



# Newsletter

Term 2

Week 6

26<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Year 10 First Aid Course

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
Common Room

### Faction Cross Country

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

### WA Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

### Pyjama Day

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

### Year 3 Assembly

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
2:15pm, Upper Primary  
Undercover Area

### Interschool Cross Country

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
School Farm

## From the Principal's Desk

### Sharon Poett

It has been another busy and rewarding period at Kojonup District High School, with many opportunities for our students to shine.

A highlight has been the recent success of our Year 5/6 students who travelled to Albany to compete in the West Coast Fever Netball Cup. This was a fantastic experience for all involved, and we are incredibly proud of the way our students represented our school. An outstanding achievement saw two of our teams competing against each other in the grand final, while our third team also played off in a grand final match. This is a remarkable result and speaks to the depth of talent and teamwork within our students. Just as pleasing was the level of skill, determination and sportsmanship displayed throughout the competition.

Our Secondary students also had the opportunity to attend a netball carnival in Albany, where they performed exceptionally well. The Year 7/8 boys' team emerged winners on the day in their division, defeating Albany Senior High School in the final—an excellent achievement. The girls' team demonstrated great consistency, winning every game, except their final match. All students are to be commended for their terrific effort, exemplary behaviour and outstanding sportsmanship. A special thank you goes to the two students who took on umpiring duties throughout the day—your contribution and leadership were greatly appreciated.

In addition to these sporting successes, our Year 9 and 10 students recently participated in the NOW Sounds program, which proved to be a great success. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, embraced the positive atmosphere, and are already eagerly looking forward to the group returning to continue working with

them.

Our school community was also strengthened through the recent Walk-a-thon, which was a wonderful whole-school experience. It was particularly pleasing to see older students supporting our younger students, and an impressive number of laps were completed on the day. Well done to everyone involved, with a special mention to our Student Councillors who did an excellent job coordinating the event.

Another exciting opportunity for our Secondary girls has been their golf lessons at the Kojonup Golf Club. Each Friday, students have been developing their skills and learning the finer points of the game. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm—with a few budding Minjee Lee's emerging from the group!

Behind the scenes, a significant amount of work has been undertaken by Mrs Toland, our Manager Corporate Services, and her school officers. They have dedicated considerable time to training in preparation for the rollout of the new finance system, which goes live this week. Thanks to their efforts, the Kaartdijin CiA program is now fully functional. We greatly appreciate their professionalism and commitment in ensuring a smooth transition.

I would like to thank our staff, students and families for their ongoing support and contribution to our positive school culture. It is through these collective efforts that we continue to provide a rich and supportive learning environment for all. We look forward to many more opportunities ahead for our students to challenge themselves, build their skills and celebrate success.



*Thank you to some of our Year 8 students who showed pride by collecting rubbish around the school*



**CORNER**

## WHICH FACTION IS MY CHILD IN?

At KDHS, we have three factions - Aquila (green), Hercules (red) and Phoenix (yellow). You can see which faction your child is in on Compass. Siblings are always placed in the same faction.

*Click on your child's photo on the home screen*

*You will then be able to see your child's faction, class and year group.*

Male - 12 Years  
Groups: **Phoenix** Year 7, Year 7

# Deputy Principal News - Primary

*Lauren Harradine*

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. I am delighted to share some recent highlights and upcoming events from across our school community.

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students who proudly represented our school at the West Coast Fever Primary Netball Cup. It was an outstanding achievement to have all three of our teams progress to the grand final. Beyond their success on the court, the students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination throughout the day. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school. Thank you to Mrs Bignell and Mrs Thomson for supporting our students and to the parent volunteers who assisted on the day.

Well done to our Year 5 students for hosting a fantastic assembly on Friday 22nd May. They thoroughly entertained their audience with a confident and engaging performance. It was wonderful to see the pride and effort that went into showcasing their learning, and we thank staff and families who supported this special event.

Our Walk to School Walk-a-thon was a great success, with all students participating and giving it their best effort. It was particularly lovely to see students from a range of classes walking together, supporting one another and enjoying the experience. Events like this are a wonderful way to promote healthy habits and build a strong sense of community within our school.

We would also like to acknowledge the valuable Mustering Growth workshops. A big thank you to Mrs Chandler and Mrs Hill for facilitating these sessions. Through these workshops, students have been developing their understanding of resilience and positive mental health, providing them with important skills to support their wellbeing.

We look forward to our Faction Cross Country, taking place on Friday 29th May. We wish all participants the very best of luck and are excited to see students challenge themselves and demonstrate determination and team spirit.

A gentle reminder to all families about the importance of regular attendance. Being at school every day is vital for students' ongoing social and academic progress, helping them build strong connections and stay engaged in their learning.

