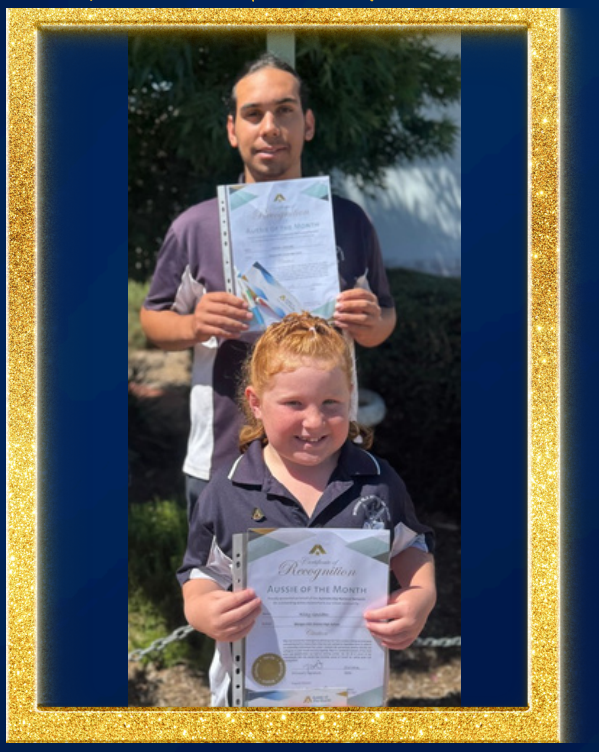
Wongan Hills District High School
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From the
PRINCIPAL'S DESK
with Fiona Yeats

Aussies of the Month



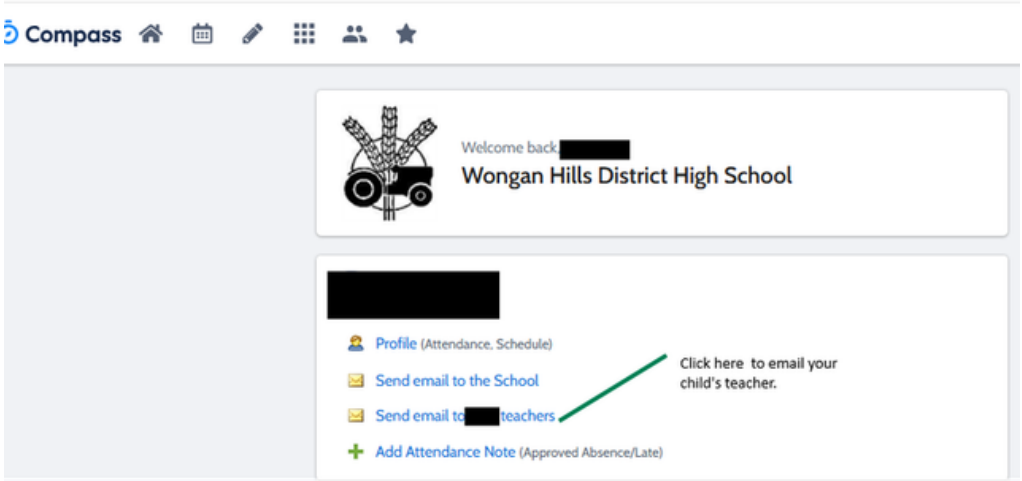
Dear Parents and Carers,

There is some fantastic new artwork along the corridor, I would encourage any parents with a few minutes to spare at pick up or drop off to come in and have a browse. Once again we will be providing a range of artwork for display at the Ballidu Lodge Art Gallery, this will be displayed early next year as the gallery is undergoing some minor works over the summer break.

We are still finalising our staffing for 2027, at this point in time the class structures will be:
Kindergarten, Pre-primary/Year 1, Year 1, Year 2/3, Year 3/4, Year 5, Year 5/6.
Our Kindergarten days have also changed to Tuesdays, Thursdays and alternate Fridays.

Next year our School Development Days will be Thursday/Friday 28/29 January, Tuesday 27th April, Monday 19th July, Wednesday 25 August, Monday 11th October and Friday 17th December. The school will also be closed for two parent/teacher meeting days: Tuesday 2nd March and Friday 22 October. Meetings will be able to be booked between 8.50am to 5pm, hopefully making it easier for working parents to find a time to attend. You may notice there is also one more school development day, and one of these has been scheduled to coincide with Dowerin Field days.

