

Kojonup DHS Newsletter

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TERM 3 WEEK 9 16th SEPTEMBER 2025



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Another term is drawing to a close. As we head into the last few weeks, we reflect on what a busy term it has been and what we still have to come before we farewell Term 3. Last Thursday, the whole school came together to celebrate R U OK? Day. A sausage sizzle lunch with decorated biscuits and games was the go, with all students having a wonderful time together. Thanks to the Student Council for hosting this day.

The Chaplaincy group hosted a beautiful lunch for staff on Wednesday of last week, which was greatly appreciated by everyone. It is lovely to know that we have a group that is so invested in the wellbeing of our staff.

Some of our Year 9 girls are off to Katanning SHS for the SALT Excursion on Thursday, and students are making their final preparations for Country Week in Week 10. We wish them all the best for a week of fun and great competition.

We farewell three staff members at the end of the term, Mr Munro, Miss House and Mr Thurlow. Thank you to each one of you for being a part of our staff and having the interests of the students at heart during that time. Best wishes to you all for your future endeavours.

Mrs Brown, who was planning to be on long service leave next term, has been given the opportunity to lead Tambellup PS for Term 4. Mrs Belinda Powell, Student Services Manager from North Albany Senior High School, will be backfilling Mrs Brown's position here at school. Mrs Powell will start in Week 10 of this term to get to know the students before next term starts. We welcome her to our school and hope she enjoys her time here.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school this term, I wish you all a term break full of family and fun, enjoying some beautiful spring weather. We will see you all back again on Monday 13th October.

Sharon Poett
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS—PRIMARY

On Thursday 11th September, all students participated in an R U OK? celebration. They were treated to a sausage sizzle, biscuits, games and fun. A big thank you to Mrs Poett and Tianie who assisted in the preparation and cooking of the cookies and sausages. I would also like to extend a congratulations to our Student Council who did a fabulous job of setting up, running and cleaning up the event.

On Thursday 18th September, students from Kindergarten to Year 7 will be attending a performance of Shrek Jr performed by students from St Bernard's. A majority of students will be walking to and from the venue with their teachers. I look forward to hearing how the performance goes.

As we come to the end of term, I urge all parents and carers to ensure they are notifying the school when their child is absent. If you know in advance that your child will be away, please add an attendance note in Compass.

I would also like to remind all parents that if your primary school-aged child needs to bring a mobile phone to school, they need to give it to the front office staff for safe keeping for the school day and collect it at the end of the day. This is to ensure all students safety and the safety of student property. If you have any questions regarding our mobile phone policy, please refer to our school website or give me a call at school.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and we will see students back at school on Monday 13th October ready for the craziness that is Term 4.

Lauren Suttie

Deputy Principal—Primary



R U OK? Day activities on Thursday 11th September

LAST DAY OF TERM 3—FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
FIRST DAY OF TERM 4—MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER

Have a fabulous spring holiday break!



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL—SECONDARY

As the end of term approaches, our secondary students are looking forward to an exciting Reward Day on Friday 19th September. During Period 3 and 4 there will be a friendly Staff vs Students tee-ball game, followed by a sausage sizzle at the farm. The day will wrap up with a fun Cubby building activity, bringing everyone together to celebrate a successful term.

For many students, this will also mark their last day of term, as 38 students will spend the weekend packing and preparing for Country Week, which begins on Sunday 21st September. We are pleased to have a strong representation this year, with teams competing in netball, volleyball, basketball, hockey, and badminton. We wish all our students the very best as they take part in a week filled with competitive sport, skill-building, new friendships, and exciting evening activities.

A big thank you to Mr Ryan Sinclair for co-ordinating our fourth Country Week event, and the dedicated staff/parents who have supported the training leading up to next week, and who have taken on roles of coaches and supervisors. Best of luck to all involved – we know you'll make our school proud!

