



From the

PRINCIPAL'S DESK

with Fiona Yeats

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our early childhood parents will have noticed the new fence around Nyingarn and Koolbardi. This has been installed for student safety. Pre Primary – Year 3 students can still play in the mega playground however safety gates will be in place. In terms of whether the gate should be left open or closed – please leave the gate as you found it. If it was open, please leave it open. If it was closed, please close it behind you.

Some parents may find their children coming home with stationery in the next few weeks, this is stationery that has been around the school and not returned to students at the end of the year. We are currently having a bit of a tidy up. There isn't much but I felt that it was important to explain where it had appeared from. In saying that, we are noticing that art students and younger children seem to devour erasers, if you have spare used erasers floating around the house, we would be grateful for any donations.

By this stage of the school year our younger children, and all others, should be able to manage their belongings and school bag independently – with the exception of a small number of students with special educational needs. This includes all clothing, putting on/off shoes and socks and toileting. If a teacher has to tie 20 pairs of shoe laces at the end of the day, that is an awful lot of time lost. If your child was told to tuck their laces into their shoes, this is probably why. In terms of school bags, students should be able to unpack and pack their school bag independently, including their lunch box and drink bottle, and zip it up. This can be a problem if school bags are too small.

As we are all aware, rental properties in Wongan Hills are far and few between. There is not enough Government owned housing in Wongan Hills for our teaching and administration staff. As a result there are local properties leased by Government and Regional Officers Housing (GROH) to cover the shortfall. There are times when we have not been able to get staff as we have not been able to house them. At worst, this could result in us not able to put a teacher in front of every class at some point in the future, and we would then have to collapse primary and/or secondary classes, resulting in larger classes. Moving house multiple times each time a lease ends isn't desirable either. Both scenarios impact attraction and retention of staff. If you have, or know of, a property that might be suitable please contact me to pass your name on to GROH.

SCHOOL BOARD PARENT VACANCIES

We have 3 of our parents who are finishing their 3 year term on our Board at the end of Term 1 this year and 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. <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/school-councils-boards>. You can also speak with any of our current parent members Renae Millstead, Sara Betty, Dillan Elliott, Meagan Pontifex, Stephen Whyte or Natalie Read to learn more about why they see value in being a board member at our school. Board terms will officially commence in 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

SCHOOL AND SHARING OF SOCIAL MEDIA IMAGES

I have realised that parents in our community are not aware of the Department of Education policy restrictions regarding posting or sharing of images from school on their own social media. There are many reasons why images of certain children might not be permitted to be shared widely on social media, it may also be parent choice which should be respected. Legal reasons and child safety are the main reasons, and this does not only apply to children in care. Even though a parent may be happy with an image of their child being on our Facebook, Seesaw or in the newsletter, that does not give consent for other parents to share that same image. In summary:

If a parent takes a photo/video of their own child at a school event with no others in the photo/video parents can share this as they wish.

If a parent takes a photo/video at a school event with several children in it, they can only post or share that photo/video if they have the specific permission from the parents of every child in the photo/video.

School posts of children on our Facebook page, Seesaw or the newsletter are not to be shared on their own news feed by parents unless they have specific permission from the parents of every child in the photo.

We ask that parents adhere to this policy to and respect the wishes of other parents.

Fiona Yeats

Principal

School News



Term 1 Reward Day



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On the last afternoon of term eligible students participated in their reward activity for doing the right thing all term and having good attendance. Older students spent the afternoon playing computer games while our younger students enjoyed some tabloid sports with a difference. And yes, they were raw eggs in those cups!!





Harmony Day

Our Kindergarten kids kicked off Harmony Day on Tuesday of week 9, with a vibrant splash of orange, along with some beautiful traditional dress representing their cultures.

The students had a fantastic day immersed in hands-on learning. They searched through sand to uncover Aboriginal symbols and identify their meanings, built different types of houses from around the world, explored symbol-making in shaving foam, created dot paintings, and enjoyed a memory matching game using symbols.

The Pre Primary to Year 12 students celebrated on Wednesday immersing themselves in different cultures with Mrs Lobo and tasting food from around the world.

It was a wonderful two days of learning, sharing, and celebrating the diversity that makes our community so special.





ANZAC Commemoration





Thank You!