By the time parents receive this newsletter, we hope to have fully disabled the class groups in Seesaw. Out of habit, we have some parents and staff who have incidentally continued to use Seesaw. To stop this from happening we would encourage everyone to delete the app from their phones. There is the capacity in Compass to contact teachers via your Compass dashboard.



In collaboration with the P&C, the 2026 Wonga will be subsidised by $10 from P&C and the balance from the school to make the cost $35 to make it more affordable. Recently I had a parent say that buying the Wonga is so much cheaper than buying school photos – an idea that I had never thought of before, but it is certainly worth considering.

Swimming lessons is almost here – please double check your child's bag for their towel and change of clothes. It has been great to see the pool passes being put to good use. Rumours also have it that already there seems to be increased numbers of students at the pool out of school hours, which is fantastic to hear.

STUDENT CREDITS

Please note that if your student has a credit on their school account, it will automatically be applied to any compulsory charges eg camps, excursions. A credit will not be automatically allocated to voluntary contributions. This will only occur when directed by the parent/guardian.

Credits carry over into the following year and can be transferred to a sibling if the student is no longer continuing at WHDHS. Any queries in regard to this can be directed the Mrs Kellie Anspach on 96712300.

Fiona Yeats
Principal

School News

Voluntary Contributions and Charges 2027

School Board has ratified the Voluntary Contributions for 2027 to be:

K to Year 6 $60
Year 7 to 10 $235

CULTIVATE



ICAS Certificate Recipients

ENGLISH
MATHEMATICS
SCIENCE
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES
SPELLING

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE BUILDS BRIGHTER FUTURES

Congratulations on your achievement!

We wish to acknowledge the following students who received a special academic award following the recent ICAS tests:

WRITING
Jessica Gibson (Year 6) – Credit
Aubrey Elliott (Year 4) – Merit

SPELLING
Aubrey Elliott (Year 4) – Merit

ENGLISH
Aubrey Elliott (Year 4) – Credit
Owen Liebenberg (Year 4) – Credit

MATHEMATICS
Owen Liebenberg (Year 4) – Credit

SCIENCE
Owen Liebenberg (Year 4) – Distinction

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES
Owen Liebenberg (Year 4) – Credit

BRIGHT MINDS
BOLDER TOMORROWS

READING MILESTONES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FROM YEAR PP-6 WHO HAVE REACHED A READING MILESTONE LAST FORTNIGHT.

50 Nights	100 Nights	150 Nights	200 Nights	250 Nights
Jamie Thompson	Matthew Sudholz	Jaxson Barney	Riley Goulden	Trixie Dodds
John Stoner	Charlie Booth	Nate Ganzer	Jake Cooper	Sage Dodds
	Jamahl Prior	Daniel Baay	Wylie Betty	Theia O'Connell
	Tobias Saltner	Isaac Hanson		Callum Cunningham
	Tayte Young	Oliver Freestone		Arli Forsyth
	Odin Borovina	Maggie Sadler		Judd Betty
	Theon Glass	Benny King		Sana Forsyth
		Mia Sudholz		







Student Visits to Lovegrove Lodge

Sharing stories, memories & morning tea!







Thank you to Sara Betty, Pam Boase, Amanda Young (APEX), Jen Forrest, Chantelle Wood, Shelley Lewis, Charlie Sumatluck & CWA for providing the delicious morning teas for residents, staff & students!

Each Thursday morning in Term 4, Yongka and High School students visit Lovegrove Lodge to spend time getting to know some of our older citizens. All students see the value in conversing with people who have so much experience and wisdom to share.

For the residents, the visits provide something a little out of the usual routine and they have also enjoyed seeing the world through different eyes!


WHDHS
Presents the
2026
Presentation
Assembly
Colour Me
Christmas
Wednesday 16th
December 2026
Starting at 9:30am
Wongan Hills
Civic Centre

2026 WONGA
Cover Competition

2026 WONGA COVER COMPETITION
STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO DESIGN THE WONGA COVER IN THE THEME OF



1st Prize-
Your design will be the cover page for the 2026 WONGA and you will win a FREE WONGA!

