



Kojonup District High School

Newsletter

Term 3

Week 3

4th August 2026

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jeans For Genes Day
Thursday 6th August

Year 10 Mental Health First Aid
Thursday 6th & 13th August

Year 9 Hospitality Excursion to Narrogin
Thursday 6th August

Year 9 Mural Excursion to Kojonup Golf Club
Friday 7th August

Year 1 Assembly
Friday 7th August, 2:15pm,
Upper Primary Undercover Area

P&C Meeting
Monday 10th August, 3:15pm
School Library

From the Principal's Desk

Sharon Poett

It's been a positive start to Term 3, with students settling back into their learning routines well and engaging positively in a range of educational opportunities.

Last week, our upper primary and secondary staff conducted 'Phase of Learning' meetings, focusing on student progress and discussing strategies to support cohort achievement throughout the term.

Our Year 9 and 10 students travelled to Perth to attend the Careers Expo. While it was a long day of travel, the excursion provided valuable opportunities for students to explore future career pathways and gain insight into a wide range of industries and occupations. Thank you to Ms Shepherd and Mr Lucev for accompanying and supporting our students throughout the day.

Last Wednesday, Year 10 students participated in an information session about their post-school options for 2027. We thank Mr Frank Gaudin from Katanning Senior High School, along with Participation Co-ordinators Mrs Jane-Mary Richardson and Mrs Rebecca Hagedoorn, for sharing their expertise and guidance. Parents were invited to attend and had the opportunity to ask questions and gain clarity about the pathways available to their children.

Last week, our Year 10 students commenced the first of three Teen Mental Health First Aid sessions. These sessions provide students with valuable skills and knowledge to recognise and respond to mental health challenges in themselves and others.

The Farm Advisory Group met on Monday, with members touring the School Farm

by bus. During the tour, our Farm Co-ordinator, Keren, highlighted key areas of focus and shared her vision for the future development of the farm. It was an excellent opportunity for advisory group members to gain a deeper understanding of the farm program and its potential.

Our Year 9 students will travel to Narrogin this Thursday for a hospitality excursion. This experience will provide another valuable opportunity for students to explore career options and make informed decisions about their future pathways.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to another productive and rewarding term for all students.



Laboratory Technician

Branch: Kojonup District High School
Division: Southwest Education Region
Salary: Level 1, \$64,309 - \$73,210 per annum (pro-rata) (DOE (SSO) CA 2024)
Work Type: Permanent - Part Time
FTE: 0.1
Location: Kojonup
Closing Date: 2026-08-10 4:30 PM
Attachments: [- Information - Applying for Advertised Positions in Schools Jan24.pdf](#)
[- applicant resource - how to write a cv and covering letter nov18.pdf](#)
[- published jdf - generic - laboratory technician - schools - min 11 - mar 2021.pdf](#)



This is a permanent part-time (0.1 FTE) position commencing as soon as possible

The Role

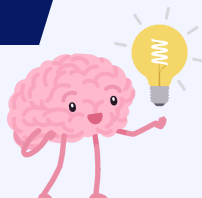
As a Level 1 Laboratory Technician, you will provide support to teaching staff in routine chemical and equipment preparation and construction of simple apparatus for science classes, as well as ordering supplies, equipment and managing stock levels.

The successful applicant will perform basic repair and maintenance on the equipment whilst constructing teaching aids as required. Additionally, you will be responsible for the labelling, maintaining and safe storing of laboratory chemicals, equipment and resources and the disposal of chemical, physical, and biological laboratory materials.

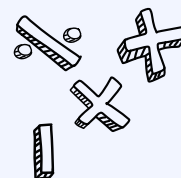
The successful applicant will ideally show initiative and possess good interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills, as well as strong organisational skills. Knowledge of Work Health and Safety practices and policies is recommended. You should also be motivated and possess the ability to work independently, as well as collaboratively as part of a team. Previous experience in an education science laboratory setting is desirable.

Maths Madness

Bill Yuan
Mathematics Committee



BRAINTEASER



You have a calculator that only has the "4", "+" and "=" keys working. What's the fastest way to add to 1000?

Deputy Principal News - Primary

Lauren Harradine

It's wonderful to see Term 3 already off to such a positive start. The first two weeks have been filled with learning, engagement, and plenty of activity across our primary school classrooms. We hope all families enjoyed a restful break and that students have settled back into the routines of school life. Our primary students have been busy in their classrooms over the past two weeks, embracing new learning opportunities and demonstrating enthusiasm for their studies and school activities.