To the 37 parents, relatives & community members who have helped in numerous ways at our school this term. Your support means the world to both staff & students and we genuinely appreciate you making the time to contribute to the school in this way. There was a small token of our appreciation which came home in your child's school bag late last term!

P.S. If we have unintentionally missed you, please let us know!



WHDHS

Attendance Incentive Program 2026

We are please to announce that students who attend school for 85% across Terms 1 to 3 this year will be eligible to receive a FREE pool pass for the 2026/2027 season.

We would like to acknowledge the very generous support from the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu who have made this possible. This idea has stemmed from discussion at our school Board meetings.

How many days is this?

Pre-primary to Year 12 students can't miss more than 21 days of school over the 3 terms, Kindergarten students can't miss more than 10 days of school over the 3 terms.

A few things to note:

- attendance on excursions, camps, carnivals and workplace learning still count as being 'present' at school
- individual cases will be looked at carefully as in some cases there may be exceptional circumstances, this can only happen if reasons have been provided for each absence
- we have kept this under the Department of Education's expectation of 90% attendance to allow a little bit of leeway
- this is 21 (or 10) days across the 3 terms, not for each term
- please see Fiona Yeats if you have any questions



Student Council

Student Council NEWSLETTER

~ TERM 2 EVENTS ~

Do it for Dolly Day Week 3 - Friday 8th May

Wear **blue** and bring a **gold coin donation** as we raise awareness and money to **end bullying**.

Milo Mondays Mondays in Week 4, 6, 8, 10

As the days get colder, warm up your lunchtime with a **hot Milo!** Bring **\$1** and collect your Milo outside the **School Cafe after 1st lunch**. Nyingarn & Koolbardi students will have their Milos delivered.

Assemblies Week 4 & Week 8

Week 4, Thursday 14th May, 2pm
Yongka 8

Week 8, Tuesday 9th June, 2pm
Maali 6

Lunchtime Activity Week 6

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

Push Up Challenge Week 7 - Wednesday 3rd June

This is Australia's **largest mental health and fitness event!** Can our students and teachers collectively do **3307 pushups by the 26th June** and raise money for mental health?

Escape the Afternoon Week 10 - Thursday 25th June

All **Maali-Year 12** students are invited to participate in a **collaborative experience after school**. In teams, work together to solve clues and locate the five different collectables to claim victory! **\$5 entry with snack & drink provided.**

Student Council

GO BLUE TO END BULLYING!



GOLD COIN DONATION

Friday

8 MAY 2026

**DO IT
FOR**
Dolly
DAY '26

Go **BLUE** and help raise funds
to support Dolly's Dream to
end bullying.



Student Council

STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

MILO MONDAYS



Monday 11 May at lunchtime

For Kindergarten - Yr 12 students

Cost \$1.00 (1 order only per student)

Students pay on collection, coins only please.

Orders due By Tuesday 5 May at 1pm

No late orders.

Milo no sugar and Hilo Milk.

No Milk alternatives are available.

Nyingarn and Koolbardi orders will be delivered to their classrooms.

All other students will collect their order from the Breakfast club after they eat their lunch.

