



Kojonup District High School

Newsletter

Term 3

Week 6

24th August 2026

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dance Workshops

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th
August, Thursday 3rd
September

Circus Incursion (PP-10)

Monday 31st August

Book Week Parade

Tuesday 1st September
9am, Upper Primary
Undercover Area

Dance Concert & Mural Official Opening

Friday 4th September
2pm, Upper Primary
Undercover Area

From the Principal's Desk

Sharon Poett

The past few weeks have been exceptionally busy, with many of our students participating in a range of extracurricular activities designed to enhance and broaden their educational experiences.

Our Year 10 students recently completed the Teen Mental Health First Aid course over a three-week period. We extend our thanks to Maree Dawes from Albany for delivering this valuable program and supporting our students in developing important skills and understanding around mental health and wellbeing.

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 participated in vaping awareness sessions facilitated by Nurse Annie, while our Year 7 and Year 10 students received their scheduled immunisations.

Last week, I accompanied four Year 10 students to Wagin to complete their White Card training. These young men were excellent ambassadors for Kojonup District High School, and I was extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves while representing our school.

Our Year 4 students recently undertook PEAC testing, while Year 9 students travelled to Narrogin to participate in a Hospitality excursion. This group will also complete barista training this week, alongside our Year 10 students, providing valuable industry-related learning opportunities.

Last week, our Year 5/6 students attended the Science Hub in Katanning and enjoyed an engaging day of hands-on scientific exploration and discovery.

On Friday 21st August, staff travelled to Denmark for professional learning focused on the Understanding Poverty modules. Staff had the opportunity to travel together on the school bus, with Mr Sinclair kindly acting as chauffeur. The learning was highly informative and provided valuable insights into the diverse backgrounds and circumstances of our students, and the impact these factors can have on learning and behaviour.

From the 26th-28th August, our school will host Kaartdijin (Compass) training for School Officers, welcoming staff from several neighbouring schools.

It was wonderful to see our Year 1 students share their learning from their first 100 days of school during their recent assembly. Their enthusiasm, confidence and achievements were a timely reminder of the incredible growth that occurs during the early years of schooling. It continues to amaze me just how much our youngest students learn and accomplish in such a short time.

As we move into Week 7 and our much-anticipated 'Crazy Week' celebrations, we look forward to dance concerts, shared-age group learning activities and the official opening of our mural. These events provide fantastic opportunities to celebrate student learning, creativity and community spirit, and we look forward to seeing many families join us for these special occasions.



**Tuesday 1st September
9am
Upper Primary Undercover Area**



SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

**The date of our next School Board Meeting has
CHANGED to Monday 7th September, 1:30pm in the
School Meeting Room (Room 7).**

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



Deputy Principal News - Primary

Lauren Harradine

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. It has been wonderful to see our students engaged in so many learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. As we move through a busy and exciting term, our students continue to demonstrate enthusiasm, resilience and a willingness to try new experiences. We look forward to sharing some of the upcoming events and opportunities that will be taking place over the coming weeks.

Our much-anticipated Dance Program begins on Thursday and will run over four days, providing students with the opportunity to develop their confidence, teamwork and performance skills. The program will culminate in a special Dance Concert at 1:45pm on Friday 4th September, where students will showcase everything they have learned. Families are warmly invited to attend and celebrate the hard work and creativity of our students.

On Monday 31st August, students will take part in a Circus Skills Incursion. This exciting experience will allow students to learn a variety of circus skills while also developing important life skills such as resilience, perseverance and problem-solving. We are looking forward to seeing students challenge themselves, step outside their comfort zones and have plenty of fun along the way.

Our annual Book Fair and Book Week Dress-Up Day will be held on Tuesday 1st September. Students are encouraged to come dressed as a character from a favourite book, and prizes will be awarded in each class for the best costumes. This is always a highlight of the school year and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate reading, creativity and imagination.

Students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 will participate in Nutrition Classes on Wednesday 9th September. These sessions will support our Food Curriculum and provide students with valuable knowledge about healthy eating and key aspects of nutrition. Developing a strong understanding of healthy food choices helps students build lifelong habits that support their wellbeing and learning.

