



Wongan Hills District High School

Wongarette

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Good Luck to Our Country Week Team!





As we get closer to the end of the term, I look back over an unusual year and the busy Term 3 that we have gone through. Being able to get back to some normality has meant that we have been able to have simple things like assemblies, carnivals, Country week and excursions and we are all hoping that nothing alters this so Term 4 and beyond can be back to normal. I think we have all learnt a few things having gone through this year.

Quiz Night

Last Wednesday the student council ran a Quiz Night at the Mocardy Centre for our students and it was a fantastic evening for all of those who attended. Special mention to Sarah Peters and the staff that supported the event on the evening.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

On Friday 11th September Wongan Hills DHS took a team to the Interschool Athletics Carnival to Moora. I would like to congratulate our students for their sportsmanship and positive attitude throughout the day. Congratulations to Lilli Mickle for being awarded champion for her age group and to Mason White and Flynn McDonnell for being runner up champions.

Kindergarten and Pre Primary 2021

We are delighted with our current enrolments for Kindy 2021. These numbers, along with our predicted numbers for pre primary in 2021, mean we will need to run a process to employ another ECE educator. Advertising for this position is underway and an announcement will be made after the process has been finalised. We are currently discussing what our K/ PP structure will look like for 2021 and will ensure all parents are informed of our decisions before the end of the year. The Stay and Play Kindy Readiness program will run in Term 4.

Hockey Oval Works

As communicated previously we have had works completed on coring and levelling our hockey oval last week. These works needed to be done to ensure that the surface is safe for our students. I thank the P&C for their support to get this done.

We would also like to see community members supporting the school by not walking their animals on the new oval, we are finding animal faeces are being left behind where our students play daily.

Evacuation Drill

Last Thursday our school conducted an evacuation drill for everyone on site. We would like to thank the support of our local police in Constable Moss and Constable Scott who watched the drill and gave us feedback on our evacuation procedures. Next term we are planning two drills which will be an evacuation drill during a break time and an offsite bushfire evacuation drill.

Secondary RAC Excursion

A reminder to secondary parents please read the note sent out on Skoolbag last week regarding the Road Smart excursion in week 1 of Term 4. Please complete the Eform permission slip, this can be found under EFORMS on the Skoolbag app.

All the Staff at WHDHS would like to wish our students and their families a safe and happy holidays!



WONGAN HILLS DHS

STAY AND PLAY

2021 Kindy Readiness Program

Wongan Hills DHS Stay and Play 2021 Kindy Readiness Program is commencing soon!

The program will run in the K/PP classroom.

Session 1-

*Wednesday, 2nd December 2020
9am -10.50am*

Session 2-

*Wednesday, 9th December 2020
9am - 10.50am*

A parent meeting will be held in the school cafe on Wednesday, 9th December 2020 at 9.30am

Please bring:

- A hat.
- A drink bottle clearly labelled with your child's name.
- A piece of fruit, cut up and in a container clearly labelled with your child's name.



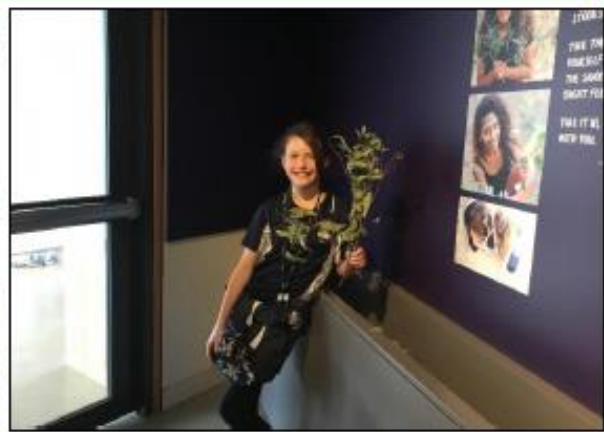
YEAR 4-5 EXCURSION TO NORTHAM

Last Friday, our class went to Bilya Koort Boodja in Northam. First, we did a smoking ceremony and then we split into two groups. One group went into the centre and the other group made a mia-mia. In the smoking, we were getting the bad spirits away. We had a go at the tapping sticks, then we went in the museum. Then the Miss was talking about the Noongar language and about the old people.

