



Newsletter

Term 2

Week 9

16th June 2026

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Secondary Assembly

Friday 19th June
2:15pm, Upper Primary
Undercover Area

Dumbleyung Speech, Drama & Art Festival - Year 3-6

Thursday 25th June
Dumbleyung Primary School

Mini Beast Day - Kindy & PP

Thursday 25th June

NAIDOC Week Excursions

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th
June
9:30-11am, Kodja Place

Winter Sports Carnival - Year 3-6

Friday 3rd July

From the Principal's Desk

Sharon Poett

Hello Everyone

As we head into Week 9 of the term, we are writing end of semester reports. Teachers would have been in contact with parents/carers to ensure they are aware of any potential progress concerns or areas requiring development. Semester reports will be emailed on the last day of term - no hard copies will be provided. There will be another opportunity for parents to book a time with teachers to discuss their child's progress in Term 3, with the school awaiting confirmation of our proposed day of school closure for reporting purposes. This day was well attended in Term 1, and we hope that parents take the opportunity to discuss the end of semester report with teachers on this day. We will confirm the date with parents when we get confirmation from District Office.

Our Interschool Cross Country Carnival was a resounding success, despite the bleak weather, on Friday of last week. Students gave it their all and should be very proud of their efforts. KDHS won both the handicap and the overall shields on the day. Mrs Sally McMahon coordinated a sausage sizzle as a Country Week fundraiser and was very appreciative of the students who assisted her at the event. Thanks to her and the other parents who have been organising fundraisers for students this year. Your efforts are appreciated by the students and the school.

As we near the end of the term, students have a variety of excursions to attend, and we will celebrate NAIDOC week in Week 11 here at school. Ms McVee has some exciting activities planned for the different year levels.

Students who are attending the Dumbleyung Speech, Art and Drama Festival have been practising their pieces in preparation for the day. A huge thanks to Mr Lucev who has been co-ordinating this event.

The School Board met last week, and a semester review was presented to members. Mrs Melita Jefferies was elected Chairperson, and a new board member was welcomed, Ms Christine Micklessen, who is relatively new to town. We thank her for volunteering her time to become a member of our Board in the community representative category.

Just a reminder to all that if your child has flu symptoms, to keep them at home to help prevent an outbreak across the school.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing mid semester break.

For Sale By Tender - Farm Equipment

We have the following farm equipment for sale by tender:

Header - Case 1620 Axial Flow - \$2000 ONO
Boomspray - Hydraboom 5000L spray tank,
78ft boom width - \$8000 ONO

Enquiries to the front office on 9831 3300.
Please ask to speak with Keren Muthsam,
Farm Co-ordinator.

Tender submissions due no later than
Monday 22nd June, 4pm to:
courtney.toland@education.wa.edu.au



CORNER

EVENTS/EXCURSION CONSENT

Did you know you can give your child consent to attend an event or excursion through Compass?

Compass has an Events feature which enables you to quickly give consent and not worry about signing printed permission slips.

If you would like any help using the Events feature, please ask your child's teacher or the front office.

Using the Compass App

- 1 From the homepage, click on the blue shortcuts button from the bottom toolbar
- 2 Click on 'Play for an event'
- 3 In your Action Centre, click on any events still requiring your payment or consent



When you access the Action Centre you can view events requiring consent/ payment and any course confirmations which need to be completed displayed under the Action Centre tab. You can view the details of upcoming events by clicking the 'Events' tab and selecting the event you wish to view.

Deputy Principal News - Primary

Lauren Harradine

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. It has been another busy and rewarding time across the school, with many opportunities for our students to learn, participate and represent our school with pride.

Our Year 3 students recently hosted a fantastic assembly with a focus on the theme of solids, liquids and gases. The students demonstrated their learning with confidence and enthusiasm, sharing what they have discovered about the different states of matter. It was wonderful to see how much they have learnt, and we thank them for their efforts in presenting such an engaging assembly.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Interschool Cross Country event. It was pleasing to see such great sportsmanship, determination and encouragement amongst our runners. Well done to everyone who took part – your effort and positive attitude made us proud.

We are looking forward to our upcoming Winter Carnival for students in Years 3-6, which will be held on Friday 3rd July. This is always an enjoyable day that promotes teamwork, participation and positive competition. We wish all students the best as they prepare for their events.

