



From the

PRINCIPAL'S DESK

with Fiona Yeats

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our very own Phil Glossop who has once again, but not surprisingly, been nominated for the 2026 Governor's Chaplaincy Awards. Phil is an absolute asset within our school and he is part of a very special pilot program being operated by YouthCARE where a drive-in-drive-out chaplaincy service is being provided to a small number of schools across the Wheatbelt and Midwest. Phil's value to our school has been recognised by the Wongan Hills YouthCARE Council who have agreed to contribute \$12,000 in 2027 towards the extra costs that come with DIDO chaplaincy, such as a vehicle, fuel and accommodation. These costs up till now have been covered by YouthCARE Head Office. We would like to acknowledge and thank our local YouthCARE Council for this generous contribution to help keep this program operating for our students.

Thankyou to all of the parents who contributed to our recent national School Opinion Survey. Staff and students in Years 5 to 12 also completed the survey. The results have been shared with our leadership team and will then be shared with staff and our School Board. All three groups have identified behaviour as a concern within our school. This aligns well with initial planning for our next Business Plan which will include student behaviour and wellbeing as focus areas. To maximise the accuracy and specifics around behaviour that concerns parents, I would encourage you to provide feedback to one of our parent members to share at Board level. We don't want to guess or assume what parents are identifying as their key concerns about behaviour at our school. We are not alone with the challenges we face with student behaviour, this is a common theme amongst many schools, and is also a priority in the Department of Education's new Strategic Plan. Any changes we make will need to be aligned with expectations, policy and guidelines that are developed by the Department.

For our secondary parents planning for their children to move on to another school at some point, especially for those planning on leaving our school at the end of year 10, by the end of Year 8 those decisions should be made and applications for enrolment completed and submitted. It is too late to leave this until year 10 as sometimes senior secondary courses fill very early during Yr 10 subject selection processes and students who enrol late miss out on courses they really wanted. Boarding arrangements also need to be finalised early, especially for those considering the combination of Kent St SHS and boarding at Rotary House. Our aim is not to hold every one of our Year 10 students into Year 11 and 12, our aim is that students and their families work in advance to identify and select school and career pathways that best suit their aspirations, interests and abilities.

Fiona Yeats
Principal



Nyingarn and Koolbardi's Fathers Day Afternoon



OFFICIAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Recently, Education Minister Sabine Winton announced that our school is one of 10 Western Australian public schools selected to participate in a six-month pilot program being delivered in partnership with UNESCO, Australia's Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism, and the WA Department of Education. The program is designed to strengthen educators' understanding of antisemitism and build their capability to recognise and respond effectively when incidents occur.

We recognise there may be a range of views and questions about our school's participation and believe it is important to explain why this work matters and how it aligns with our commitment to providing a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment for all students.

Creating a society free from racism, discrimination and hate is a shared responsibility. Families, schools, community organisations, workplaces and governments all have a role to play in fostering respectful and inclusive communities. Schools are uniquely placed to support young people to understand difference, build empathy and develop respect for others.

Recent events in Australia have highlighted the harmful impact that hate, prejudice and discrimination can have on individuals, families and communities. As educators, we have a responsibility to help young people develop the knowledge, values and critical thinking skills needed to challenge prejudice, reject hatred and contribute positively to a diverse society.

Public schools in Western Australia are places for everyone. At Wongan Hills District High School, we are committed to ensuring every student feels safe, respected, valued and able to learn. We want every member of our community to feel welcome and confident that racism, discrimination and hate have no place in our school.

While the pilot focuses on building understanding about antisemitism, it is not about prioritising one form of racism over another. Rather, it recognises that different forms of prejudice can present in different ways and require specific understanding and responses. The knowledge and skills gained through this pilot will strengthen our capacity to identify, prevent and respond to antisemitism while also contributing to broader efforts to address racism, discrimination and intolerance in all forms.

We understand that conversations about racism, discrimination and social cohesion can generate differing perspectives. We welcome respectful dialogue and remain committed to working in partnership with families and the broader community as we undertake this important work.

At its heart, this work reflects our commitment to ensuring that every student, regardless of their background, culture, faith, identity or experience, feels safe, valued and respected, has a strong sense of belonging. This ensures that every student can thrive in their learning.