Thank you also goes out to Mr Nikhil Sharma who co-ordinated a group of talented Year 7 students to compete in the 'Tournament of Minds' held at Katanning Senior High School. Their innovative STEM project focused on the serious problem of plastic pollution in the Yamuna River in India. Please be sure to see the photos from the day and to read the article in this newsletter.

On Thursday, four Year 9 female students are attending an excursion at Katanning Senior High School about Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen (SALT). This hands-on tool workshop has been fully funded by the Department of Training and Workforce Development- WA (DWTD- WA) as part of the Year 9 Career Taster Program (CTP), promoting careers and equity in the trades. On the same day, along with the primary school students, the Year 7 students will be treated to a performance by the St Bernard's Primary School: 'Shrek Jr, The Musical'.

I would like to farewell Mr Michael Munro from the Flying Squad and thank him for all of his effort and dedication to educate our students this term in English and HASS. His organisation, structured lessons and high expectations are commendable. Next term, we will be welcoming our new permanent English/HASS teacher to KDHS, Ms Jo Chisnall.

Due to an opportunity to lead Tambellup Primary School as the Principal, I will now defer my long service leave that was booked for Term 4. Mrs Belinda Powell, Student Services Manager from North Albany Senior High School, will be replacing me during Term 4 and some of the students will get to meet her when she commences next Monday 22nd September.

I wish all students and their families a fantastic and restful break for the school holidays.

Jacky Brown

Deputy Principal—Secondary

Compass CORNER: WHICH FACTION IS YOUR CHILD IN?

At KDHS, we have three factions—Aquila (green), Hercules (red) and Phoenix (yellow). Each child is allocated to a faction upon enrolment. Siblings are placed in the same faction.

If you are unsure of your child's faction, it is listed on Compass when you click on your child's photo:

Male - 12 Years

Groups: **Phoenix**, Year 7, Year 7

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PRE-PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Well done to the Pre-Primary class who taught us about Australian animals at the assembly on Friday 5th September. A big congratulations to our merit award winners and to the Year 3/4 class, who the Award of the Week for naming the most collective nouns of animals in a minute.

We also acknowledged the Year 7-10 students who will be representing KDHS at the District High Schools' Country Week In Perth from Sunday 21st to Friday 26th September.

PRIMARY

Georgie Robinson	Marcus Nguyen	Diaz Spargo	Scarlet Giguera	Bridget Orr	Aria Shehan	Malia Ve
Rocco Magini	Patsy Wood	Bristol Fleay	Kyan Lucev	Taj Wells	Kiyah-Marree Hayfield	
John Ve						

SECONDARY

Jedd Hunter	Tona Watene	Lachlan Fleay	Chase Keating	Cody Ferguson	Sasha Maunder	Hannah Bignell
Savannah Tunui	Jacob McMahon	Shanyle Padrequil	Temperance North			



KOJONUP STUDENTS SHINE AT TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

A group of talented Year 7 students from Kojonup District High School showcased their skills at the Regional Finals of the Tournament of Minds competition, held at Katanning Senior High School on Tuesday 2nd September. The Regional Finals are the culmination of weeks of preparation, where teams present their solutions to a panel of judges and an audience. Their innovative STEM project focused on the serious problem of plastic pollution in the Yamuna River in India. The team's presentation was a perfect blend of sharp research, dramatic flair, and humour, which captivated the judges and audience.

The students began by explaining how pollution affects the planet's land, water, air, and living things. They shared a striking fact, revealing that about 60% of the trash in the Yamuna River is plastic, which poses a serious threat to both people and animals.

For solutions, the team came up with some truly innovative ideas. They suggested building better housing with proper waste systems, creating physical barriers along the riverbanks, and using recycled plastic to make filters that would clean the water and collect more plastic. This clever idea demonstrated a circular economy, turning a problem into a solution.

To bring their concepts to life, they built a model of the river using everyday items. Cardboard was used for the land, foil for the water, and popsicle sticks stood in for buildings. This creative visual aid made their complex ideas simple and easy to understand.