Good luck to our students who will be representing the school at the Dumbleyung Speech and Drama Festival. We commend their courage in performing and hope they enjoy the experience. We look forward to hearing about their performances.

A reminder that our PBS Shop will be open on Thursday 2nd July. This is a great opportunity for students to spend their hard-earned points and be recognised for demonstrating positive behaviours across the school.

Regular attendance at school is essential for student learning, wellbeing and connection to the school community. We encourage all families to support consistent attendance wherever possible. If your child is going to be absent, please notify their classroom teacher to ensure we can provide appropriate support and maintain accurate records.

As we approach the end of term, we wish all families a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Students will return to school on Monday 20th July, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a new term.

National Simultaneous Reading

On Wednesday 27th May 2026, the Year 4 class from Kojonup District High School, along with millions of children, parents, teachers and library lovers across Australia came together to read Luna Roo at the same time – celebrating the joy of reading, storytelling and connection. The story follows the spirited kangaroo Luna Roo and her friends as they chase their football dreams across the outback, blending action, teamwork and fun to inspire young readers. The Year 4 class listened to the story and then sequenced the story using illustrations and sentences. For their participation, they received a certificate, stickers and bookmarks.



Deputy Principal News - Secondary

Jacky Brown

Secondary whole school assembly

Our secondary students, who volunteered to co-ordinate and participate in performances for the upcoming Whole School Assembly on Friday, 12 June, are to be commended for their enthusiasm, dedication, and the time they have invested in preparing and refining their presentations. It has been wonderful to see students building their confidence through performing, as well as developing leadership skills by taking on hosting roles and speaking in front of their peers, staff, parents, and carers. A special mention goes to our Year 10 students, who thoughtfully developed a script centred on the theme of "Day-to-Day Life in a Secondary Classroom," bringing both purpose and meaning to the secondary assembly performance.

Thank you also to the two Drama groups who willingly revisited their assessment performances to share their work with the wider school community, and to our Year 8 students who were eager to showcase their creative news broadcast videos.

It was equally impressive to see our Year 7 and Year 8 students volunteer to form a dance troupe. From selecting the music to choreographing and rehearsing their routines, they demonstrated initiative, teamwork, and confidence in preparing a performance to share with the school. We look forward to celebrating the talents, creativity, and leadership of our students at the assembly and thank all those involved for their commitment and effort.

Excursions

Year 10 students recently visited Katanning SHS as part of their transition into Year 11 next year. It was pleasing to see students approach the day with maturity and a positive attitude, taking the opportunity seriously to gain a genuine understanding of what secondary schooling at Katanning SHS will be like. Experiences such as these help students become familiar with their future learning environment, ease any concerns they may have, and support a smooth and confident transition into the next stage of their education.

Year 9 and 10 students attended the Deadly Careers Expo held in Albany enjoying the day with a focus on exploring career options, interacting with employees and representatives of a wide range of industries.

Secondary assessments

Alongside their regular learning programs, secondary students have been busy completing a wide range of assessments this term. These have included tests, investigations, drama performances, oral presentations, and creative projects such as dressing up and producing news broadcasts of catastrophic events.

Providing a variety of assessment formats allows students to showcase their knowledge, understanding, and skills in different ways, catering to a range of strengths and learning styles. All of this work contributes to the grading process for Semester One reports, which will be finalised and distributed at the end of the term.

Cross Country – Faction and Interschool Carnival

It was great to see the camaraderie, encouragement, and support on display during last Friday's Cross Country event. Congratulations to all students who participated and gave their best effort, demonstrating determination and resilience throughout the course. The positive spirit of the day continued right through to the end, with our secondary students gathering together to enjoy each other's company and celebrate the event. The photo below captures the strong sense of community and friendship that made the day such a success.



Faction Cross Country

Ryan Sinclair & Kahli Thomson
Physical Education Teachers

Hercules
1st
166 pts

Phoenix
2nd
152 pts

Aquila
3rd
120 pts

On Friday 29th May, our Faction Cross Country was held, it was a fantastic day, and the weather made it good conditions for running in. Our students displayed outstanding sportsmanship, cheered enthusiastically, and gave their best effort throughout the day.

The standard of running by all should be commended and led to several records being broken. Congratulations to all the runners for their determination, resilience and perseverance.