We will also be supporting R U OK? Day with a special Bake Sale and Free Dress Day. Students are encouraged to bring along some money to purchase a tasty treat from the bake sale, with all proceeds supporting this important wellbeing initiative. We are still seeking donations of baked goods and would be very grateful for any contributions from families. Students may wear free dress on the day but are asked to include a touch of yellow in their outfit to help raise awareness of the importance of checking in on others and starting meaningful conversations.

As always, attendance remains a key focus at our school. Every day of learning counts, and regular attendance gives students the best opportunity to succeed academically, socially and emotionally. We encourage families to continue supporting positive attendance habits by ensuring students arrive at school on time and attend every day unless they are unwell. Consistent attendance helps students remain connected to their learning and build strong relationships with their peers and teachers.

Finally, thank you to our staff, students, parents and wider community for your ongoing support of our school. Your involvement and encouragement make a significant difference to the opportunities we can provide for our students. We look forward to seeing many families at our upcoming events and celebrating another busy and successful few weeks together.

OK?

STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

R U OK? DAY

BAKE SALE



BAKERS, WE NEED YOU!



Can you donate finger food for our stall?

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

RECESS + LUNCH

Sweet or savoury • Small portions • Ready to serve

Student Council will sell the donated treats to raise money for the R U OK? Foundation.

ABLE TO HELP?

Please contact Lauren Harradine

9831 3300

lauren.harradine@education.wa.edu.au

Thank you for supporting this important cause!

A CONVERSATION COULD CHANGE A LIFE

Get. Listen. Encourage. action. [Click in.](#)

Deputy Principal News - Secondary

Emily Clifton

It has been a pleasure being the Deputy Principal for the last five weeks. I have really enjoyed catching up with my past students and getting to know new students in the High School. On a positive note, teachers have commended students on being more prepared for their learning and an increase in effort and participation in class activities.

The upcoming week is usually referred to as CRAZY WEEK! With dance lessons, joint English, Maths and Science lessons with other year levels across the school, circus incursion, Book Week parade and the dance concert/mural opening.

Years 8 to 10 have been attending a Vaping Prevention program with Nurse Annie and Mr Abbott in Health. The Year 7 group are attending their weekly sessions with Evelyn Smith from GSAH, with the support of Nurse Annie and Jamie McVee. They are learning to make positive informed choices about their sexuality and wellbeing. A group of Year 10 boys went to Wagin with Mrs Poett to attend the Building and Construction career taster, including White Card delivery. This was a great opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career in the Building and Construction or Mining industries. Other upcoming career tasters for Years 9 and 10 are the Barista Course in Week 6 and the Tradie for a Day in Week 7.



Year 10 White Card Training in Wagin

Introducing Mr Ryan Blechynden

I am delighted to introduce myself as the Deputy Principal for the remainder of 2026. As a country kid who grew up in Narrogin, I can't wait to get to know the students, parents, staff and broader school community. I had the privilege of teaching at Kojonup back in 2022 and I'm very excited to rejoin the school. Regional communities hold a special place in my heart, and I look forward to becoming involved in school and community life while supporting our students to thrive both academically and personally.

WELCOME



Year 1 Assembly

Well done to the Year 1 class, who hosted the assembly on Friday 7th August, teaching everyone what they had been learning in 100 Days of School.

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Certificates at the assembly and to the Year 6 class for winning the Award of the Week for naming the most animals beginning with H in one minute.

Friday 7th August

PRIMARY

Liam Reid
Sage Clinch
Karson-Jay Henare
Archie Michael
Grace White
Aria Shehan
Diaz Spargo
Cali Clinch
Zane Keating
Rezario George
Chryssa Magsino
Zachary Ashton
Teresa Marsh
Filimone Vea
Annabel Eatt
Erik Jorgensen
Charlotte Toland
Chelsea Zadow
Oliver Fardig

SECONDARY

Jayden Manipon
Tona Watene
Chase Lever
Houston Clarke
Chase Keating
Rhianna Riley
Gracie Venables
Hannah Bignell
Savannah Tunui
Deekin Phillips Ryder
Samuel Waldron
Jacob Sullivan



Congratulations



Bindi Mia

Jamie McVee
Aboriginal & Islander Education Officer



Learning About Our Elders

At Bindi Mia, we have been learning about the important role our Elders play within our families, community and culture. We have been talking about why it is important to listen to and respect our Elders, and to value the knowledge and stories they share with us.