2nd Prize -
Will feature on the back of the 2026 WONGA

Entry forms available from the front office on Wednesday 4th November.

Competition closes:
Friday, 27th November
Entries to the front office

2026 WONGA

Colour Me Christmas

It’s time to put in your order for the 2026 edition of the WONGA

The WONGA is the Wongan Hills DHS year book; all classes contribute to this publication capturing the year that was.

Don’t miss out on this slice of Wongan Hills DHS history!

We are only printing copies for which we have orders, so don’t miss out!

The 2026 Edition of the Wonga will not be published and distributed until Term 1 of 2027.
This will allow for ALL events, including the Presentation Assembly, to be included.

If you are leaving the school at the end of 2026 and wish to order please include your forwarding address on the order form.

Orders are due by:
Wednesday, 16th December 2026, Week 10

Online order form

*Please note the WONGA was not included in the voluntary contributions, if you have paid your voluntary contributions in full you will still need to place an order and pay for a WONGA.

Department of Education
GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Learning changes lives

Gifted and Talented

Secondary Selective Entrance programs

Bring out your child's exceptional creativity and academic talent with our unique Gifted and Talented programs.

If your child is in Year 5 in 2026, you can apply now for entry into Year 7 in 2028. Limited places may also be available for children entering Years 9, 10 and 11 in 2028.

Apply online: education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented
Applications close 6 pm on Friday 5 February 2027

For more information: 9264 4307 • gtsu@education.wa.edu.au

Is your child entering Year 7 in 2028?
Applications for Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance programs are now open!

If your child is entering Year 7, 9, 10 or 11 in 2028, applications for Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance programs are now open.

Your child will learn alongside like-minded peers and follow an extended curriculum designed specifically for their needs.

These exceptional academic, arts and languages programs are available at select public secondary schools. This includes a fully selective academic school and an arts college.

Information about the programs, study options for metro and regional students, and upcoming parent information evenings can be found at the website www.education.wa.edu.au/gifted-and-talented.

Applications close 6 pm Friday 5 February 2027. Late applications are not accepted.