Finally, we hope all families enjoy the upcoming long weekend and take the opportunity to rest and recharge.



**WOOD RAFFLE**

It's getting cold out there and our Country Week parents are here to help...

**WIN ONE OF TWO TRAILER LOADS OF WOOD**

**TICKETS \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5**

Tickets go on sale on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at the Winter Sports Carnival. See a Country Week parent or buy some from the school office from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Drawn on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May after the Faction Cross Country.



**FACTION CROSS COUNTRY**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**SAUSAGE IN A BUN \$5**

**JUICE BOX \$2**

**BOTTLED WATER \$2**

**ICY POLE \$1**

**All proceeds to support our Country Week team**

**CASH OR EFTPOS AVAILABLE**

**NO PRE-ORDERS REQUIRED**



**PYJAMA DAY**

Wear your favourite pyjamas to school!  
CELEBRATING THE FIRST DAY OF WINTER

**TUES 2 JUNE**

Illustrations of various pyjama sets including nightgowns, pajamas, and shorts.

# Deputy Principal News - Secondary

*Jacky Brown*

It is so pleasing to see the variety of incursions and excursions the secondary students are able to engage in here at Kojonup DHS. A big thank you to the staff who organise them.

Ms Shepherd has had educational excursions for her Year 9 Certificate 1 class and Year 10 Certificate 2 class.

Mr Sinclair organised the golf lessons that all our secondary female students attend each Friday for several weeks with a fantastic coach Megan Henry. Along with organising our Year 7/8 Netball excursion to Albany and thank you to Bon for coaching those boys to a final win.

Our school nurse Annie Hornby organised an online presentation with our Year 10 girls on 'Periods, Pain and Endometriosis', as well as the First Aid course for all of the Year 10's.

Be sure to look at the photos of our 'Now Sounds' incursion that the Year 9/10 students participated in here at the school.

The Secondary Form teachers continue to teach our PBS expectations fortnightly during extended Form, engaging students with "Walking in designated areas", "Show perseverance" and "Ask for and apply feedback". We also have short secondary assembly's fortnightly, covering 'what is on this week and next week', 'housekeeping items' and 'celebrations' for all the great things students are doing within the school.

Students are reminded with the cooler weather to continue to wear navy blue or white undershirts. Students can also wear navy blue jackets and long pants. Hoodies are not to be worn at all to school, this includes no hoodies at the farm.

There is a Parent/Carer information session on Thursday 4th June at Katanning SHS (5:30 – 6:30pm) for our current Year 10 students attending KSHS next year. Our students will also be attending KSHS for a 'Transition Day' on Monday 8th June. More information will be sent closer to the date.



*Winter is coming! As the beautiful trees around our school lose their leaves, the cooler the weather is becoming. Students had an opportunity for some great photos for our newsletter, with the leaves that had turned from green to red before falling from the branches and collecting in large piles on the grounds and so another cycle will begin.*



First lambs at the School Farm

# Year 5 Assembly

Well done to the Year 5 class, who hosted the assembly on Friday 22nd May. They did a fantastic job reinforcing our PBS value on Showing Resilience.

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Certificates at the assembly:



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

PRIMARY

Kayne Waitokia  
 Noah Howell  
 McKye Gordon-Walpole  
 Alexzanna Magini  
 Sofia Scolari  
 Leo Hartnup  
 Charlyne Magsino  
 Arthur Bilney  
 Pia Reid  
 Scarlett Reid  
 Ellie Bilney  
 Jance Manipon  
 Isabella Scolari  
 Tom Kelly  
 Patsy Wood  
 Brett McMahon  
 Sophie Jefferies  
 Paige Nagtegaal  
 Tyler Milne

SECONDARY

Todd McMahon  
 Steven Antao  
 Hazel Toland  
 Jett Crane  
 Hudson McLachlan  
 Chase Keating  
 Kaden Hehir  
 Mitchell Schinzig  
 Jessica White  
 Jayden Manipon  
 Mila Crane  
 Carissa Daw  
 Cody Ferguson  
 Hannah Bignell  
 Kyle Pollard  
 Jacob Sullivan  
 Mia Noanoa  
 Meg Hunter



## Year 8 English in the Library

It is pleasing to see our classes schedule regular Library time to select and read books with most students then borrowing them, developing great reading habits. The photos are of Miss Chisnall's Year 8 English class.



