

Kojonup DHS Newsletter

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TERM 3 WEEK 6 26th AUGUST 2025



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello everyone,

I hope you have managed to keep warm in the last week – it has been a particularly cold spell that is lingering longer than we would like!

Crazy Week is done and dusted. A little disappointing that two of our incursions cancelled on us, but nevertheless students had a great time. The dance concert on Friday afternoon showcased what the students had learnt in three days of instruction and was great to witness. A huge thanks to Tara Punch for her time and the enthusiasm she brought to the incursion.

Thanks also to parents who put in the time to ensure their children were in costume for the Book Week parade. I could see from the photos that a lot of thought and effort had gone into these.

This week, we have our annual public meeting for the School Board on Thursday at 1:30pm. We are looking for a community representative to join our group, so if you know of anyone in the community that would be willing to give some time to the school in that capacity, let us know.

We are also celebrating Wear it Purple Day on Friday here at school, so anything purple goes on that day.

The Year 9/10 group will be heading to Boddington on Friday for the Careers Expo. This promises to be an informative day with interesting exhibits available for students to view, providing information about possible career pathways.

Next Monday 1st September is a School Development Day, so students get the day off school. As a staff we will be looking at psychosocial hazard identification, staff workload and the leaders of the PLC's will be addressing the staff.

Attendance will also be discussed, in particular early childhood attendance and the absolute importance of attending school from the first day of Kindergarten, to set habits early. There is a myth that attending Kindy is not compulsory. It is not compulsory to enrol in Kindy, but once your child is enrolled, it is then compulsory for them to attend. By ensuring children attend each day, we set lifelong habits.

Our next assembly is next Friday, 5th September, where we will be entertained by the pre-primary class – I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sharon Poett
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS—PRIMARY

Hello and welcome to another newsletter. I feel like to just wrote Week 3's. This term is flying by!

Over the past few weeks, students have been incredibly busy in their classrooms and engaging in whole school events, excursions and incursions. Crazy week was a fabulous success with classes engaging in dance, Book Week and buddy classes. Thank you to all the teachers who helped make the week a success. Your students appreciate everything you do for them.

On Wednesday 13th August, our Year 5 and 6 students attended the annual Science Week excursion at Katanning Senior High School. Students had a blast (literally) decoding the universe. A big thank you to Mrs Clifton, Mrs Bignell and Miss House for taking students over for the day.

PBS shop was run on Tuesday 26th August. with 108 students choosing to spend some of their hard earned dojo points. I know lots of students are currently saving for the end of year Katanning All Ages Playground trip and the Bunbury shopping trip. If you have any toys, collectables or novelty items that are in good working order please consider donating them to the shop. We are always looking for new items to add to our inventory. Our next shop will be held in Week 10.

Wear it Purple day is coming up. We encourage all students to wear something purple to celebrate inclusivity and diversity at our school. I look forward to seeing our students and staff in their purple outfits celebrating a lovely cause.

As always it is incredibly important for your child to be at school as much as possible. Missing regular days can impact of your child's ability to keep up with their peers, practice new concepts, and ensure they are filling any gaps in their knowledge.

Have a fabulous rest of your week !

Lauren Suttie

Deputy Principal—Primary

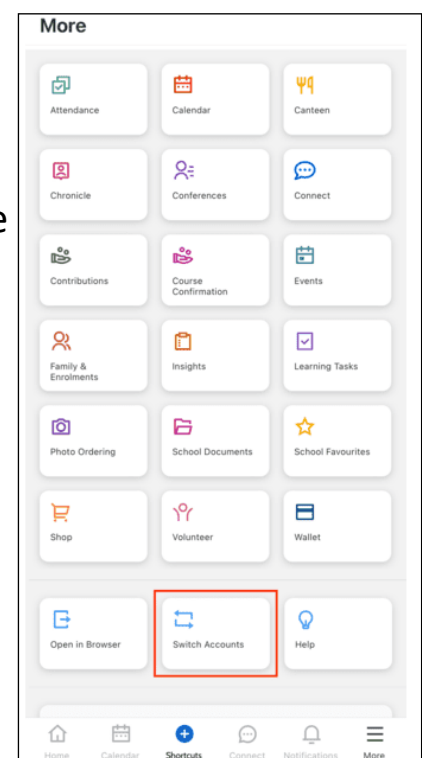
Compass CORNER: CHILDREN AT DIFFERENT SCHOOLS

One issue we've been asked about is what to do when your children go to different schools. How can you see each child's profile and receive notifications from multiple schools?

