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Reporting to Parents

On Wednesday 29th July, we held our Parent Teacher Interview afternoon. Parents had the opportunity to schedule an interview with teachers to talk about their child/ren's progress in Semester 1. We are always looking for ways to improve, so if anyone thinks the interview process can be improved please communicate this to your child's teacher or the administration.

Thank You!

I would like to thank the P&C Committee for their on going support of our school. The P & C are supporting the school by funding work to get our oval lawn levelled and ready for the coming summer months and extending the lawn area to where the students enter the oval from the school.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Enterprise Schools Initiative

Wongan Hills DHS has now become part of this project in partnership with Dowerin DHS. This will mean that staff from both schools are working together to improve student learning for our secondary students with this state-wide project.

School Open Time

We are still having issues with students arriving early to school. The school is open and provides duty of care for our students from 8:30am. Please make sure your children are not at school before this time. Students who arrive at school before 8:30am will be supervised in the junior corridor by the school administration team. The school appreciates parents and carers support with this process. Thank you!

Attendance

It is time to remind parents/carers of the importance of students attending school every day. Student success at school is directly linked to how often a student attends. Regular attendance is 90%, which means that a student can only be absent for one day a fortnight to maintain regular attendance. This requires parents and caregivers to further support their children to get to school to be able to achieve to their potential. The lack of attendance does have a significant effect on your children's ability to learn. As the table below shows, a child that regularly attends school still misses four weeks of school in a year.

Time missed per:	90% attendance	80% attendance	70% attendance
Fortnight	1 day	2 days	3 days
Term	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks
Year	4 weeks	8 weeks	12 weeks
After 13 years (YR 10)	1 school year + 12 weeks	Over 2 ½ school years	Almost 4 years

Informing the school if your child/ren will be absent

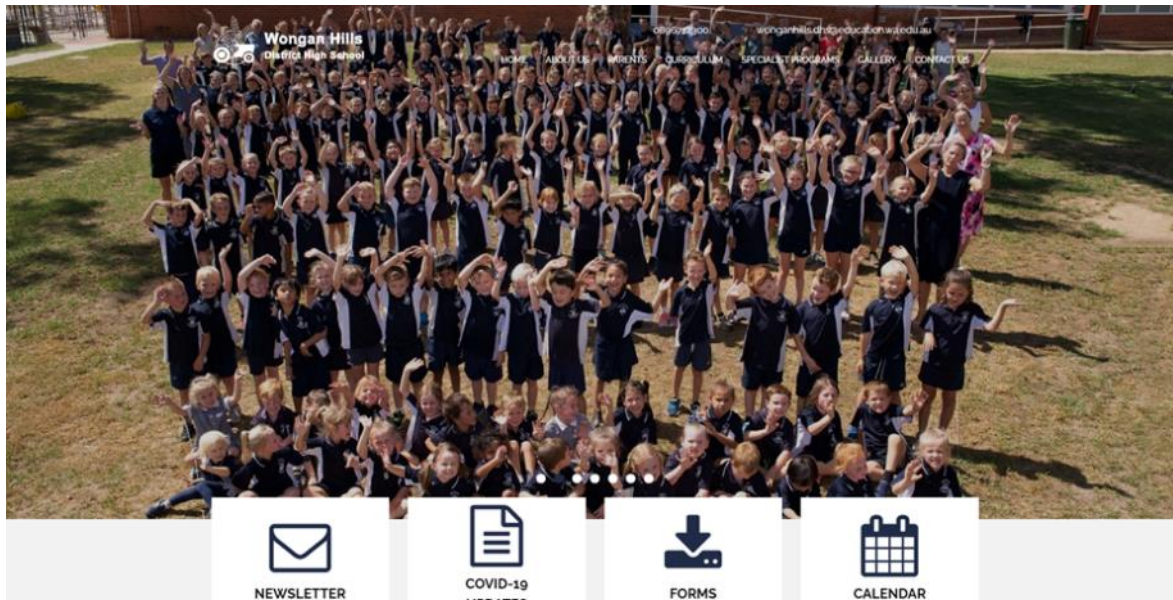
There are several ways you can inform the school if your child/ren are going to be absent from school.

- Inform the classroom teacher via email, note in the student diary or verbal communication
- Notify the school office
- Phone the school directly 96712300
- Reply to the absentee text message sent out to all parents of students who are marked absent
- Submit an absentee form on the Skoolbag app. This form can be found under the 'eforms' tab on the Skool bag app. Once the form is submitted it is emailed directly to the school office, notifying the school your child will be absent.



School Website

I would invite everyone to take the time to look at the school's [website](#). The website is updated regularly under the management of Ms Elise Boase. One of the additions that we have made is term outlines for all year groups. I would like to thank the staff for organising this important information to be available to parents. Also, the photo gallery has been expanded to five sections rather than the previous single section.



Year 6 Camp

Year 6 Camp!

Mrs O'Shea, Jai, Mrs Simpson and our Year 6 students have set off for camp. They will spend a week at Dwellingup.

We wish them all a fun week.





“But why does she not speak?” Euripides, Alcestis

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides is an incredible crime-thriller about an artist, Alicia, who shoots her husband in the head five times and then doesn't speak again for the next six years. Theo, a psychotherapist, starts working within the hospital and takes over Alicia's case and the mission of getting her to speak again. Alicia's story is told through her diary entries while we get a first person perspective of Theo's events. The author puts the reader in a position where they are constantly unsure of who to trust. When I read the story, the author gave me the perception of both characters being untrustworthy. However, Alicia's diary entries played a massive role in allowing me -as the reader- to understand her more through her own thoughts and character development. The story finishes with a plot twist that ties all the events together and is a chilling turn of events.