A highlight of the term so far was our 100% Attendance Sausage Sizzle Lunch for Term 2, held on Thursday 30th July. This special event recognised students who achieved 100% attendance in Term 2 and celebrated their commitment to being at school every day. Congratulations to all students who were invited to attend. Your dedication to learning and consistent attendance is something to be proud of.

We are also looking forward to the Year 1 Assembly on Friday 7th August. Our Year 1 students and staff have been working hard in preparation, and we are excited to see what they produce for our school community.

There are several exciting events coming up over the next few weeks. Crazy Week will be held across two weeks this year, with the popular school dance taking place on the Thursday and Friday of Weeks 6 and 7. Students will also enjoy a Circus Incursion on Monday 31st August, followed by our annual Book Week Parade on Tuesday 1st September. We are sure these events will create many memorable experiences for our students.

This week, we will also be supporting a very important cause through Jeans for Genes Day on Thursday 6th August. We thank our families for helping students participate and contribute to this worthwhile initiative.

As we move through another busy term, we would like to remind families of the importance of regular school attendance. Every day at school provides valuable learning opportunities, helps students build positive friendships, and supports their overall success and wellbeing. We encourage families to make school attendance a priority and to ensure students arrive at school ready to learn each day. Together, we can give every child the best opportunity to achieve their full potential.

We look forward to another successful term and thank all families for their ongoing support of our school.



CHILDREN'S MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE *Jeans for Genes*

JEANS FOR GENES

Together, we can make a difference for the 1 in 20 kids with a birth defect or genetic disease

JOIN US!

Date & Time: Thursday 6th August

Details: Students are invited to wear denim jeans or denim shorts with a gold coin donation to support this important cause. Students may also wear a non-school uniform top, however hoodies are not permitted.

Thank you for helping us make a difference!

JeansForGenes.org.au

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KINDY ENROLMENT NOW OPEN 2027

KOJONUP DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

If your child was born between 1st July 2022 and 30th June 2023, 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

Deputy Principal News - Secondary

Emily Clifton

Wow, its Term 3 already! It is shaping up to be a busy term with so many opportunities already in the calendar for our secondary students.

There are many Health initiatives booked in over the term. Year 7's will attend the Moorditj Me program with Evelyn Smith from GSAH and with the support of Annie Hornby and Jamie McVee. This program is designed to support young people to make positive and informed choices for themselves to build positive relationships. Year 10's are participating in a Teen Mental Health and First Aid (TMHFA) course with Maree Dawes and Mel Shepherd. This course runs for 3 weeks, and each student will receive a certificate on completion. Information sessions on vaping will also be presented, as well as the P.A.R.T.Y program later this term.

The school mural is looking fabulous, and students have enjoyed painting shoulder to shoulder with artist Laura. As part of the creative process students will be going on various excursions around Kojonup to discuss our town's history and make connections with the various murals in our local area.

Sport is always a great topic of conversation on a Monday morning, with many students starting the run home to the finals. Country Week training is well underway in preparation for our Week 10 competition. This year we will be represented by 44 students in sports such as netball, basketball, futsal, badminton and hockey. Secondary students have also started training for the upcoming athletics carnival.

Classroom learning is always a priority, and I congratulate those students who show respect by always arriving at class with all their stationary needs ready to learn. This seems to be the latest work avoidance tactic; can I please ask that you check your child has all the necessary equipment.

Lastly, those students who have not returned their enrolment forms for Year 11 2027 at Katanning SHS, they are due back to KSHS front office by the end of this week.



Secondary students enjoyed a PBS Reward Day on the last day of Term 2 where they were in teams representing different countries in a variety of activities.

Careers

Emily Clifton

Deputy Principal - Secondary



Careers is a big focus, with the Year 9 and 10's attended the career expo in Perth during the first week. From my discussions with the students, they enjoyed the experience and speaking with various occupational professionals. Career Tasters is a program run through TAFE and the Year 9 and 10 students will engage in experiences in hospitality, a barista course and be a tradie for day over the term. Work placement has started, with various students experiencing the work force in many occupations such as farming, electrician, hospitality, mechanics and agronomy.

Secondary Assembly

Well done to the Secondary students, who hosted the assembly on Friday 19th June, and showed us a typical day in the life of a KDHS Secondary student.

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Certificates at the assembly and to the Year 5 class for winning the Award of the Week.