By Nathan Ashwin



Last week we went to the Bilya Koort Boodja centre in Northam. We got audio receivers to listen to information and stories. We learned how to make a mia-mia. We also learned how to smoke a fire. My favourite part was using the audio receivers to listen to information. When we did the mia-mia, it was cool how the branches would bend without snapping. I also like how the mia-mia was big enough for children and adults to fit in. When we left, we were brushed by gum leaves to brush the sadness away.





Last Friday, our class went to Northam to go to the Bilya Koort Boodja Centre. First, we did a smoking ceremony and then we split up into two groups. The first group went into the Bilya Koort Boodja building and we put on these audio receivers. Then we went into this room and we were welcomed to the reserve. When the welcome was finished, the lady told us that there are six seasons in Noongar seasons. But there are actually four seasons in the modern year. Then we heard about the body parts in Noongar language. Then we looked at Aboriginal elders yarning about what happened to them when they were children.

By Laelani-Rose Ryder



Last week, we went to the Northam Bilya Koort Boodja Centre. We did a smoking ceremony. Then my group went to build a mia-mia and we had to tie a ropey type of plant to hold the branches together. A bit later we were using some tapping sticks and the man danced to the rhythm. After we did that, we got to try to make a fire with two sticks, it was really fun. Then when we went into the building there were some items that were brought from a place that has lots of items that Noongar people made. There were so many different animals labelled with the Noongar words.

By Leah Abbott





Interschool Athletics Carnival

Wongan Hills had an absolutely delightful day at this year's Interschool Athletics Carnival. The weather was perfect, there was excitement all around for our big day! We competed against Moora Primary, St Joseph's Primary, Central Midlands SHS, Dalwallinu DHS, Kalannie- Miling Primary School, and Toodyay DHS.

Wongan Hills DHS congratulates all students from our network who participated at such a high standard. Thank you to Central Midlands Senior High School for hosting such a well organised day!

We had many students represent our school with the utmost respect to themselves, the school community; combined with a tenacity to try their personal best to achieve in each event. I thank all students who demonstrated the Wongan Way throughout the day. Overall, In the Primary division, Wongan Hills finished 6th with 296 points. In the Secondary division, Wongan Hills also finished 6th with 346.

While each individual student should be incredibly proud of their achievements, I would like to congratulate Lili Mickle for breaking 2 records on the day.

| Event | New Record |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Year 10 Girls Long Jump | 3.87m |
| Year 10 Girls Triple Jump | 8.50m |

An honourable mention goes to those students who achieved Champion and Runner Up Champion for their age groups

| Name | Year Group | Achievement | Points |
|-----------------|------------|------------------------|--------|
| Mason White | 1 | Runner Up Champion Boy | 25 |
| Flynn McDonnell | 9 | Runner Up Champion Boy | 49 |
| Lili Mickle | 10 | Champion Girl | 54 |

Once again, these days could not happen without the help and support of all parent and student helpers. You make the day run more efficiently smoother with the number of supporters we had.

Thank you to those parent and community members who go above and beyond to support all students from our network with these special events.

My final thanks goes to the Physical Education Teachers and carnival coordinators of our network who strive for excellence at these events. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated by our community.



Interschool Athletics Carnival





Last Wednesday night, the amazing Student Council team of 2020 *finally* got to host their first large scale fundraising event...

Pyjama- Rama Quiz Night!

We had a whopping 8 tables of teachers and students from Year 4-10 who took to the screen to test their knowledge across food, Disney & movies, staff, PJ's, animals, sport and music using an online interactive quiz platform Kahoot!

In between rounds we had loads of fun with mini whiteboard challenges, table challenge, Minute2Win It games and TikTok dance battles. It was fantastic seeing everyone with such an amazing have-a-go attitude.

There was some fierce competition between tables and we are still uncertain who were more competitive... staff or the students?!

Congratulations to the terrific table 2- Battle-saurus Rex who came away with the momentous win!

