Welcome

How quickly the term and year has flown by! Here we are - fast approaching Christmas again.

Airport Viewing Platform T2 - 23 November

The students in room 13 went to the Perth Airport for an excursion. We were one of the first schools to visit the brand new T2 terminal at Perth Airport after it was opened. We went through the security area and walked along lounges admiring the new terminals. The students had photographs taken near the new statues of Australian animals at the entrance of the airport. They are metal with stunning light displays embossed in them. From the viewing platform we watched Qantas and Virgin planes landing and taking off. We even saw airport dogs with their handlers - sniffing out prohibited items and been rewarded for a good job done!

We had an interesting day at Perth Airport.
Graduating to High School

We have two students leaving us at the end of this year: Stephen and Daniel. Stephen has been with us for 3 ½ years and will be attending Cannington Community College. Daniel is going to Leeming Senior High School Education Support Centre after 2 ½ years at our Centre. Both Stephen and Daniel have completed transition programs successfully and are eager to start at their new schools. We wish Stephen and Daniel all the best at High School!

Art

The Students have been doing very engaging art sessions each week. They have been learning new skills to fold paper, paper tearing, threading and different painting techniques. These all encourage fine motor development and strengthen the muscles in the children's hands and fingers - this is extremely important for writing. Also giving the students a wide variety of art work to have a go at gives them the opportunity to be creative and express themselves. Our art is always beautifully mounted and displayed for all to see, this gives the students a great sense of pride and accomplishment. It also teaches them to appreciate art work that others have completed. You may have noticed some of our lovely work in the office. Please feel free to have a look in room 15 to appreciate our work.

Puppet Show - 8 December

We incorporated drama and play acting into our music session this week. The children had the opportunity to choose some puppets and use the puppet stand to do a puppet show for their peers. We had some engaging singing and laughter as staff prompted the students' scripts. They enjoyed sitting and watching each other make the puppets talk and do interesting movements. It was encouraging to see how playing with puppets and the puppet show stand was welcomed by our students and it gave them the opportunity to engage with each other. It encourages language, motor development skills, participation and social skills. We will continue practising our puppeteering skills and you may see some budding performers in the future.
Christmas Muffins & Lunch – 11 December

The festive season is back - and at our Centre you just need to walk around to see that the spirit of Christmas is all around us!

Students are busy adorning the classes and every display board available with handmade decorations. We have huge paper Christmas trees and Santas dashing through in sleighs brimming with presents pulled by red nosed reindeers - and many more!

Our muffin kitchen took a festive turn and we made Christmas muffins this week. Students enjoyed making the fruity muffins and decorating with icing and a cherry on top. They agreed that the muffins were delicious and ranked them 10/10.

Our famous Christmas lunch was held on last Friday of the year. As usual, it was a grand affair with all staff and students attending to a sit down cooked meal topped with Christmas pudding with custard and ice cream. The lunch was followed by the 'surprise' visit from Santa Claus himself. It was a delight to see the sparkle in their eyes when the students received their gifts.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who came especially to help us out on the day.
**Christmas Muffins**

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**Lion’s Cancer Institute - ‘Hotel Transylvania 2’ - 14 December**

East Victoria Park Education Support Centre would like to thank the Lion’s Cancer Institute for generously donating free tickets for our students to attend the Christmas screening of ‘Hotel Transylvania 2’ at the Cygnet Theatre in Como. Thanks to all the businesses that helped the Lions Cancer Institute this year to keep our Free Mobile Cancer Screening Coach on the Road.

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School App - Sarah Fawcett (Registrar)

We are very excited to announce that we now have a school app. Please download the app from the Apple Store or Google Play. You will need to search for *East Victoria Park ESC*. The app will be used to send out reminders and notifications to keep you up to date with everything going on at our Centre. The app will not replace the usual communication structures we have in place but as a tool to remind our community of upcoming events, notes to be returned or charges to be paid. Any and all suggestions most welcome.

Updated website

Our new website is up and running. Please check it out at [eastvictoriaparkesc.wa.edu.au](http://eastvictoriaparkesc.wa.edu.au)

After School Art Classes - 2016

![Creative Kids Art Club](image)

**Creative Kids Art Club**

**After School Art Classes**
Classes for Term 1 2016 now enrolling near you!
Classes run for one hour and are suitable for children from 5 to 10yrs. All materials and aprons provided. Visit [www.creativ-kids-artclub.com.au](http://www.creativ-kids-artclub.com.au) for our class timetable, locations and term dates. Ph 0367 76181 or email jane@creativ-kids-artclub.com.au

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End of year reports

Please note this semester’s reports will be distributed on Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} December 2015.

Term 1 2016

Please be aware that school commences for students on Monday, 1 February 2016.
Healthy Chocolate Brownie

Dark and rich, moist and fluffy, this chocolate brownie is amazing. Oh, and did I mention it's healthy? These brownies have half the sweetener, only a smidge of butter and pumpkin for moisture.

Prep time: 0:25 | Cook time: 0:25

Ingredients

- 350-400g pumpkin, skin on and roughly chopped
- 2/3 cup (100g) plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- pinch salt
- 1/3 cup Dutch cocoa
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1/4 cup (55g) dark chocolate chips
- 2 large eggs
- 2/3 cup (160ml) agave nectar
- 2 tsp vanilla extract

Method

1. Pre-heat oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced). Line a 20cm x 20cm baking pan with baking paper and set aside.
2. Sift flour, baking powder, salt and cocoa together in a bowl. Place butter and chocolate into a small non-stick saucepan and melt gently on a low heat. Remove from heat.
3. Whisk eggs well and add agave nectar and vanilla. Add pumpkin puree and chocolate mixture. Stir to combine and fold through dry ingredients until just combined and pour into baking pan.
4. Bake for about 25 minutes—until cake skewer comes out with slightly moist crumbs. The outside should be firm and the inside shouldn’t be wobbly but still soft.
5. Remove from oven and allow to sit for 2-3 minutes before transferring brownies to a wire rack to cool completely.

Notes

- Adding a little pumpkin puree to your baking gives mucho moisture and fabulous fibre without the pumpkin taste. It’s a baking tip that’s popular in America. Trust me, it works! So not only do you get a beautifully moist brownie, it’s packed with fibre, too.
- If you want to use sugar, use 1 cup white sugar.
- Brownies will keep for about 2-3 days in an airtight container and freeze well too.
Early Settlers Celebration

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish all families a safe and happy holiday and festive season. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday, February 1, 2016.

What's On.......What's Coming up at EVP ESC?

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