



From the

PRINCIPAL'S DESK

with Fiona Yeats

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to Miss Kayla Abbey for organizing what turned out to be a fantastic Cross Country event last week. The weather was perfect for running and with the extra shout out we managed to gain just enough volunteers to cover our course spotter positions. These positions are important for supervision, injury support, navigation and encouragement at every step of the circuit. Participation by those students present on the day was fantastic - this is one event every student can do, even if it means they walk most of the course to earn a point for their faction. Secondary students who did not attend the swimming carnival or cross country are at high risk of not being invited to Country Week. From a school perspective, it does work much better only bringing students out for their event. To sit on the oval for more than 2 hours only to run for 10 to 15 minutes creates an awful lot of idle time. For a significant number of our students, this degree of idle time unfortunately lends itself to silly behaviour creeping in, then requiring staff to manage that behaviour and the day becomes less enjoyable for everyone. It is quite different to athletics where students are engaged throughout the day in events and spread out across the oval and have the opportunity to calm away from house bays.

Aussie's of the Month



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Camp fundraising has been ongoing and this year it has seemed harder to get parents to volunteer to help with fundraising activities. Without school subsidies and fundraising, our Year 6 Camp and Countryweek cost about \$700. Yes, camp costs are going up too. Leaving the fundraising to a small minority really isn't fair and we really need everyone to pitch in and help out. You don't have to help with all of the activities, but if every parent helped with one fundraiser it would certainly share the workload much more. If parents are concerned they might not be able to afford camp in one payment, we would encourage you to commence part payments now. Camps must be fully paid for at least one week prior to camp, otherwise students cannot attend. This is not a stand we want to take, but we have had to do this as we have been caught out before where promised payment has not been forthcoming.

Koolbardi and Kwilena had an amazing excursion to Ballidu recently and it showed just what is possible when so many groups of people come together to create a fantastic day for students. I am sure everyone will agree that one staff member or school based adult plus a senior citizen per 4 or 5 students was just right for the activities which were undertaken on the day. At the museum each group had to complete a range of activities and I think my quote of the day was a parent who said 'I can't keep track of the 5 students in my group let alone get my group to count the number of sewing machines'..... welcome to the world of teaching!!!! At times it did feel a bit like herding cats, but the cats all had fun, nothing was broken (although there was blood at one point!) and we brought them all home at the end of the day.

Last week I put a challenge out to our Student Council which was announced at the assembly this week - if they can get people to donate \$2000 towards my registered Cancer Council fundraiser, both David Sinclair and myself will shave our hair at the first assembly of Term 3. There is more information further in this newsletter if you would like to contribute. Feel free to share it widely, it would be rare to find a family who has not been touched by cancer and this is my way of contributing personally to help make a difference. I would like to acknowledge David for joining me, and you may have noticed that both of us probably look a bit overdue for a hair cut. Unfortunately for both of us we will lose our hair the week before we head to the freezing Dwellingup for Year 6 camp - fortunately we both have a good stash of beanies!!

Fiona Yeats
Principal



School News



On Wednesday 27th May 2026, our Wongan Hills students joined millions across Australia for a special shared reading of Luna Roo, celebrating the joy of books and storytelling together. The story, follows Luna and her friends as they chase their football dreams across the outback, inspiring teamwork and imagination. A big congratulations to all who took part, and a special thank you to Mrs Bear, our wonderful librarian, who always brings these events to life with creativity and enthusiasm!



Koolbardi & Kwilena visit Ballidu

The Koolbardi and Kwilena students recently enjoyed a wonderful day excursion to Ballidu, where they had the opportunity to connect with members of the local community and take part in a range of engaging activities.

The excitement began with travelling to Ballidu by bus, which was a highlight for many students. Upon arrival, the group was divided into two smaller groups to allow everyone to fully participate in the activities. The groups rotated between the Heritage Museum and the Art Gallery throughout the day.

A highlight of the excursion was spending time with the wonderful senior citizens, who warmly welcomed the students and shared in conversations and activities. This provided a valuable opportunity for students to build connections across generations and demonstrate respect and empathy within the community.

During their visit to the Ballidu Heritage Museum, students explored historical displays and learnt about the local area's rich past following the wonderful Mrs Hood's scavenger hunt. This hands-on experience helped bring history to life and sparked curiosity and discussion among the students.

At the Art Gallery, students participated in a collage-led art activity Mrs Toster put together, allowing them to express their creativity and take inspiration from the artworks on display.

Following these activities, everyone enjoyed a relaxing lunch at Alpha Park, where students had time to play, explore, and enjoy the outdoor environment together.

We were fortunate to have the support of several wonderful parent helpers, whose assistance ensured the day ran smoothly and safely.

Overall, it was a fantastic day filled with learning, creativity, and community connection. The students represented our school with pride and thoroughly enjoyed this memorable experience.





Get Down Low and Go, Go, Go



On Monday 8 June, our Kindergarten students were excited to welcome Firefighter Sara Moss and Firefighter Troy Borovina from the Wongan Hills Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service (VFRS).