Another congratulations goes the Hercules, our winning faction for 2026. A sincere thankyou to all staff, students and parents who helped on the day.

Pre-Primary Girls Champion - Christina Ferguson (PHO)

Pre-Primary Girls RunnerUp - Daisy Bilney (AQU)

Pre-Primary Boys Champion - Ross Wood (PHO)

Pre-Primary Boys Runner Up - Sage Clinch (HER)

Year 1 Girls Champion - Ayla Wells (HER)

Year 1 Girls Runner Up - Georgie Robinson (HER)

Year 1 Boys Champion - William Adams (AQU)

Year 1 Boys Runner Up - Hamish Robinson (HER)

Year 2 Girls Champion - Sofia Scolari (PHO)

Year 2 Girls Runner Up - Kelsey Lucev (AQU)

Year 2 Boys Champion - Samuel Robinson (HER)

Year 2 Boys Runner Up - Chace Thomson (PHO)

Year 3 Girls Champion - Pia Reid (PHO)

Year 3 Girls Runner Up - Phoebe Zadow (HER)

Year 3 Boys Champion - Jack Stone (HER)

Year 3 Boys Runner Up - Bertie Thorn (HER)

Year 4 Girls Champion - Isabella Scolari (PHO)

Year 4 Girls Runner Up - Maggie Sexton (HER)

Year 4 Boys Champion - Oliver Robinson (HER)

Year 4 Boys Runner Up - Rezario George (PHO)

Year 5 Girls Champion - Paeyton Hayfield (AQU)

Year 5 Girls Runner Up - Olivia Ashton (AQU)

Year 5 Boys Champion - Louis Sexton (HER)

Year 5 Boys Runner Up - Kyan Lucev (AQU)

Year 6 Girls Champion - Saylah Spargo (AQU)

Year 6 Girls Runner Up - Paige Nagtegaal (PHO)

Year 6 Boys Champion - Taj Wells (HER)

Year 6 Boys Runner Up - Cahter Ferguson (PHO)

Year 7 Girls Champion - Zoe Milne (AQU)

Year 7 Girls Runner Up - Elsie Eyres (AQU)

Year 7 Boys Champion - Todd McMahon (HER)

Year 7 Boys Runner Up - Harrison Waldron (HER)

Year 8 Girls Champion - Gracie Venables (PHO)

Year 8 Girls Runner Up - Xkyze Vioria (AQU)

Year 8 Boys Champion - Houston Clarke (AQU)

Year 8 Boys Runner Up - Jedd Hunter (PHO)

Year 9 Girls Champion - Carissa Daw (HER)

Year 9 Girls Runner Up - Sasha Maunder (HER)

Year 9 Boys Champion - Cody Ferguson (PHO)

Year 9 Boys Runner Up - Name Withheld (PHO)

Year 10 Girls Champion - Meg Hunter (PHO)

Year 10 Girls Runner Up - Mia Noanoa (HER)

Year 10 Boys Champion - Samuel Waldron (HER)

Year 10 Boys Runner Up - Kyle Pollard (PHO)

