Castletown NEWS

NEWSLETTER 1, TERM 4 **16TH NOVEMBER 2026**

A passionate learning community that inspires, challenges, and supports all students to succeed, and empowers them to be resilient and respectful



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and families,

We are now well into Term 4 and beginning to edge closer to the end of what has been another busy and successful school year. While there is still plenty of learning ahead, many of the events that make this term so special are now on the horizon, including Year 6 Graduation celebrations, High School transition days, Year 5 leadership speeches and the many end-of-year activities that help us recognise student achievement and growth. It is always a busy time in schools, but also one filled with excitement and opportunity for our students.

On Friday 30th October, we acknowledged World Teachers' Day, an opportunity to recognise the dedication, professionalism and care shown by our teaching staff every day. Our teachers work tirelessly to support, challenge and inspire students, and we thank them for the significant contribution they make to the success of our school.

On Friday 6th November, we celebrated School Psychologist Appreciation Day, recognising the valuable role our school psychologists play in supporting student wellbeing, learning and engagement. Their expertise and commitment make a meaningful difference to many students and families within our school community.

Our student councillors proudly represented Castletown Primary School at the Remembrance Day Service. As always, our student leaders conducted themselves with maturity, dignity and respect as they helped honour the service and sacrifice of those who have served our nation.

On Monday 9th November we welcomed a group of Esperance Senior High School Year 8 students, who worked alongside several of our classes on activities centred around Noongar Dreaming storybooks. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for students to connect, learn and engage with important cultural stories and perspectives.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who played a part in the planning and organisation of our Swimming Carnival. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Mr Pansini for his leadership and coordination of the event. As always, the carnival was a great success, showcasing participation, sportsmanship and school spirit. Thank you also to our staff, volunteers and families whose support helped make the day such an enjoyable experience for our students.

As we move through the remainder of the term, we look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students and making the most of the many opportunities that Term 4 brings. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

Kind regards

David Vooght-Simpson
Principal

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DEPUTY'S DESK

Teaching Placement Students

You may have noticed that several classrooms around our school have welcomed an additional teacher recently, and many of our classes host teaching placement students throughout the year.

This term, we have seven Teaching Placement Students from Edith Cowan University and Curtin University. Across 2026, Castletown has hosted a total of twelve placement students. At a time when universities are finding it increasingly difficult to secure high-quality school placements, we are proud of the strong culture of collaboration and professional learning that exists at Castletown. Our teachers generously open their classrooms, share their expertise, and support the next generation of educators as they develop their skills and confidence.

Our dedicated staff work closely with these future teachers by supporting their planning and assessment, observing lessons, providing constructive feedback, and offering ongoing guidance throughout their placement. They also complete formal evaluations to help students reflect on their growth and progress as educators. Our students also benefit from having another educator in the classroom, providing additional support, small-group instruction and opportunities for individual feedback.

Hosting placement students is a valuable experience for everyone involved. It provides aspiring teachers with authentic classroom experiences while also encouraging professional reflection and the sharing of new ideas among our staff. Most importantly, it helps strengthen the future teaching workforce and ensures that quality educators continue to enter our schools. By hosting placement students in Esperance, we are also helping future teachers experience the rewards of living and working in regional communities.

We would like to thank our teachers for the time, care and professionalism they invest in mentoring future educators.

Julie Fetherston
Deputy Principal



What a fantastic start to the Bike Program at CPS!





Our dedicated Bike Crew mentors will spend the term sharing their knowledge, experience and practical skills with our students. Along the way, students will learn not only how to repair and maintain bikes, but also valuable life skills such as teamwork, problem-solving and perseverance. Best of all, each student will have the opportunity to keep the bike they have rebuilt!



A huge thank you to Esperance Rotary Club and the wonderful volunteers who generously give their time, expertise and encouragement to make this program possible. We are incredibly grateful for your support and the positive impact you are making in the lives of our students.