The good news is you can see all of your children on the Compass app, you just need to switch between the profiles.

Go into the Compass app and click on 'More' at the bottom right hand corner. Scroll down and there will be the option to Switch Accounts. You can then choose between the different parent accounts for each school. There is the option to add an account if you have not yet set them all up.

If you have any questions, please contact the front office for assistance.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—SECONDARY

We are halfway through Term 2 and the secondary students are in full swing with their learning. For Year 7-10 students, English is currently a space for learning about 'Graphic Novels'. A *"Graphic Novel"* is a format, not a genre. Graphic novels can be fiction, non-fiction, history, fantasy, or anything in-between. Graphic novels are similar to comic books because they use sequential art to tell a story. Unlike comic books, graphic novels are generally stand-alone stories with more complex plots. Key elements of graphic novels include panels, speech bubbles, and artwork that work together to create meaning. Analysing these components reveals how visual storytelling techniques contribute to pacing, tone, and themes. KDHS is very lucky to have an experienced English teacher from the teaching 'Flying squad' this term whilst we await our permanent English teacher to commence next term. Thank you, Mr Michael Munro for bringing your enthusiasm, high expectations and expertise to Kojonup DHS.

A big thank you to our secondary families who attended the parent/carer interviews. It was time well spent chatting with the teachers about your son/daughter's progress.

A number of extra curricular activities have kept the students engaged over the past few weeks. Year 7's enjoyed the concert band visit with their performances, followed by the Year 7/8's attending a Science excursion to Katanning SHS for Science Week for Science Week where the theme was "Decoding the Universe – Exploring the Unknown with Nature's Hidden Language."

Year 10's attended a P.A.R.T.Y. excursion to the local Kojonup Hospital where they were involved in roadside scenarios. Thank you so much to all the wonderful people who gave their time to assist with the event to teach some lifelong lessons to our students, to our school nurse Annie Hornby for coordinating it, and Sharon Livingstone and Brandan Holland for taking our students.

'Crazy Week' last week was full of amazing Buddy Class activities; a chance for secondary and primary students to team up in a unique classroom setting including getting dressed up for the Book Parade, along with staff. The week culminated in a dance performance where all year levels got to show their talents in front of the whole school, family and friends—well done to all. It was so pleasing to see the secondary students put away their adolescent inhibitions, and with pride as a group, perform their choreography that they learnt across several lessons,. I'm so very proud of each and every one of them!

Yet there is still more to come in the next 5 weeks:

Week 6 - Year 9/10 Careers Expo excursion to Boddington and a CSIRO incursion for Year 7/8

Week 7 - Tournament of Minds competition in Katanning

Week 8 - Year 10 Transition Day at Katanning SHS

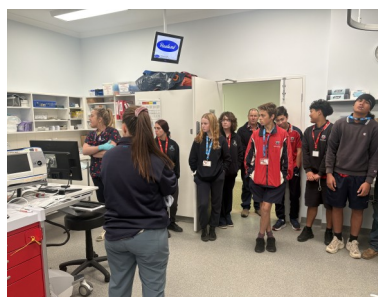
Week 9 - Year 9 S.A.L.T. excursion to Katanning SHS, looking at trade careers, and the Secondary PBS Reward Day

Week 10 - Country Week!

What great opportunities available to our secondary cohort, to have so much learning in both curriculum and extracurricular areas of schooling. KDHS is a fantastic place for young adults to be educated and holistically nurtured during this exciting stage of their lives.

Jacky Brown

Deputy Principal—Secondary



Year 10 P.A.R.T.Y. excursion

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Board Meeting Open

Meeting—All WELCOME

Thursday 28th August, 1:30pm

School Library

Year 9-10 Careers Expo

Friday 29th August

Boddington

Wear It Purple Day

Friday 29th August

School Development Day—NO SCHOOL!

