



Wongan Hills District High School

Wongarette

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Year 6 Camp



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Interhouse Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival is this **Friday 28th August**. All students are to meet at the Oval no later than 8.45am.

The weather forecast so far is looking fine so hopefully we don't have the issues we had last year. There is a significant amount of organisation that goes into a carnival and we also have the preparation for the Interschool carnival in a couple of weeks after our carnival. This year we have the additional planning to meet the COVID-19 requirements that are outlined for schools by the WA government. This will need everyone to cooperate to maintain physical distancing requirements. There have been spectator areas set up for the different events but under **NO** instances can we allow parents to join students in the bay areas. Staff and parent volunteers will be in fluoro top to identify them as helping with the day. There will be signage up to inform people what will be required as we want a positive day for everyone to enjoy.

Pre Primary and Kindergarten students will run their usual school program until 11 am when the Pre-Primary students will be bused to the town oval and the Kindergarten students will complete the usual program for the rest of the day.

Buses will run as normal, dropping Kindy and Pre-Primary students off at school first in the morning then proceeding to the Wongan Hills Sports Complex to drop all year 1 –12 bus students off.

The Carnival will finish at 3.00pm.

If you have not placed a lunch order for your child/ren please pack them lunch and snacks.

Students are to wear House Shirts, navy bottoms and appropriate footwear. Dress up in house colours - body paint, zinc and hair spray is allowed.

Students will also need to bring a hat, water bottles, sunscreen and warm clothing if weather is cool or there is rain, and most importantly A POSITIVE ATTITUDE!

Parents in Classroom and Communication Policy

Wongan Hills DHS School Council met on Monday 17th August, in part to discuss the results of the survey on Parents in Classrooms. Following a lengthy discussion, the council endorsed the school's decision to allow no parents in the classrooms before school and that alternative avenues be explored allowing parents in at other times to view student work etc. To follow this up the council discussed a new draft communication policy that will examine how we further develop parent/carer partnership in their child/rens learning. This will then be presented at the next School Council meeting to be endorsed and implemented.

Wongan Hills DHS Strategic Plan

Our 2020-2022 Strategic Plan has returned from the printers and has been presented to School Council. This document is on our website for all to see and if anyone would like a hardcopy of this document then I would encourage you to get one from the front office. It has been a massive undertaking to make sure that it is a document that was developed with considerable staff involvement. Our vision is **"Pursing Excellence"** and this needs to be what we are about. The Strategic Plan clearly articulates what our school beliefs and values are as well as what we are doing and what we want to achieve across the school.

Pre Primary and Kindergarten Term 4

Due to the number of students in the Pre-Primary and Kindergarten and two new enrolments at the start of term 4 we have needed to increase the staffing for this group of students. Next term, when the Kindergarten students are at school, we will have two teaching staff members allocated to the Pre-Primary and Kindergarten students. Mrs Faye Coughlan will work with Mrs Teena Gordon within the current Pre-primary building to cater for the increasing student numbers.



Interschool Carnival

Please note the Interschool Carnival will be held in Moora on Friday, 11th September as per the term planner and not on the 20th September as per the Interhouse Athletics note stated. We apologise for any confusion.

	24 th August	25 th August	26 th August	27 th August	28 th August
6		Kindy Indonesian Incursion	Dowerin Field Day SDD Wongarette	Kindy	Kindy Interhouse Athletics Carnival
	31 st August	1 st September	2 nd September	3 rd September	4 th September
7		Kindy		Kindy	Kindy Rm 6 Excursion Bilya Koort Boodga
	7 th September	8 th September	9 th September	10 th September	11 th September
8		Kindy	Wongarette	Kindy	Interschool Athletics Carnival Kindy
	14 th September	15 th September	16 th September	17 th September	18 th September
9		Kindy Assembly 2pm		Kindy	Kindy
	21 st September	22 nd September	23 rd September	24 th September	25 th September
10	DAS Country Week	Kindy	Wongarette	Kindy	Kindy

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What can you produce in 20 minutes?

The following narratives were written in twenty minutes. The Year 9/10s needed to read a 1st person narrative and then write a response from the perspective of another character.

