



Wongan Hills District High School

**Wongarette**

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***Inter House Swimming Carnival  
Friday, 13th March 2020  
Wongan Hills Swimming Pool  
Year 4 –12 students.***



## Inter House Swimming Carnival

On Friday 13th March all Year 4-12 students will be participating in the Inter House Swimming Carnival at the Wongan Hills Memorial Swimming Pool. **This is a normal school day and all students are expected to attend.** Can parents please support the school by making sure that students attend this day. Bus students will be dropped off and picked up from the venue. K-3 bus students will be dropped off and picked up at school. If you are attending this event, please make sure that you come prepared for being in the sun and water for a whole day. Information about the carnival has been sent home with students and is available on the Skoolbag App.

## WHDHS School Council 2020

The school community would like to congratulate Sandra Hartley who is our new school council chairperson. I look forward to working with Sandra in moving forward with our school vision of "Pursuing Excellence".

I thank Carolyn Robinson for being our school council chairperson for my first 2 years here at Wongan Hills DHS. It has been a privilege to work with Carolyn and the improvement agenda that we have been able to put into place.

The WHDHS School Council parent and community members are: Sandra Hartley (Chairperson) Nat Godfrey, Kelly Edmonds, Jeff Brennan, Sian Whitfield, Michelle Latham and Carolyn Robinson. The staff representatives are Lesa Simpson, Michael Coughlan, Lorraine Starling, Lorraine Lobo with myself and Kellie Anspach as our secretary.

## Sun Smart Policy Update

On Monday Evening the School Council met to finalise some further details on our Sun Smart Policy in relation to our School Dress Code.

1. *From the start of term 2 this year that 3 types of hats (wide brimmed, bucket and legionnaires) be the only hats for students across the school from K – 12,*
2. *That from the start of 2021 that all hats be navy blue in colour.*

I would request that all parents and caregivers support the school in protecting your children from the sun.

## Building Upgrade Update

The new senior toilets are now in operation and the builders have now moved into upgrading our junior toilets. It is very pleasing to see the facilities that our students are using.

There was a meeting last week with the builders in relation to the Refurbishment of our Library. This looks like a significant program and it will be great to have these updated facilities. We are now looking at how we will manage works that are going to take place in 7 classrooms, the science laboratory, the staffroom and two office areas. This will include painting, cabinet works and floor coverings.



*The new senior girls toilets*





## OLNA (Online Literacy & Numeracy Assessment)

OLNA is designed to enable students to successfully meet the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) requirement of demonstrating the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy. These are the skills regarded as essential to meet the demands of everyday life and work. Students who have achieved Band 8 or higher in reading, writing and numeracy in their Year 9 NAPLAN are not required to sit the assessment in the corresponding OLN component. All other students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who have not yet met the OLN requirements must sit the assessments. OLN will continue to run next week and in September.

## NAPLAN 2020

NAPLAN testing for 2020 in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be online except for year 3 writing which will still be of a paper type. The testing will begin on Tuesday 12th May and conclude before Friday 22nd May.

It is strongly recommended that all students participate in the testing as the results provide a snapshot of a student's achievement in comparison to all students of the same year level across the country. The results also support the school to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and assist in identifying targeted areas for improvement.

Students with a disability or have a temporary injury will be provided with assistance during the tests as specified by the NAPLAN Protocols for test administration.

Formal exemptions may be granted for students with a disability and parents also have the right to withdraw their child from the tests. If you wish to do so, you must sign a parent/carer consent

form. This information must be sent through to Karen Marshall

Karen.clark2@education.wa.edu.au by Thursday, 9th April 2020.

## Welcome

This week we welcomed our new trainee, Isabella Giedraitis, to the Kindy/PP class. Isabella is completing a traineeship doing her Certificate in Community Services and we welcome her on board. She previously has completed her Workplace Learning in the Kindy in 2018 and 2019 so is familiar with many of our students and routines already.



