



Welcome Back!

Welcome back and what a start to **2025** it has been. We have had a dry and hot summer, but we hope you all had a fantastic Christmas Break and a great start to 2025.

Principal's Message

It has been a great start to the 2025 school year. The students have launched in the year with enthusiasm. We do have 4 new chickens this term, but this is the only change at the school. It has been wonderful to have the consistency of staff from last year, which gives the students greater continuity in their education.

Over the first half of the term we have had swimming lessons, mine visits, Walker Learning in the classroom and Naplan on the horizon. Combine this with our normal classroom-based teaching there has been plenty to keep students busy.

Sadly, we must bid farewell to Jessa Hands on 11th March who is moving to Canada. We have enjoyed having Jessa at our school and hope she enjoys her new adventure.

Finally, from me, I would like to mention the reformed School Council that will be starting in the upcoming weeks. This is a huge positive for both the school and the community.

Geoff Kustka

Swimming Lessons - Hopetoun

Monday the 10th February, week 2 we started Swimming Lessons in Hopetoun with some of the Hopetoun students. The students had a great time learning new skills, the bus rides down and back and of course a must on the way home – a play at the bouncy pillow.



Swimming Lessons - Ravensthorpe

Following on from Education Department swim lessons we organised extra lessons at the Ravensthorpe Pool. This will be going until the end of Term 1. On Monday afternoons the students hop on the bus to Ravensthorpe and complete swimming lessons with Mrs Crane.



Arcadium Mining Excursion

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Mr K, Mrs Saunders, Mrs Atherton and 5 lucky students got to visit the Arcadium Lithium mine on Friday the 21st February. We spent 3 hours there with Marika and Katie showing us around. First, we went and see the giant dump trucks parked with Bradley and then the ear plugs went in, and Dan showed us around the Plant Operation. Lastly Scott the site manager took us to see the Pit from the top! This was a highlight for all.



Weather Wall

Every day the students record and monitor the weather, and report the weather on Fridays to scitech.org.au supported by GWN7 News Regional WA – did you see us on the news?

Friday the 7th March

Minimum: 32

Maximum: 42

Staff Development Days 2025

Please make note of the Staff Development Days for 2025. These days there will be no school for students, as staff use this time to upskill themselves.

Staff development days will be:

Term Two

Monday 28th April

Term Three

Friday 22nd August

Monday 25th August

Term Four

Friday 17th October (Esperance Show)

Please make a note of these. They will be published on our website in the new year.

Term Dates 2025

Term 1

Wednesday 5 February – Friday 11 April

Term 2

Tuesday 29 April – Friday 4 July

Term 3

Monday 21 July – Friday 26 September

Term 4

Monday 13 October – Thursday 18 December

Reminder:

Contributions and Charges/Booklist.

The voluntary contributions/ charges for 2025 will stay the same as 2024. That is \$60 per student. Information is attached to this newsletter.

School Camp



We are heading off to Margaret River in week 4 of term 2 for our school camp, Monday the 19th – Friday the 23rd May. This is going to be an exciting week with lots of great activities, both educational and fun planned. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be held every second Tuesday starting in week 6. This term we are inviting families to share two of their favourite recipes then come and volunteer for the morning. Mrs Saunders has sent out an information letter to all parents, and an updated roster will be sent out when she has collated all the replies.



Chaplaincy

In 2025 we will continue with the Chaplaincy program, John Harper is with us on a Wednesday and Roger Mansell will be at school on a Friday after term one, as he is on Long Service Leave.

Jump Rope for Heart

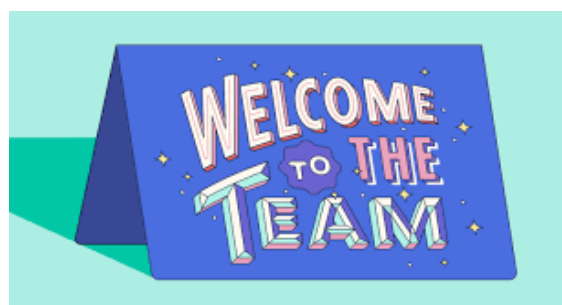


Jump Rope for Heart Program started after Swimming Lessons and is running until Week 10, Term 2. The students have been most enthused about learning new skipping skills and most importantly fundraising money for people with sick hearts. Thank you to those for who have registered your child/children on the online portal.

Staffing 2025

Mrs Kelly Marks has returned this week after her long service leave, we thank Mrs Alyce Ware for filling her shoes.

Mrs Ware will continue Tuesdays assisting in the classroom and cleaning on Fridays.



We would also like to welcome Mrs Michelle Perkins as a classroom teacher, who will be at the school every Friday. Starting in Week 6. Mrs Perkins is an experienced teacher, who will bring great skills to the classroom, and enhance all the student's learning experiences.