ESHS TASTER DAY



From the sports courts to the creative classrooms, our Year 6 students enjoyed an exciting and engaging day at the Esperance Senior High School Taster Day! 🙌

The experience provided a valuable insight into high school life and the many opportunities that await our students as they prepare for this exciting next chapter.

A heartfelt thank you to the ESHS staff and their wonderful student guides for their enthusiasm, organisation and support throughout the day. Your warm welcome helped our students feel comfortable, confident and excited about the future. We are very grateful for such a positive and memorable experience!



















ESHS BAND VISIT

In week three, our students enjoyed a fantastic musical performance from the Esperance Senior High School Bands.

Students were entertained by a variety of musical pieces and instruments, with Lilly's Duck Song proving to be a crowd favourite. The Year 10 and Year 11 rock bands were also a big hit, captivating the audience with their energy and talent.

It was especially exciting to see two of our students, Luca and Jai, performing alongside high school students.

The performance provided a wonderful introduction to the world of music and offered our students a glimpse of the opportunities available when students join the music program in Year 5!

A huge thank you to the staff and students from ESHS for sharing their talents and delivering such an enjoyable and inspiring performance.







Congratulations to our SUPER! R.I.B.I.T Readers

50 Nights of Reading

Room 4 - Hannelie Dreyer
Room 7 - Yashan Wickramasinghe, Mason Lay

80 Nights of Reading

EC6 - Salvator King
Room 4 - Georgia Gordon

100 Nights of Reading

EC4 - Levi Hillbrick, Fraser Jones, Isla Styles, Edward Scott
EC6 - Grayson Sutton
Room 4 - Zach Hizona

120 Nights of Reading

Room 4 - Ellie Wegmann, Zach HIzona

150 Nights of Reading

EC6 - Jude Agenbag, Leo Walker
Room 4 - Eliza Parkin, Amara Funneman, Hazel Sutton
Room 7 - Maddie Walker, Maisie Triplett

180 Nights of Reading

Room 4 - Kailee Sherriff

200 Nights of Reading

Room 4 - Verety Carmody
Room 7 - Ava Willsher

250 Nights of Reading

Room 4 - Reid Agenbag

RIBIT
Reading in bed is terrific!

ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Scarlett

For her kindness, leadership, positivity, and inclusiveness. Scarlett always goes out of her way to put others first.



Well deserved Scarlett.

Congratulations!

Golden Jacket & Golden Broom Winners

Room 10



Room 4



PRE PRIMARY

Sports Day Fun!

Our Pre-Primary students had a fantastic time at Sports Day on Friday, 30 October!

Students showed great enthusiasm as they participated in running races and novelty events, including the egg and spoon race, throwing, sack race, flag race, jumping and kicking. It was wonderful to see everyone trying their best, showing resilience, and cheering on their friends.

The students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the day and should be very proud of their efforts. A highlight was seeing the smiles, determination, and excitement on everyone's faces as they took part in each activity.

Students were awarded a special green athletics ribbon and received lots of stickers on their achievement sheets. To finish off the wonderful event, everyone enjoyed a refreshing icy pole!

A big thank you to our families who came along to support and encourage the children. It was a wonderful day celebrating participation, teamwork, and having fun together.

Thank you also to our wonderful Pre-Primary staff for their assistance in ensuring the day ran smoothly.