Participation Award - Bristol Fleay (HER), Year 5

RECORD BREAKERS

Sofia Scolari (PHO) - Year 2 Girls 1km - 4:48.00

Zoe Milne (AQU) - Year 7 Girls 2.6km - 11:33.09

Gracie Venables (PHO) - Year 8 Girls 4.2km - 24:01.62

Carissa Daw (HER) - Year 9 Girls 4.2km - 24:40.03

Cody Ferguson (PHO) - Year 9 Boys 4.2km - 18:33.53

Sam Waldron (HER) - Year 10 Boys 4.2km - 17:18.53



Hercules Captains, Sam & Taj

Faction Cross Country



Christina Ferguson



Daisy Bilney



Ross Wood



Sage Clinch



Ayla Wells



Georgie Robinson



Will Adams



Hamish Robinson



Sofia Scolari



Kelsey Lucev



Sam Robinson



Chace Thomson



Pia Reid



Phoebe Zadow



Jack Stone



Bertie Thorn



Isabella Scolari



Maggie Sexton



Oliver Robinson



Rezario George



Paeyton Hayfield



Olivia Ashton



Louis Sexton



Kyan Lucev



Saylah Spargo



Paige Nagtegaal



Taj Wells



Cahter Ferguson



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Gracie Venables



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Jedd Hunter



Carissa Daw



Sasha Maunder



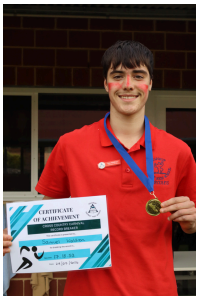
Cody Ferguson



Meg Hunter



Mia Noanoa



Sam Waldron



Kyle Pollard



Interschool Cross Country

Ryan Sinclair & Kahli Thomson
Physical Education Teachers



On Friday 12th June, we hosted the Interschool Cross Country. Despite difficult running conditions, our students performed excellently and gave great effort. They displayed outstanding sportsmanship, cheered enthusiastically, assisted staff, and cooked and served lunch on the BBQ all day.

We finished the day winning the Overall Shield and the Handicap Shield, which was a magnificent achievement in the conditions.

Congratulations to all the runners for their determination, resilience, and perseverance. You should be proud of your efforts like we are.

A sincere thankyou to all the student, staff and parents/carers who helped on the day.

- Year 4 Boys Runner Up - Oliver Robinson
- Year 5 Girls Third Place - Paeyton Hayfield
- Year 5 Boys Champion - Louis Sexton
- Year 6 Girls Runner Up - Paige Nagtegaal
- Year 6 Girls Third Place - Saylah Spargo
- Year 6 Boys Third Place - Taj Wells
- Year 7 Boys Third Place - Todd McMahon
- Year 8 Girls Champion - Gracie Venables
- Year 8 Boys Champion - Houston Clarke
- Year 8 Boys Runner Up - Jedd Hunter
- Year 8 Boys Third Place - Lachlan Fleay
- Year 9 Girls Runner Up - Carissa Daw
- Year 9 Girls Third Place - Sasha Maunder
- Year 10 Girls Champion - Meg Hunter
- Year 10 Girls Runner Up - Mia Noanoa
- Year 10 Boys Champion - Samuel Waldron
- Year 10 Boys Runner Up - Kyle Pollard



Oliver



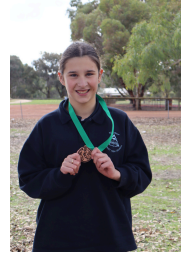
Paeyton



Louis



Paige



Saylah



Taj



Todd



Gracie



Lachlan, Houston & Jedd

OVERALL

- 1st - Kojonup DHS - 701 pts
- 2nd - Ravensthorpe DHS - 332 pts
- 3rd - Gnowangerup DHS - 244 pts
- 4th - Lake Grace DHS - 220 pts
- 5th - Jerramungup DHS - 208 pts
- 6th - Boddington DHS - 194 pts
- 7th - Wagin DHS - 162 pts



Carissa & Sasha



Mia & Meg



Kyle & Sam

HANDICAP

- 1st - Kojonup DHS - 788 pts
- 2nd - Lake Grace DHS - 666 pts
- 3rd - Ravensthorpe DHS - 617 pts
- 4th - Jerramungup DHS - 604 pts
- 5th - Gnowangerup DHS - 517 pts
- 6th - Wagin DHS - 267 pts
- 7th - Boddington DHS - 195 pts



Year 3 Assembly

Well done to the Year 3 class, who hosted the assembly on Friday 5th June, teaching us all about solids, liquids and gases. The Year 5 class won the Award of the Week for naming the most solids in one minute.

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



PRIMARY

Daisy Bilney
Arlo Smith
Austin Stone
Ariella Orr
Marcus Nguyen
Charlynn Magsino
Chace Thomson
Georgie Toland
Jack Stone
Clark Quinn
Lincoln Jefferies
Rocco Magini
Abigail Venables
Flynn Burt
Kyan Lucev
Fergus Thorn
Georgia Webb
Chelsea Zadow
Taj Wells
Toby Zacher

SECONDARY

Alexander Lottering
Kaitlyn Jones
Jessica White
Adahna Wells
Xkyze Vilorio
Raphael Spry
Kordell Smith
Savannah Tunui
Deekin Phillips Ryder



Year 4 class wearing their pyjamas

Pyjama Day

The whole celebrated the start of winter by wearing pyjamas to school on Tuesday 2nd June.