# West Coast Fever Netball Cup - Primary



**Kahli Thomson**  
**Primary Sport Teacher**



Kojonup 1 Division 1 Winners

On Friday 8th May, Year 5 and 6 students participated in the West Coast Fever Netball Cup in Albany. It was a big day of fun, excitement and a lot of sportsmanship. This year, we took three teams to compete against 11 other schools. Each team played seven games, plus an extra finals game. All teams played exceptionally well, with some terrific skills and built on their teamwork. This ultimately showed when all three teams ended up in the finals. It was Kojonup 1 versus Kojonup 2 in the Division 1 Grand Final which saw Kojonup 1 winning 14 to 4. Kojonup 3 lost to Braeside 11-9 in the Division 2 Grand Final. Thank you to the staff and students for making it a fun day out, to Adahna Wells and Hannah Bignell for umpiring the teams, and a special thanks to our parent helpers and scorers, Melita Jefferies, Jamie McVee and Christie McVee.



Kojonup 1



Kojonup 2



Kojonup 3

## Walk Safely to School Day Walk-a-thon

Friday 22nd May was National Walk Safely to School Day. Since there are a large number of students who catch the bus to school, the Student Council decided to have a Walk-a-thon. Students walked (or power-walked) as many laps of the oval as they could in a designated time, with prizes going to a member of each class who walked the most laps. It was a bit of fun and fitness on a chilly end to the week.



# West Coast Fever Great Southern High School Netball Cup



**Ryan Sinclair**  
**Secondary Sport Teacher**



The Kojonup DHS Year 7/8 netball teams represented the school superbly at the Great Southern Netball Carnival held on Thursday 14th May at the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre. Both the boys' and girls' teams displayed excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day.

The boys' team, led by Mr Bon Lucev, had an outstanding tournament, going undefeated across the day. The boys opened strongly with a 16-2 win over ASHS 2 before defeating ASHS 1 13-11 in Round 2. They continued their impressive form with a 12-5 victory over NASHS in Round 3 and another convincing win against ASHS 2, 14-3, in Round 4. The boys then dominated their Semi Final, defeating ASHS 2 by an incredible 20-1 margin to progress to the Grand Final. In the championship match, we once again faced ASHS 1 and produced a superb team performance to claim the title with an 11-2 victory. Congratulations to the boys on an exceptional tournament and a well-deserved championship win.

Our girls' team, led by Mrs Jacky Brown, also had a fantastic day of competition and should be commended for their effort and persistence. The girls began the carnival in dominant fashion with an 18-0 victory over NASHS 2 in Round 1. They followed this with a hard-fought 5-4 win against Narrogin 3 and a strong 10-6 win over Narrogin 2. The team continued their excellent performances with a 13-9 victory against Katanning SHS 2 before recording an impressive 25-6 win over Katanning 1 in Round 5. Despite coming up against a very strong St Joseph's side in the final round, the girls competed bravely until the final whistle eventually going down 27-7.

Congratulations to all students involved for the way they represented the school with pride, respect, resilience and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the carnival. Thank you to Savannah and Deekin from Year 10 who umpired throughout the day.



# Pre-Primary News

Claire Simper & Susan Marsh  
Pre-Primary Teachers

HAPPY  
Mother's  
DAY

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, the Kindy and Pre-Primary students celebrated all the wonderful mums, grandmothers, aunts and other special women in their lives. This year, we relocated to the Noongar Garden at school which was absolutely beautiful in the sunshine. The students enjoyed going on a nature scavenger hunt, toasting yummy marshmallows for s'mores and sipping on hot milos with their mums. It was a gorgeous afternoon and we loved being able to share it with you all.



# Year 4 Camp

Trina Hill

Year 4 Teacher

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, the Year 4 class ventured on their much-anticipated camp. After travelling from Kojonup, the students arrived at the Whale World Discovery Centre. After some photos, shopping and lunch, we had a tour of the facilities with the Cheynes 4 ship, whale skeletons and a 3D movie in a repurposed oil tank. Following this, the Year 4 class visited some Australian native wildlife animals before unpacking at the Rotary Youth Accommodation. Then it was off to the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre for a swim, waterslide and sausage sizzle dinner.

The next morning, despite some very windy weather, we reached the top of the Desert Corps Memorial before travelling to the National ANZAC Centre. We started having a look around at old artillery when a slight drop of rain turned into instant hail and we had to run to the bunker for protection! All the students enjoyed learning about an ANZAC soldier. The Year 4 class then travelled to the Great Southern Museum to go on the Amity but due to inclement weather, we investigated the museum instead before returning to Kojonup. Thank you to Mr Rob Watson for driving the bus and Mrs Lauren Harradine for accompanying us. A great time was had by all!