Well done, Pre-Primary! 🎉



















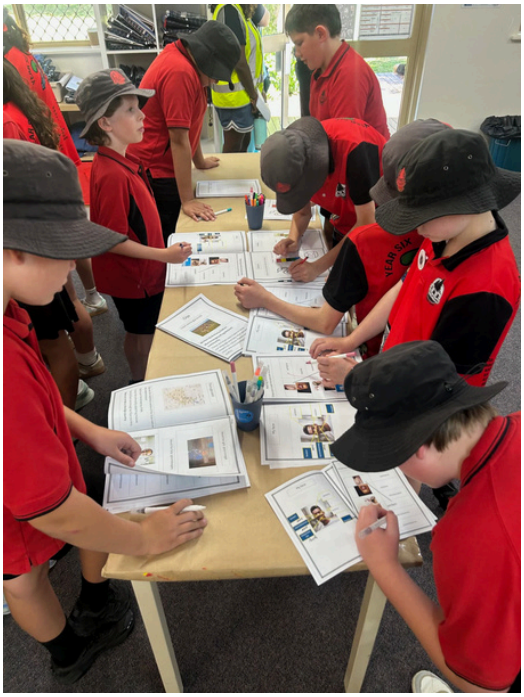
WONGUTHA CAPS VISIT

CPS Students Celebrate Culture at Wongutha CAPS NAIDOC Day

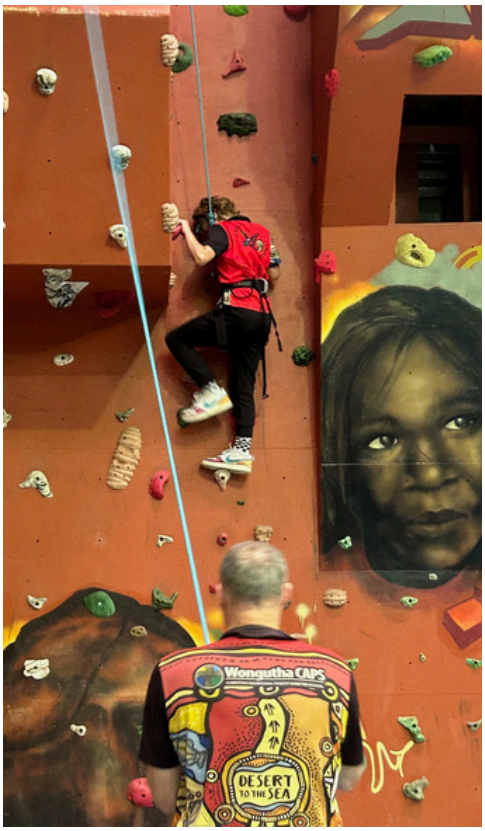
A group of Castletown Primary School students recently attended the Wongutha CAPS NAIDOC Day celebrations, proudly representing our school while learning more about Aboriginal culture and traditions.

Students participated in a variety of engaging activities, including traditional spear throwing and throw net demonstrations, bush tucker experiences, face painting, Aboriginal language learning, and exploring Indigenous symbols and their meanings. They also enjoyed opportunities to learn from community members and share knowledge about Indigenous history, culture, and traditions.

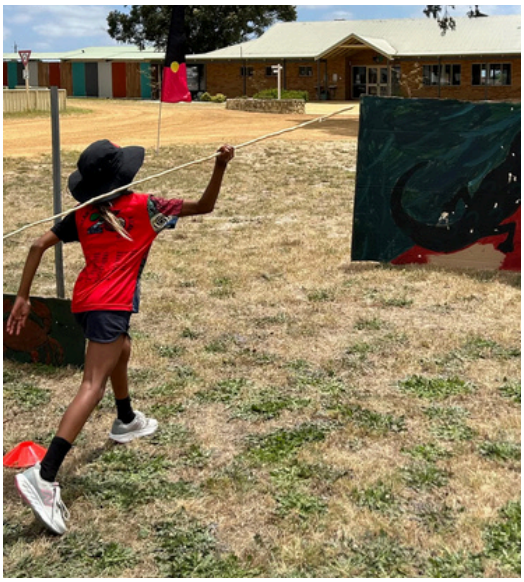
We thank Wongutha CAPS for providing such a valuable and memorable cultural learning experience for our students.





















LIBRARY BUZZ







There's always plenty happening in our library!

Lunchtime continues to be a popular time for students to drop in, enjoy a book, catch up with friends or challenge someone to a game of chess. It's wonderful to see the library being used as a place to relax, learn and have fun.