Our Elders are our teachers and our connection to the past. Through their stories, experiences and cultural knowledge, they help us understand where we come from and guide us as we grow. Students have been encouraged to think about the special Elders in their own lives and the ways they can show them respect and appreciation.

We are proud to see our Bindi Mia students developing a deeper understanding of the importance of respect, family, culture and connection and recognising that our Elders are an important part of keeping culture and knowledge strong for future generations.



COMPASS PAY

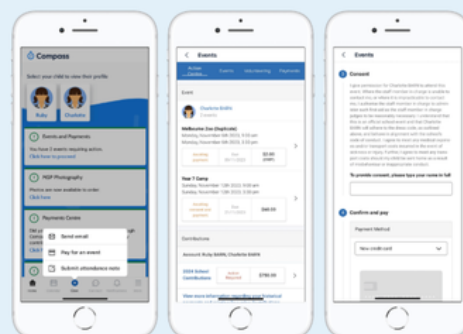
*Did you know you can now pay for excursions
through Compass by linking your credit card?
Look for the Payments Centre link.*

*If you would prefer to pay by
direct deposit or cash, those
options are still available.*

Using the Compass App

- 1 From the homepage, click on the blue shortcuts button from the bottom taskbar
- 2 Click on 'Pay 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.



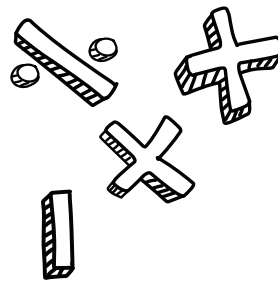
Hospitality TAFE Career Taster

Melissa Shepherd

On Thursday 6th August, the Year 9s went to Narrogin Senior High School to participate in a Prepare Produce Provide Hospitality TAFE Career Taster at the purpose-built facility at the school. Hosted by South Regional TAFE, three chefs from WA shared their culinary skills with the Year 9s. Students made Duck Thai Red Curry, a Mocktail and Strawberries and Cream dessert with local bushfoods. The Year 9 students thoroughly enjoyed their experience cooking a “real” kitchen with a “restaurant”.



**Maths
Madness**



SOLUTION TO WEEK 3'S BRAINTEASER

$444+444+44+44+4+4+4+4+4+4$ (You use the largest numbers first while making sure that you don't go over 1000.)

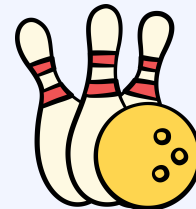
BRAINTEASER

Bonus: Why can't you add to 1000 if only the “7”, “+” and “=” keys are working?

Year 1/2

Emma Rees

Year 1/2 Teacher



Games from the Past

This term in History, the Year 1/2 students have been exploring how games have evolved over time. We have compared childhood in the past with childhood today, considering how developments in technology have influenced the toys children use and the games they play.

To bring our learning to life, the students stepped back in time and participated in a range of old-fashioned games. They rotated through quoits, elastics, knucklebones, marbles, skittles, and bocce. For many students, this was their first time experiencing some of these games!

The students quickly discovered that games from the past required plenty of concentration, co-ordination, and perseverance. They enjoyed learning the different rules, practising new skills, and helping one another during each activity. There was lots of laughter, encouragement and friendly competition as they worked out which games they found easy and which ones required a little more practice.

This hands-on experience helped the students understand that although games have evolved over time, many aspects of play have remained the same. Children in the past still enjoyed spending time with friends, challenging themselves and having fun together.

We had a wonderful time experiencing a piece of history and discovering that old-fashioned games can still be just as entertaining today!





Dominique Magini
Secretary
Kojonup DHS P&C
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We would like to say a big thank you to the volunteers who recently helped out with the Everlastings fundraiser and to Rob and Jen Warburton for the opportunity.

We plan to hold another disco on Thursday 24th September. Please save the date! We look forward to DJ Rosie returning for another night of fun!