PRIMARY

Paisley Wright
Finn Porter
Georgie Robinson
Austyn Oldham
Kane Thomson
Emrys Ashton
Samuel Robinson
Harley Crane
Adriana Butson
Ashley Wallam
Waylon Narkle
Zayda Edmonds-Mair
Malia Vea
Madeleine Zadow
Freddie Bilney
Olivia Ashton
Tyson Matthews
Archie Zadow
Hannah Daw
Jerome Weazel

SECONDARY

Hazel Toland
Rocky Reid
Chloe White
Tilly Cartwright
Lachlan Fleay
Tona Watene
Carissa Daw
Jobe Fleay
Savannah Tunui
Meg Hunter



Dumbleyung Speech, Drama & Art Festival

Congratulations to our Year 3-6 students who attended the Dumbleyung Speech, Drama and Art Festival on Thursday 26th June. Kojonup was the Highest Achieving School. A big thank you to Bon Lucev for co-ordinating the event. What a fantastic opportunity for our students.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved individual awards:

Art-Drawing Winner - Avah Crabb

Art - Painting Winner - Madeleine Zadow

Art - Painting Highly Commended - Rasheeda Ballocho

Art- Painting Highly Commended - Olivia Ashton

Art - Painting Highly Commended - Sophie Jefferies

Year 3/4 Humorous Poetry Winner - Zayda Edmonds-Mair

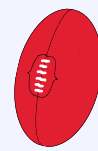
Year 3/4 Australian Poetry Highly Commended - Avah Crabb

Year 5/6 Australian Poetry Winner - Kyan Lucev

Year 3-6 Mime Group Highly Commended - Brett McMahon, Fergus Thorn & Kyan Lucev



Winter Sports Carnival



Our Year 3-6 students had a lot of fun playing football and netball in our annual Winter Sports Carnival against teams from St Bernard's. Students played in teams of mixed age groups throughout the day. A huge thank you to Mrs Thomson for organising our KDHS teams, and for the older students, parents and staff who helped out with coaching and umpiring on the day.



Mini-Beast Day



The Kindy and Pre-Primary students had a lot of fun dressing up as mini-beasts on Thursday 25th June.



NAIDOC Week

Jamie McVee

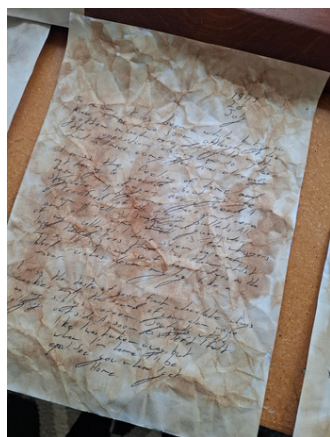
Aboriginal & Islander Education Officer



NAIDOC Week started off with our Bindi Mia students singing at Kodja Place on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th June in the morning. Our ECE students had so much fun with their rock caves, Years 1 and 2 did a great job making and decorating their tin rollers, and Years 3-7 created some beautiful paperbark portraits.

Years 8 and 9 have done an amazing job writing and staining their war letters, and our Year 10s are so close to finishing their incredible paperbark dress and blazer. We were also lucky to have our high school students Acknowledgements of Country on display at Kodja Place.

NAIDOC Week helps us create some meaningful learning and cultural experiences for our students here at KDHS.



Year 5/6 Art

Bec Bignell

Year 5 Teacher

Throughout Semester 1, the Year 5 and 6 students worked together to create some fantastic art pieces. During Week 9 of last term, students had the privilege of being taught art by Jamie McVee and creating an art piece that depicted the Noongar season of Makuru. With her fantastic guidance and suggestions, the students were engaged and loved every minute of it!



Perth Careers & Training Expo

Melissa Shepherd

Secondary Agriculture Teacher

Year 9/10 students attended the Perth Careers and Training Expo on Thursday 23rd July which featured many different exhibitors from around Australia. This is WA's largest Careers & Employment Event and was held at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre. The Expo hosted over 150 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. The Expo offered free advice with over 150 educators, course providers & employers where students could gain career advice and discover jobs of the future. The expo ran free career information sessions and talks with key organisations at the CTF Construction Careers Zone.

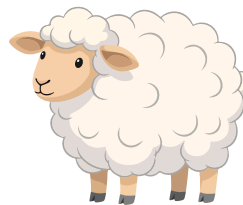
Highlights for students were experiencing the Australian Defence Force Careers display, the Defence Industry Careers Hub along with the WorldSkills Regional Competitions and Try'a Skill Zones.



School Farm

Melissa Shepherd

Secondary Agriculture Teacher



Thank you to Ella from Genstock for sharing her expertise of ewe scanning with our students recently. We have six pet lambs at the school which students have been enjoying feeding and caring for. Last week, we received baby chickens for our classes to enjoy!