In the lead-up to Remembrance Day, library classes learnt about the significance of the day and the symbols we associate with it. Along with the familiar red poppy, students discovered the special significance of rosemary and why it is used as a symbol of remembrance.

And what a fantastic response to our Christmas Book Fair! We were overwhelmed by the support from our school community, with total sales reaching an incredible **$7,516**. Even more exciting, **$2,718 worth of books** were selected for our 100 Night RIBIT readers and the school library. That's a lot of wonderful new reading material! A huge thank you to all our families, our amazing P&C and volunteers for making the Book Fair such a success. A special thank you to Tayla Stuart-Chesson and Jasmine Carmody for their wonderful help and support.

Sally Castledine
Library Officer





HAPPY WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

World Teacher's Day is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the incredible dedication, passion, and care our teachers bring to Castletown Primary School every day. Beyond the classroom, our teachers invest countless hours supporting student learning, wellbeing, and growth, helping every child to thrive.

Their kindness, creativity, and commitment inspire a love of learning and make a lasting difference in the lives of our students. We thank our amazing teachers for all they do and for the positive impact they have on our school community every day.

Happy World Teacher's Day to all our wonderful teachers! 🍎✨



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Years 4 to 6 students participated in an exciting Swimming Carnival at the Bay of Isles Leisure Centre last Friday. Students were given the opportunity to demonstrate their swimming skills, resilience, and sportsmanship while competing in a range of individual and fun team events.

Students are to be commended on how they conducted themselves throughout the day, with excellent behaviour, comradery and respect shown both in and out of the pool. A true showcasing of our Castletown Primary School spirit!

A standout moment was the much-anticipated relay showdown between the teachers, parents, Esperance Senior High School students, and CPS faction captains. The race was packed with excitement, a frenzy of splashing, and fierce competition - with the parents managing to claim victory and secure bragging rights for another year!

Congratulations to all students who competed, along with our fantastic volunteers, Mr. Pansini and the support staff who helped make the carnival such a fantastic day. Special congratulations to Boodja for narrowly taking out the overall win on the day!



CHAMPIONS

Year 4 Girl Champions: Arlia Down, Everly Dhue, Runner Ups: Chayse Thornton, Ella Grace Truncali
Year 4 Boy Champion: Bodhi Trocinski, Runner Up: Charley Scott
Year 5 Girl Champion: Lucy Fleeton, Runner Up: Blair Sinagra
Year 5 Boy Champion: Nash Bassett, Runner Up: Jake Morrison
Year 6 Girl Champion: Poppy Trocinski, Runner Up: Chloe Stephen
Year 6 Boy Champion: Micah Rose, Runner Up: Rogan Hurrell











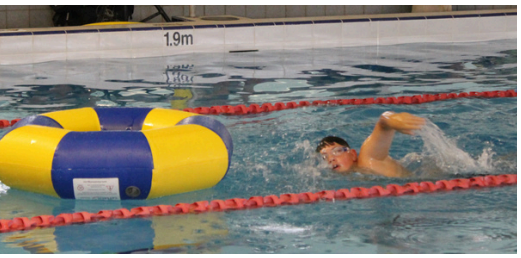




OFFICIAL RESULTS

1st Boodja 250
2nd Maar 239
3rd Kepa 215
4th Kaarl 168















KINDERGARTEN

Puzzle-a-thon!





Week 4 was all about puzzles in our Early Childhood Area! Throughout the week, our Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students challenged themselves with a variety of puzzles, building their problem-solving skills, perseverance, teamwork, and concentration. It was wonderful to see students celebrating successes, helping one another, and enthusiastically taking on new challenges.

A huge thank you to our amazing families for supporting our Puzzle-a-thon fundraiser. Together, we raised just over $500! These funds will be used to purchase new tabletop and fine motor resources for our classroom, providing even more engaging learning opportunities for our students. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and support.

