



From the

PRINCIPAL'S DESK

with Fiona Yeats

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term has started well, and we have started with good student attendance. This is historically a very busy term with lots of events. Of special note is our Student Council community event Around the World in 80 Flavours. Last year the Student Council decided they wanted an event to bring our community together, with a specific lens of celebrating the many cultures that we have within our school. This event is being held at the CRC Function Room on Saturday 1st August from 5pm – 8pm and both families and community members are welcome to attend. Families are encouraged to bring a plate of food to share, and it doesn't have to be from any specific culture. To register, please see elsewhere in this newsletter. Come for an hour or stay for 3, we encourage you all to come along.

We were hoping to have all of our excursions and camps running through Compass during Term 3. Unfortunately, there has been a pause in the rollout of the finance side of the software which has meant we have not been able to progress this element as yet. We will keep you posted when this will become 'live' for us to use. Last term I created a fake excursion and road tested it with some families with children at the school, one thing we did discover is that there are more than adequate reminders that parents will receive about due dates for registration and payment (to the point of being almost annoying if parents haven't met the deadlines!).

With the Athletics Carnival coming up, I would just like to remind parents that whilst families love their furry friends, pets are not allowed on site, or at off site events such as the Athletics Carnival, unless they are part of a scheduled school event or are authorised assistance animals. Thank you for helping to keep our school safe, calm and enjoyable for everyone.

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On Monday 10th August our school is closed for students so that we can hold parent-teacher meetings. This is a new day that the Department of Education has approved for schools and we want to maximise the potential of how we use this day. For our school, this is a great opportunity for:

- case conferences for a number of students where external agencies are also involved. For some students this might involve NDIS therapy providers or Department of Education consultants who work with individual children in our school regarding disability, behaviour, mental health or medical needs.
- for students in the Intervention Programs with Mrs Hourigan and Mrs Hanson, parents will have the opportunity to meet with, all at the same time, your child's class teacher, class education assistant and the Intervention education assistant involved with your child. Please note that appointments cannot be made with only Mrs Hourigan or Mrs Hanson. So that parents obtain the full picture for their child, the class teacher must also be present. Given the number of students they both work with, if requested to be present they will be allocated on a first in first served basis.
- regular parent teacher interviews, and even better, this time they will be 15 minutes long. During the parent-teacher afternoons, we do not have enough time to make interviews 15 minutes long. Given that NAPLAN results have also recently come home, parents may wish to discuss these with class teachers as well.

Please get in and book appointments early as some of our case conference meetings will be an hour long which will reduce the number of appointment times available. To book just ring the office to book an appointment. If you are unable to make this day, also know that you are able to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher on another day and time that is convenient to you both. Contact your child's teacher directly to arrange this.

Fiona Yeats
Principal

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SCHOOL BOARD PARENT VACANCIES

We have 2 parent vacancies on our Board, one which was not filled from last semester and a second as another member's term has ended. We would encourage parents to nominate for these vacancies. The board of an independent public school works with the school community to achieve the best outcomes for students. It plays an important role in contributing to good school governance so that school resources are used efficiently, and community expectations and the school's priorities reflect the needs of students. I would encourage interested parents to explore the following Department of Education link which has more detailed information about School Boards and exactly what the roles and responsibilities of School Boards are. You can also speak with any of our current parent members Renae Millstead, Sara Betty, Dillan Elliott, Stephen Whyte, Natalie Read or Chrissy Boekeman to learn more about why they see value in being a board member at our school.

Board terms will officially commence late Term 2 as it takes a while for the nomination process and screening processes to be finalised. If you wish to nominate as a parent representative, please email Kellie Anspach by Wednesday 5th August at 3pm. kellie.anspach@education.wa.edu.au.
<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/school-councils-boards>

SCHOOL SURVEY

It is time for our school to seek feedback through a survey of all parents, students and staff. We are required to do this every 2 years, but our last survey was in 2023. That is because the national survey which had been previously used was not available for a while. Now that it is available again, we are keen to use the same questions so that we can compare our previous responses to these ones. We need as many parents as possible to complete the survey – the more people who make a specific positive or negative comment then the more that shows a trend that we need to celebrate or address. The survey will come out via email. Names are not collected and we only see aggregate data; the results will be shared with our School Board.