Year 4 Excursion to Arkaba Farm

Trina Hill

Year 4 Teacher

On Friday 19th June, the Year 4 students ventured on a Science excursion to Arkaba Farm. They were investigating the physical weathering of rocks, how to choose rocks for a purpose based on their features, what is in soil and how does a knowledge of soils help communities? Students also made clay nests for different soil and clay materials, testing if they held water. Students visited a granite quarry, a granite shed and a sawmill. They were treated to a sausage sizzle whilst there. A big thank you to Mr Tohl for hosting us, Mr Watson for driving the bus and Ms Shepherd for the sausages, soil and assistance. A great day was had by all!

Below are some of the student's thoughts:

"I found it fascinating, the clay pots with all three clays and to see if they held water. I thought that the light brown clay held the water the best. I liked the granite pillar as it was so big and cool! Mr Tohl was telling us lots of facts about rocks." - Abby Venables

"I liked the huge, granite quarry. It was even bigger than last time I went there! We made clay bowls; we got so messy! At Arkaba we went to a big, granite shed. I found some cool rocks at our destinations." - Scarlett Reid

"Today we went to Mr Tohl's farm. I thought the granite shed was interesting. We went to see heaps of granite rocks. We had not burnt, but crispy sausages and they were really yum! We learnt about different types of soil. There were three of them, a white clay, red soil and brown soil." - Zayda Edmonds-Mair

"I liked the high granite stone, it was fascinating! I really liked the dogs called Lambo and Marco. I also liked making the pots out of clay." - Maggie Sexton

"I liked when we went into the quarry, and saw the granite shed because at the quarry we learnt a lot about granite. It was interesting to see the sawmill." - Ellie Bilney

"I liked when we went to the sawmill and learnt how it worked. The best thing was the big granite rocks." -Tharan Hehir

"I learned about the quarry. I learnt about the best clay that holds water. I liked sitting at the big rocks with my friends." - Jance Manipon





Dominique Magini
Secretary
Kojonup DHS P&C
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Mural

Our school mural is really starting to come to life, and what an incredible transformation it has already made! A huge thank you goes to the amazingly talented Laura (Lora Flora), who has been putting in some massive days to bring this vision to life. She is certainly a very creative and dedicated artist.

It's so exciting that more than half the mural is complete! Every year group has had the opportunity to contribute, making this a true whole-school project. It has also been wonderful to see the constant stream of volunteers who have generously given their precious time to help out along the way. Even though there's still more to come, the area already feels brighter, which makes it a more welcoming space for everyone to enjoy.

We can't wait to share the finished masterpiece with our school and wider community. A big thank you to everyone who has picked up a paintbrush and helped make this special project possible!

Fundraising

To top up the P&C kitty we've decided to take up a fundraising opportunity offered by Rob and Jen Warburton at Korellup. We're after ten volunteers to please help hand spray weeds in their everlasting flower crop. This fundraiser will help improve the bank account ahead of the Art Show next year.

Tuesday 11th August (weather permitting)
10am to ~ 2:30pm
BBQ lunch provided

If you're able to help, please text Kent on 0447 455 238. This is a good change for blokes to contribute and enjoy a social day out, but anyone with basic gardening experience is welcome!



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



PBS - Maintain Hygiene



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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	Listen attentively Share equipment and space Return equipment on time and in good condition Use all online platforms in a positive manner	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 persistence Participate in all teams Be solutions for Show flexibility Seek feedback and	Set goals and work toward them Do your best Maintain hygiene Develop healthy habits	Accept responsibility for own actions Manage own emotions Seek help when needed
We Show Pride	Always have a 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	Accept certificates graciously Applaud others success Leave your area neat and clean Appreciate and show well displays	Set goals and work towards them Do your best Manage own emotions Develop healthy habits
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



We need good hygiene at school so we don't get sick and so we don't spread germs to our friends. When we wash our hands, use tissues, and keep our space tidy, everyone stays healthy and happy. A clean school is a nice place for everyone to learn and play.

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We wash our hands with soap and water before we eat, after the toilet, after sneezing, coughing or blowing our nose and after playing outside



Use a tissue to blow your nose then put it in the bin.

BLOWING NOSE ROUTINE



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Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow.



Don't share food, drinks or utensils.



Flush the toilet after using it.