Amanda Pratt
Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Teacher









KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION





Over the past few weeks, we have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our future 2027 Kindergarten students and their families to our Kindergarten Orientation sessions. These visits provide a wonderful opportunity for children to become familiar with the school environment, meet new friends, and begin building confidence for their transition to school. Together, we shared stories, explored a range of craft activities, got involved in fun messy play experiences, and enjoyed a special Teddy Bears' Picnic. It was fantastic to see so many happy faces as children and families connected with one another and became part of our school community. We look forward to welcoming our newest learners to Kindergarten in 2027.







KINDERGARTEN SPORTS DAY



Our Kindergarten students enjoyed a fun-filled Sports Day, beginning with exciting running races before rotating through a range of activities including horse gallop races, egg and spoon races, hanging the washing on the line, an obstacle course, and a rebound bean bag throw. It was wonderful to see students demonstrating enthusiasm, participation, and great sportsmanship throughout the morning.

The event concluded with a well-deserved icy pole to help everyone cool down after their hard work and efforts.

A big thank you to the families who came along to support and encourage our students. Your presence helped make the day so special. Congratulations to all of our Kindergarten students for giving every activity their best effort and making the day such a success! 🌟🏅











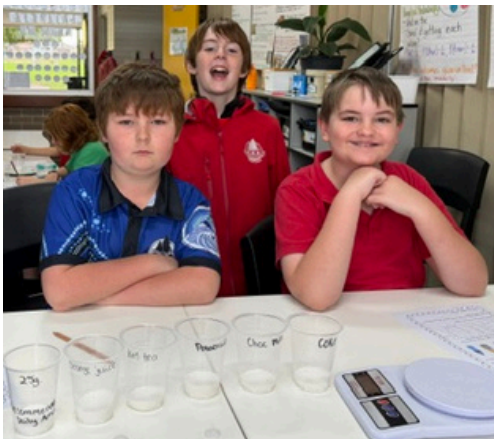
ROOM 11

The Year 5 students in Room 11 recently investigated the sugar content of some of their favourite weekend drinks. After predicting which drinks would contain the most sugar, we read the labels, measured out the sugar and compared our findings with the recommended daily intake of 25g for 10–12-year-olds. We were blown away by the amount of sugar in some drinks, particularly orange juice! The investigation has certainly encouraged us to **“Rethink Our Drinks!”**









REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our School Leaders proudly represented Castletown Primary School at the Remembrance Day Service held at the Esperance RSL Memorial Park.

School Captains Morgan and Amelia laid a wreath on behalf of our school, paying tribute to the men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country.

Remembrance Day provides an important opportunity to pause, reflect, and honour those who gave their lives in service, those who returned home, and those who continue to serve today. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, our staff and students joined Australians across the nation in observing a minute's silence to remember their courage, service, and sacrifice.

Lest We Forget.













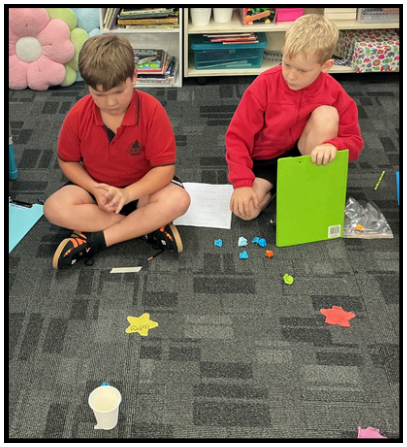
ROOM 4 NEWS

This term, Room 4 has had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Brianna Abbott into our classroom. Miss Abbott is currently in her third year of teacher training and has immersed herself in all aspects of school life. She has worked diligently alongside our wonderful students, building positive relationships and supporting their learning every day. We have thoroughly enjoyed having her as part of our class and wish her every success in her future teaching career.