School News

KOOLBARDI'S 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

On Tuesday, 28 July, we celebrated a very special milestone – 100 days of full-time school! To make the day extra memorable, everyone arrived dressed as though they were 100 years old. We saw plenty of grey hair, grey eyebrows and moustaches, glasses, walking sticks, wrinkles and even a few stylish cardigans. The effort that went into the costumes was incredible, and our classroom was full of very fashionable centenarians!

Throughout the day, we took part in a range of exciting 100-day activities. We created portraits imagining what we might look like at 100 years old, what we might eat and play. Everyone enjoyed making a special 100 Day crown all decorated with glitter. We had a special visit from Trish from Therapy Group who came down so we could all make some music and have a dance around!

A big thank you to all the families who helped make the day so special by embracing the dress-up theme. We had an amazing time celebrating how much we have learned and grown over the past 100 days. Now we're ready and excited for the next 100 days of learning!

Miss Caporn





Student Council NEWSLETTER

~ TERM 3 EVENTS ~

Around the World

Week 2 - Saturday 1st August

A celebration of our wonderful culturally diverse school community! Come along and support our **P&C and Student Council** who have joined together to host this fabulous evening. Even **if you can only pop in for half an hour**, please join us!

Jeans 4 Genes

Week 3- Thursday 6th August

Denim is the order of the day as we raise funds to find cures for kids with genetic diseases. **Prizes** for best dressed staff & students! **Gold coin donation.**

Week 4 Assembly

Thursday 13th August, 1:45pm

It's the big event - **The Great Shave!** Come along and watch Mrs Yeats, Mr Sinclair, Miss Erin (and who knows who else!) get their heads shaved as they raise funds for the Cancer Council. And don't forget, **Yaakan 3** will also be **performing their class item!**

Scavenger Hunt

Week 7 - Tuesday 1st September

The Student Councillors will be running a special **lunchtime activity** for all **Kwilena & Yaakan** students that you won't want to miss!

Week 8 Assembly

Tuesday 8th September, 2pm

Our **fabulous Koolbardi class** will be presenting their **class item**. Come along and support our **youngest performers** on the big stage!

Footy Colours Day

Week 9 - Friday 18th September

Footy Colours Day is a national fundraising initiative held in September by **Fight Cancer Foundation**, where thousands of Aussies come together, **proudly sport their team's colours**, and raise money so kids don't fight cancer alone. **Gold coin donation.**

Around the World in 80 Flavours

**Whole of
Community
Event**

**Activities for
Adults &
Kids**

*Bring a Plate
to Share!*

Free Entry!



**RSVP here
or text Lorraine
0418 624 657!**

**A Student Council Initiative
Proudly Supported by the
Shire of Wongan-Ballidu**



**Saturday 1st August
5pm-8pm
Function Room, CRC
Wongan Hills**



Free Food Tastings



Prizes & Giveaways



Quizzes & Games



Activities & Craft



On the Menu

- * Design a Flag for the World
 - * Kahoot Team Quiz
 - * Japanese Origami Making
 - * Giant World Map Floor Puzzle
 - * Food Taster Quiz
 - * African Beadmaking
 - * Henna Tattoos
 - * Indian Carrom Contest
 - * Geography & Travel Games
 - * Take the Spice Quiz!
 - * Aboriginal Dot Painting
 - * 5000 Piece World Map Puzzle
 - * Famous Landmarks Quiz
 - * Games from Around the World
- ...and much more!

OFFICIAL SCHOOL WRAP UP

THE PUSH UP CHALLENGE

WONGAN HILLS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

\$740

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

exceeded \$500 Goal!