Below are the final scores of each table!

| Place | Table Number & Mascot | Points |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 st | Table 2 Bats | 38523 |
| 2 nd | Table 8 Whales | 34754 |
| 3 rd | Table 1 Red Pandas | 33518 |
| 4 th | Table 7 Giraffes | 29325 |
| 5 th | Table 3 Crocs | 28970 |
| 6 th | Table 6 Pigs | 28096 |
| 7 th | Table 4 Sloths | 27857 |
| 8 th | Table 5 Dinos | 25668 |

Kahoot!



A special mention and thank you to Karen Box and the Anglican community who let us use the incredible Mocardy Centre for this event.

Once again, we would like to extend our gratitude to the staff who volunteered their time to help the event happen, Mrs Simpson and Miss Peters, and the Student Council Team who organised the night.

Until next time!





Science



Technology



Engineering



Arts



Mathematics

The runaway success of the Junior Primary STEAM program provided the impetus for the Year 4-6 classes to jump on board too!

The last three weeks of term saw Mr Coughlan, Mrs O'Shea and Mrs Lobo collaborate to come up with **three different STEAM activities** that they have run during the last period of the week. The high school Community Routes students provided support as did some **fantastic parent helpers**.

Mr Coughlan provided his group with an **engineering and design task**. Working in small groups, students were asked to build a bridge out of pop-sticks that met the following criteria: it had to span 50cm, hold a load of 8kg and use only 100 pop-sticks.



Groups had to first spend time **planning and designing their bridge**, before they set to work turning their plan into reality.

In the second week, the next group of

students tested to see if the bridges that were constructed had **adhered to the criteria**. Unfortunately, the strongest bridge was able to only hold a load of 7kg...the result was that **all the bridges buckled under the pressure and broke!** The final group will need to come up with a plan to fix the bridges by **re-evaluating the design** & ensuring all criteria are met!



Mrs O'Shea's group were set another challenge that required a lot of **creativity, problem-solving and thinking out-of-the-box**. Students were given 28 cups, some rubber bands and some string. Without making direct contact with the cups, they had to stack the cups, using only the materials they had been given.



Although many groups came close, none were able to achieve the task in the allotted time. There was a **lot of laughter as cups came tumbling down** and students had to regroup and go back to the drawing board with new ideas.



Mrs Lobo capitalised on her class' recent visit to the **Bilya Koort Boodja centre in Northam**, where the students were shown how to build mia-mias – **temporary shelters that Aboriginal people built in the bush**. Her group's challenge was to observe a variety of native plants, shrubs and trees in the bush surrounding the school and **decide which plants would be most suitable for building specific parts** of the mia-mia's structure.



Students, working in groups, and with access to Mr Shanks' superior botanical knowledge, **tested, twisted and tried different materials** to make their choice.



The next step was to photograph the plant and **learn how to screen-share the iPad to the Smartboard** in the classroom so that the whole group could then participate in a discussion about the findings.



Students have **enjoyed the opportunity to work with different teachers and students** on engaging projects that have challenged them and required them to contribute their own unique skills and ideas to their group to achieve success.

Mr Coughlan, Mrs Lobo & Mrs O'Shea



Wongan Hills & Districts Basketball Association



Junior Basketball

Term 4 Competition 2020

Year 4 - Year 7

Cost \$55

Boys & Girls

Starting 14th October

Wednesday from 5:30pm

**Calling for nominations for players, coaches,
referees & scorers**

Please note mouthguards are compulsory

**Please e-mail whdba@outlook.com
to register your interest before 25th Sept 2020**



MOORE DISTRICT TENNIS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Deanne Even

Ph: 0488132181

Email: mooredistricttennis@gmail.com

ZONE COACHING 2020 With Frontier Tennis

Sunday 13th September 2020 Goomalling

Sunday 20th September 2020 Wongan Hills (Subject to change with numbers)

Sunday 11th October 2020 Yerecoin (Subject to change with numbers)

Sunday 18th October 2020 Wongan Hills (Subject to change with numbers)

25th-28th October 2020 D'Arcy Slater Tournament Geraldton (If selected)

More coaching may be arranged for the remainder of the season subject to interest.