*Isabella and some of our wonderful Pre primary students*



Creating Images is a comprehension strategy that involves making a picture in your head as you read.

*Have you ever seen a Bunyip?*

We haven't either but if ever we were to we thought a Bunyip might look something like this. As a follow-up activity we wrote about our Bunyip.

My Bunyip likes to eat fairy floss and lolly pops. She likes looking at the moon and saying surprises. Her home is in a pink sparkly river.

Digby

My Bunyip is spikey. It likes to eat bugs and it likes to sleep. It lives in a cave.

Shelby





My Bunyip is a fierce monster who likes to breathe fire. He likes to eat fish and eggs and lives in a cave under the sand. He is very fat and he has very sharp teeth and a lot of hair. A Bunyip is cold blooded.

Abbie



My Bunyip is fat and brown. My Bunyip likes to eat frogs and bats and fish. My Bunyip lives in a billabong. My Bunyip likes to make noise.

Blayde

My Bunyip lives in a cave. My Bunyip eats meat. My Bunyip likes to sleep.

Alex

My Bunyip is big and fat. It breathes fire and it also has spikes. It can electrocute people. It has black and red teeth. It likes liquorice. It also likes tomatoes and apples. My Bunyip sleeps all night and is awake all day. It likes to do gym. It lives in a cave.

Reko





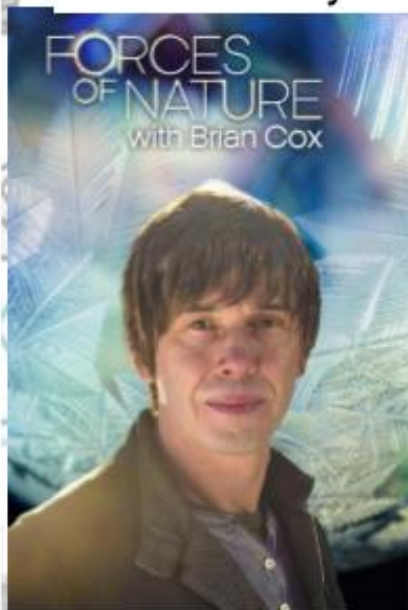


## FRIDAY SCI-DAY!

This year, Friday lunchtimes have turned into a science-fest! Friday Sci-Day began as a way to expose students to science documentaries that relate to the curriculum theme being taught in classes, especially as there is never enough time to screen such documentaries during actual science lessons. It is also a great alternative for students who want to escape from hot – or come Term 2 – freezing weather!

In Term 1, **Forces of Nature** has been screened to captivated audiences of up to 50 students, with a core group of 20 budding scientists attending each week! Next term, students will be learning about Chemical Science with documentaries to match... stay tuned for more!

*Mrs Lobo*







On Friday, 6th March the student councillors held a Primary Water Fun afternoon. Over 40 students attended. The student councillors would like to thank Mr Clint Pascoe, Ms Sarah Griffiths and Mr Ben Moss from the Wongan Hills Fire Service for supporting this great event. Well done to the student councillors for organising a wonderful afternoon .







*The Secondary English classes have been reading a range of novels to understand their purpose. They have been analysing the characters in the novels and how the author makes the characters feel like real people with real problems. Authors also include a theme in their work. This is the author's perspective on the events that occur; it is like a hidden opinion or a broad idea about life. Please enjoy the two summaries that are included below.*

## A Summary of *Looking For Alibrandi*.

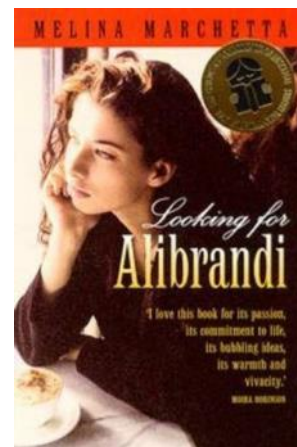
by Melina Marchetta

Melina Marchetta's novel, *Looking For Alibrandi*, tells a story of an Australian-Italian 17-year old girl called Josephine 'Josie' Alibrandi. She is a child raised by her single mother, Christina Alibrandi. She was brought up strictly by her mother and, therefore, quite the angsty teen. She encounters and fixes many problems accepting her family's past with her future. After dealing with this, she finally accepts her cultural heritage.