The story contains heavy themes surrounding mental health issues and it portrays them through the use of metaphors. Many of these themes come out in Alicia's journal entries and art. The painting that she does after the murder is a metaphor relating her upbringing and life until the point of the murder to a Greek story named Alcestis. This metaphor or analogy encompasses the story from start to finish. The themes surrounding this are dark links to her believing that she had already been “condemned to death” after seeing her mother die in a car accident. In Alicia's first diary entry, she writes about feeling depressed and how writing felt like a sort of therapy.

“unexpressed emotions will never die. They are buried alive, and will come forth in uglier ways.” Was a quote, by Sigmund Freud, used to start Alicia's entries. The stories' themes were chilling and twisted, surrounding murder and severe mental health issues.

Euripides' story *Alcestis* features heavily throughout the novel. The hero of the story, Admetus, is condemned to death but he makes a negotiation. It is decided that he can escape death if he can convince someone else to die for him. His wife, Alcestis, offers herself in place of her husband so she doesn't leave their children fatherless. In a happy turn of events, she is seized from Hades, the god of the underworld, and returned back to the land of the living. Alcestis is alive again and does not speak. Nobody can understand why.

After Alicia murders the love of her life, and fails an attempt at suicide, she paints a self-portrait containing keys features about the murder and the events leading up to it. She names this piece of art Alcestis. This art links comprehensively to the story as Alicia relates it to her own life. This is a mystery Theo has to figure out on his journey to getting her to speak again. The reader is brought along on this thrilling journey where we; the readers, find out what events led Alicia to believing she related so strongly to Alcestis's story.

I found the novel to be enticing and thrilling. I thoroughly enjoyed it and found it be an easy read and the definition of a page turner. The story will have you on the edge of your seat just needing to know what happens next. I would definitely recommend reading it!

By Erin Simpson



Community and It's Helpers.

On the 6th of August the K/PP class went on an excursion to the Wongan Hills Westpac Bank. This is one of the many excursions we will be going on as a part of our term three theme, Community and It's Helpers.

We had a great time at the bank and were lucky enough to explore behind the scenes. We saw the back of an ATM and inside the big safe where the money is kept. We even got to lift a bag of silver coins to see how strong we were. The K/PP class and Miss Gordon would like to Thank Mrs Topham for allowing us to come and visit your bank and see what your job is all about.





On Friday, 7th August, our Kindy and Community Routes students participated in tree planting at the Wongan Hills Community Garden in partnership with the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu and Boekeman Machinery.

Many thanks to Bruce Mitchell from the Shire of Wongan Ballidu, Lorrice Richards from Boekeman Machinery, and all our parents who attended.



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P&C Update...

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<i>Catering</i> – Julie Sewell	0429721048

Term 3 Meeting

The Uniform Shop A huge thank you to Aleisha Coad who continues to run such a wonderful resource for our school. We really appreciate the volunteering that you do on behalf of all our kids. Make sure you are kind to her whenever you are ordering – she is amazing, often with difficult suppliers and tricky time limits!



Catering

A huge thank you to Julie Sewell who is heading up the catering fundraisers. Julie and a few helpers cooked a delicious Roast Dinner and dessert last Friday night for the Rotary Changeover dinner.

P&C are catering morning tea and lunch this Monday and Tuesday (10/11th August) and we are looking for a couple of helpers from each class. If you would like to lend a hand, please let your class rep (names below) know that you can help, or ring Julie.

Thanks to Kate Whyte, Louise Siegert, Julie Sewell, Eloise Brennan and Georgie Sadler for helping last Friday.

Clearing Sale – Thursday 8th October. This is during school holidays, but hopefully this means there will be extra helpers available.

Class Reps: Jess Boddily (K/PP), Wendy Breen (Yr 1/2), Georgie Sadler (Yr 2/3), Mel Whyte (Yr 4/5), Jess Hartley (Yr 5/6), Elise Boase (Yr 7/8), Melodie Henderson (Yr 9/10) and Julie Giedritis (Yr 11/12). Thank you to these people who will help by asking other parents in their class to lend a hand at some of our fundraising events.

Top Oval Project Money donated for the oval will be spent on the coring and final levelling in the coming months. We thank Brandt Coad for subsidising his quote to lay the water pipes. We will be asking for helpers to lay those pipes towards the end of term. The P&C and the school will organise a thank you event for everyone who helped and donated to this wonderful asset.

Sports Carnival Helpers: On Wednesday 26th August, Sarah Peters needs 6 volunteers to mark the oval ready for Friday. If you can lend a hand, please let Sarah know sarah.peters2@education.wa.edu.au.



Facebook Page Monday, it was decided to have a P&C Facebook page to make it easier to share information about fundraisers or other P&C events that will be happening.



The next P&C meeting will be held in the School Library. We will trial an on-line option for parents who find 7pm tricky to get to in person. If you would like to attend the P & C meeting from the comfort of your home, just reply to Karen by Monday lunchtime and you will be sent an email to log-on just before the meeting.



Next Meeting: Monday 26th October 2020
7:00pm @ The School Library

The on-line option to join the meeting will be available.