Here are some of the student's favourite parts of the Year 4 Camp:

*“My favourite thing was going on the Cheynes 4 and going in the silos at Whale World. I loved the Discovery Centre because of all the animals and going to the Anzac Centre.” (Lincoln Jefferies)*

*“I liked when we had our tour at the Whaling Station, like when we had a tour on the ship, and went inside the oil tanks. Then the next day we went to the ANZAC Centre and learned about other people that went to war.” (Rocco Magini)*

*“At the whaling centre, the coolest thing I saw was a skeleton of a pygmy blue whale.” (Scarlett Reid)*

*“My favourite thing about camp was the pool, when we went down the big waterslide, whirlpool and wobble log. I loved it because it was heated!” (Abby Venables)*



# Primary Hockey Clinic

Kahli Thomson

Primary Sport Teacher

On Tuesdays, students in Years 1-5 have enjoyed a fantastic hockey clinic with Jessamy from Albany. Throughout the sessions, students learnt and practised important hockey skills including, dribbling, pushing, trapping, tackling and ball control. It was wonderful to see everyone actively participating, building their confidence and having fun. A big thank you to Jessamy for coming along and sharing her skills and knowledge with the students.





# PEAC NEWS

## KOJONUP OUTREACH



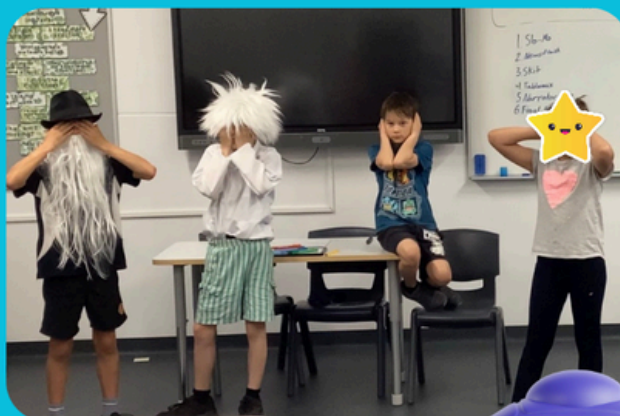
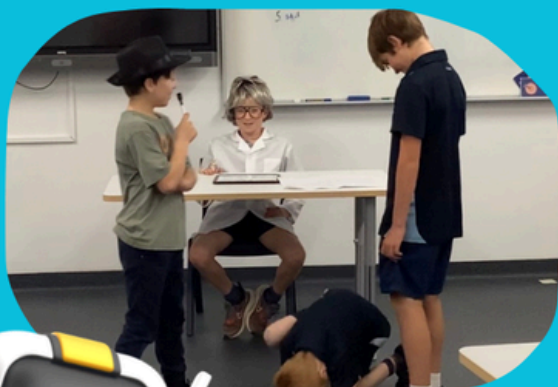
### Acting for Change

At the end of Term 1, the inaugural Great Southern Outreach PEAC Program was launched at Kojonup DHS. Students came together to take part in this two-day course, designed to extend their critical and creative thinking through an engaging ethical challenge.

Set in the year 2040, the scenario asked students to imagine a world where Personal AI Assistants (PAIAs) had gone on strike. From this starting point, students collaborated to develop a performance that explored why their PAIAs had stopped working, what life without them would look like, the underlying ethical issues, and how these challenges might be resolved. Importantly, students were required to consider and represent a range of perspectives in their work. Throughout the program, students were introduced to a variety of performance techniques to help communicate their ideas effectively to an audience. Students demonstrated impressive teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving as they worked together to plan, refine, and present their final performances, ensuring all key elements of the task were clearly addressed.

This outreach program provided a valuable opportunity for PEAC students in the Great Southern region to participate in a high-quality enrichment experience closer to home, while also trying something new. The level of enthusiasm and willingness to take on a challenge was evident throughout the two days, culminating in a series of outstanding performances.

Ms Sam and Ms Margriet.



**PEAC**  
South West  
Primary Extension  
And Challenge

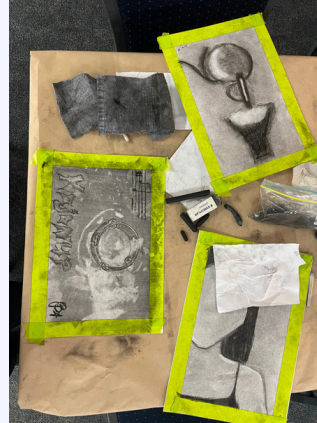


# Year 9/10 NOW Sounds IncurSION

Year 9/10 had an engaging and creative time at the NOW Sounds workshop on Wednesday 6 May. They explored writing, beat making, and visual arts using charcoal and erasers to draw objects illuminated by a lamp. The crew also enjoyed a few games of table tennis to finish off the event.

A big thank you to the helpers for the art workshops, and to legendary hip-hop artists Josh (Flewent) and Scotty (Optumus) for supporting everyone with lyric writing and performing. They were fantastic!

A special mention to Cody Ferguson (Year 9), who wrote and performed his own music to the group.