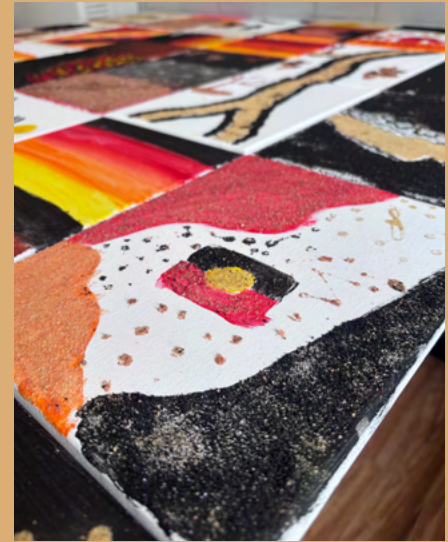
Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and our shared commitment to creating a community where everyone belongs.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Yeats
Principal
Wongan Hills District High School

NAIDOC Week for our High School students

On Monday 7th September, our high school students participated in 3 activities - cooking biscuits with traditional spices of (Wattle seed & lemon myrtle), sand art on a small canvas and tool making using traditional materials like grass tree resin, charcoal, saw dust instead of kangaroo poo, to make the glue and then a small branch and stone.



Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students jumped straight into camp with plenty of energy, teamwork and mud!

The Commando Course was the perfect way to start, challenging students to climb, crawl, balance and work together. By the end, everyone was well and truly ready for a hot two-minute shower!

That evening, the group headed out on the night walk, where students confidently claimed they weren't scared of Mrs Yeats and her collection of masks... although some reactions may have suggested otherwise! It was a brilliant start to camp and set the tone for an action-packed few days.





The adventures continued with Archery Tag, giving students the chance to take aim at the teachers and parent helpers — before the tables quickly turned!

Students then tackled abseiling and rock climbing, showing incredible courage and determination.

This Year 6 group achieved something special, recording the highest number of students to complete the abseiling wall and an amazing six students reaching the top of the rock-climbing wall — a new school record!

Camp was filled with laughter, encouragement, teamwork and plenty of memorable moments.

What an incredible experience for our Year 6 students!

Thank you to our parent helpers Brendan Betty and Krystal King.





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VISIT THE PERTH ZOO

Our Year 3/4 and Year 4/5 students recently enjoyed an exciting excursion to Perth Zoo. The visit supported our learning in Biological Sciences and English, particularly our study of animal features, adaptations and information reports.

Students explored the zoo, observed a wide variety of animals and participated in the Wild Features: Adaptation education session. They discovered how animals' physical features and behaviours help them survive in different environments. Students will use their observations and new knowledge to create detailed information reports in class.

It was wonderful to see the students demonstrating curiosity, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour throughout the day. A big thank you to the staff and parents who helped with transport, supervision and organisation. Your support made this memorable learning experience possible!



INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS RESULTS

YEAR 1:

Champion Boy:	Rylan House
Runner-Up Champion Boy:	Lincoln Read
Champion Girl:	Riley Goulden
Runner-Up Champion Girl:	Aaliyah King

YEAR 2:

Champion Boy:	Ollie Metcalf
Runner-Up Champion Boy:	Rowland Lance
Champion Girl:	Sage Dodds
Runner-Up Champion Girl:	Della Martin

YEAR 3:

Champion Boy:	Jack Pontifex
Runner-Up Champion Boy:	Matthew Sudholz
Champion Girl:	Olivia Wilson
Runner-Up Champion Girl:	Ariel Ashwin

YEAR 4:

Champion Boy:	Cade Jones
Runner-Up Champion Boy:	Emile Beneke
Champion Girl:	Arli Forsyth
Runner-Up Champion Girl:	Ella Read

YEAR 5:

Champion Boy:	Darcy Pontifex
Runner-Up Champion Boy:	Bobby Booth
Champion Girl:	Evie Boase
Runner-Up Champion Girl:	Ruby McGill

YEAR 6:

Champion Boy:	Harrison King
Runner-Up Champion Boy:	Zane Carter
Champion Girl:	Brianna Ashwin
Runner-Up Champion Girl:	Mia Sudholz

YEAR 7:

Champion Boy:	Austin Lance
Runner-Up Champion Boy:	Mahiru Abaranagedara
Champion Girl:	Carly Hanley-Dawson
Runner-Up Champion Girl:	Jayla Doran