Monday 1st September

Tournament of Minds—Year 7

Tuesday 2nd September

Katanning

Pre-Primary Assembly

Friday 5th September, 2:15pm

Upper Primary Undercover Area

R U Ok Day

Thursday 11th September

Year 10 Transition Day to

Katanning SHS

Friday 12th September

Year 9 SALT Excursion

Thursday 18th September

Katanning SHS

Country Week—Year 7-10

Sunday 21st—Friday 26th

September

Perth

Last Day of Term 3

Friday 26th September



SCHOOL BOARD OPEN MEETING



Thursday 28th August, 1:30pm in the School Library

Everyone is invited to see what the School Board is all about. Our Board consists of parents, school staff and community members.

KOJONUP'S OWN STEM STAR: INDIE RILEY WINS DEADLY SCIENCE AWARD

Kojonup District High School is celebrating after Year 9 student Indie Riley was awarded the prestigious Deadly Science 'Deadly Learner' award. In addition to a certificate, Indie will also receive a \$250 voucher. This national award recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who demonstrate a deep passion for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

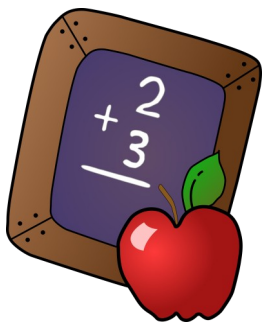
Indie's nomination highlighted her as a dedicated and passionate Noongar student who embodies the core values of Deadly Science: Inspire, Empower, Innovate, Community, Culture, and Integrity. She consistently produces high-quality work, from detailed notes to creative models, and shows a genuine enthusiasm for learning STEM concepts. Beyond her academic achievements, Indie was also recognised for her powerful presence as a role model. As a young Aboriginal female, she supports her peers and encourages younger students to be confident and curious in their own learning. Her commitment to education and uplifting those around her made her a deserving nominee.

Her passion for STEM is helping to break down stereotypes and shows that success in science is possible for all students. Indie's win highlights not only her individual success but also her positive impact on the entire school community. To know more about Deadly Science, please visit <https://deadlyscience.org.au/>.

Sharon Poett— Principal

Jacky Brown—Deputy Principal-Secondary

Nikhil Sharma—Science Teacher—Secondary



MATHS MADNESS!!

PAPER – SCISSORS – MATH



This edition of “Maths Madness” is the adaptation of the game “Paper – Scissors – Rock”.

HOW TO PLAY

Similar to Paper, Scissors, Rock, the players use their fingers to represent numbers. The aim of the game is both players “add” both lots of fingers up and call out the answer. The winner being the quickest answer.

To challenge yourself incorporate your multiplication skills.

Example: $5 + 2 = 7$ or $2 + 5 = 7$

Challenge: $5 \times 2 = 10$ or $2 \times 5 = 10$

Happy playing.

Maths PLC

ZOE'S TENNIS CAMP IN BELGIUM

At the end of last term, I flew to Belgium for a tennis camp with six other kids from all around WA. I was gone for a month and had the best time of my life. I was pretty scared about going on the plane, but once we took off from Perth airport I realised I love flying, especially the taking off part because you go so fast! Landing is fun too, because it means you've hit the ground.

When we got to Belgium, we drove two hours to the house we were staying at in Barvaux. The house was four storeys high with lots of bedrooms. The boys all had to share one room, but I got one to myself with a double bed!

We started tennis training on the very first day. We trained every week day plus had tournament games as well. On the weekends we didn't train but sometimes had matches. The tournaments lasted all week and if you won you would go through to the next round and play the next day until you got to the final. If you lost, you got knocked out. I played on clay courts and carpet courts, and some of the courts were indoor or under big shelters. I played in four tournaments all up and won the final in three of them. I got two medals, a trophy, a new water bottle and some tennis balls for my prizes.

