this with you soon. This plan is focused on meeting the short, medium and longer term infrastructure needs of the students. The CAPS Board wants to maintain a positive, caring learning environment with excellent facilities for students to enjoy.

In closing, I would like to thank students, families and staff for their support and effort during this first semester. We look forward to an exciting Term 3 and pray that you stay safe and enjoy the school holidays.

God Bless

Shane Meyer
Principal

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Wongutha gets new wheels!

Helping students to get their license while at Wongutha Caps is a very important part of “training for life”. Recently, it was observed that the number of students wanting to get their license was not possible with the two drivers training vehicles that Wongutha currently had so, in the true Esperance community spirit, through a joint effort between both Rotary Clubs, the local Toyota dealership, and Wongutha Caps, Wongutha students now have a brand new Toyota Corolla Sedan to begin their journey into driving. This brings the total number of vehicles available for Drivers Training up to three, which equals more opportunity for our students to be able to get their drivers license. Students have already begun utilizing the new sedan and we look forward to this wonderful addition to our fleet helping to aid in the success of our students as we seek to provide training for life.

To the States and back, the Meyers meet America

Recently, our principal Shane Meyer and his wife Cindy, took a long trek across the pond to attend a study tour to learn what educators are doing on that side of the fence. The tour began in Portland Oregon, where they were based for 5 days, then moved on to San Francisco and ended after another 5 day stay in Santa Fe, New Mexico. But before all that was to begin, fun was on the agenda! Shane and Cindy started in the city that never sleeps New York City. They spent 5 nights in New York and then drove headed north to the beautiful Niagara Falls where both had their first experience with snow! From the Canadian side of Niagara Falls, they then headed west to Las Vegas, and then a brief stay in St George Washington in Utah. In their journey they sampled many of the foods and were particularly impressed with the Clam Chowder served in a sourdough bread bowl that they ate in San Francisco. Of the study tour, Mr. Meyers loved visiting all of the schools, speaking to the staff, parents and students about education. Of the tour stops, the city of Santa Fe, New Mexico particularly sticks out as a highlight as it offered an in-depth perspective on the Native American culture and how that culture exists in today's world of education.

“We particularly appreciated the opportunity to visit the Native American communities in New Mexico. We valued the time that we had to hear about their culture, some of the challenges faced in their schools and communities while also hearing some of the inspiring stories of hope and success.”

-Shane Meyer

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Wongutha Red Carpet Ball 2016

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Achievements

The Construction Class have been busy this semester building 2 roofs for the trainee accommodation. Well done to the following students; Lewis Sullivan, Curtis Thomas, Tommy Carlton, Teagan Doanaldson, Nigel Farrier and Duana Skeen.

Sandy Lenmardi completed 3 units of her Business Cert 2 in Semester 1 2016 at Southern Regional TAFE – Esperance Campus (formerly Goldfields Institute of Technology).

Brooke teaching at Esperance Christian School

Josh at Casteltown Primary School

All students work in the school vegetable garden preparing and growing vegetables the skills attained are: Preparation of soil, planting seedlings, harvesting vegetables, maintaining the garden and safety.
Food Sensation Lessons

Students learn how to prepare healthy food.
Trainers:
Megan Press - Senior Health Promotion Officer
Irma Mcdonald

Congratulations to the following students for obtaining their Learners Permit, this term:
* Errol White
* Philip Jungine
* Shaniah Williams
* Rhiana Cherrabun
* Eric Milgin
* Sally Morgan
* Tarisha Meehan
* Kiearen Marr
* Shanelle Clifton
* Brodie Yambo
Stranger on the shore

by

Errol, Denzel, Cameron and Damien.

We are going camping, camping at the Duke of Orleans
Preparing and packing our stuff
Needing to be tough, make sure I pack enough
Feeling excited, sitting on the bus
Every one of us having fun
Making jokes, don’t need smokes
because we’re great blokes
So happy to see the beach so lovely but oh so cold
The crystal blue water shining like a diamond, sparkling and never getting old
As my feet hit the beach the sand will scrunch, screech and squeak
The birds flying high swoop low to say hello
This is not my country, my country is far away
I’m just a stranger on the shore looking at the bay and leaving no trace
Visit the War Memorial in Canberra
The Opera House,
Hillsong and
the Snow in New South Wales
Planet Shakers Church and the MCG in Melbourne

FLIGHTS ARE BEING BOOKED FOR THE END OF TERM 3!!