The lion strutted out of the gates, accompanied by guards for a short while but they retreated once they were in the arena. He pranced around to achieve a reaction from the crowd. He knew what he was doing and I couldn't help but think he was beautiful. The gate across from the one the lion had entered through slid open with a clang and drew everyone's attention to the gladiator who stood there. Everyone around me roared louder than the animal in the ring.

The cheers died down as the man in armour stepped forward and rose his sword. I was so tied up in watching the lions well-rehearsed tactics that the crash of metal on metal drew my attention obnoxiously away. As the lion charged, the gladiator fell hard and I could see pain in his exposed eyes and mouth. The incredible creature charged one more time after he noticed the man was tired but trying to wear him out. He forced the man's own sword through the gap where his chest plate did not meet his shoulder.

I heard, as the crowd died down once again, the man cry out in pain, slowly sinking to his knees. The beautiful animal looked sad as he was escorted out of the building again.

By Talia and Erin

The crowd was hyped up. Screaming could be heard from miles away. My adrenaline was through the roof, then suddenly stopping. The chains of the gate rattled and jingled. The crowd grew wilder than before. Stepping into the stadium was a majestic wild beast with a golden mane and scratches from previous fights.

Moments later, we were circling each other, anticipating the next move. I lunged forwards, finally able to get a hit on him. He roared with agony. The audience screamed, shaking the colosseum. He raised his head, ready to charge at me. Pouncing at mighty speed, digging his claws into my chest, I screamed loud enough to break my voice box. I fell to my knees, begging for mercy. Tears escaped my eyes as I took my final breath. I wake up covered with sweat, feeling my chest, realising it was all a dream, my heart about to pounce out of me.

By Rebecca and Andrea

My legs start to tremble when I enter the stadium. The beast looks fierce, but that doesn't change a thing. I'm going to beat it. My years of training won't let me down. The cheering gets louder and louder until the horn sounds. I take what may be the last few breaths of my life. We start circling each other until he pounces at me, slashing across my face. I screamed as loud as I could, but I pull out my ace. My trusty sword, which I used to try and combat the lion, which also fails. He smacks the sword against my armour, but I still stand.

By Alec and Reyveen



The camp was an amazing adventure. Paige



Year Six

Camp to Dwellingup

We learnt many new things like abseiling. Matilda

The instructors taught us the difference between teamwork and cooperation. Jessica

All the activities at camp were fun and challenging. Lincoln



We all learnt
something new and
different at camp,
such as archery.
Andrew

We had to work together
and listen to everyone's
ideas. Claire



When we did the
Commando Course I
loved the mud.
Dylan

The Commando
Course was really
enjoyable until
the mud. Hayley





Junior Primary Sports Afternoon!

We had loads of fun at Wednesday's Sports Afternoon for the Kindy- Year 3's!

The Student Councillor's ran games and activities before a we had some food and a mega dance party!

Thank you Student Councillors, Ms Dedman, Miss Gordon & Mr Simpson for all lending a hand!





WONGAN WASTE WARRIOR'S Waste Sorting Stations

The Wongan Waste Warriors, otherwise known as the Primary Extension Group, have been busy introducing their new and improved waste sorting stations to staff and students over the past few weeks.

The group delivered fun and engaging presentations to the Junior, Upper Primary and secondary students and staff. The presentations included information about how and why students need to sort their waste in order to reduce the school's contribution to local landfill.

The four bin system, that includes Landfill, Recycle, Redcycle and Chook bucket, has been used in the undercover area for the past two years. The new and improved stations will now also be used in the upper primary and secondary eating areas as requested by students. The stations themselves are made from repurposed desk frames and coloured coded to help students separate their waste.

The Wongan Waste Warriors would like to thank Mr Jason Simpson, Mr Justin Lee, Mrs Karen Marshall and Mr Mark Kearle for their help in making these stations a reality.





Year 4-6 Hockey Incursion!

The Year 4-6's were visited by Rodney and Katie from Hockey WA on Thursday 30th of July for a Hockey Incursion. During their time, they learnt new skills or refined old ones. It was so great having amazing community sports facilitators back into our school after the restrictions we have had in place! Rodney and Katie were incredibly proud of the way the students were willing to try their personal best and had "the best manners ever!". Miss Peters and the WHDHS community would like to thank HockeyWA for providing such a great incursion that supports small communities all around Regional WA!!