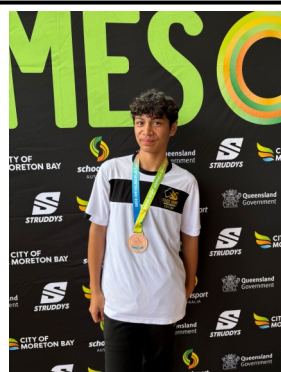
On one of the weekends, we went kayaking and bridge jumping. It was lots of fun. It was pretty hot over there, so I swam at the pool at the house a bit and went to the town pool with some of my new friends from tennis. On another weekend, we went into a city called Liège and walked around seeing all the tourist stuff. We had to walk up 374 steps at one place. It was a very good view at the top.

I made some very nice new friends. My tennis coach's niece, Nyna, and I are very good friends now. We spent lots of time together and I got to go and watch her at her gymnastics competition. She was very good. Nyna can't speak English and I can't speak French, but we could talk to each other with our phone translators. I also made very good friends with Romane; she is 15 and I spent a lot of time with her. We were both very sad when it was time to say goodbye. I hope I get to see both of them again one day.

I loved all the baguettes, waffles and croissants!

Zoe Milne

Year 6



CONGRATULATIONS DEEKIN!

Congratulations to Deekin Phillips Ryder (Year 9) who represented the WA Under 15 Boys Netball state team.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for their kind donations to help Deekin get to Brisbane They came home with the bronze.

Courtney Phillips Ryder

BOOK WEEK PARADE

The annual Book Week parade was held on Tuesday 19th August. As always, it was a lot of fun with so many incredible costumes. Thank you to the students, parents/carers and staff for putting in such an effort.



Kindy winners—Emma Robinson and Finn Porter



Pre-Primary winners—Lyla Porter and Will Adams



Year 1/2 winners—Sofia Scolari and Grace Hagedoorn



Year 2/3 winners—Isabella Scolari and Lincoln Jefferies



Year 3/4 winners —Maddie Zadow and Bristol Fleay



Year 4/5 winners — Annabel Eatt and Sophie Jefferies



Year 6 winners — Polly Eatt and Jett Crane



Secondary winners — Adahna Wells and Gracie Venabkes



Secondary winners —Jayden Manipon and Carl Labrado



Secondary winners — Samarra Somerville and Temperance North



Staff winner —Mrs Jefferies



YEAR 4/5 AT THE FARM

The Year 4/5's have been visiting the school farm all year. They are lucky enough that they also get to spend time with the Year 6's and have completed many tasks together. Here are some snaps of what we get up to.

Bec Bignell

Year 4/5 Teacher



DANCE WEEK

Last week, we were very fortunate to have Tara Punch from Katanning come to do a three-day dance workshop with the whole school, culminating in a dance concert for parents/carers on Friday afternoon. A huge thank you to Tara for bringing some fun dance lessons to our school.



SCIENCE WEEK AT KATANNING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

As part of National Science Week, Year 7 and 8 students from Kojonup District High School took part in an exciting excursion to Katanning Senior High School on Tuesday 12th August, where they immersed themselves in a day of discovery, learning, and hands-on science.

The program offered students the opportunity to experience a wide range of activities designed to spark curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world around them. Highlights included:

- **Rocket Launching** – testing design, aerodynamics, and propulsion by sending their own rockets skyward.
- **Einsteinian Science** – exploring big concepts in physics in a way that was fun and engaging.
- **University Lectures** – hearing from professors who shared their expertise and passion for science.
- **Hands-on Experiments** – investigating forces and gravity through interactive challenges.

Sustainable Science – creating bioplastics from glucose, linking science to real-world environmental solutions.

