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A note from the Principal

Welcome to our final newsletter for the year. We have enjoyed a very busy and eventful 12 months, filled with wonderful experiences and opportunities for our students. They have taken part in a variety of excursions and activities, including several hosted by Boddington District High School. Some of the events we were invited to this year included the Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival, R U OK? Day, and the Colour Fun Run—just to name a few.

Our Kindy Transition Day was a great success, and we look forward to welcoming our new kindy students in the new year. Presentation Night was also a highlight, and the students did an excellent job. Congratulations to all award recipients on your achievements.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of our School Council and P&C for your ongoing support and the contributions you have made to our school throughout the year. Your commitment is greatly appreciated.

I also wish the students who are leaving us all the very best as they begin new adventures at their next school. We are proud of you and know you will continue to do well.

Finally, thank you to all our staff for the tremendous effort you have put into supporting student progress and providing such rich learning opportunities this year. Your dedication makes a real difference.

I wish everyone a happy, safe, and restful Christmas break, and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Ms Ridgley

Important Dates

Term 1

2 February – Students Commence K-6

9 – 20 February – Swimming Lessons PP-6

2 March – Labour Day Public Holiday

3 March – School Development Day

2 April – Merit Assembly

2 April – Last Day Term 1

Term 2

20 April – Students Return

27 April – ANZAC Day Public Holiday

29 May – School Development Day

1 June – WA Day Public Holiday

2 July – Merit Assembly

3 July – Last Day Term 2

Term 3

20 July – Students Return

17 September – Merit Assembly

21 September – School Photo Day

25 September – Last Day Term 3

Term 4

12 October – Students Return

6 November – School Development Day

8 December – Merit Assembly

11 December – Presentation Night

17 December – Last Day Term 4

Social Media

With the social media ban now in place for under 16's, these links may be helpful for parents.



<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/social-media-age-restrictions>



<https://www.generationnext.com.au/2025/09/the-social-media-ban-is-coming-whether-families-like-it-or-not-5-ways-to-prepare-kids-and-teens/>



Junior Room

Our Kindy and Pre-Primary students have had a wonderfully busy and productive term, filled with hands-on learning, curiosity, and creativity.

In Literacy, students have been consolidating their knowledge of letters and sounds, building confidence in recognising and using them during reading, writing, and play-based activities. In Mathematics, they have been exploring numbers to 20 and practising adding numbers together up to 10.

Our Chemical Science unit has sparked lots of questions as students investigate what everyday objects are made of and why certain materials are used. They have become little scientists, exploring textures, properties, and simple experiments to build their understanding of the material world.

In Geography, students have been reading and creating maps, learning about different places and their significance. Through stories and hands-on mapping tasks, they are beginning to see how the world around them is organised and why places matter.

Digital Technology has been a big hit this term, with students using Blue Bots and Osmo Awbie to learn sequencing and early coding skills. They have been developing problem-solving strategies, teamwork, and a strong sense of digital curiosity.

In Health, we've been learning about the human body, and its systems. We have also continued our important lessons in protective behaviours, helping students build confidence in personal safety and emotional understanding.

A highlight of the term has been learning even more AUSLAN signs, which students now confidently use during class routines and songs. Their enthusiasm for signing has been wonderful to watch.

We also enjoyed welcoming our new Kindy students for 2026 during our Kindy Transition Day. The children joined us for fun, themed activities including a Teddy Bears' Picnic and Summer at the Beach play sessions. It was a lovely opportunity for our incoming students to meet classmates, explore the classroom environment, and begin feeling comfortable and excited about starting school next year.

We are also very excited as we prepare for our end-of-year performance of "A Squash and a Squeeze" and our Christmas Lights Whole School AUSLAN song and cannot wait to share their hard work with families on Presentation Night.

Mrs Presser, Mrs Hardaker & Miss Nicol





2026 Kindy's Orientation Day



Welcome to our new 2026 kindergarten students, Aneeka Presser, Tia Steer, Lee Pedersen and Kayden Egerton-Warburton (absent). We look forward to you joining us in 2026.