The team's performance was a huge hit because they didn't just stick to the facts. Their use of humour and a lively script kept the audience engaged and entertained. It was a powerful reminder that young people can tackle huge, serious problems with both intelligence and a creative spark.

Nikhil Sharma

Secondary Science Teacher



Year 7 Tournament of Minds team—Jayden Manipon, Chase Lever, Houston Clarke, Thomas Bilney, Lachlan Fleay, Alex Shepherd and Kaiden George

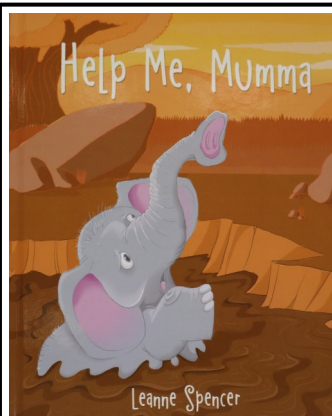


KINDY & PRE-PRIMARY FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

On Thursday 4th September, the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary classes enjoyed having a special shared breakfast with their Dads, Mums and special people at school. The children and adults enjoyed eating bacon and egg sandwiches, sausages and yummy pikelets. Thank you to Mrs Lyn Boddington for cooking the BBQ, and for all the parents and grandparents who came to celebrate. Thanks also to the wonderful ECE staff for your help with the event.

Liz Webb

Kindy Teacher



VISITING AUTHOR

Last week, Kindy to Year 2/3 students were visited in their library time by local author Leanne Spencer. Her first book called 'Help Me, Mumma' was enjoyed by the students. Every student also received a copy of her book. Many thanks to Leanne for her generosity & taking time to visit classes throughout the week. Pictured are the Kindy & Year 1/2 students with Leanne and their new books.

Sonya Koster
Librarian

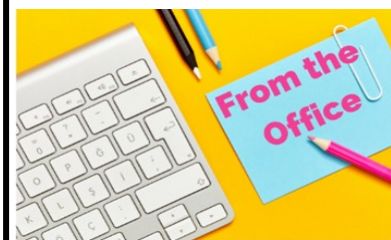
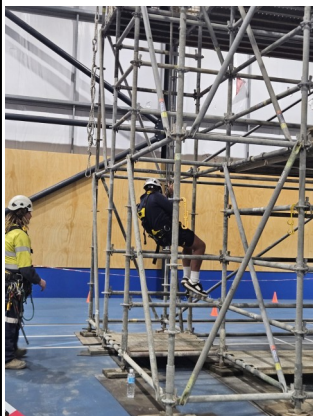


YEAR 9 & 10 BODDINGTON CAREERS DAY

On Friday 29th August, Ms Shepherd, Miss Livingstone and the Year 9/10 students ventured to Boddington for the Boddington Careers Exploration Expo. The careers expo aimed to provide students with valuable insights into the industries and further education and training opportunities available within the region. The different exhibitors showcased the different career opportunities within the hospitality, mining, agricultural, sporting and building industries. Each student group was provided with a guide on arrival to support and encourage student interactions with the various industry experts before being given time to explore the exhibits by themselves. Students could use VR sets to simulate workplaces, climb scaffolding and be winched down as well as engage in hands on machinery and equipment practice. This was a fun and engaging experience for all students involved. A big thanks goes to the Shire of Boddington for facilitating this expo.

Sharon Livingstone

Digital Technologies Teacher



ARE YOUR CHILDREN RETURNING IN 2026?

As 2026 is approaching, we are busy in the office organising student movement. Could please fill out and return the Student Movement form by Friday 26th September 2025. You may also phone the front office on 9831 3300 or email kojonup.dhs@education.wa.edu.au

STUDENT MOVEMENT 2026

My Child/ren _____

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Will be attending Kojonup DHS in 2026

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Will NOT be attending Kojonup DHS in 2026, will be attending _____ school.