Year 7 Home Economics Prep

Acknowledging the great work our Home Economics Assistant does with the preparation for our Secondary classes. Mrs Eatts ensures all the ingredients are ready for our secondary students, offering great cooking skill advice for the large number of recipes



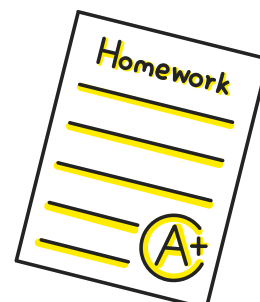
Year 10 Transition Day at Katanning Senior High School

A big thank you to the staff at Katanning SHS for organising and delivering a fantastic Year 10 transition day. Students enjoyed a tour of the school, participated in either an Art or Cooking activity, and took part in a practical Science lesson. The day concluded with an overview of WACE requirements and subject selection for Year 11. Students were also treated to a sausage sizzle lunch and had the opportunity to socialise with current Katanning SHS students during recess and lunch, providing a valuable insight into life at KSHS next year.



Secondary Homework Club

Homework Club in the high school has had a successful start for Term 2. Students from Year 7-10 come during lunchtimes on Fridays to catch up on work, get extra help from teachers and work on their own personal projects. A huge congratulations to the students who attend regularly and consistently demonstrate pride, perseverance and a dedication to their learning! Thank you, Miss Jo Chisnall, for starting up the Homework club, and thank you to the secondary staff who attend to offer assistance to our students.



Year 9/10 Deadly Careers Expo & TAFE Tour

Year 9 and 10 students recently attended the Deadly Careers Expo in Albany, where they explored a wide range of career pathways and future job opportunities. The expo featured numerous industry stalls, providing students with the chance to speak directly with professionals and gain valuable insights into different occupations, training requirements, and workplace experiences.

As part of the excursion, students also toured South Regional TAFE, learning about the variety of courses and vocational education pathways available to them in the future. The experience was an excellent opportunity for students to broaden their understanding of career options and begin thinking about their future education and employment goals.



Secondary Girls Golf Lessons

The Secondary girls recently enjoyed three golf lessons from Megan Henry which was a fantastic opportunity for our students. It was wonderful to witness the impressive skills on display, along with the enthusiasm, encouragement, and mutual respect shown by all participants throughout the program.

The experience has been a great example of promoting lifelong participation in sport, inspiring our girls to pick up a golf club now and in the future for both enjoyment and personal challenge. We thank everyone involved in making this opportunity such a success.



Mrs Sexton's Section

Taryn Sexton

Primary DOTT Teacher

Pre-Primary Design & Technologies - Food & Fibre

In Pre Primary we have been learning all about where our food comes from. Recently, we started learning about sheep. Chenoa Papworth very kindly brought in her lamb, Miss Carlton, to meet the Pre-Primaries. Thank you very much to Chenoa for bringing her in. The children loved it.

"I remember that the lamb drank milk. I got to hold the lead and then it was running around. It has wool growing on its body."

Christina Ferguson

"It was soft. It was tugging on me. It had a lead and was drinking milk."

Harvey Boak

"It was baaaaaaaaaaaaaing! I got to touch it. It was soft. I liked it. Chenoa brought it in."

Emma Robinson

"It ran over to the veggie garden. Its name was Carlton. It was a little lamb and it did a wee. I have three pet lambs at home at the moment."

Tom Gibbs



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

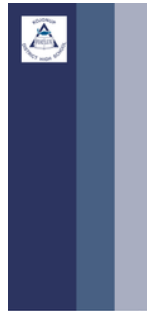


PBS - Use Appropriate Language



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	Listen attentively Share equipment and space Recall equipment on time and in good condition Use all online platforms in a positive manner Line-up quietly after the bell	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	Participate in school activities Show respect Seek feedback and improve	Use good manners Show consideration and care Use appropriate language Set a good example for other students	Self-regulation Identify emotions: How am I feeling? What are my options? Use my toolbox
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 signs Put rubbish in the correct bin	Modelled others Success Leave your area neat and clean Appreciate and leave wall displays	Set goals and work toward them Display pride Maintain hygiene Develop healthy habits
We are Safe	Use equipment appropriately Keep hands to yourself Be fun smart Wear appropriate footwear Use tools for purpose only	Be clear safe Clean up after yourself Carry chairs in front Sit on chairs appropriately Drive safely from the bus Play in designated areas	Let teachers know where you are Eat your own food Wash your hands before eating Seek help when needed



Using appropriate language means
Using words and a tone that are respectful, kind and suitable for school



It is important to use appropriate language because:

- It helps everyone feel safe and respected
- Prevents conflict
- Builds positive relationships
- Creates a positive learning environment



Speaking politely to teachers and classmates

"Can you help me please?"