Middle Room



What a fantastic end to the year it has been in the Middle Room! Students have shown tremendous effort and resilience, especially during our busy period of testing, and we are so proud of the growth they have made. In Chemical Sciences, the class enjoyed hands-on experiments such as making ice cream and exploring how different materials change when heated—there was plenty of excitement and curiosity along the way!

In Maths, we've been diving into division and fractions, building confidence through hands-on activities and problem-solving challenges. Our English learning has focused on persuasive writing, where students have worked hard to develop strong arguments and convincing language features. This term we also had the wonderful chance to play lawn bowls, and we extend a big thank you to **Mrs Muller and Rob** for providing us with access to the equipment.

Well done to all Middle Room students for a productive, enjoyable, and rewarding Term 4!

Miss Wai



Senior Room



Term 4 has been a busy and rewarding end to the year in the senior room. One of our highlights was visiting the Community Centre each week for lawn bowls. The students loved learning a new skill, and we extend a warm thank you to Lee and Rob for generously sharing their time and expertise with us.

In HASS, the Year 5/6 students have been exploring economics, diving into concepts such as supply and demand, markets, and sustainable business practices. They are now designing their own sustainable business ideas, and it's been wonderful to see their creativity and problem-solving shine. Year 4s have been investigating the journey of food from paddock to plate, learning about the processes involved in getting food onto our tables. Our Year 3s have been deepening their understanding of weather and climate, building their knowledge through hands-on activities and discussions.

Science has been equally exciting, with students engaging in a range of Chemical Science experiments to explore how materials change. We will be finishing the term with some festive baking—viewing it through a scientific lens, of course! In English, students have been reading and writing biographies, learning about influential people and practising how to tell someone's life story with clarity and purpose. In Maths, the class has worked incredibly hard to master division, learning a variety of strategies to tackle division problems with confidence.

As we move toward the end of term, the students are preparing for Presentation Night and writing their speeches for next year's Student Council elections. We also wish Joel C and Ida all the very best for their transition day at Boddington on the 5th and for their graduation dinner—we are so proud of them and know they will shine in the next chapter of their schooling. We also send our warmest wishes to all students who will be moving to new schools next year; we thank you for the joy and effort you have brought to our classroom and wish you every success in the future.

We are all looking forward to a well-earned holiday after a full and productive term!

Ms Jemma

2025 Graduating Legends



Joel Caldwell and Ida Barrett

Colour Run @ Boddington DHS





The Library Lowdown

Well, we have certainly had a very busy and productive year in our school library. We have focused on lots of different themes, read some amazing stories and have been lucky enough to have lots of new books added to our shelves (the rewards we earn through our Scholastic Book Club program and annual Book Fair plays a really big part in this!)

Please encourage your kids to keep their daily reading going over the holiday period. Books and reading (along with a visit to the library!) are a great way to fill in some of the too hot days to be outside or on the go!

Leanne Rose
Library Officer

*"Maybe Christmas" the Grinch thought, "doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more." – Dr. Seuss*



Award Winners Term 4

Merit Awards

Annabelle Lobb
Esther Barrett
Freya Rankin
Lucas Sherlock
Roulland Ryan



Aussie of
the Month

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Emersyn Telford
Ida Barrett





Artwork by Ida

Student WOW Work



Artwork by Joel C



KIDS IN THE
KITCHEN



6 & 7 MARCH 2026 Wagin Woolorama

PRESENTED BY:



Registrations open
soon!

Create a simple recipe that can be
cooked in 30 minutes – thats it!

Set in the heart of the Wheatbelt region, a cultural and culinary revolution is coming. Wagin Woolorama Kids in the Kitchen is not just a cooking competition; it's a gateway to a world of opportunities for the young minds of the region. This initiative will be part of the Wagin Woolorama in March 2026, where young contestants aged 10 to 16 will have the chance to showcase their culinary skills in a cook-off. The prospect of winning great prizes is enticing, but the real value lies in the experiences gained, the connections forged, and the potential for personal and community growth.

Competition details

<https://downsouthcreative.com.au/kids-in-the-kitchen/>

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