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS MEET DR. JESSICA WHITE: THE STEM STAR WHO'S CHANGING THE GAME

On Friday 29th August, Year 7 and 8 students had an unforgettable visit from Dr. Jessica White, a CSIRO researcher and PhD expert, who showed them that hard work, curiosity, and a dash of persistence can lead to incredible achievements. (PS: CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation) is Australia's national science agency, dedicated to solving some of the world's most complex challenges through innovative research and development).

Dr. White shared her journey from student to scientist, proving that perseverance can take you places—like CSIRO, working on climate change solutions with quantum computing. The message? Keep going, and you might just change the world.

Students got their hands dirty with two cool experiments:

- **Terrariums (Year 7)** : Building tiny ecosystems and learning about balance in nature.
- **Digestive System (Year 8)**: Exploring how food moves through the body—no, it's not magic!

Dr. White's career has taken her to amazing places, from global collaborations to working on environmental breakthroughs. She reminded students that with enough passion and persistence, they can do anything—maybe even invent the next big thing in science!

We're grateful to Dr. White for inspiring us to aim high and never give up!

Nikhil Sharma

Secondary Science Teacher



A thank you letter from Dr Jessica White:

Dear Kojonup District High School,

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to visit your school and conduct science experiments with students in Years 3-8. It was truly a rewarding experience, and it was wonderful to see the students' enthusiasm and enjoyment during the experiments. I particularly appreciated how the students in Years 3-6 took the initiative to add more reactants, allowing the reaction to continue and sparking their awe and curiosity. Experiencing science hands-on is invaluable, and I'm glad they had the chance to engage directly rather than just observing a demonstration.

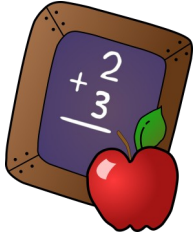
All the students, both in the Junior and Senior School, were respectful and well-behaved. Their enthusiasm was heartwarming, and their insightful questions demonstrated genuine interest. I apologize if some of the younger students got a bit overexcited, but I believe that these first science experiments will become cherished memories for them.

I also want to express my gratitude for the beautiful succulent, which is now a lovely addition to my home. If you have any feedback for me, please do not hesitate to share. Additionally, a big thank you to the Year 7 girls, Sharon, and the kind cleaning gentleman for their assistance. Also a big thanks to Ella for helping me in reception and for Bon in showing me around the school!

Lastly, I appreciate Nikhil's involvement through STEM Professionals, which facilitated my visit to your school. He is doing great work with the kids and it's great seeing a passionate science teacher!

Cheers,

Jess



MATHS MADNESS!!

Fun Maths Games (Ages 4–10)

1. Number Treasure Hunt

Age Range: 4–7

Focus: Number recognition, counting, simple addition

How to Play:

- Hide number cards (0–20) or objects with numbers written on them around a room or outdoor area.
- Give kids clues (e.g. “Find the number that comes after 7”) or math challenges (“Find a number that’s the sum of 3 + 4”).
- When they find the right number, they keep it in their “treasure pouch.”
- At the end, they count their treasures and solve bonus questions using the numbers they found.

Group Variation:

- Split children into small teams. Each team must work together to solve a clue and find the right number.
- Introduce relay-style rounds where each member takes turns collecting one number.

Materials: Number cards, small pouches or containers

2. Dice Duel

Age Range: 6–10

Focus: Addition, subtraction, strategy

How to Play:

- Each player rolls two dice (or one die twice).
- They can choose to add or subtract the numbers.
- They mark their answer on a game board from 1 to 20.
- First to cover all numbers wins — but you can only use each number once!

Group Variation:

- Play in pairs or small groups. Teams take turns and must agree on their strategy (add or subtract).
- Make it a tournament with a scoreboard.

