



HYDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21st September, 2023

Term 3. Week 10

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School Council

We recently called for nominations for a vacant school board member position in the parent category. As we only received one nomination, we are not required to hold an election. I therefore welcome Steph Whitwell into the position until the end of 2025.

We will be holding another election at the end of next term for one staff position and one parent position.

Information will be sent out via Connect in Term 4.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Kaya Everyone!

Wow, I can't believe that Term 3 is almost over and it's been nearly two months since I've been in Hyden. This term I've been focusing on getting to know our students, staff and families learning about our school context. I have been delving into student data, school plans and policies, and working with staff to continue our school improvement journey. We have been selected to undergo a Public School Review in Term 1 2024 so reflecting on our performance in each of the school review domains will be a focus for Term 4.

During our staff School Development Day in Week 8, staff further reviewed our NAPLAN and other assessment data, and discussed strategies to further improve results in areas such as spelling and reading. In the lead up to a review of our school's behaviour support plan, we had a presentation from John Della Barca, the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Coordinator at Regional Office, about the Wheatbelt SEL initiative "Circle of Courage". The C of C is a model of positive youth development based on the principle of universal needs that all individuals need to have met to lead respectful, caring and productive lives and experience positive wellbeing. These needs are a sense of belonging, mastery, independence and generosity. This philosophy aligns with the Department's new Behaviour in Public Schools Policy and Procedures. We look forward to sharing more about the C of C with families during Term 4.

Finally, a big thank you to our dedicated team of staff for their hard work over the term. They have experienced many leadership changes over the year but have maintained a consistent approach to teaching, high expectations of students and one another and to the quality of our school environment and operations.

I hope that you and your family have an enjoyable school break and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Dr Bree Wagner

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

—ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Early Childhood Excursion to Wave Rock

On Tuesday the 19th of September, the K/P/1s headed out on an adventure. We went with Mrs Tapper, Miss Hewett, Mrs Couper and Mrs Mortimer to visit Wave Rock. Firstly, we visited the rock itself and used our senses to complete a visual, tactile and auditory scavenger hunt. Some of us opted to sketch the rock using paints, crayons and textas. We went to the cafe to have our recess before Mrs Richter took us through the Lace Place, the Soldier Museum and then onto the new Off Road Museum. After that we got to explore all the different creatures of the park with our trusty advisor, Matthew, who knew everything about all of the animals. We had some lunch and then used the last bit of time to check out the dinosaurs and revisit any animals of interest to our small group. We finished the day off with a well deserved ice-cream.

Thanks to Mrs Tapper for all of your hard work organising the excursion! Thanks to Mrs Richter for being our number one tour guide, Mrs Mortimer for driving the bus, Mrs Couper for keeping us safe and the mums and dads that joined us for our journey.

October:

Clancy Whitwell—3rd
Logan Gittos—5th
Ebony Gittos—10th
Seb Whitwell—10th
Billy O'Shannessy—13th
Amber O'Shannessy—14th
Reeve Baker—16th
Jack Graham—29th
Luca Whitwell—30th



Room 1 Update

We planned, we created, and we now have four unique scarecrows on display to 'Celebrate Diversity in Agriculture'. With the focus being the people and produce of Wheatbelt Agriculture our scarecrows have all been built from local produce and scrap. You can meet the scarecrows in the HPS kitchen garden, Elders Hyden, Katter Kich Gallery or the one voted most popular by the whole school will be in the Silver Jubilee Pavilion at the 2023 Perth Royal Show. This scarecrow (with a few modifications as suggested by class members) is competing with 52 others from primary schools around the state. The winners will be announced at 11.00am Saturday 23rd September. Well done to the class on completing this program with enthusiasm and as cooperative team members.



Working with Children Checks

We thank all our parents who generously volunteer their time and energy to support our school community. There are some changes to the Working with Children Check policy, to ensure the safety of children when we have volunteers in the school.

If you would like to volunteer at our school, you will need to sign a 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form'. You cannot volunteer if you have a current Working with Children Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice.

These changes affect parents who are engaged in volunteer work. For example, you are considered a volunteer when you assist with activities such as reading sessions, day excursions, canteen duties, helping at a sports carnival or carrying out P&C duties.

You are not a volunteer when:

- picking up and dropping off your child
- observing events like school assemblies
- attending parent and teacher interviews
- visiting the uniform shop.



If your circumstances change, and you are issued with a Negative Notice or Interim Negative Notice after completing the 'Parent and child volunteer declaration form', you must advise the principal.

Year 5/6 Update



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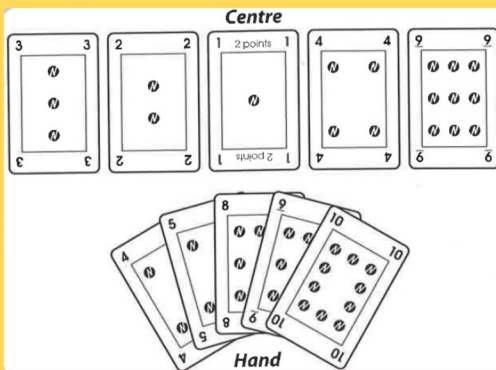
ROOM 2 NEWS



Numero is a fun, competitive card game that significantly boosts mental maths ability when played regularly. It increases confidence in mathematics, encourages tactical thinking and thinking 'outside the box'.