Times

Introductory Squad - 8.30am -10.00am

Development squad - 10.15am - 12.30pm

Talent squad - 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Cost

Introductory \$80, Development \$100 and Talent Squad \$120

Please direct credit coaching fees to:

Moore District Tennis Assoc

Bendigo Bank BSB: 036 129

Account Number: 103275

REFERENCE – CHILD'S SURNAME

Please note that all children attending this program must be a member of an affiliated tennis club within the zone.

8.30am to 10 am – Introductory squad - for juniors with limited or no coaching from ages 6 to 10 years.

10.15am to 12.30pm – Development squad - up to the age of 12 years

1.00pm to 4pm – Talent squad - more experienced juniors who participated in this squad last year, or juniors Cameron recommends should participate in this squad.



Seeking Expression of Interest

Aussie Hoops Basketball

Children from PrePrimary – Year 2

Each Wednesday of Term 4 - 3.00pm to 3.45pm

8 week program

Commencing 21st October 2020

**If your child is interested in participating please
contact Kristie Frearson on**

kristie_frearson@hotmail.com



Department of
Transport



Community Bike Breakfast



Bike Month is WA's annual celebration of cycling, and this year the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu has joined forces with the Department of Transport, WestCycle, CRC, and the Wongan Hills District High School to offer a fabulous free community breakfast!



7am - 8:30am

Friday 23 October 2020
@ 'The Station'



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



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. Students can then ride on to school after the event, with the help of teachers.



RSVPs not essential but strongly encouraged for catering purposes.





Wongan Hills DHS



FREE DRESS DAY!

**Friday
25 - 9- 20**



GOLD COIN DONATION

THE STUDENT COUNCIL ARE HOSTING FREE DRESS
DAY ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM.
ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS
STUDENT EVENTS.
SCHOOL APPROPRIATE CLOTHING ONLY!



WONGAN HILLS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

P&C Fundraising...

P&C Office Bearers

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| Chairperson – Peter Whitfield | 0429201254 |
| Vice-Chair – Stefan Crossen | 0427913281 |
| Secretary – Karen Box | 0428526484 |
| Treasurer – Eloise Brennan | 0477116211 |
| Uniforms – Aleisha Coad | 0418290886 |
| Catering – Julie Sewell | 0429721048 |

FUNDRAISING

Catering fundraisers are a great way to get to know other parents and provide delicious food for an event. All **money raised** is used for programs and infrastructure at Wongan Hills DHS. The funds raised are distributed by the P&C (which meets once a term and is open to all parents). *Julie Sewell* volunteers as our *Catering Coordinator*. She is friendly and approachable and is happy for anyone to lend a hand.

If everyone helps out sometimes, it shares the load and is good fun. We need volunteers for two events in the school holidays, if you are around. (Older teenagers and dads welcome too!)

If you are on Facebook, please like the Wongan Hills P&C page for updates.

If you can help, either let Julie know on Facebook or on 0429 721 048. Or let the rep in your class know and they will pass your details on:

Kindy/PP Jess Boddily 0456352650

Yr 1/2 Wendy Breen 0428741244

Yr 2/3 Georgie Sadler 0407823407

Yr 4/5 Mel Whyte 0417979404

Yr 5/6 Jess Hartley 0400226291

High School – Melodie Henderson 0458884673 or Julie Geidritis 0418966459.



P&C Catering Saturday 3rd October at the Wongan Hills Rec Centre.

100 people riding their bicycles around the wheatbelt are staying overnight in Wongan Hills and we are catering a roast dinner and deserts. Can you help?

9-11am

11-1pm

1-3pm

3-5pm

5-7pm

7-9pm

(Julie would love a couple of helpers to chop veggies on Friday if you would prefer).



Option 2: P&C Catering Thursday 8th October in town and at Rathnally Farm.

8-10am

11-1pm

1-3pm



A huge **thank you** to Julie and parents for organising the lunches for the school carnival, as well as the two staff catering jobs that have been completed this term. We appreciate your efforts!