Materials: Dice, number board (paper or laminated), counters or whiteboard markers

3. Number Line Races

Age Range: 5–10

Focus: Number order, addition, subtraction, counting on

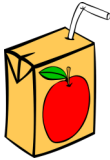
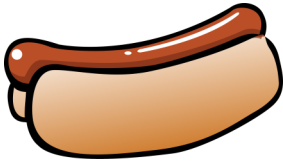
How to Play:

- Create a large number line on the floor (using masking tape or paper) from 0 to 20 (or higher).
- Children take turns rolling a die and moving that many steps forward.
- They must say the number they land on and explain how they got there.
- You can add cards with instructions like “Go back 2” or “Skip ahead 3”.

Group Variation:

- Divide the class into teams. Each team sends one player at a time to race along the number line.
- Make it cooperative: teams work together to reach a target number as fast as possible.

Materials: Large number line (tape or paper), dice, optional instruction cards



CALLS FOR INTEREST

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

9831 3300

courtney.toland@education.wa.edu.au

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

PBS FOCUS FOR THIS FORTNIGHT IS:

Show flexibility

PBS VALUE: RESILIENCE

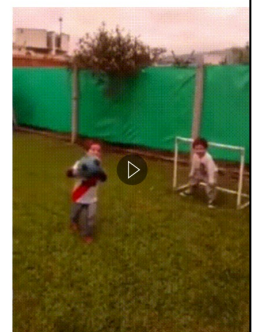


Why it is important:

- It shows respect: when we adapt to changes, we respect teachers and classmates instead of arguing or complaining
- It builds resilience: flexible students can bounce back when things don't go their way
- It keeps the classroom calm: flexibility reduces stress and arguments when things don't go as planned

Sometimes changes are out of our control!
We can choose how we respond or react. That is being flexible and it shows resilience.

Trying a new role in a team or activity



Accepting when the teacher changes the timetable



Staying calm if something doesn't go exactly the way we expected.



Sharing equipment when there isn't enough for everyone



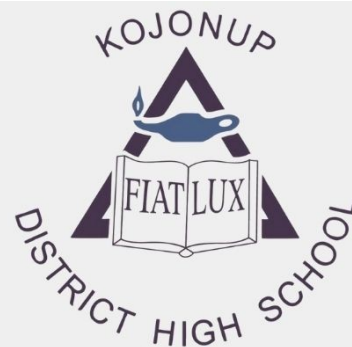
SHARING IS CARING



2025 PLANNER – TERM 4

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1	13 Oct	14 Kindy Day	15 Faction Athletics Jumps & Throws	16 Kindy Day Faction Athletics Carnival	17	18/19
2	20 Oct Kindy Day P&C Meeting 6pm, School Library	21 Kindy Day Y9 Incursion Food & Hospitality	22	23 Kindy Day	24	25/26
3	27 Oct Y9/10 OLNA Writing	28 Kindy Day Y9/10 OLNA Writing Catchup	29 Y9/10 OLNA Reading	30 Kindy Day Y9/10 OLNA Reading Catchup	31 Interschool Athletics Wagin Y9/10 OLNA Numeracy	1 /2
4	3 Nov Kindy Day	4 Kindy Day Dinninup Show Yr 9	5 Y9/10 OLNA Reading & Numeracy Catchup Cricket Carnival Yr 4-6 Katanning	6 Kindy Day Y9/10 OLNA Catch up R&N Y9 Incursion Barista	7 School Development Day	8/9
5	10 Nov Swimming Lessons	11 Kindy Day PBS Shop	12 School Board Meeting 1pm	13 Kindy Day Warwick SHS coaching clinic	14 Year 10 Rotary and APEX Bursary interviews Secondary whole school Assembly	15/16
6	17 Nov Kindy Day Career Taster Visual Arts Yr 9/10 Swimming Lessons	18 Kindy Day	19	20 Kindy Day	21 Year 10 Rotary Mock Job Interviews	22/23
7	24 Nov Kindy Orientation – Parent Info Session. 9am -10.30am	25 Kindy Day Y7 Orientation Day	26	27 Kindy Day	28	29/30
8	1 Dec Kindy Day Year 6 Camp	2 Kindy Day	3	4 Kindy Day Kindy Orientation Morning 9:30-11am	5 2026 Leader nomination speeches	6/7
9	8 Dec	9 Kindy Day Work Placement Thank You breakfast	10	11 Kindy Day Kindy Graduation Ceremony 2-3pm in Library	12 Year 6 Graduation Year 10 Graduation night	13/14
10	15 Kindy Day	16 Kindy Day	17 Presentation Night	18 Kindy Day Students last day	19	20/21