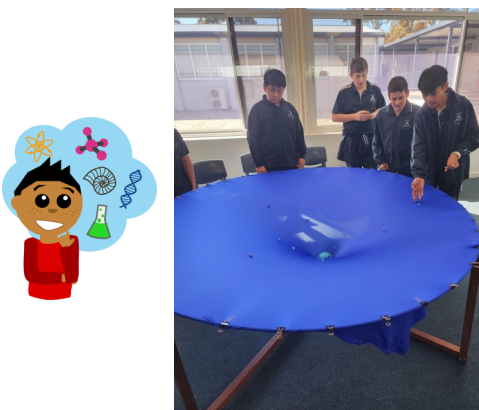
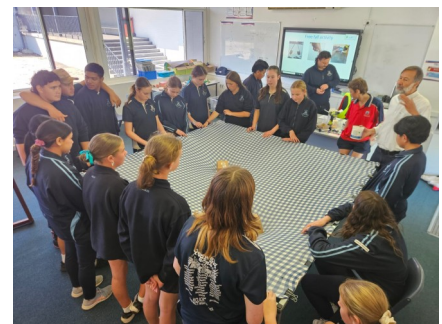
Students came away from the day inspired and enthusiastic, with many commenting on how the activities made science feel both exciting and relevant to everyday life.

Events like these bring science to life for our students. Not only did they learn new concepts, but they also got to see how science is shaping the future.

The excursion was a memorable way for Kojonup District High School students to celebrate Science Week and highlighted the importance of curiosity, innovation, and lifelong learning.

Nikhil Sharma

Science Teacher—Secondary



FARM TEACHER REPORT—TERM 3

Term 2 was a busy term with several incursions and excursions with Southern Dirt. Southern Dirt and local schools have engaged in the *Cultivating Sustainable Futures* project, supported by FRRR. This initiative aimed to educate students on key environmental topics including sustainability, revegetation, salinity, and land care practices through a combination of workshops and hands-on community planting days.

The aim of the project was a collaboration between growers and local school groups to plant native vegetation on degraded land areas across our surrounding agricultural communities. By implementing place-based practices surrounding existing environmental challenges, the project increases awareness, education and mitigation techniques in the short-term, whilst executing long-term preventative measures for the impact of drought.

On Thursday 5th June, students in Year 4/5 and 7-10 attended Cultivating Sustainable Futures workshops in the farm classroom facilitated by Southern Dirt's presenters with vast knowledge on the topics surrounding drought resilience, revegetation, salinity, and sustainability. Students made seed balls, measured the soil's resistance to water and tested soil and waters hydrophobic interactions. These hands-on experiences reinforced learning, awareness and a deeper understanding of drought-related issues and enhanced understandings of better drought resilience, biodiversity and sustainable practices.

After classroom education sessions and workshops, students then participated in perennials planting on the Zacher and House farms around Muradup on the 19th -20th June. We were joined by the newly established Kojonup Rangers group, who were keen to share their knowledge and learn alongside students about the importance of revegetating and creating sustainable land use for the future.

The term concluded with marking the composite lambs and the completion of Certificate 1 Module 1 of 2 for Year 9s and Modules 1, 2 and 3 out of 6 for Year 10 students. On Tuesdays, Certificate I students are participating in a hybrid program in conjunction with CGS. Year 9 students are opting in for welding and metal fabrication workshops whilst remaining students complete alternate farm skills and activities. Students are really enjoying these workshops, and we are very appreciative of CGS instructors Matt and Xavier.

This term as we move to lamb marking, curriculum focus is maintaining animal welfare, analysis of production systems in different contexts and the ongoing safe use of materials, tools and equipment. Colder months means more time in the classroom completing interactive activities, contextual knowledge-based curriculum and assessment modules and tasks. With the recent upgrade of our IT services and classroom connectivity, the delivery of curriculum and Certificate courses is interactive and streamlined.

Melissa Shepherd

Agriculture Teacher—Secondary

YEAR 9/10 PIZZA MAKING IN HOME ECONOMICS



Melissa Shepherd

Home Economics Teacher—Secondary

RECONCILIATION ARTWORK AT KODJA PLACE

Year 7 students are proudly sharing their voices on reconciliation through a special art exhibition now on display at Kodja Place.

The artworks were inspired by Noongar artist Norma MacDonald's art *Spirit Drawn*, which reflects the experiences and connections of Stolen Generations children from Carrolup Mission. Guided by this inspiration, students explored themes of identity, connection, healing, and respect in their own creative responses.

This project has given our students the chance to reflect on the Stolen Generations and what reconciliation means today. Their artworks show a deep sense of empathy and understanding, and we are very proud of what they have created.