# Year 9 Bluegum Plantation Tour

*Melissa Shepherd*  
*Secondary Farm Teacher*

On Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, students completing the Certificate I in Agriculture course went to Albany Bluegum Plantations Port terminal and seed farm. The Year 9 students joined 12 students from Katanning Senior High School in a bluegum woodchip industry tour. Australian Bluegum Plantations is a company that specialises in woodchip production, delivering premium products to the Asian pulp and paper industry from their Albany terminal.

Under the supervision of the Albany Bluegum Plantations Port guide, students watched woodchips being unloaded off trucks and being conveyed to the stockpile. Woodchips are very light, full of moisture and hard to move conventionally. Trucks are put on a large tipping platform and emptied. The truck and trailer assembly are tipped in one hydraulic motion.

The students asked questions regarding the careers and jobs at the port terminal and in the chipping, harvesting and trucking ventures of the business. They also asked about the value of machinery, woodchips, shipping costs and volumes of woodchips grown, chipped and shipped each year. After the port tour, the students went to Napier and visited the bluegum plantation that provides the nurseries with bluegum seeds. Students walked the rows of large established trees and watch the progression from seeding to 'harvest ready' tree.



# Mrs Sexton's Section

Taryn Sexton  
Primary DOTT Teacher



## Year 1/2 Science

When learning about the water cycle in Science, the Year 1/2's completed a rain cloud experiment. This is what a few of them had to say about it:

"I had to put some blue dye into shaving cream and that was the cloud. The dye was slowly sinking down. I kept putting blue dye in until it got fuller and fuller and then it started raining out of the cloud."

Gus Gibbs



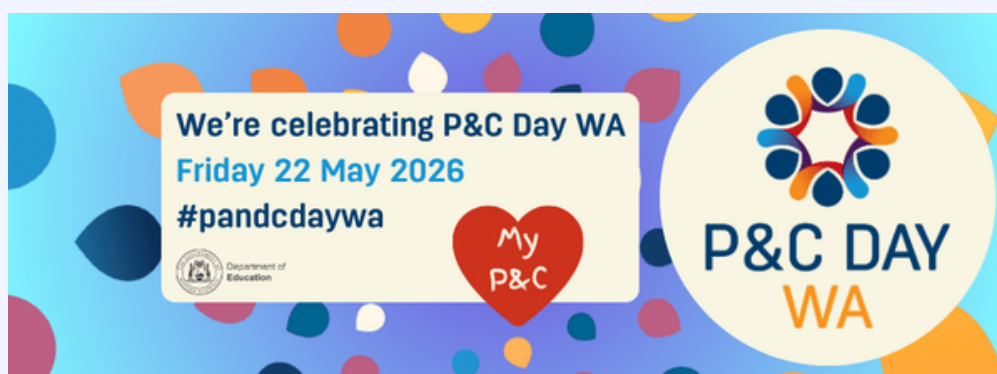
"We were learning about the Water Cycle and when it rains. We put the blue stuff on the shaving cream and it made it rain in the water."

Warrick Narkle



"Leo and I are watching the food dye falling from the clouds. The food colouring was pretending to be precipitation (rain)."

Will Adams



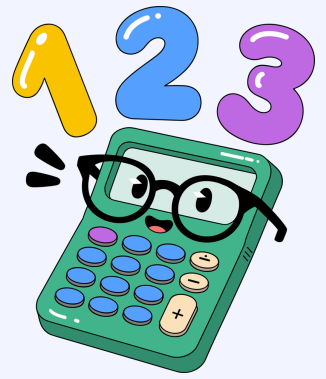
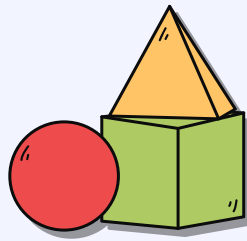
The staff and students of Kojonup District High School would like to say THANK YOU to our hardworking and dedicated P&C for all the 'extras' you provide for our school - trophies, book awards, school readers, discos, murals, playground equipment, sporting equipment, iPads and more.



The next P&C Meeting will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 3:15pm in the School Library

# Maths Madness

Liz Webb  
Mathematics Committee



## Mary's Game

+ -  $\times$   $\div$

### Materials

Two six sided dice, 2 sets of cards numbered 0 - 12.