YEAR 8:

Champion Boy:	Padraig Cunningham
Runner-Up Champion Boy:	Kieran Villamor
Champion Girl:	Kiddia Le
Runner-Up Champion Girl:	Ani Lores

YEAR 9:

Champion Boy:	Ethan Collins
Runner-Up Champion Boy:	Joel Canning
Champion Girl:	Thinadhee Abaranagedara

YEAR 10:

Champion Boy:	Cailan Shanks
Runner-Up Champion Boy:	Blake Fisher
Champion Girl:	Laelani-Rose Ryder

YEAR 11/12

Champion Boy:	Dylan Kelly & Nero Le
Champion Girl:	Alivia Hall
Runner-Up Champion Girl:	Shanea Godfrey



House Results:

1st: Hinds 2042

2nd: Mocardy 1671

3rd: Ninan 1359









Exciting times for the Wongan Hills ESCC

For the first time in the history of the WA Fire and Emergency Services (WAFES) Conference, Cadets that are part of the Youth Programs (Emergency Services Cadets, YES Cadets and BGU Cadets) were invited to attend the Youth Edition stream. With limited numbers, an application process was established by the Youth Team at DFES to select the most appropriate candidates. Alivia and Paolo were amongst the 25 Cadets chosen to attend. Unit Leader Miss Dedman also attended as a supervisor for the group. Both Alivia and Paolo have taken the time to describe their experiences over the weekend. The group as a whole made a very positive impression on the like of the Honourable Minister for Emergency Services Reece Whitby MLA, DFES Commissioner Darren Klemm ASFM and Deputy Commissioner Melissa Pexton with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner taking time out of their schedules to visit the group as they dined at the Atrium Restaurant before they headed into the WAFES Awards Dinner.





Attending the WAFES conference as a cadet was an unforgettable experience that brought immense pride and inspiration. Hearing Jessica Watson share the incredible story of her solo voyage at sixteen was a true highlight, serving as a powerful reminder of what young people can achieve with determination. The event was packed with value, from insightful sessions with the Water Police, Marine Rescue, and former national basketball player Greg Hire, to engaging hands-on workshops with organizations like Fortem. Beyond the learning, it was a real honour to connect with fellow cadets from all across Western Australia, share stories, and build lasting bonds with people who share the same passion for service. **By Paolo Pescante**



The last three days have been an incredible experience, and I'm honoured to have been part of one of the first groups invited to the 2026 WAFES Conference. On the first night, we spent time getting to know all the cadets and where they were from. We played games, hung out, and made so many memories and that was just night one. Day two was full-on. We listened to Jessica Watson share her story firsthand, followed by visits from the Water Police and Marine Rescue, who showed us the importance of teamwork and strong communication. Then Greg Hire, a former Wildcats player, spoke about pressure, setbacks, identity, vulnerability, and looking after yourself. We also took part in a workshop about transitioning into adult volunteering careers once we age out of our current programs and finished the day with a mental health PPE workshop, learning practical tools we can use in everyday life. That evening, we walked to Optus Stadium for a cultural experience, hearing stories about the land and the meaning behind the designs on the bridge, the pathways, and the water surrounding the stadium. Afterwards, we headed back to the grounds for dinner at the Atrium and met many people from DFES. Sunday arrived far too quickly. We packed up, said goodbye to all our new mates, and reflected on how privileged we were to be chosen for this opportunity. I want to extend a massive thank you to all the supervisors who came on camp with us. **By Alivia Hall**

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WONGAN HILLS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held on

Wednesday
16th September 2026

Primary & Secondary
Teachers will be available from
2.40pm - 5.00pm

Please contact the office
to schedule a meeting

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wonganhills.dhs@education.wa.edu.au