Josie accepts her culture through understanding her Nonna Katia's past who, at first, looks like a standard Italian woman and a protector of culture. She seems like this because of how she treats Josie, criticising her about everything and doesn't accept her being Australian. However, as Nonna's back story takes shape, Josie understands her more. She learns of how she married, got sent to Australia, met a man who loved her, conceived a child, and had to raise the child with an unloving husband. After her husband died, Nonna had to raise her girl all by herself. Josie realises what Nonna went through and accepts her Italian heritage. Josie also took on some more personal Italian traditions to be like her Nonna.

In conclusion, Josie accepts her cultural heritage, her family and everything else in her life. She doesn't even feel ashamed on 'National Wog Day'. Most importantly through the change, she stays true to her-self, her beliefs and dreams.

Written by Alec Moir







## *A Summary of The Boy In Striped Pyjamas.*

by John Boyne.

The boy in striped pyjamas is a novel written about a young boy's life set in 1943. This book is also about the holocaust and the concentration camps. Bruno, the young boy, is extremely curious and naïve. He won't stop until he has an answer. Bruno and his family moved from their house in Berlin to Out-With, so his father could work and being in charge of the concentration camp.

At the beginning of the family moving to their new home, Bruno hated it. He hated the idea of leaving his three best friends and his grandparents. That all changed when Bruno met this boy called Shmuel, when he went out exploring after his tutoring session with Herr Liszt.

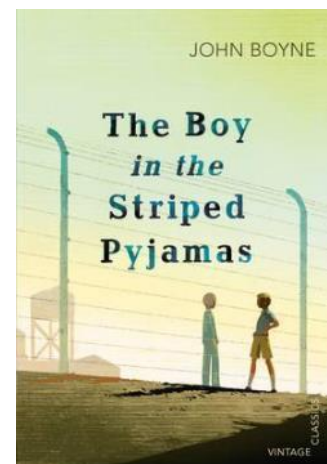
The main theme of this book is the desire for friendship. Bruno ends up dying because of his friendship with Shmuel. Shmuel is a prisoner. Their friendship becomes so strong they ignore the fence between them. Bruno had mentioned the people on the other side of the fence to his father once before but got told to stay clear of them and play near the house. Of course, Bruno is only nine and didn't understand. He continued to visit Shmuel.

Another theme in this book is boundaries. The story explores both literal and figurative boundaries that we live with. Bruno and Shmuel are separated by the fence and lament that they can never play with each other. They are also separated by the strict rules that lie between Germany and the Jews being persecuted by Hitler.

This impacts Bruno because he doesn't understand why he is not allowed to be friends with people on the side of the fence. He doesn't know what his father does for a living.

Written by Hannah Henry

**THANK YOU TO THE SECONDARY  
STUDENTS FOR THEIR HARD WORK!**





## Wongan Hills District High School

### Computers for Tender



Tenders are invited for the purchase of  
Used desk top computers;

ITEM A	1 x 3ghz/4GB	Purchased 2011
ITEM B	5 x 3.20ghz/4GB	Purchased 2011
ITEM C	12 x 2.7ghz/4GB	Purchased 2012
ITEM D	3 x 3.4ghz/4GB	Purchased 2012
ITEM E	2 x 3.6ghz/4GB	Purchased 2013
ITEM F	5 x 3.4ghz/8GB	Purchased 2013
ITEM G	13 x 3.6ghz/8GB	Purchased 2014

All hard drives come with cables, screen, keyboard and a mouse.