### Organisation

2 players

### Rules

- Each player sets his/her cards out in front of him/her. It is a good idea to place them in order.
- Players take it in turns to throw the 2 dice. Players use any of the operations (+, -,  $\times$ ,  $\div$ ) to make a number from 0 to 12. For example if the values shown on the dice are 4 and 2, the player may turn any one of the following cards over: 8, (4  $\times$  2) or 6, (4 + 2) or 2 (4 - 2, 4  $\div$  2).
- As a player finds an answer, he/she turns down that card in front of him/her, providing it has not already been used. The first to have all their cards turned over, wins.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

7 8 9 10 11 12

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

7 8 9 10 11 12



# PBS - Show Perseverance



## Kojonup District High School Positive Behaviour Matrix

	Always	Classroom	Self
We Show Respect	Use good manners Show consideration and care Use appropriate language Set a good example for other students	Respect others' personal space Respect others' property Respect others' opinions Respect others' feelings	Treat ourselves and others with kindness Build positive relationships Accept and support diversity Honour all cultural connections Set boundaries with friends and relationships
We are Resilient	Show perseverance Participate in all learning activities Be solutions focused Show flexibility Seek feedback and act upon it	A 'not yet' attitude Participate in all learning activities Be solutions focused Show flexibility Seek feedback and act upon it	Self-resilience Participate in all learning activities Be solutions focused Show flexibility Seek feedback and act upon it
We Show Pride	Always have a go Wear uniform neatly Look after all aspects of your school Be on time Respond promptly to bells, whistles and sirens Put rubbish in the correct bin	AC Use Appropriate and respectful language	
We are Safe	Use equipment appropriately Keep hands to yourself Be sun smart Wear appropriate footwear Use tools for purpose only	Be cyber safe Clean up after yourself Carry chairs in front Sit on chairs appropriately Drink sensibly from the fountain Play in allocated areas	Let teachers know where you are Eat your own food Wash your hands before eating Seek help when needed



## What is Perseverance?

Perseverance means to keep going and not give up, even when it is hard.

Perseverance is commitment, hard work, patience and endurance.

Perseverance is being able to bear difficulties calmly and without complaint.

Perseverance is trying again and again.

## Ways to show perseverance.



## What does perseverance look like?

- Persistence:** The ability to keep working at a task or goal even when it's challenging or frustrating.
- Resilience:** The capacity to bounce back from setbacks and obstacles, learning from them and continuing to move forward.
- Determination:** A firm resolve to achieve a goal, even in the face of adversity.
- Courage:** The willingness to face difficulties and challenges with bravery and strength.
- Hope:** A belief that success is possible, even when things are tough.
- Focus:** The ability to concentrate and maintain attention on a task or goal despite distractions.
- Adaptability:** The ability to adjust to changing circumstances and challenges.
- Self-Discipline:** The capacity to regulate one's own behaviour and actions to achieve long-term goals.
- Confidence:** Belief in one's own abilities and potential to succeed.
- Emotional Stamina:** The ability to manage difficult emotions and persevere despite emotional challenges.
- Grit:** A combination of passion and perseverance, along with a growth mindset.
- Strong work ethic:** A dedication to hard work and commitment to achieving goals.
- Optimism:** A positive outlook on challenges and setbacks, believing that they can be overcome.
- Self-awareness:** Understanding one's strengths and weaknesses and using this knowledge to overcome challenges.
- Time management:** Effectively allocating time and resources to achieve goals.
- Problem-solving:** Identifying and addressing challenges in a creative and effective manner.
- Goal setting:** Establishing clear and achievable goals to guide efforts.
- Capacity to motivate people:** Inspiring and encouraging others to persevere in the face of challenges.



## Perseverance Example

I show perseverance when I stick with something until it is finished.



## Perseverance Example

I show perseverance when I have missed some school but you work hard to catch up



## Perseverance Example

I show perseverance when I try a new sport that is very difficult but you don't give up.



"IT NEVER GETS EASIER. YOU JUST GET BETTER."

—Dwight Gooden

PERSEVERANCE IS FAILING 19 TIMES AND SUCCEEDING THE 20TH.

—JILL ANDERS

THE ONLY THING IN YOUR CONTROL IS *YOURSELF*. THAT'S ALL AND THAT'S EVERYTHING.

—Derek Redmond

IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW SLOWLY YOU GO AS LONG AS YOU DO NOT STOP.

—Confucius

OBSTACLES DON'T HAVE TO STOP YOU. IF YOU RUN INTO A WALL, DON'T TURN AROUND AND GIVE UP. FIGURE OUT HOW TO CLIMB IT, GO THROUGH IT, OR WORK AROUND IT.



# Nurse Annie's News

Annie Hornby  
School Nurse  
Works Tuesdays, Thursdays and  
even week Wednesdays



Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service

“ I get my flu immunisation for



the people who matter ”

## Flu clinic location KOJONUP HOSPITAL

Date:

Wednesday 3rd & Tuesday 9th  
JUNE

Time: 8am - 4pm

Community walk in clinic



Find out about  
FluMist



# The Year 7 & 10 School-Based Immunisation Program will be on TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST.

Please see below information on how to register your child.