Wongan Hills District High School

OFFICIAL Term 3 2026

TERM PLANNER

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday WPL Year 10	Thursday	Friday
1	20 th July	21 st July	22 nd July	23 rd July	24 th July
	School Development Day	Kindy School Chaplain School Psychologist	School Chaplain School Psychologist	Kindy Nyingarn – Tree Planting excursion School Chaplain	Kindergarten 2027 enrolments due
2	27 th July	28 th July	29 th July	30 th July	31 st July Saturday 1 st August
	Kindy	Kindy Koolbardi 100 th Day of School Celebration School Psychologist	Wongarette	Kindy	Student Council Around the World in 80 Flavours
3	3 rd August	4 th August	5 th August	6 th August	7 th August
	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
4	10 th August	11 th August	12 th August	13 th August	14 th August
	School Closed Parent Teacher Meetings	Kindy Kindy Transition ICAS English School Psychologist	Wongarette School Psychologist	Kindy Assembly 1:45pm – Yaakan 3 THE GREAT SHAVE!!	
5 SIDE CAMP	17 th August	18 th August	19 th August	20 th August	21 st August
	ICAS Science & Spelling School Board Meeting 6:30pm Library	Kindy School Psychologist Yr 6 Camp	School Psychologist	Kindy	Meckering Cross Country
6	24 th August	25 th August	26 th August	27 th August	28 th August
	Kindy ICAS Maths Mad's and Bored's Excursion to the Zoo	Book Parade 9am Undercover area Kindy Kindy Transition School Psychologist Everyday Matters	Wongarette School Based Immunisations	Kindy	Interhouse Athletics Carnival Parent help required
7	31 st August	1 st September	2 nd September	3 rd September	4 th September
	Back up Interhouse Athletics Carnival	Kindy School Chaplain Student Council event- Scavenger Hunt Kwiirna & Yaakan lunchtime Everyday Matters	School Chaplain School Psychologist	Kindy Nyingarn – Koolbardi Father's Day Event 2pm School Chaplain	Cunderdin Agricultural College Open day
8	7 th September	8 th September	9 th September	10 th September	11 th September
	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
9	14 th September	15 th September	16 th September	17 th September	18 th September
	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
10	21 st September	22 nd September	23 rd September	24 th September	25 th September
	Kindy DHS Country Week	Kindy Kindy Transition School Psychologist Everyday Matters	Wongarette School Psychologist	Kindy	