The next P&C Meeting will be
on Monday 16th November,
3:15pm in the School Library



**Orders are due back by Wednesday
2nd September and can be done
online through LOOP.**

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents

Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

- 1 Log in, or create a new account
- 2 Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
- 3 Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
- 4 Add the child's first name and last initial
- 5 Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6 Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
- 7 Make a payment via credit card
- 8 Await order arrival at the child's school

SCHOLASTIC **BookClub**

PBS - Use a Growth Mindset



Kojonup District High School Positive Behaviour Matrix

	Always	Classroom	Outside Classroom
We Show Respect	Use good manners Be respectful and care Use appropriate language Say good words to other students	Use manners Be respectful and care Use appropriate language Say good words to other students	Use manners Be respectful and care Use appropriate language Say good words to other students
We are Resilient	Show persistence Participate in learning activities Be happy to try Show flexibility Learn from mistakes and try again	Use appropriate language Be happy to try Show flexibility Learn from mistakes and try again	Use appropriate language Be happy to try Show flexibility Learn from mistakes and try again
We Show Pride	Always have a go Be proud of your work Look after all aspects of your school Be on time Respect all people, places, objects and things Participate in the correct way	Accept criticism gracefully Respect all people Learn from mistakes and try again Be on time Respect all people, places, objects and things Participate in the correct way	Accept criticism gracefully Respect all people Learn from mistakes and try again Be on time Respect all people, places, objects and things Participate in the correct way
We are Safe	Use equipment appropriately Keep hands and feet off Be on time Respect all people, places, objects and things Participate in the correct way	Use equipment appropriately Keep hands and feet off Be on time Respect all people, places, objects and things Participate in the correct way	Use equipment appropriately Keep hands and feet off Be on time Respect all people, places, objects and things Participate in the correct way



We show resilience by having a growth mindset. We keep trying, learn from mistakes, and use feedback when we need it!



A growth mindset is the belief that your brain is like a muscle. It grows and gets stronger when you practice, learn new things, and work hard. Instead of thinking you cannot do something, a growth mindset helps you think you cannot do it yet!

Growth mindset example

I can't do it YET!

Growth mindset example

I can have another go after making a mistake.

Growth mindset example

I can try it in a different way.

Growth mindset example

I can ask for help and feedback.

Growth mindset example

I can celebrate achievement and effort, not just caring about being "The Best"

Growth mindset example

I can encourage others

Non-Behaviours

Saying "I can't do it!"

Giving up straight away.

Arguing with or ignoring feedback.

Only caring about being "The Best"

Getting very upset or angry about mistakes.

Laughing at someone else's mistakes.

Fixed Mindset or Growth Mindset

Fixed Mindset

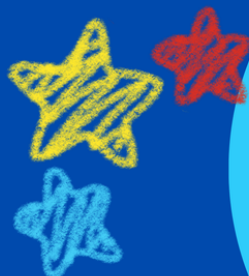
A fixed mindset is a limiting belief to what you can or cannot do. It is a belief that your intelligence is fixed, you are born with it and it stays the same no matter how much effort you put into a task.



Growth Mindset

A growth mindset is a limitless belief that you can do anything with the right attitude and practise. Research has proven the brain is malleable and adaptable and therefore can develop intelligence over time.

Remember we can earn Dojo points by Using a growth mindset



KINDY 2027 ORIENTATION

**WE WARMLY INVITE ALL PROSPECTIVE KINDY STUDENTS FOR 2027 TO
ATTEND OUR ORIENTATION SESSIONS:**

Parent Information Session

Monday 26th October
9:00am – 10:30am
KDHS Early Childhood area
Please RSVP by Thursday 22nd
October

Child Orientation Session

Thursday 5th November
9:30 – 11:00am
Kindy classroom

Please RSVP by Monday 2nd November.
This session will be a drop and run format.
The students will go through a 'normal'
Kindy morning to get used to the structure
for next year. Please bring a piece of fruit
for morning tea.

PLEASE RSVP ON 9831 3300



COMMUNITY INFORMATION



WA ALLSTARS DANCE ACADEMY

AFTER OUR SOLD OUT FULL WEEK IN JULY...