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Health**



**Adolescent  
Immunisation**  
protection for everybody

## Guide for parents Adolescent vaccination – Year 7

### Key points:

- Vaccination protects your adolescent and community from serious diseases.
- Most adolescents experience little or no discomfort from vaccinations.
- Your GP or pharmacist may also be able to vaccinate your child. If you prefer this option, please let our nurses know by selecting the 'Decline' option when you fill out the form.

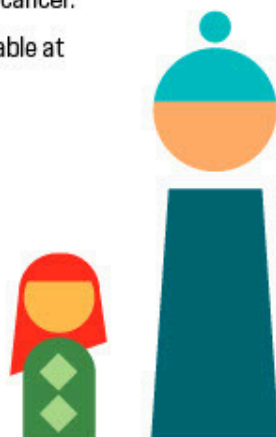
### Vaccinations offered in high school

In Year 7, your adolescent will be offered free, routine vaccinations to protect them against vaccine-preventable diseases.

A nursing team, certified in vaccination, will visit your adolescent's school to offer:

- **Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)**  
– (one injection) boosts immunity from a similar vaccination usually received during early childhood
- **Human papillomavirus (HPV)**  
– (one injection) protects against some strains of HPV and related types of cancer.

Further information is available at [healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation)



### More about diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and HPV vaccinations

#### Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (dTpa) vaccination

The dTpa vaccination is a 3-in-1 injection that helps protect against 3 potentially serious diseases – diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough). Getting this vaccination in high school helps to maintain effective immunity into adulthood. This vaccination protects adolescents and the broader community from diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, and particularly vulnerable people such as babies by helping to stop the spread of these diseases.

Diphtheria is a contagious and potentially life threatening bacterial infection causing difficulty breathing, heart failure and nerve damage. It is spread by breathing in the bacteria after an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Tetanus is not spread from person to person, rather it is a bacterial infection that can enter the body from an injury caused by a break in the skin. It can cause painful muscle spasms and heart failure.

Whooping cough is a potentially life-threatening bacterial infection that attacks the airways causing uncontrollable coughing and difficulty breathing. Like diphtheria, it is spread by breathing in the bacteria after an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Fully vaccinated adolescents will be protected for many years but may require a booster dose in the future for protection against pertussis or if an injury places them at risk of tetanus.



# Guide for parents

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- Your GP or pharmacist may also be able to vaccinate your adolescent. If you prefer this option, please let our nurses know by selecting the 'Decline' option when you fill out the form.

### Vaccinations offered in high school

In Year 10, your adolescent will be offered free, routine vaccinations to protect them against vaccine-preventable diseases. A nursing team, certified in vaccinations, will visit your adolescent's school to offer:

- **Meningococcal ACWY** – (one injection) protects against four strains of meningococcal bacteria: A, C, W and Y.

Further information is available at [healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation)

### What you need to do

#### Complete the form (consent or decline)

Your adolescent cannot be vaccinated at school without your consent. Whether you consent or decline, it is important to complete the form ahead of the nursing team's visit. Only a parent or legal guardian can give consent or decline vaccination for an adolescent.

The form can be completed:

- **Online** (preferred method) – [health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent](https://health.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent)
- **Hard copy** – Completing the online form is preferred. If you are unable to complete the online form, download a copy from [healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentconsent) and return the completed form to the school.

**Note:** If your adolescent attends a school on **Cocos Islands** or **Christmas Island**, complete and return the paper form provided by the school. If your dependent is an **adolescent under the care of the Department of Communities**, contact your dependent's case worker to complete a form and return it to their school.

### More about meningococcal vaccination

#### Meningococcal disease

Meningococcal disease is an uncommon, but sometimes life-threatening illness. It can progress very quickly. The disease is a result of a bacterial infection of the blood and/or the membranes that line the spinal cord and brain.

Meningococcal disease can affect any age group, however some of the highest rates of carriage and illness occur among adolescents. This age group can also transmit bacteria to people who are at an increased risk of infection such as younger children.

It is anticipated that, as well as protecting adolescents, vaccinating Year 10 students will reduce transmission of the bacteria to others and help prevent infections within the wider community.

The Meningococcal ACWY vaccine is safe and effective and protects against 4 types of meningococcal bacteria: A, C, W and Y.

## What to expect

### When will the nursing team visit my adolescent's high school?

The nursing teams visit high schools across WA throughout the year. Your school will let you know before vaccination day via the school's preferred communication method. If you're unsure, check with the school.

### How to prepare your adolescent for vaccination

While the vaccination itself is very quick, the anticipation may cause stress for some students.