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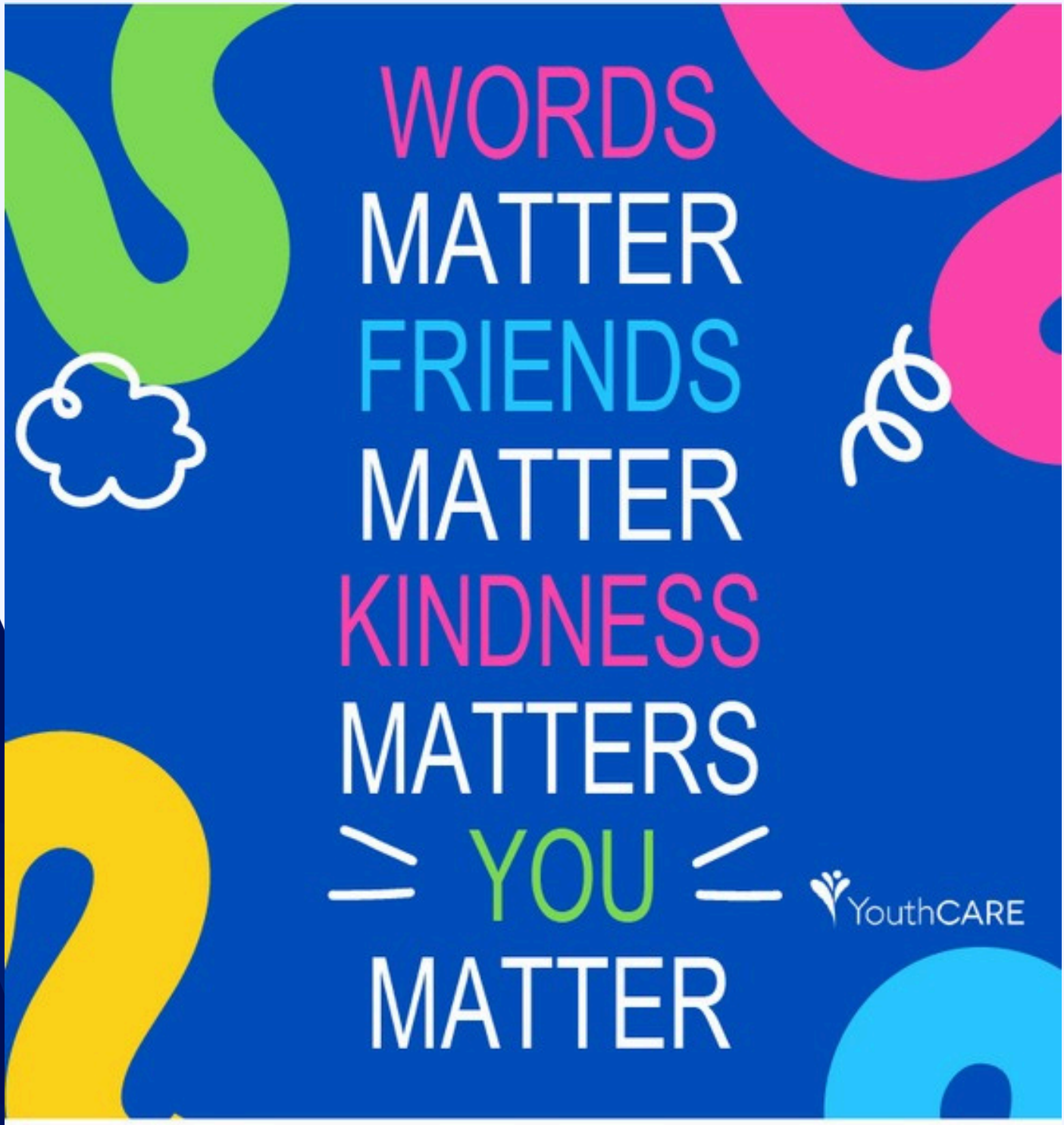
OFFICIAL Term 4 2026 TERM PLANNER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
1	12th October	13th October	14th October	15th October	16th October	
	[redacted]	Kindy [redacted] School Health Nurse	School Chaplain	Kindy [redacted] P&C Sock Day	Frozen Fridays [redacted]-12	
2	19th October	20th October	21st October	22nd October	23rd October	
	Kindy [redacted]	Kindy Kindy Transition School Health Nurse School Psychologist	Wongarette PUBLIC SCHOOL REVIEW [redacted] Scholarships Open (Yr 6 – 11)	Kindy Student Council Event – [redacted] 3:00 – 4:15pm	Yr 12s last day Frozen Fridays [redacted]-12 Secondary Formal "Masquerade Ball"	
3	26th October	27th October	28th October	29th October	30th October	
	P & C meeting 6pm Library	Kindy School Chaplain School Health Nurse School Psychologist	School Chaplain [redacted]	Kindy [redacted] School Chaplain	Frozen Fridays [redacted]P-11 World Teacher's Day	
4	2nd November	3rd November	4th November	5th November	6th November	7th November
	Kindy [redacted]	Kindy Kindy Transition [redacted] School Psychologist	Wongarette	Kindy Assembly 9am [redacted]	Frozen Fridays (after 1st Lunch [redacted] Scholarships Close	Yr 12 Leavers Dinner
5 PAT Testing	9th November	10th November	11th November	12th November	13th November	
	[redacted] 6:30pm Library	Kindy [redacted] School Psychologist Everyday Matters	School Chaplain [redacted] Session Year 7s 5:30pm	Kindy School Chaplain	Book Fair 8.30 – 3:30 [redacted] (after 1st Lunch) PP-11	
6	16th November	17th November	18th November	19th November	20th November	