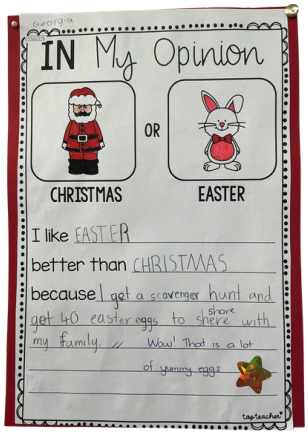
Our class has been busy learning across a range of curriculum areas. In Mathematics, we have been developing our understanding of fractions, exploring halves, quarters and eighths, and how they are represented and used in everyday situations. In English, students have been creating persuasive texts encouraging people to visit Santa's Wonderland. They have been learning how to state their opinions, provide convincing reasons, and use persuasive language to engage their audience.

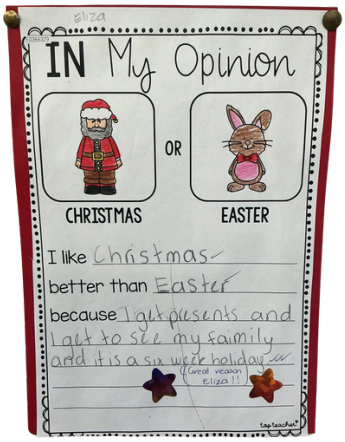
In Reading, we have focused on developing fluency and comprehension skills. Students have worked collaboratively with partners to ask and answer literal, inferential and evaluative questions, helping them think more deeply about the texts they read. As part of our Health program, we have been learning about Protective Behaviours and exploring the theme, "We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is." Students have identified five trusted people within their personal safety network who they can contact if they have a problem, worry or concern. These lessons help develop confidence, resilience, and an understanding of how to seek support when needed.

It has been a productive and rewarding term so far in Room 4, and we are proud of the enthusiasm, effort and growth our students have consistently demonstrated.















This Term at Esperance SHS

It has been a jam-packed Term 3 and a fantastic start to Term 4 at Esperance Senior High School! Our students and staff have embraced a range of opportunities to learn, connect and celebrate success. Highlights have included farewelling the Class of 2026 through Exit Week and Graduation, representing our school at the Tournament of Minds International Competition in Darwin, showcasing our Farm Training Centre students at the Esperance Agricultural Show, and sharing the talents of our School Band through a music tour of local primary schools.



From celebrating individual achievements to strengthening our connections with the wider community, there has been plenty happening across ESHS. Take a look at some of our recent highlights below, and don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page to stay up to date with all things ESHS!







GRADUATION

FINAL GOODBYES

The Class of 2026 were farewelled after a fun and creative Exit Week. Our graduating class were celebrated at a whole school assembly where they were dismissed for the very last time. ATAR students have gone on to finish their WACE & ATAR exams and General students head into the work place.

HMAS STIRLING

DEFENCE WORK EXPERIENCE

Three students participated in the Defence Work Experience program aboard the HMAS Stiring in September. The students were able to explore life in Defence and discover careers in the Australia Defence Force. The students were commended for the high standard the students displayed while on base.

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

TRY-A-TRADE

Our Year 10s were able to participate in the 3 day Try-A-Trade program, experiencing Carpentery and Tiling at South Regional TAFE last term. Hands-on experience in numerous trades have given the students a lot of discuss as they make their selections for Upper School classes and pathways.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS

Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd December 2026
Week 8, Term 4

We're excited to welcome our 2027 Year 7 students to ESHS for two days of fun, connection and discovery. Students will explore the school, meet new friends and experience a taste of high school life through a range of activities.

Enrolment must be completed before students can attend.
If your child is starting Year 7 in 2027, please ensure their enrolment is completed as soon as possible so they can take part in this exciting experience.



2027 ENROLMENTS

Is your child starting Year 7 in 2027?

Discover the opportunities, support and community that make ESHS the right choice.