Next P&C Meeting: Monday 5th October 2020

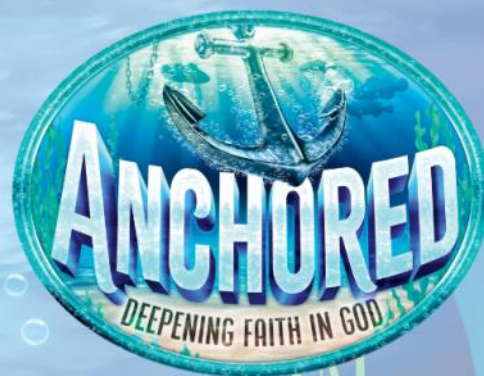
7:00pm @ School Library (also online for parents who RSVP via email)

Topic of Information: School Wide Literacy Programs – how are our kids taught literacy?



HOLIDAY CLUB

Mocardy Centre
7 Ackland Street
Wongan Hills



Join us as we have fun
at Anchored Holiday Club
**SEA CRAFTS -
ANCHORS AWAY GAMES -
DEEP BIBLE ADVENTURE STORIES
MUSIC, DANCING & MORE!**

For children aged 5 upwards

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we will not
accept any children if they are unwell

Friday 9th
October and
Saturday 10th
October 2020
9.00am - 4pm
each day

\$8 per child/ per day
or \$15 per child/both days
(includes all food and
activities)

Register your interest through
www.gfsperth.com.au/holidayclubs
or pick up a registration form and more information
at the Mocardy Centre or call
GFS on 0438270364



| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1 | 12 th October Term 4 Commences Cyber-safety talk Year 6-10 | 13 th October <i>Kindy</i> | 14 th October <i>Scholarship Assembly 2pm</i> | 15 th October <i>Kindy</i> RAC Excursion Secondary | 16 th October <i>Kindy</i> |
| 2 | 19 th October P & C Meeting 7.30pm Student Leadership Camp | 20 th October <i>Kindy</i> Student Leadership Camp | 21 st October Wongarette Student Leadership Camp | 22 nd October <i>Kindy</i> | 23 rd October <i>Kindy</i> |
| 3 | 26 th October School Council Mtg 6.30pm | 27 th October <i>Kindy</i> | 28 th October <i>PP Incursion Dalwallinu visit</i> | 29 th October <i>Kindy</i> | 30 th October <i>Kindy</i> Scholarship Applications Due |
| 4 | 2 nd November | 3 rd November <i>Kindy</i> D & T Day | 4 th November Wongarette | 5 th November <i>Assembly 9am Rm 3 Kindy</i> | 6 th November <i>Kindy</i> PP Zoo Excursion |
| 5 | 9 th November SIDE VISIT (present and future students) | 10 th November <i>Kindy</i> SIDE VISIT (present and future students) | 11 th November Our Solar System Incursion K-6 SIDE VISIT (present and future students) | 12 th November <i>Kindy</i> | 13 th November <i>Kindy</i> |
| 6 | 16 th November | 17 th November <i>Kindy</i> | 18 th November Wongarette Year 6 Trans Day Yr 7 Imm | 19 th November <i>Kindy</i> | 20 th November <i>Kindy</i> Book Fair Electives 2020 |
| 7 SWIMMING | 23 rd November Book Fair | 24 th November <i>Kindy</i> Book Fair | 25 th November Book Fair | 26 th November <i>Kindy</i> | 27 th November <i>Kindy</i> ILN Maths Day |
| 8 SWIMMING | 30 th November ILN Lego League | 1 st December <i>Kindy</i> Assembly 9am PP and Rm 1 | 2 nd December Stay and Play Wongarette | 3 rd December <i>Kindy</i> | 4 th December <i>Kindy</i> Aussie of the Month Luncheon |
| 9 | 7 th December <i>Cadet Camp</i> | 8 th December <i>Kindy</i> | 9 th December Stay and Play Parent Meeting School Café 9.30am Kindy end of year Celebration | 10 th December <i>Kindy</i> | 11 th December <i>Kindy</i> |
| 10 | 14 th December | 15 th December <i>Kindy</i> Yr 6 End of Primary Luncheon | 16 th December Reports emailed Wongarette Presentation Ass 1.00pm – 2.30pm | 17 th December <i>Kindy</i> Students Last Day | 18 th December School Office Open 8.30am -3pm |