ORDER HERE



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	20 th April School Development Day Students DO NOT Attend	21 st April Term 2 Commences Kindy School Chaplain	22 nd April School Chaplain	23 rd April Kindy School Psychologist School Chaplain	24 th April
	27 th April ANZAC DAY Public Holiday Students DO NOT Attend	28 th April Kindy School Psychologist MOSSA Meeting Milling 4pm	29 th April Wongorette ANZAC Commemoration 2.15pm Undercover Area Parents welcome School Psychologist	30 th April Kindy	1 st May
3	4 th May P & C Meeting 6pm Library School Psychologist	5 th May Kindy School Chaplain	6 th May School Chaplain School Psychologist	7 th May Kindy Kindergarten and Pre Primary Mother's Day event Koolbaridi 2pm School Chaplain	8 th May Do it for Dolly Day Wear Blue Gold Coin Donation
	11 th May Kindy Student Council Event Milo Monday lunchtime Pre Primary – Year 12	12 th May Kindy School Psychologist	13 th May Wongorette	14 th May Kindy Kindy - Police Visit Assembly 2pm – Yongka 8	15 th May
5	18 th May School Board Meeting 6:30pm Library School Psychologist EST WEEK	19 th May Kindy	20 th May School Psychologist	21 st May Kindy Kindy - Ambulance Visit	22 nd May Moora Yr 4-6 Winter Carnival (Parent coaches & umpires required)
	25 th May Kindy Student Council Event Milo Monday lunchtime Pre Primary – Year 12	26 th May Kindy School Psychologist	27 th May Wongorette National Simultaneous Storytime	28 th May Kindy Student Council Lunchtime Event Kwilena & Yaakan only	29 th May School Development Day Students DO NOT Attend
7	1 st June WA Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY Students DO NOT Attend	2 nd June Kindy School Chaplain Everyday Matters	3 rd June School Chaplain	4 th June Kindy Interhouse Cross Country (Parent help required) School Chaplain	5 th June Back up Interhouse Cross Country
	8 th June Kindy Student Council Event Milo Monday lunchtime Pre Primary – Year 12 SIDE CAMP	9 th June Kindy Assembly 2pm – Maali 6 School Psychologist Everyday Matters	10 th June Wongorette School Psychologist	11 th June Kindy	12 th June
9	15 th June School Board Meeting 6:30pm Library OLNA Writing School Psychologist	16 th June Kindy School Chaplain OLNA Writing Everyday Matters	17 th June School Chaplain School Psychologist OLNA Numeracy	18 th June Kindy School Chaplain OLNA Reading	19 th June
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Mothers Day

STALL

Thursday 7th May

CASH ONLY

SCHOOL LIBRARY

8.20AM - 9.30AM - BEFORE SCHOOL

1.10PM - 1.45PM - LUNCH

**A FLYER OF PRODUCTS WILL BE SENT OUT
MONDAY 4TH MAY**





“ I get my flu immunisation for



the people who matter ”

Flu clinic location

Wongan Hills DHS

Date: Thursday 14 May 2026

Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Walk in clinic - no bookings required

Community Health Nurse - 0419 121 216



Find out about
FluMist



OFFICIAL

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – SCHOOL INFLUENZA CLINIC

To assist with our vaccine ordering. Please indicate below how many family members will be interested in receiving an influenza vaccine at the school clinic on Thursday 14 May (week 4)

Please return to school office by Friday week 3 (8/5/26)

AGE GROUP	NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING CLINIC
Children 6 months to 2 years	
Children 2 years to 11 years (nasal spray)	
Children over 12 years	
Adults	

Community News

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Registration
Form



Join the Fun

Who: Year 6-10 Students
When: Mondays during school term 3.00 - 4:30pm
Where: Mocardy Centre @ 7 Ackland Street
Cost: \$10 per term *To cover materials

Purpose

For youth to develop critical thinking, powers of expression and moral capacities. To build lasting friendships and learn about contributing to their community through service projects.

What we Do:

Study: Youth study the program texts which have different themes such as justice, striving for excellence, and truthfulness.

Service: Youth collaborate with helpers to plan, organise and run service projects for the community

Social: build friendships through cooperative games arts, sports, drama etc. Form connections with older youth who can support them to build their capacities.

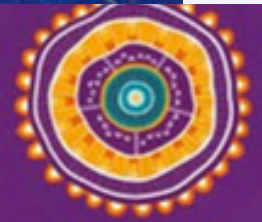


For more information please contact
Safira Shanks on 0493 217 320 or
Lorraine Lobo on 0418 624 657

*This is a Non-religious program
provided by the Baha'i Community

Community News

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Want to learn more about the NDIS?

Come and meet the NDIA

Take the opportunity to drop by and connect with the NDIA team to discover how we can support you



Wednesday 6th May 2026



10:00am to 12:00pm



Wongan Hills Community Resource Centre

1 Wongan Rd, Wongan Hills WA 6603

If you want to know more about the NDIS, the team will answer your questions and speak about what we do:



How the NDIS works



Am I eligible?



How do I apply?



Using your plan

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**MAZENOD
COLLEGE**

BOARDING INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 6th May 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Wongan Hills Sport and Recreation Centre
Ninan Road, Wongan Hills

RSVP is essential: by Friday 1st May

www.tinyurl.com/wonganhillsvisit2026

www.mazenod.wa.edu.au