"Excuse me"

"Thank you"

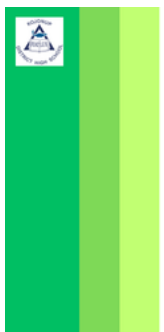
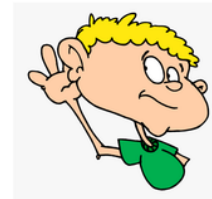
"Can I have a turn when you're finished?"



Using a calm voice



Listening without interrupting

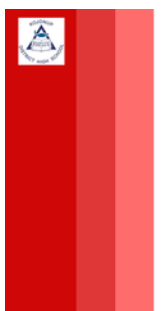


Respect other people's ideas



High School

- Writing respectful messages
- Thinking before posting
- Using school-appropriate language



Using appropriate language does not look like:

- Name calling
- Swearing
- Teasing or put-downs
- Yelling in the classroom
- Interrupting
- Using a rude tone



Remember we can earn Dojo points by Using appropriate language



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 4TH 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.

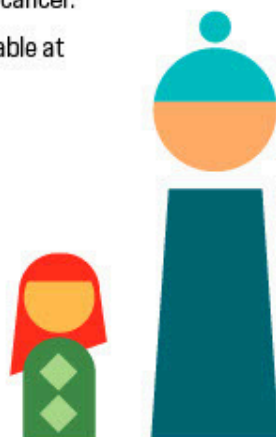
Vaccinations offered in high school

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



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

Adolescent vaccination – Year 10

Key points:

- Vaccination protects your adolescent and community from serious diseases.
- Most adolescents experience little to no discomfort from vaccinations.
- 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

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
- **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 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.

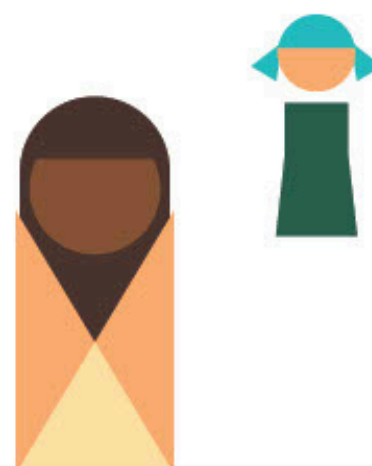
Nursing teams work extensively with high school students and are skilled at making sure your adolescent is informed, comfortable and cared for. However, there are simple things you can do to make sure your adolescent is prepared:

- 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

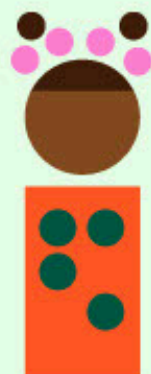
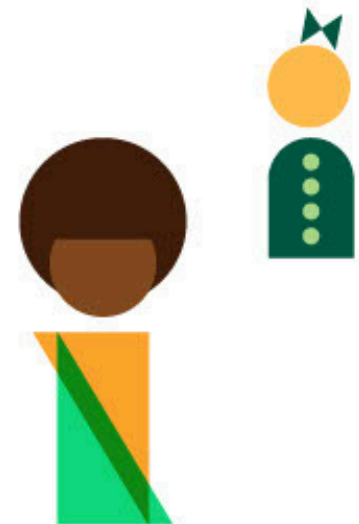
Students are required to sit and stay at the place of vaccination for at least 15 minutes to check they are doing well. After school, make sure they feel well and talk to them about the experience. Your adolescent will be given an aftercare card and you can ask them to share it with you. You may receive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

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 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





12 June 2026

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Re: Whooping Cough (pertussis) Health Notice – Kojonup District High School

There has been an increase in cases of whooping cough, also known as pertussis, in the Great Southern in 2026. Most cases have been reported in school-aged children, particularly those 10-19 years old.

Please read this notice for information about whooping cough.

What are the symptoms of whooping cough?