	Kindy Book Fair 8.30 – 4:00 School Psychologist	Kindy Kindy Transition School Psychologist Book Fair (8.30- 3pm) Everyday Matters	Wongarette Scholarship Interviews Yr 6 orientation day	Kindy Scholarship Interviews	AOM luncheon Year 11 Students last day Year 8 – 9 SALT Career Taster Frozen Fridays (after 1st Lunch) PP-11	
7 Swimming lessons PP-6	23rd November	24th November	25th November	26th November	27th November	
		Kindy School Chaplain School Psychologist Everyday Matters	School Chaplain	Kindy School Chaplain	Frozen Fridays (after 1st Lunch) PP-10	
8 Swimming lessons PP-6	30th November	1st December	2nd December	3rd December	4th December	
	Kindy School Psychologist	Kindy Kindy transition 2027 Kindy Parent Meeting in the library 9am -11am School Psychologist Everyday Matters	Wongarette Seniors Christmas lunch	Kindy SIDE Graduation	Frozen Fridays (after 1st Lunch) PP-10	
9	7th December	8th December	9th December	10th December	11th December	
	Cadet Camp →	Kindy School Chaplain School Psychologist Everyday Matters Nyingarn Concert & Picnic Dinner	School Chaplain Year 6 end of year Celebration Day Northam Aquatic Centre	Kindy School Chaplain	Frozen Fridays (after 1st Lunch) PP-10	
10	14th December	15th December	16th December	17th December	18th December	
	Kindy Presentation Assembly Practice 9-11am School Psychologist	Kindy Road Smart Incursion Yr 7-10 Presentation Assembly Practice 9-11am School Psychologist Year 6 Celebration Afternoon 1.45pm -3pm Reports Emailed	Wongarette Presentation Assembly Civic Centre 9:30am – 11:00am	Kindy Last Day of School End of term reward	School Development Day Students Do Not Attend	