Find out more and enrol online

esperanceshs.wa.edu.au/enrol/

Creating opportunities for personal excellence

Dates to Remember

Thursday 26th November 2026	Ear Bus
Thursday 26th November 2026	Movie Night from 4.30pm
Friday 27th November 2026	Assembly
Tuesday 1st - Wednesday 2nd December 2026	ESHS Transition Days
Tuesday 1st December 2026	Year 6 Parent Night @ ESHS
Thursday 3rd December 2026	School Board
Monday 7th - Thursday 10th December 2026	Year PP-3 Swimming Lessons
Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th December 2026	Year PP-3 Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 8th December 2026	Kindy Graduation Group A
Thursday 10th December 2026	Kindy Graduation Group B
Friday 11th December 2026	Presentation Assembly 11.15am
Monday 14th December 2026	Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9.30am
Wednesday 16th December 2026	Semester 2 Reports Sent Home
Thursday 17th December 2026	Step Up Day
Thursday 17th December 2026	Last Day - Term 4 2026
Friday 18th December 2026	School Development Day Students Do Not Attend





Community News

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ESPERANCE MECHANICAL RESTORATION GROUP INC

Mc Lean Rd .. Chadwick

COLLECTORS FAIR

Sunday 22nd November 2026 .. 9:00am – 2:00pm



ENTRY BY DONATION .. 'Preserving Our Past'

A great day out for the whole family

- gaRdeN aRT ..Tool Bar
- Discovery Trail
- Market Stalls / Car Boot Sales
- Kidz Zone
- SSP-E Doughnuts
- 50 Shades of Green Plant Sale
- Collectable Sales
- Hamburger / Sizzle



COLLECTIONS

China ware, Oil Lamps, Retro Kitchenware, Wedgewood, Royal Memorabilia Cross Stitch, Red Glass, Toys of Yesteryear, Brass Ware, Singer Sewing Machines, Quilting, Cameras, Razors, Australiana Ware, Memories, all things local Esperance

DISPLAYS

Restored Machinery, Stationary Engines, Blacksmith, Tractors, Cars, Trucks, Motorbikes, 9cyl Radial Engine, St John Ambulance 'Gertie', 122yr old Chaff Cutter, Settler's Kitchen Journey of Light, Model Steam Engines, Model Aeroplanes, 10th Light Horse Brigade, Navy Cadets, Shearing Stand, Vintage Telegraph WA Military, Veteran Classic Car Club

DEMONSTRATION

KIDS ZONE

Rope Making ✕ Spinning ✕ Model Train Set ✕ Weaving ✕ Mini Hay Bales

PARADES

iNATIONALS

✕ Tractors ✕ Trucks ✕ Cars ✕ Old machinery ✕



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FREE PARENT SEMINAR

Triple P Parenting

-HIGH SCHOOL READY-

DOING WELL IN HIGH SCHOOL



For Parents of Year 6 Students

FIND OUT ANSWERS FOR:

- How do I encourage my teen to make the most of high school?
- How do I support my teen to develop self-discipline?
- How do I help my teen to be a good problem solver?
- What should I do if my teen is missing school?

WHEN & WHERE

Monday, 23rd November 2026 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Goldfields Education Regional Office
Or online via Teams

HOW TO REGISTER

Scan the QR Code
or email
alisha.davis@education.wa.edu.au

**No child-minding will be available, and it is recommended that children not be brought to seminars.*

Department of Education

FREE PARENT SEMINAR

Triple P Parenting

-BEING SCHOOL READY-

STARTING SCHOOL SUCCESSFULLY



For Parents of Children Starting School in 2027

FIND OUT ANSWERS FOR:

- How do I prepare my child for school in 2027?
- What skills should I be teaching my child for school?
- What steps should I take on the first day of school in 2027?
- Is there anything I should do to look after myself during this big milsetone?

WHEN & WHERE

Monday, 7th December 2026 9:30 am - 11:30 am
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