KINDY ENROLMENT NOW OPEN 2026



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

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

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

Orientation and parent information sessions will be in Term 4



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K O J O N U P K I D S A F T E R S C H O O L A C T I V I T I E S



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

What: KKASA

Where: Kodja Place

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

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

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

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



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



Department of
Education

Shaping the future

VacSwim

Regional enrolment checklist

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

Get your WAIVS account ready

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

Prepare for costs and concessions

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

Be aware of enrolment limits

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

Gather your child's details

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

Choose your program and book early

Review program dates to find your preferred option.

October programs (Close: Tuesday 26 August 2025)

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

Summer programs (Close: Wed 15 October 2025)

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

Find your local venue

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

How to enrol

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

Enrol now:

education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

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

Spots are limited, enrol now to secure your place!



We're hiking for mental health

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

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



SCAN ME

Thank you for your support!

beyondblue.org.au

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

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

Thank you

Liz Webb & Annie Hornby



KIDS' TENNIS COACHING

Please contact Deb Fardig (Junior Co-ordinator) to register your interest—debfordigt@gmail.com

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Term 4 lessons will run as follow.....

Days:
TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY or
THURSDAY
afternoons.



When: Starting Week 1, Tuesday 14th October 2025

Where: Kojonup Tennis Club – Blackwood Road, Kojonup.

Lessons: 8-week program, 45-minute lessons.

Groups: MAX 7 children per group, groups will be age/ability based.

Cost: Pre-Primary - year 10 age \$125 (\$105 lessons and \$20 club fee).

The club fee is per season -Term4/Term 1, if your child did lessons in Term 4 2025 you do not need to pay again.

Payment: EFT to Club or CASH once the coordinator has confirmed your child's enrolment (via email).

Bank Details: Kojonup Tennis Club NAB

BSB: 086-746

Acc: [56-310-1323](tel:56-310-1323)

Please email your child's name, year group and **TWO** days that suit best and I will try and accommodate your request to debfordigt@gmail.com.

Please contact me if you have any questions,

PLAY CRICKET

Kojonup Cricket Blast Registrations are now open!!
Cricket Blast goes for just one hour and is for Boys & Girls aged 5-10
For more information and to register today, scan the QR code below or head to Play.Cricket.com.au and search 'Kojonup Cricket Club'

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW
PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU

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KOJONUP CRICKET CLUB

ID CAMPS

As part of our restructured academy model, we're launching our ID Camps from 25 August.

Our ID Camps give aspiring footballers the opportunity to be seen by our academy coaches and potentially join the Academy District Model that launches in Term 4.

The ID Camps play a pivotal role in scouting players and ensuring that each player, no matter their development stage or potential, has a home here at Perth Glory.

And the best bit, these ID Camps are completely FREE.

We have training locations strategically situated across the Petro metro and regional areas to ensure all footballers have the opportunity to attend an ID Camp.

KEY INFO

Dates
August 25 - September 24

Location
Strategically situated across all of metro & regional locations South, Central, North, East, Far South

Ages
Junior Academy 9-15's
Senior Men's Academy 15 - 19's
Senior Women's Academy 14 - 19's

Price
FREE

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