Due to Education Department guidelines we are no longer able to use these computers on our school network. Therefore, we have the following computers available for tender. As per DOE guidelines the computers must be sanitised and therefore are offered without an operating system. This means prospective purchasers will have to install an operating system before they can use them. Whilst all computers were in good working condition when retired from our network, they are offered on an "as-is" basis. All have 500gb hard drive.

Address tenders in a sealed envelope to:

**PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL**  
Manager Corporate Services - Kellie Anspach  
Wongan Hills District High School  
Quinlan Street  
Wongan Hills WA 6603

Tenders closes Wednesday 25th March 2020 at 3pm and computers will be available for pick up from Monday 30th March 2020. Late tenders will not receive consideration. Please quote Item number and quantity being tendered.

A reserve has been set on these items.

### TENDER FORM FOR USED COMPUTERS

To be submitted in a sealed envelope to Wongan Hills District High School

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Tendered: \_\_\_\_\_ for Item \_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_ units  
(dollar amount is to be for total units being tendered for)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





WONGAN HILLS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

*'Pursuing Excellence'*

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## Year 6 Parent Meeting

Dear Year 6 Parents

We would like to invite you all to a meeting on  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 from 5pm to 5:50pm**

in Room 8 at Wongan Hills District High School.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and/or inform you of the following:

- Year 6 T Shirts (Class of 2020) – we would love this to be parent driven. Please consider if you would like to take on the task of organising the shirts.
- Gauge support for Year 6 Camp – Week 10, Term 2 at a cost of \$500 per student.
- If there is sufficient support for the camp then discuss the possibility of any fundraising to be organised by parents to reduce the 'collective cost'.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards

Mrs O'Shea





Department of  
Transport

## Community Bike Breakfast




7.00am - 8.30am  
Friday 20th March  
@ 'The Station'

*The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu has joined forces with the Department of Transport and Wongan Hills District High School to offer a fabulous free community bike breakfast!*

*Simply arrive on a bike, on a scooter, or pushing a pram for your free breakie. Even a short ride is a great start, part way is okay!*

*Students can then continue riding to School as part of National Ride2School Day.*

*Please cross Wongan Road at the designated crossing between Fenton Place and the CRC – Traffic Management will be in place for the duration of the event.*

*RSVP for catering: [crc@wongan.wa.gov.au](mailto:crc@wongan.wa.gov.au) ; 9671 2550; WHDHS or our  event.*







## Bike-it-to-Ballidu

Saturday 21 March 2020

Crack the Hour  
Prize  
\$500

New  
Kids  
Category  
Yr 6-Yr 10



BIKES BIKES BIKES  
URGER STAND  
AR NO BYO  
AND THE STIEGERS 7PM  
US (COURTESY)

DEPARTING WONGAN HILLS HOTEL  
SCHEDULE TO BE ADVISED

New Band  
THE  
STIEGERS



Follow us  
#bikeittoballidu

For further information and to register visit:

<https://www.balliduprogressgroup.com/bikeittoballidu>

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bike-it-to-ballidu-2020-tickets-93238022435>

### New Prize Money

Mixed Teams 1st \$800 Runner-up \$400  
Male Teams 1st \$400 Runner-up \$200  
Female Teams 1st \$400 Runner-up \$200  
Individual Male Rider 1st \$400 Runner-up \$200  
Individual Female Rider 1st \$400 Runner-up \$200  
Veterans 1st \$300 Runner-up \$100

Line-up 2:30pm  
Starts 3pm from  
Wongan Hills  
Visitors Centre

Proudly Supported by:



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LES BEAR ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD





## IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

### Wongan Hills Junior Football

AUSKICK: K - Yr 3, training & games Sundays from 18/4. \$70.

NIPPERS: Yr4 - 14yrs. Training Wed's, First game Sun 18th.

For more info, [karenlkahl@westnet.com.au](mailto:karenlkahl@westnet.com.au) or 0428526484. To register (below). Select either Auskick or Junior (Nippers).

[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)