The firefighters taught the children about their important role in keeping our community safe and shared some valuable fire safety messages. Students learned that they can call 000 in an emergency.

The children practised what to do if there is a fire in a building, learning to get down low and go, go, go to a safe place. They listened to a fire alarm and took part in a practice evacuation of the classroom. Students also learned the important safety message "Stop, Drop and Roll" if their clothes ever catch fire and practised this important skill.

The visit was made even more memorable when the children had the opportunity to try on firefighter uniforms, squirt a fire hose, and hear the siren on the local fire truck. For many students, having a turn with the fire hose was the highlight of the day!

We would like to thank Firefighter Sara Moss and Firefighter Troy Borovina for taking the time to visit our Kindergarten and help our students learn important fire safety skills in such an engaging and hands-on way.



INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY 2026

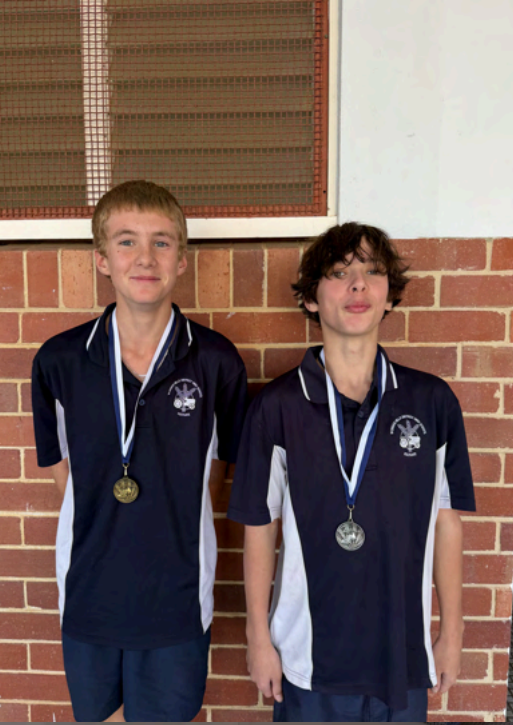
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4R 3-4 BOYS	JACK PONTIFEX	CADE JONES
4R 5-6 GIRLS	EVIE BOASE	MIA SUDHOLZ
4R 5-6 BOYS	ODIN BOROVINA	DARCY PONTIFEX
4R 7-8 GIRLS	LAYLA WATERS	KIDDIA LE
4R 7-8 BOYS	HARLEN REYNOLDS	ROHAN BOASE
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4R 9-12 BOYS	DYLAN KELLY	NERO LE





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Student Council News

Student Council & Youth Group Collaboration

The Car Show held in Wongan Hills on Saturday 9th May, saw a **fantastic collaboration between the Student Council & Youth Group**. Together the team helped to supervise children's activities and judge the colouring in competition. Not pictured in the photo were Brandon, Safira & Charlotte.



Fundraising Campaigns

Do it for Dolly Day raised \$412 towards bullying prevention in schools. Thank you to all parents, students and staff who participated and made a donation to a very worthy cause.

Currently, the Student Council is **campaigning for better mental health** through the **Push Up Challenge**. Click on the [link](#) here or on Compass to donate.



Milo Mondays

Our last Milo Monday for the term will be held on **Monday 22nd June in Week 10**. No pre-orders required. Just send \$1 to school with your child and they can enjoy a warm Milo during lunchtime. All funds raised will go towards purchasing items requested by students.



Escape the School

Our final Student Council event for the term is Escape the School. This will be a **fun group challenge activity for all students from Maali 6-Year 12**. The \$5 ticket price includes a Milo & Cookie and registration forms are coming out this week. The challenge will take place from **3:00pm-4:30pm on Thursday 25th June**.





JOIN OUR 2026 PUSH FOR BETTER MENTAL HEALTH



**3,307 PUSH-UPS.
3-26 JUNE.**

**THE
PUSH_{UP}
CHALLENGE**

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MILO MONDAYS

Week 10 - 22nd June

OUTSIDE SCHOOL CAFE AFTER FIRST LUNCH



ESCAPE

THE SCHOOL

For Maali 6 to Year 12

Will you
be able to
escape?



Or will you
be trapped
forever?

Thursday 25th June

3:00PM – 4:30PM

Prizes for Winning Team

\$5 Entry - Includes Milo & Cookie

Register by **18th June!**



Do It For Cancer - Instead of a party.

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





Cancer Council
Do It For Cancer

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- Fiona, David and who knows who else!





	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 MDSSA Meeting Miling 4pm	29 th April Wongarette ANZAC Commemoration 2.15pm Undercover Area Parents welcome School Psychologist	30 th April Kindy	1 st May
2	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 Koolbardi 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 Wongarette	14 th May Kindy Kindy - Police Visit Assembly 2pm – Yongka 8	15 th May
3	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 Wongarette National Simultaneous Storytime	28 th May Kindy Student Council Lunchtime Event Kwilena & Yaakan only	29 th May School Development Day Students DO NOT Attend
4	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 Wongarette School Psychologist	11 th June Kindy	12 th June
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	STUDENTS PARENTS STUDENT SERVICES				