Whooping cough can be a debilitating disease for young children, particularly those who are not immunised. Babies under 6 months of age are at greatest risk of severe illness.

Symptoms of whooping cough can include:

- persistent coughing
- breathing difficulties and
- coughing to the point of gagging or vomiting.

A flu-like illness may come before the coughing stage. Babies and young children may also make a 'whooping' sound during coughing bouts, but this sound does not always occur.

How does whooping cough spread?

Whooping cough spreads when people come into contact with droplets (from coughing or sneezing) from people infected with whooping cough. People with whooping cough can be infectious for up to 3 weeks, but this duration can be shortened if appropriate antibiotics are commenced.

What do I need to do if my child has symptoms of whooping cough?

If your child has developed a cough, take them to a doctor for an assessment which may include testing and treatment. If your child is well and has no symptoms, there is no need for any further action.

Students and staff tested for suspicion of whooping cough should stay away from school until the test result is back. If the test is positive, they should stay away from school until 5 days of appropriate antibiotics are completed or otherwise advised by a healthcare professional.

How can I protect my children from whooping cough?

Vaccination is the most important way of reducing whooping cough risk in our community. It is important to check that your child is fully up to date with their immunisations against whooping cough.

Free whooping cough vaccinations are recommended for:

- 2, 4, 6 and 18-month-old babies
- 4-year-old children
- Year 7 students in high school, and
- pregnant women during each pregnancy (preferable 20- to 32-weeks gestation)

People who work with children and babies are also recommended to have a whooping cough booster 10 years after their last whooping cough vaccination.

For further information:

- contact our public health nurses on 9842 7525 (**office hours**)
- contact Healthdirect on 1800 022 222 for general advice, or
- visit HealthyWA - https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/U_Z/Whooping-cough-pertussis

Sincerely,
Public Health Team
Great Southern Public Health Unit
61 Serpentine Road, Albany WA 6330



15 June 2026

Chickenpox

Dear Parent / Caregiver

Recently there has been a case of chickenpox notified at **Kojonup District High School**

Chickenpox is a highly contagious disease caused by the Varicella Zoster Virus. The virus is passed from one person to another by coughing, sneezing or touching another person's infected skin lesions. It usually takes between two and three weeks for the rash to develop following exposure to chickenpox, so anyone not immune may not show symptoms until **25 June 2026**.

Symptoms of chickenpox may begin with cold-like symptoms such as a runny nose and mild fever, which is followed by the appearance of a red spotty rash and generally feeling unwell. The rash usually starts as red spots all over the body in small crops and may include areas such as the mouth and genital area. The spots start as red, itchy raised blisters and then dry up to form scabs. If the top of the blister comes off, a watery fluid seeps out and this fluid is infectious to other people if touched. This usually leaves shallow ulcers where the blister has been. Adults usually have a more severe illness than children and can have pneumonia. Individuals with chickenpox will stop being infectious once all blisters have dried and formed crusts.

Treatment for most cases of chickenpox is supportive, with usual medications for fevers and pain, and soothing lotions to reduce itching. Those with severe health conditions that affect their immunity, or pregnant women, may require antiviral medication or immunoglobulin therapy. If blisters appear, consider review with a GP for blister skin swab PCR testing.

The WA Immunisation Schedule offers vaccination against chickenpox for children at 18 months of age. Sometimes, chickenpox can occur in those who have previously had the disease, or been immunised, due to immunity waning. However, they usually have a milder and shorter illness compared to those who have never had immunity.

If a parent or caregiver is concerned that their child might have symptoms of chickenpox, they should not send them to school, childcare, visit other households, or have community interaction.

Parents and caregivers are recommended to see their general practitioner for assessment and testing, which involves a swab from the throat or a moist skin ulcer. Children with symptoms need to be kept at home and not mix with other children or adults until they receive their test results. If the test is negative, they can return to school or childcare when well again. If the test is positive, they are required to remain home until all skin lesions have crusted.

For further information, please visit the Healthy WA website: [Chickenpox \(varicella\) \(healthywa.wa.gov.au\)](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au)

If you are worried about a child's health, always seek medical advice or ring Health Direct on **1800 022 222** (24 hours).

**Communicable Disease Control
Great Southern Public Health Unit**

**61 Serpentine Road
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Tel: 08 9842 7525**

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