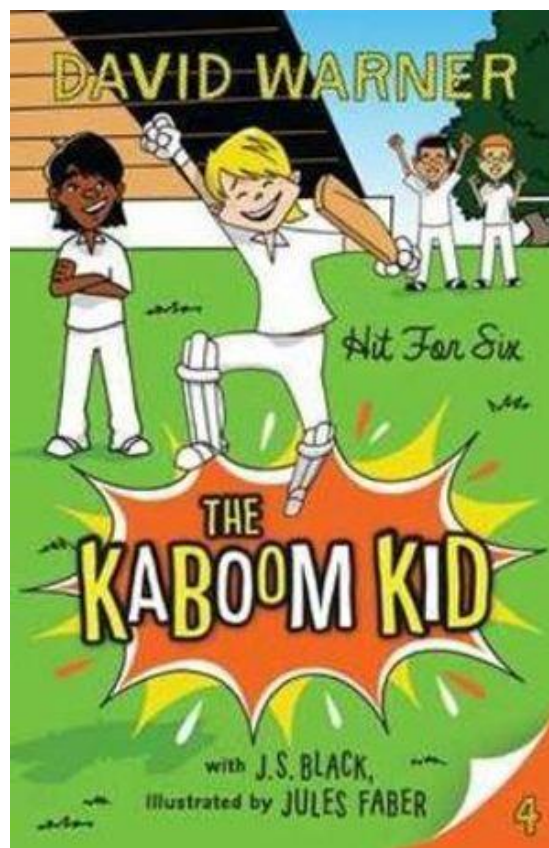
The Kaboom Kid

Book Review

In *The Kaboom Kid: Hit For Six*, a young boy named David Warner or Davey has to face the challenge of hitting six sixes in his next cricket game against the Sand Hill Sluggers. Davey had to train every day after school as his teacher, Mr Mudge hates cricket as much as Year six boys. The book is written by an Australian cricket icon, David Warner. I felt that the book targets younger children. However, it is an amazing book for older kids like me who love to read sporting books. In the book, Davey is faced with challenges that he overcomes and resolves along the way. The book is structured very well but it needs to focus more on how the events panned out as there was a lot of time between each event. I feel that as David is Australian, he could relate to a lot more Aussie kids' lives as Australia is very big on sport. The Kaboom Kid is a series of books that David wrote and is a very good book to read.

I would highly recommend the book to one of my mates.

By Sam Anspach





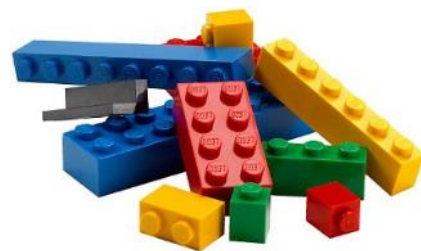
Milk Bottle Request!



We need approximately 400 CLEAN milk bottles with lids for a project in Term 4.

Ideally we would like these bottles to be brought to school tied together with string in lots of 10 so they will be easier to count.

We will be using mostly 3 litre bottles.



Lego Club commences on Fridays, starting 21st August!

"Research has shown that the benefits of the "Lego play experience" in a group environment, are of significant value to the children's development of their creativity, social skills, motor skills and problem solving."

Wongan Hills Therapy Group, in collaboration with the Anglican Church Mothers Union, will run Lego Club on **Friday** afternoons this term, starting 21st August and will run for 6 weeks until 25th September. Anyone of any age interested in building lego is welcome to join us.

When: Fridays, 3.30pm—4.30pm

Where: Mocardy Centre - 7 Ackland St, Wongan Hills

RSVP/Contact: Karen Box (0455060050) or Nyssa Freestone (0428711531).

Parents are encouraged to stay - have a chat or bring a book.

No cost, but a donation towards the use of the building would be appreciated.



Mortlock Round Robin Football Carnival – Sunday 20th September.

What: Training and Game Day, playing Aussie Rules Football

When: Thursday 5-6pm. Game Day is Sunday 20th September (10am-2pm)

Where: Wongan Hills Sports Ground

Who: Any kid who loves football - Yr 4 up to the year they turn 13.

Queries: Karen Box – 0428526484 (wbjnrfooty@gmail.com) or Darren Sadler (0427420953)