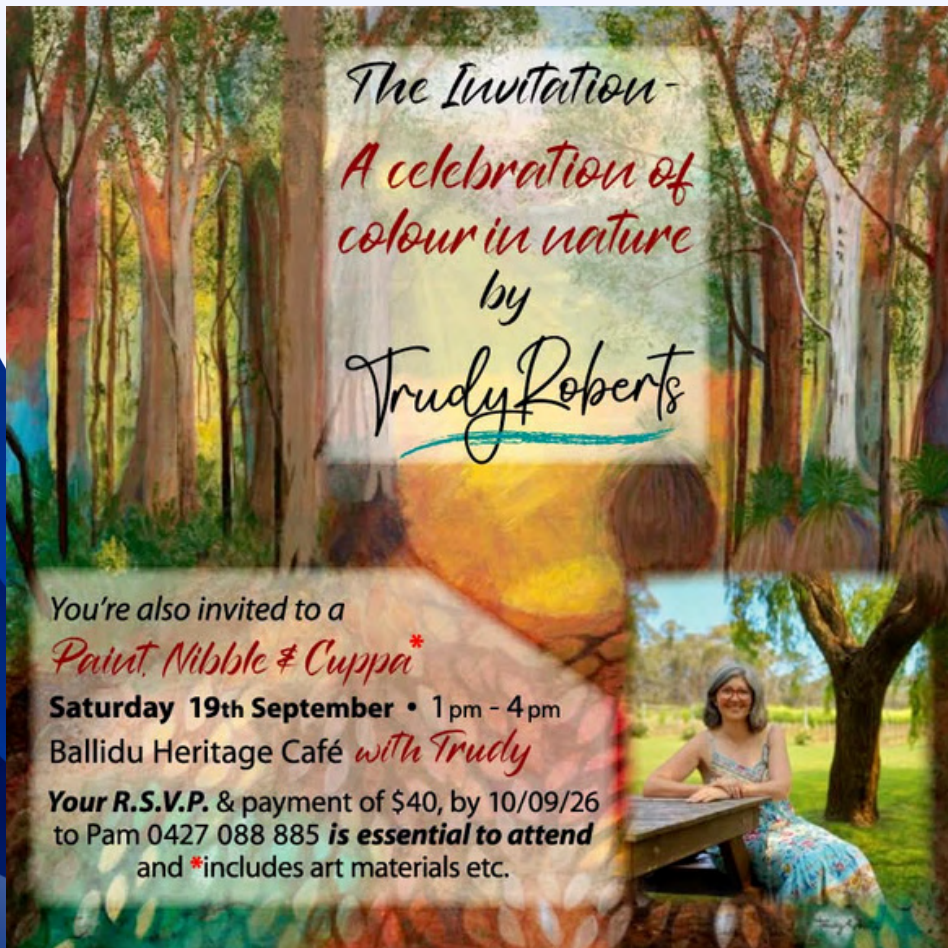
STUDENTS PARENTS STUDENT SERVICES

Community News



*The Invitation -
A celebration of
colour in nature
by
Trudy Roberts*

Exhibit Opening Night
Friday 18th September • 6 pm
Ballidu Lodge Art Gallery
Open Saturdays • 10 am - 1.30 pm
or anytime by appointment.



*The Invitation -
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colour in nature
by
Trudy Roberts*

You're also invited to a
*Paint, Nibble & Cuppa**
Saturday 19th September • 1 pm - 4 pm
Ballidu Heritage Café *with Trudy*
Your R.S.V.P. & payment of \$40, by 10/09/26
to Pam 0427 088 885 is essential to attend
and *includes art materials etc.





SUNDAY 27TH OF SEPTEMBER ALPHA STREET BALLIDU



**Looking for a family friendly day out this long weekend?
Bring the kids, bring the bikes & enjoy all that Ballidu has to offer!**



- Bouncy castle,
- Samurai Obstacle Course,
- Face Painting,
- Food Stalls,
- APEX Train,
- Cycle Sense Bike Course
- Dress ups!

KIDS RIDE - KIDS COULD WIN!

Here's some extra incentive to get the family involved this year: every participant aged 16 and under is automatically in the draw to win a \$450 voucher from Trek Cycle Osborne Park.

No entry form, no extra steps — just register your kids for Bike it to Ballidu Gravel and they're in the running.

One more reason to bring the whole crew. 27 September, Ballidu.

RACE SCHEDULE

8am

Rider registration tent open for pack collection.

8:45am

Welcome to Country

8:50am

150km Wongan Thrills rider briefing & start.

10:50am

82km The Ballidude rider briefing & start.

12:50pm

44km Yes You Canola rider briefing & start.

1:50pm

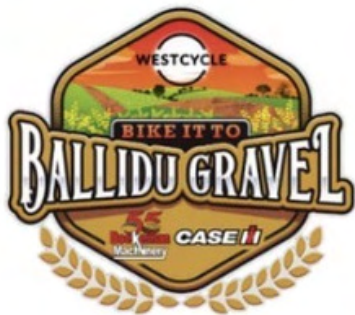
12km Just Ballidu It rider briefing & start.

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or find us on the West Cycle website:
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Bike It To Ballidu Gravel x Cycle Sense

**FREE KIDS
ACTIVITY!**

We have something new and exciting for the kids this year!

Alongside all the rides, we're bringing in CycleSense – a fun, cyclo-cross style skills obstacle course designed to test out your bike handling in the best way possible. Think tight turns, tricky obstacles, and plenty of giggles.

Want to go for it? Get your circuit time recorded and chase a Personal Best, or see where you land on the leaderboard.

Just here for fun? Jump on and give it a go, no pressure, no clock required.

It's the perfect way to keep the kids (and honestly, plenty of adults) entertained while the rides are underway. Come give it a crack!



SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
ALPHA STREET
10:30 - 1:30 PM
FREE FOR ALL KIDS





School Holiday Fun

Kids Holiday Club

Mon 5th Oct & Tues 6th Oct, 2026

(2nd week of school holidays)



Come along to Kids Club

**Bible Stories - Friends - Creative Crafts -
Adventurous Games - Delicious Snacks -
Incredible Music**

9-3pm Monday and Tuesday

\$20 1st child, \$10 for siblings.

Includes lunch, snacks and activities

The Holiday Club will be run by Karen Box and Robyn Lawrence, with adult and teenage helpers. (Robyn has 30yrs of experience running children's programs in churches and we are grateful to her for travelling to Wongan Hills).

CONTACT FOR REGISTRATION:

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Anglican Church

Pulse of the Wheatbelt Survey

Help shape the future of health, wellbeing, and community services in the Wheatbelt.

Your anonymous feedback will help identify local strengths, needs, and priorities, ensuring future services and supports reflect the voices of Wheatbelt communities.

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