The community is warmly invited to visit Kodja Place, Kojonup, to view the exhibition and celebrate the students' contribution to reconciliation.

Nikhil Sharma



SCIENCE WEEK: STICK INSECTS ON THE LOOSE

As part of this year's Science Week—officially titled "Decoding the Universe – Exploring the Unknown with Nature's Hidden Language" (but more affectionately known around here as Crazy Week)—our upper primary and secondary students brought their very well-behaved stick insects to visit primary classrooms. With their primary buddies, students investigated the sneaky survival skills of these masters of disguise. The highlight? A camouflage challenge where students designed their own insects using drawings, leaves, and sticks—and then tried to hide them in their art or around the classroom. Let's just say, a few were so well hidden we're still trying to find them!

It was a wonderfully weird and creative week full of science, surprises, and cross-year collaboration!

Nikhil Sharma

Science Teacher—Secondary



YEAR 2/3 ASSEMBLY

Well done to the Year 2/3 class who showcased their dance moves at the assembly on Friday 15th August. A big congratulations to our merit award winners and to the Year 6 class, who the Award of the Week for naming the most types of dance in one minute.

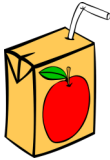
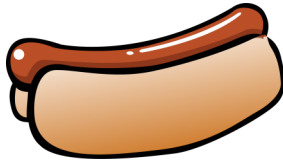
PRIMARY

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| Maeve Thorn | Lyla Porter | Emrys Ashton | Samuel Robinson | Imogen Hicks |
| Albert Michael | Pia Reid | Jance Manipon | Clark Quinn | Zachary Ashton |
| Abigail Venables | Patsy Wood | Madeleine Zadow | Charlotte Toland | Louis Sexton |
| Georgia Webb | Olivia Ashton | Hannah Daw | Chelsea Zadow | Ira-Laine Henare |
| Todd McMahon | Jonathon Webb | Ollie Hornby | | |

SECONDARY

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| Adahna Wells | Daniel Howell | Alexander Shepherd | Braydan Michael | Xkyze Vioria |
| Jayden Manipon | Carissa Daw | Hannah Bignell | Mila Crane | Gracie Beggs |
| Cody Ferguson | Indie Riley | Shanyle Padrequil | Mia Noanoa | Lyrique Reid |
| Samarra Somerville | | | | |





CALLS FOR INTEREST

If any parent group is keen to run a sausage sizzle at the Faction Athletics Carnival, please contact our Manager Corporate Services, Courtney Toland:

9831 3300

courtney.toland@education.wa.edu.au

This is a great opportunity to fundraise for camps or Country Week for 2026.

PBS FOCUS FOR THIS FORTNIGHT IS:

Use equipment appropriately

PBS VALUE: SAFETY



Use equipment appropriately

It is important to use equipment appropriately to keep everyone **safe**, to show respect for our school and make sure it lasts for everyone to use.

Why it is important:

- **Safety:** Prevents injury to yourself and others
- **Respect:** Shows care for school property so everyone can use it
- **Fairness:** Ensures equipment lasts and is available for all
- **Learning:** Helps us focus on tasks and activities without distraction



Carry iPads/laptops with two hands

Put sports equipment back in the correct place after use

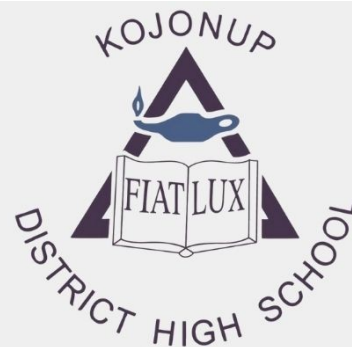


Use scissors only for cutting paper



Sit on chairs with all legs on the floor

KINDY ENROLMENT NOW OPEN 2026



**If your child was born between
1st July 2021 and 30th June
2022, you can now enrol for
Kindy for next year**

Enrolment forms are available on the KDHS website or from the front office

Please bring your child's original birth certificate and their immunisation records

Orientation and parent information sessions will be in Term 4



Lot 278 Blackwood Rd, Kojonup
www.kojonupdhs.wa.edu.au

 **(08) 9831 3300**



COMMUNITY INFORMATION



K K A S A
KOJONUP IDS AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Kojonup Library & Kodja Place are pleased to announce that we have secured funding for another term.