26,289

TOTAL PUSH-UPS COMPLETED

**App + School
Combined**

100%

CHARITY DONATION

**To Mental Health
Causes**

LEADERBOARD STANDINGS

OFFICIAL APP TRACKER

● MOCARDY BEARS	10,563
● HINDS SHARKS	4,578
● NINAN TITANS	3,983

SCHOOL-BASED TRACKER

● NINAN TITANS	3,164
● MOCARDY BEARS	2,188
● HINDS SHARKS	1,813

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

Our school community has officially concluded The Push for Better push-up challenge! Over the past weeks, students, teachers, and supporters pushed their physical limits to raise awareness for mental health. Thanks to the incredible tracking efforts from our co-ambassadors and teachers, every single push-up was accounted for.

Beyond the friendly rivalry on the leaderboards, our biggest win was on the fundraising front. Setting out with an original goal of \$500, our community rallied together to raise an outstanding **\$740!** All proceeds will go directly to support vital mental health charities and community programs



**THE
PUSH UP
CHALLENGE**

Article written by Paolo Pescante, Year 12 Student Councillor

Escape the School Success!

Last term, an excited group of Year 3-8 students participated in the **Escape the School** event. Everyone had a blast and it was a great way to end the term, with everyone working together in teams of 4-5 to solve challenges, make their way through obstacle courses, find hidden objects and more!

We had **49 students attend** and together we **raised a total of \$225** which will be going towards upcoming Student Council events. I would like to thank these people personally:

- **Mrs Lobo, Mrs Yeats, Mrs Young & Mrs Booth, our teacher helpers**
 - **Mrs Ann Young, Mrs Michelle Booth, Mrs Sharon Cunningham & Mrs Kady Forsyth, our parent helpers**
 - **Shanae, Kriziel, Lincoln, Sam & Lucia, our student helpers**
- Without you, this event would never have happened***

Thank You!

By Alivia Hall, Year 12 Student Councillor





Jeans
for Genes®

JEANS FOR GENES

Together, we can
make a difference for
the 1 in 20 kids with a birth
defect or genetic disease



JOIN US!

Date & Time: Thursday 6th August

Location: Wongan Hills District High School

Details: All classes & staff - dress up in your best denim to support this great cause!
Bring a gold coin donation, money to be handed to class or TAG teachers.

Prizes for best dressed students & staff!

JeansForGenes.org.au



Colton, 3
Osteopetrosis



Do It For Cancer

- Fiona, David and who knows who else!

For my significant birthdays instead of a party I do a registered Cancer Council fund-raiser. My challenge to our student leadership team is to reach \$2000 in donations and I will shave my head at the first assembly in Term 3. David Sinclair is joining me and no doubt our family and friends will also contribute to the total.

For this challenge I am feeling grateful because:

- For me this is a choice, it isn't for some people with cancer.
- My hair will grow back, or at least I hope it will!
- I am just crazy enough to do this.
- It will generate conversation and a few laughs.

It won't be pretty, but that's the point, neither is cancer. And before commenting about how grey my hair is when it grows back..... for those who dye their hair, remember that underneath that dye yours is probably grey too

We're challenging each other to shave our hair to support Cancer Council in their mission for a cancer free future. Because 1 in 2 Australians will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime, we're losing our locks to raise funds and show our support.

Please sponsor us to support cancer research and provide vital services for Australians living with cancer.

Thank you for your generous donation.