WA ALLSTARS DANCE EXPERIENCE TOUR 2026

4 DAYS, 3 COMMUNITIES. ENDLESS FUN!

DANCE, GAMES, ACTIVITIES, FRIENDS & MEMORIES!

MOVIE MUSICAL MAGIC!

POP ICONS PARTY!

CHEERLEADING SPECIAL!

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
KATANNING
COMBINED EPIC DAY!
MOVIE MUSICAL MAGIC! & POP ICONS PARTY!
THE BEST OF BOTH IN ONE AMAZING DAY!

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
BODDINGTON
SESSION 1 - 9AM-12PM AGES 4-9
SESSION 2 - 1PM-4PM AGES 10+
MOVIE MUSICAL MAGIC!
POP ICONS PARTY!
NEW! FULLY FUNDED BY THE SHIRE OF BODDINGTON

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER
KOJONUP
COMBINED EPIC DAY!
MOVIE MUSICAL MAGIC! & POP ICONS PARTY!
THE BEST OF BOTH IN ONE AMAZING DAY!

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER
BODDINGTON
SESSION 1 - 9AM-12PM AGES 4-9
SESSION 2 - 1PM-4PM AGES 10+
CHEERLEADING SPECIAL!
NEW! FULLY FUNDED BY THE SHIRE OF BODDINGTON

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES & ABILITIES!

SPACES ARE FILLING FAST!

DON'T MISS OUT! BOOK NOW!

A FULL DAY OF DANCING, GAMES, ACTIVITIES & UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES!

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11 SEPT 2026

9am to 3pm • Onsite Parking Available

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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



Department of
Education

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



DEC PRESENTS THE 2026

Dumbleyung Bluebird Festival

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026

DAWSON STREET

1PM- 7PM

MARKET STALLS & SHOWBAGS

FASHION PARADE

FREE CAMPING

FREE RIDES & FACE PAINTING

YABBY NOODLES

WUDDI ABORIGINAL TOURS

FREE FARM ANIMAL PETTING

LIVE MUSIC

FOOD VANS

YABBY NOODLES

MALAY SPUDS

HOTDOGS

LAMB ROLLS

HOT DONUTS

SLUSHIES

DINNER & MUSIC FROM 7PM AT DISTRICT CLUB

lotterywest

CBH GROUP

Ausgold

Bendigo Bank

CSBP

Get on DEC!

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF WA

Dumbleyung Community Resource Centre

Stall holders contact Ash 0499 142 832

facebook.com/dumbleyungbluebirdfestival

ONLINE AUTISM SEMINAR SERIES



Autism Seminar Series Registration

The Kids Research Institute's ClinkiKids is excited to present our online autism seminar series.

Registration is required to access the webinar.

Registered attendees will receive the webinar link one day prior to the event and will also have access to a recording of the presentation after the event.

The next seminar will be on:

'Understanding school refusal/school can't and how to help'
Applying Current Research and Best Practice Principles

The seminar is designed for parents and family members, but will also be relevant to educators and professionals who work with autistic children and their families

Thursday 27th August •
5-6pm AWST

Presented by

Mei'en Lim
Senior Clinical Psychologist at ClinkiKids,
The Kids Research Institute Australia

and

Dr Jack Brett
Clinical Neuropsychologist and
Research Fellow at ClinkiKids,
The Kids Research Institute Australia

SUNNYDALE VINTAGE DAY

5th September 2026

43 Goodall Rd Kojonup, WA 6395

Gates open 9:30am

Load up the family and head to an actioned pack day featuring.

- Tractors
- Machinery
- Live Music
- Face Painting
- Blacksmithing
- Clydesdales
- Stationary engines
- Truck Convoy
- Live demonstrations and Tractor parade
- Petting Zoo (feed the petting zoo!!)
- Plenty of food stalls and finish the day with a feast from the famous bush kitchen



Stratton Goodall

Adults \$15

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Kids under 12 free

VINTAGE TRACTOR AND MACHINERY SHOW FEATURING

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Please register online at:
<https://clinkikids.thekids.org.au/information-hub/autism-seminar-series/>