What: KKASA

Where: Kodja Place

When: Wednesday afternoons 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Bookings are essential and can be made from each Monday morning by contacting the library@kojonup.wa.gov.au or 98312412.

Numbers are capped at 15 (first in, best dressed)

Children **NEED** to be registered by parents to attend.



This activity has been funded under the Families and Communities Programme by the Australian Government Department of Social Services



ndis
ndis.gov.au

Meet the National Disability Insurance Agency Staff

Kodja Place - 143 Albany Hwy, Kojonup

Thursday 21st August 1-3pm

Thursday 11th September 10am -12pm

Thursday 20th November 1-3pm

Did you know the NDIA can help you if you have trouble with walking, talking, listening, seeing or thinking?

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



What is the NDIS?



What is a Disability?



How to get NDIS?



What are supports and services?

Connecting Kojonup in partnership with our Partners in the Community



We're hiking for mental health

Please support our Coastrek challenge by donating to our fundraising page.

- 1 Scan the QR code
- 2 Search for team: **Larry and the Jets**
- 3 Donate to support Beyond Blue

Thank you for your support!

beyondblue.org.au



SCAN ME

Hi everyone! Nurse Annie and I are taking part in Coastrek, Australia's iconic hiking challenge! Together with our team we'll be training for an epic coastal trek to improve our health, fitness and wellbeing while raising funds for Beyond Blue.

We'd be so grateful if you'd like to support our fundraising efforts and help ensure support is there when needed for those we love and for everyone in Australia. You can donate via this link: <https://www.coastrek.com.au/s/61592/75580/e> or scan the QR code on the poster and search for our team- **Larry and the Jets**.

Thank you

Liz Webb & Annie Hornby



Friends of the Kodja Place is with Great Southern Treasures.

24 August at 17:30 · 🌐

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📷 Junior Photographic Exhibition 📷

👤 Calling all Under 16's

Do you like to take photographs when you are out and about or doing your hobbies 🚲 🏈 🏍️ ⚽ 🏊

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or of your family, friends and favourite pets?



Maybe you live on a farm and like to help and take photographs of what you get up to? 🚜 🐑 🌱 ☀️

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO ENTER UP TO 5 X PHOTOS – ANY SUBJECT!

Kodja Place is excited to be hosting;

“Through Local Eyes” 👁️👁️

as part of the Bloom Festival in September and October this year, and we are looking for keen photographers under the age of 16 who would like to show their work as part of this exhibition.

Kodja Place is always at its busiest during the Bloom Festival and throughout the wildflower season. Your photographs will be shown on the large screen at Kodja Place during this time, together with your name, title of your photos and photograph of yourself (though not compulsory)

Please submit your photographs digitally by emailing at high resolution to mkp@kojonup.wa.gov.au.

If this is not possible please bring them to Jill Watkin at Kodja Place.

Please include:

📷 Up to 5 x photos (portrait or landscape)

📷 Title of your photo/s

📷 Name of photographer

📷 Biographical photo (optional)

📷 To: mkp@kojonup.wa.gov.au

NO cost to enter!

A prize will be given to our favourite photo and runner up 🏆

Entries will be displayed on the big screen at Kodja Place 📺

Closing date for submissions: Sunday 14th September 📅

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[#showcaseyourskill](#) [#celebratingphotography](#) [#galleryspace](#) [#localtalent](#) [#australiasouthwest](#)
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Department of Education

Shaping the future

VacSwim

Give your child the skills they need around water.

Available in your local area.

Spots are limited, enrol now to secure your place.

education.wa.edu.au/vacswim






Department of Education

Shaping the future

VacSwim

Regional enrolment checklist

VacSwim enrolments are now open! Use this checklist to help secure your child's spot quickly in a regional program.