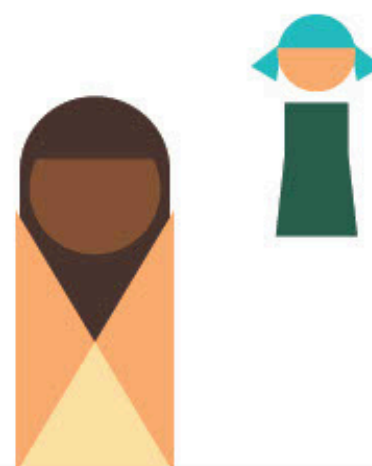
Nursing teams work extensively with high school students and are skilled at making sure your adolescent is informed, comfortable and cared for. However, there are simple things you can do to make sure your adolescent is prepared:

- Talk to your adolescent about how they are feeling about vaccinations and let them know what to expect.
- Share with your adolescent why vaccinations are important: it helps to protect them and others in the community who may be more vulnerable to disease.
- Discuss with your adolescent the diseases they'll be protected against by receiving the vaccination.
- Reassure with facts.
- Make sure your adolescent eats their regular meals and has water to remain hydrated.

## Before your adolescent is vaccinated

Let the nursing team know if your adolescent:

- has had a severe reaction following any past vaccination
- has a history of severe allergy where vaccination is not recommended
- has had a live vaccine within the last month. For example, tuberculosis, measles, yellow fever
- has had an injection of immunoglobulin or whole blood transfusion in the last 3 months
- has a disease that lowers immunity (for example, leukaemia, cancer, HIV/AIDS) or is having treatment which lowers immunity (for example, steroid drugs such as hydrocortisone or prednisolone, radiotherapy, chemotherapy)
- lives with someone who has a disease that lowers immunity or who is having treatment that lowers immunity.



### If your adolescent is unwell or misses vaccination day

In most cases, if your adolescent has a mild, common illness, such as a cold with a low-grade fever, they can still be safely vaccinated.

On the day, the nursing team will assess your adolescent before giving the vaccination. If for any reason they decide your adolescent shouldn't be vaccinated, your adolescent will bring home information with further advice.

It is recommended your adolescent is vaccinated as close as possible to the recommended age, however if your adolescent does miss their vaccination at school there are options to catch up. You can visit any participating:

- pharmacy
- general practice
- community immunisation clinic
- Aboriginal Medical Service.

**Note:** While the vaccination is free, some providers may charge for consultations.

## After vaccination

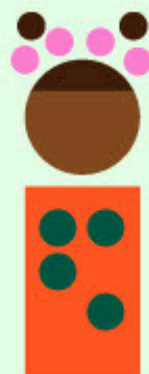
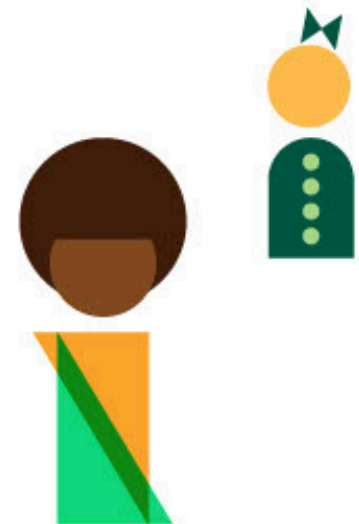
Students are required to sit and stay at the place of vaccination for at least 15 minutes to check they are doing well. After school, make sure they feel well and talk to them about the experience. Your adolescent will be given an aftercare card and you can ask them to share it with you. You may receive an SMS from WA Health a few days after vaccination to help monitor side effects.

Vaccines, like any other medicines, can cause side effects. Most side effects are usually mild and short lasting and do not need treatment. Most people experience few to no side effects and serious side effects are very rare. Common reactions may include pain, redness and swelling at the injection site, fever, irritability, drowsiness, decreased appetite, headaches, rash and nausea.

Serious vaccination reactions are possible, but rare. Learn more at [healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation)

Paracetamol can help reduce mild fever or pain and a cool damp cloth can help with pain at the injection site.

Seek medical advice or go to the local emergency department if your adolescent has any side effects that may be serious or unexpected such as swelling of the face or throat or difficulty breathing. You can also call *Healthdirect Australia* on 1800 022 222 for non-urgent queries. You can report concerns about any serious reactions after vaccination – visit [healthywa.wa.gov.au/reportingsideeffects](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/reportingsideeffects) or call 6456 0208.



## More information

For health advice or vaccination outside of school, speak with your GP, pharmacist, community health centre or Aboriginal Medical Service.

This document is available in various languages and can be made available in alternative formats on request.

For more information about adolescent vaccination or for help completing the intent form scan the QR code or go to [healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/adolescentimmunisation)



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