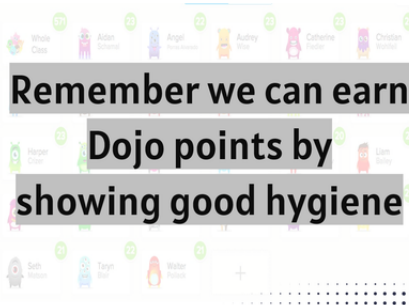


We are not maintaining hygiene when we:

- Don't wash our hands
- Wipe our nose on our sleeves or hands
- Coughing or sneezing in the air without covering your mouth
- Leaving tissues on desks or in pockets instead of putting them in bin.
- Sharing water bottles
- Use dirty hands to eat
- Not flushing the toilet after use

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Remember we can earn Dojo points by showing good hygiene



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COMMUNITY INFORMATION



FOOTBALL WEST

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MINIROOS

\$35
6 week program

FOR PLAYERS OF ALL ABILITIES

Monday Afternoons
Starting 10 Aug - 14 Sept

3.15pm - 4pm
(45 Minutes)

Hockey Grounds,
22 Benn Parade, Kojonup

REGISTER NOW!

FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA

MINIROOS

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE NARROGIN

OPEN DAY

11 SEPT 2026

9am to 3pm • Onsite Parking Available

CELEBRATING

120

YEARS OF EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION
1906 - 2026

WHAT'S ON

- Tours and Demonstrations
- P&C Raffles and Prizes
- Displays of Student Work
- Morning Tea and Lunches
- Industry Exhibitors
- Fresh Produce for Sale

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GARDEN JUNK ART & UNUSUAL CONTAINERS

12th September at the Military Barracks, KOJONUP

Bring your entry to the Barracks Saturday 12th September between 10 and 11 am

The area will be closed to the public from 12pm and reopen at 1:30pm



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
CELEBRATION



The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get the things
you need for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten
and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary
school student

Claims close
25 September 2026

Claim on the
ServiceWA app



CLASS 1

Children Under 10
Garden Junk Art

CLASS 2

Children Under 10
Any established plant in an unusual container.

CLASS 3

Children Under 16
Garden Junk Art

CLASS 4

Children Under 16
Any established plant in an unusual container.

CLASS 5

Open to all School Students
An established succulent growing in a mug.

CLASS 6 NO AGE LIMIT

Any established plant in an unusual container.

CLASS 7 NO AGE LIMIT

Garden Junk Art
\$100 CASH PRIZE FOR BEST EXHIBIT OVERALL

GARDEN JUNK ART

Can be a combination of different mediums. Big or small. Your garden art piece must be free standing, self supporting and moveable by human power. Entries will be displayed outside the Military Barracks.

UNUSUAL CONTAINERS

Established plants in recycled or unusual containers. Your container can be hanging or standing and must be movable by human power.



You may offer any of your entries for sale with a 20% Commission payable to History Hive Kojonup.

For further information email: HistoryHiveKojonup@outlook.com or ☎ Ronice 0438 328 549

COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Learning changes lives

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



Parenting
Connection WA

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching

A FREE 3-wk Child Development Workshop (3-10 yrs)

This program aims to help parents increase their ability to self-manage and regulate their feelings and reactions and gives parents the skills and confidence to discipline gently but firmly.

Learn tools and strategies to:

- Resolve difficult behaviour in children
- Discipline without arguing or yelling
- Handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choose appropriate strategies – the 3 choices model
- Use emotion coaching to encourage positive behaviour

Free afternoon tea and creche (bookings essential).



Starting Wed 5 August 2026 for 3 weeks | 12.30 - 2.30pm
Albany Uplyft Office, 26 Prior Street
Bookings essential:
<https://parentingconnectionwa.com.au/event/magic-2/2026-08-05/>
Enquiries: 0448 137 192 | E: GreatSouthernPCWA@uplyft.org.au

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DUST 2 DANCE
GREAT SOUTHERN

Dance Classes Katanning

Term 3

Katanning classes now open for enrolments 9 week term program.

Classes will be held Monday afternoons commencing 27th July at Uniting Church Hall, Katanning. Classes for ages 6 to 15 years. Jazz Tap and Classical Ballet classes available. Class times below. Please note class times may change once final numbers are in.

Junior Jazz 6 – 10 years 3.15pm-4pm

Senior Jazz 11-15 years 4pm-4.45pm

All ages Ballet. 4.45pm-5.15pm

All ages Tap 5.15pm-5.45pm

Jazz \$15 per class

Ballet and Tap \$12 per class

All levels of dancers welcome beginners to experienced.

Please contact Miss Elle further on 0492415196 to enrol your child

Looking forward to making Dance apart of your community!

Parenting
Connection WA



Anxiety Coach

Reduce Anxiety & Build Resilience in Children Aged 4 - 12

This interactive three-week program will provide parents with a greater understanding on why children experience heightened anxiety and the role they can play in managing it.

The program supports parents to:

- Have a greater understanding of the brain and how anxiety originates.
- Practical strategies to help build resilience in children.
- How to identify anxiety & counter its progress.
- Simple techniques to help children manage worries.

Free afternoon tea and creche (bookings essential)



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