Get your WAIVS account ready

- ☐ Register for a WA Intern and VacSwim (WAIVS) account. It's essential for online enrolment.
- ☐ Already have one? Log in to your existing account.

Be aware of enrolment limits

- ☐ One program per child only. This allows your child to enrol in:
 - One October program
 - One summer program (December/January)
- ☐ Join the waitlist for additional programs if desired.

Choose your program and book early

Review program dates to find your preferred option.

October programs (Close: Tuesday 26 August 2025)

- ☐ **October program:** Wednesday 1 October to Friday 10 October 2025 (8 days)
- ☐ **October short:** Tuesday 6 October to Friday 10 October 2025 (5 days)

Summer programs (Close: Wed 15 October 2025)

- ☐ **Country early start:** Friday 19 December to Tuesday 23 December 2025 (5 days)
- ☐ **January program 1:** Tuesday 6 January to Friday 16 January 2025 (9 days)
- ☐ **January short:** Monday 12 January to Friday 16 January 2025 (5 days)
- ☐ **January program 2:** Monday 19 January to Thursday 29 January 2025 (8 days)

Prepare for costs and concessions

- ☐ Be aware of program and venue fees.
- ☐ Have an online payment method ready.
- ☐ Check your eligibility for concession rates on our website.

Gather your child's details

- ☐ Know your child's full name, date of birth and medical information.
- ☐ Determine their current swimming stage.

Find your local venue

- ☐ Use the map on our website to identify your preferred regional Vacswim venue.

How to enrol


- ☐ The easiest way is to enrol online.
- ☐ Mail option is available. Complete the form and mail to us by the closing date.

Enrol now:

education.wa.edu/vacswim

Need help? Call 9402 6412 or email vacswim@education.wa.edu.au

Spots are limited, enrol now to secure your place!



Australian Government
Department of Human Services

Health Care Card

Signature of cardholder

This card is NOT transferable
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Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.


For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

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Guide for eligible savings goals



Education items that are eligible:

- ✓ Textbooks
- ✓ Uniform mandatory for education (sports uniform included for children only)
- ✓ Computers and tablets (new or purchased second hand from a registered business with an ABN)
- ✓ Stationery
- ✓ Furniture for studying (desk, chair, bookshelves, desk lamp)
- ✓ Tutoring specific to study
- ✓ TAFE/VET fees
- ✓ Computer Accessories (antivirus software, the Microsoft Office suite, monitor, modem, printer, external hard drives, other hardware etc.)
- ✓ Bulk transport passes (monthly, 6 monthly and yearly passes) to school, university, or TAFE
- ✓ Equipment and industry specific clothing mandatory for vocational training. Please note that evidence must be provided to show that the equipment and/or clothing is a requirement for the course being undertaken
- ✓ Short courses and conferences that complement the vocational training being undertaken.

For children only the following educational items are also eligible:

- ✓ Children's Primary and Secondary School items that are eligible:
 - Excursions, trips, and camps
 - School bag, lunch box, drink bottle
 - School materials
 - Laptop Hire Scheme
 - School materials for specialist subject costs
 - School photos
- ✓ Children's club or community activity items (e.g., sport, music, dance, scouts/girl guides, cadets, art):
 - Membership fees and lesson fees such as swimming or piano lessons
 - Equipment and uniform
 - Excursions, trips, and camps

NOT eligible:

- ✗ Private school fees
- ✗ Childcare fees and school holiday programs
- ✗ HECS-HELP debts
- ✗ VET-FEE-HELP debts
- ✗ Motor vehicles and accessories, driving lessons and car parking costs
- ✗ Medical or health equipment
- ✗ Glasses (prescription or otherwise)
- ✗ Mobile Phones, Mp3 Players, TVs, or gaming consoles
- ✗ Internet plans
- ✗ Shoes, clothes, or accessories for school formals
- ✗ Shoes, clothes, or accessories for outside school, including watches, wallets, and purses
- ✗ Non study related furniture
- ✗ Bicycles
- ✗ Gym memberships
- ✗ Second hand goods not through registered dealer (with ABN (Australian Business Number))
- ✗ Item purchased without a Tax Invoice that includes an ABN

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