In Room 2 we have been taking part in a 'Numero Tournament'. There are 9 tables with 2 people playing at each. We play 3 rounds of 10 minutes and the person with the most cards moves up and the other person moves down.

Students also compete for the 'Tip-Top Take of the Day'. What would your 'Tip-Top Take of the Day' be??



National School's Opinion Survey

We have asked parents, and will be soon asking staff and students, to complete the National School Opinion Survey. Schools are required to conduct this survey at least every two years. Our last survey was conducted in 2021.

The NSOS enables Hyden Primary School to gather valuable feedback from our community about our school. The results of this years survey will also be used in our school review as evidence in the relationships and partnerships domain of school improvement.

We would really value the feedback from as many parents as possible (e.g. both mum and dad). The link to the survey will be sent out via Connect and paper versions will also be available at the front office and at assembly.

Bushfire Season - Pre-emptive Closure Information

Hyden Primary School has been placed on the Department of Education bushfire zone register as it is located in a designated bushfire risk area.

If a fire behaviour index of 75 (extreme fire danger) or greater is forecast for the Shire of Kondinin a school may be required to invoke a pre-emptive (planned) closure. A 'catastrophic' fire danger rating poses a significant threat to the school if a fire starts. It is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast-moving.

Parents and carers will receive a text message or phone call to inform them of a possible pre-emptive closure of the school.

The final decision to pre-emptively close the school will be confirmed with the principal no later than 4:30 pm on the day before the pre-emptive closure. If the forecast changes after the 4:30 pm deadline, the school remains closed.

Parents and carers will receive a text message or phone call to either confirm or cancel a pre-emptive closure of the school.

Typically, schools will be required to close for a day at a time however, this will depend on changing weather conditions. Parents and carers will receive a text message to advise if the school will reopen the day after the pre-emptive closure, or whether it will remain closed.

Parents and carers are encouraged to monitor official bushfire information sources for current information about fire danger ratings:

1. [Emergency WA website](#)
2. Department of Fire and Emergency Services
 - Information line, 13 33 37
 - Twitter, https://twitter.com/dfes_wa
3. Local radio
 - [ABC Emergency WA](#)
 - ABC local radio
 - 6PR

Please contact the school on 9684 0800 with any concerns about pre-emptive closures during the bushfire season.

Bree Wagner
Principal



Faction Athletics Carnival - Friday, September 1

Kondinin Shire Shield - Overall Winning Faction:

1st Place:	O'Connor	632.5 points
2nd Place:	Forrest	431 points
3rd Place:	Kondinin	424.5 points

Handicap Shield:

1st Place:	O'Connor	632.5 points
2nd Place:	Kondinin	494.5 points
3rd Place:	Forrest	461 points

Team Games Shield: P & C Shield

1st Place:	O'Connor	184 points
2nd Place:	Forrest	140 points
3rd Place:	Kondinin	128 points

Grand Relay Shield: P & C Shield

1st Place:	O'Connor	632.5 points
2nd Place:	Forrest	431 points
3rd Place:	Kondinin	424.5 points



Championship winners:

200 metres Girl:	Holly Couper	O'Connor
200 metres Boy:	Phoenix Kelly	Forrest

Sub Junior Champion Girl:	Willarah Bennell	Kondinin	19 points
<i>Runner up:</i>	Belle Repacholi	Kondinin	10 points
	Reeve Baker	O'Connor	10 points
Sub Junior Champion Boy:	Jason Wilson	O'Connor	20 points
<i>Runner up:</i>	Tahj Esposito	Kondinin	12 points
Junior Champion Girl:	Emilee Eades	Kondinin	17 points
<i>Runner up:</i>	Evie Whitwell	O'Connor	16 points
Junior Champion Boy:	Greg Spurr	O'Connor	14 points
<i>Runner up:</i>	William O'Shannessy	Forrest	12 points
	Leon Mayfield	O'Connor	12 points
Intermediate Champ Girl:	Torana Bennell	Kondinin	18 points
<i>Runner up:</i>	Luca Whitwell	Forrest	12 points
	Ebony Gittos	Forrest	12 points
Intermediate Champ Boy:	Kaleb Bennell	Kondinin	25 points
<i>Runner up:</i>	Brisyn Bennell	Kondinin	20 points
Senior Champ Girl:	Holly Couper	O'Connor	18 points
<i>Runner up:</i>	River Hemi	Forrest	13 points
Senior Champ Boy:	Phoenix Kelly	Forrest	28 points
<i>Runner up:</i>	Tyler Mayfield	Forrest	17 points

Term 3 Activities