STUDENTS PARENTS STUDENT SERVICES

Community News





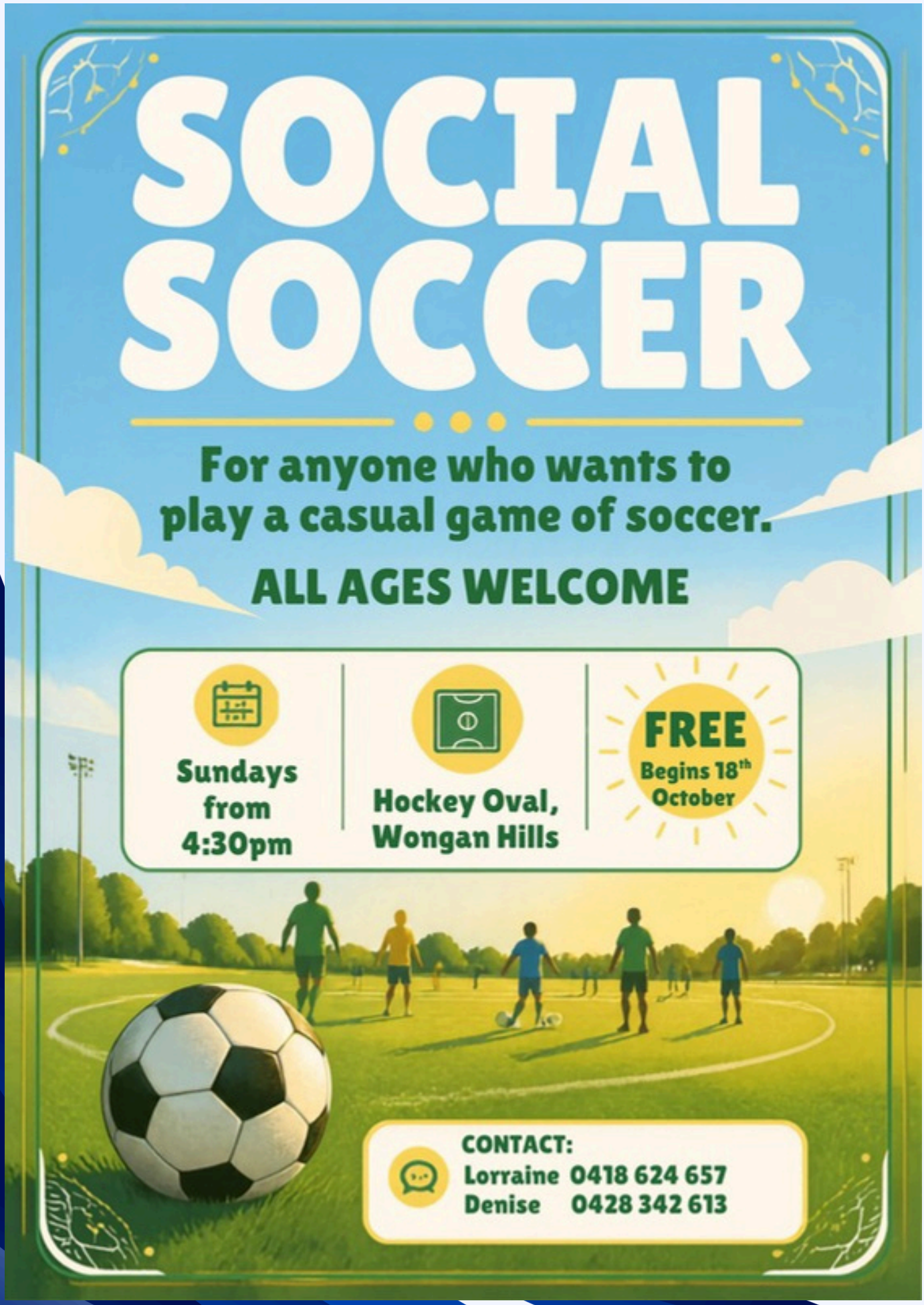
Everyday Matters

a fun lunchtime program starting 10th November

Games Activities Craft Bible Stories

Day, Place & Time: Tuesdays (last 5wks of each term). Bring your lunch to the music room.

Pick up your permission slip here: One form needed each year. Spares in front office.


SOCIAL SOCCER
For anyone who wants to play a casual game of soccer.
ALL AGES WELCOME
Sundays from 4:30pm
Hockey Oval, Wongan Hills
FREE
Begins 18th October
CONTACT:
Lorraine 0418 624 657
Denise 0428 342 613

NORTHAM SHS

LAURENCE ARMSTRONG TRUST

Year 11 Scholarships

for students residing at Northam Residential College

Laurence Armstrong was a former student of Northam Senior High School who bequeathed a trust to the School. His Will stated that the funds should be utilised for scholarships at the school and provided guidance on grant conditions.

Laurence Armstrong Scholarships are now available for student application - closing the third week of December.

The Year 11 Northam Residential College Scholarships are available to students attending Northam SHS and residing at Northam Residential College in 2027 and 2028.

These scholarships cover out of pocket residential costs plus $2000 per year for the duration of enrolment to the end of Year 12 and can be used for any aspect of schooling including excursions, books, fees, uniforms and tutoring.

These scholarships are for families in financial need. Behaviour, attitude to study, attendance and academic progress are also considered. Applications are available through the Department of Education website and are open from October to the third week in December. Parents who may need assistance completing the application please contact your child's current school to discuss.

Apply via this link: https://www.education.wa.edu.au/scholarships

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The Year 11 District High Scholarships are available to students entering Northam SHS from District High Schools inside our catchment area in Year 11, 2027. There are also scholarships available for Year 11 Students residing at Northam Residential College.

These scholarships provide $2000 per year for the duration of enrolment to the end of Year 12 and can be used for any aspect of schooling including excursions, books, fees, uniforms and tutoring.

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ADOPT A WISH 2026

Because every child deserves a little Christmas magic!

COULD YOUR FAMILY USE A LITTLE EXTRA CHRISTMAS CHEER?

We know Christmas can be a challenging time for many families, and sometimes a little kindness can make all the difference.

Through Wongan Hills Therapy Group's Adopt a Wish 2026 initiative, we're helping bring a little extra joy to local children and families this festive season.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Share a Christmas Wish

Let us know what would make Christmas special for your child.

We Find a Christmas Helper

Your child's wish is shared anonymously with a generous community member who chooses to fulfil it.

A Little Christmas Magic

We'll coordinate the gifts and arrange for them to reach your family in time for Christmas.

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Whether you're navigating a difficult year or simply finding Christmas a little harder to manage, you're warmly invited to reach out.

NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS MAGIC?

Contact Jules Anderton to find out more or submit a Christmas Wish.

Because sometimes the smallest acts of kindness create the most beautiful memories.

Contact Details

Phone – 0436 425 880

Email – wheatbeltadoptawish@outlook.com

Website - https://www.wongancc.com.au/

Scan Here


Sing Under the Summer Stars
Community Carols
with Band Spectrum
SUNDAY DEC 6TH
DINNER FROM 6PM
CAROLS START
WHEN DARK
BYO Chairs/Blanket for dinner and music
Civic Centre Courtyard
Wongan Hills
YouthCARE