Fiona Yeats





Wongan Hills District High School
OFFICIAL Term 3 2026

TERM PLANNER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday WPL Year 10	Thursday	Friday
	20 th July	21 st July	22 nd July	23 rd July	24 th July
1	School Development Day	Kindy School Chaplain School Psychologist	School Chaplain School Psychologist	Kindy Nyingarn – Tree Planting excursion School Chaplain	Kindergarten 2027 enrolments due
	27 th July	28 th July	29 th July	30 th July	31 st July
2	Kindy	Kindy Koolbardi 100 th Day of School celebration School Psychologist	Wongarette	Kindy	Saturday 1 st August Student Council Around the World in 80 Flavours
	3 rd August	4 th August	5 th August	6 th August	7 th August
3	ICAS Digital Tech P & C meeting 6pm Library	Kindy Year 4 PEAC TESTING School Chaplain School Psychologist	School Chaplain School Psychologist	Kindy ICAS Writing School Chaplain Student Council event – Jeans for Genes	Back Up PEAC TESTING
	10 th August	11 th August	12 th August	13 th August	14 th August
4	School Closed Parent Teacher Meetings (especially case conference)	Kindy Kindy Transition ICAS English School Psychologist	Wongarette School Psychologist	Kindy Assembly 1:45pm – Yaakan 3 THE GREAT SHAVE!!	
	17 th August	18 th August	19 th August	20 th August	21 st August
5 SIDE CAMP	ICAS Science & Spelling School Board Meeting 6:30pm Library	Kindy School Psychologist Yr 6 Camp	School Psychologist	Kindy	Meckering Cross Country
	24 th August	25 th August	26 th August	27 th August	28 th August
6	Kindy ICAS Maths Maali 6 and Dwert 7 Excursion to the Zoo	Book Parade 9am Undercover area Kindy Kindy Transition School Psychologist Everyday Matters	Wongarette	Kindy	Interhouse Athletics Carnival Parent help required
	31 st August	1 st September	2 nd September	3 rd September	4 th September
7	Back up Interhouse Athletics Carnival	Kindy School Chaplain Student Council event- Scavenger Hunt Kwilena & Yaakan lunchtime Everyday Matters	School Chaplain School Psychologist	Kindy Nyingarn – Koolbardi Father's Day Event 2pm School Chaplain	Cunderdin Agricultural College Open day
	7 th September	8 th September	9 th September	10 th September	11 th September
8	Kindy OLNA Writing NAIDOC Week	Kindy Kindy Transition Assembly 2pm – Koolbardi School Psychologist Everyday Matters	Wongarette OLNA Reading School Psychologist	Kindy OLNA Numeracy	Interschool Athletics Carnival Parent help required
	14 th September	15 th September	16 th September	17 th September	18 th September
9	School Board Meeting 6:30pm Library	Kindy School Chaplain School Psychologist Everyday Matters	Parent Teacher meetings 2:40pm – 5pm School Chaplain	Kindy School Chaplain End of term reward for eligible K – year 12	Student Council Event – Footy Colours Day
	21 st September	22 nd September	23 rd September	24 th September	25 th September
10	Kindy DHS Country Week	Kindy Kindy Transition School Psychologist Everyday Matters	Wongarette School Psychologist	Kindy	

STUDENTS PARENTS STUDENT SERVICES

Community News



Everyday Matters is run by volunteers for the second 5 Tuesday lunch times of each school term. There is a younger group and an older group. Last term, the bible stories that were taught, had a focus on friendship, loyalty, kindness and generosity.

All children are **welcome**. If you haven't completed a permission form for your child/ren this year, please pick one up from the front office and leave with the office ladies when complete.

Children bring their food with them to the music room at the start of lunch.

Any questions to Karen Box (0455 060 050)
or Heather Stickland (0428 711 590)



With thanks to our trained
volunteers...

Heather Stickland,
Karen Box, Cheryl Whyte
and Chantelle Wood.
We look forward to
welcoming Melissa
Carstens to the team
next term.



VacSwim

Fun swimming lessons over
the school holidays. Enrol now!



Enrolments for the October and
summer school holiday programs are
now open. Spots are limited and
enrolments will close earlier at venues
that are fully booked.
Enrol now to secure your child's place!



Department of
Education

The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get
the things you need
for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten
and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary
school student

To help ease cost-of-living pressures on families with school-aged children, a third round of the WA Student Assistance Payment is now available.

This payment is to help you get the things you need for your kids. From new school shoes, backpacks and sports equipment to uniforms, healthy meals, school excursions and more.

Claim now

Claim through the ServiceWA app or visit education.wa.edu.au/wasap for other claim methods.

What you need

Each student's 8-digit WA student number (WASN).

You'll find it on:

- school reports
- previous NAPLAN results
- student SmartRider cards

If you cannot locate the WASN, contact your school for assistance.

Claims close

Friday 25 September 2026

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Claim on the
ServiceWA app

