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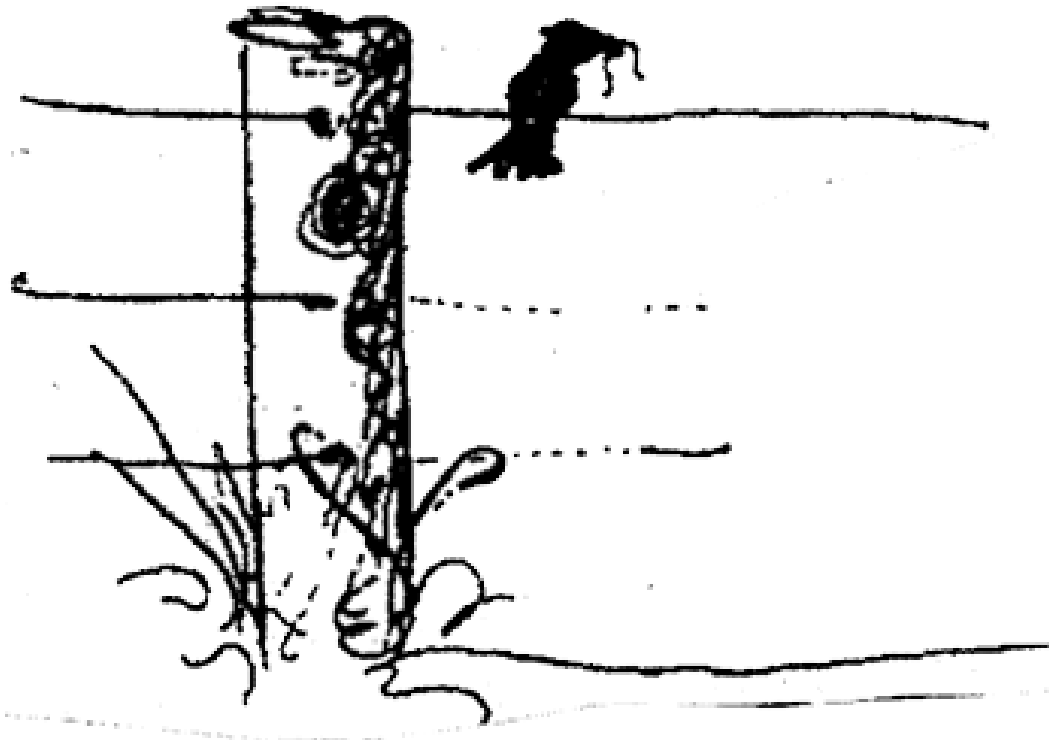
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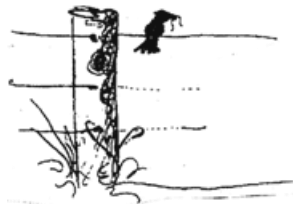
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- Life Member of The Fencepost IRIS BRISTOW -

The article below was in "The West Australian" on Saturday 26th March.

James is the son of Jeannie(nee Cowan) and Hayden Collins and Grandson of Halley and Mary Cowan.

Congratulations James on your achievements.

The West Australian
Saturday, March 26, 2022

SPORT HOCKEY 59

COLLINS SLOTS IN NICELY AT KOOKAS

Kookaburras newcomer James Collins pictured at Perth Hockey Centre. Picture: Ian Munro



GLEN QUARTERMAIN

West Australian James Collins wasn't part of the heartbroken Kookaburras side that fell one penalty shot short of a Tokyo Olympic gold medal.

But he was part of the debrief.

"There were some lessons learnt, how can we be better for it leading into Paris 2024?" Collins reflected.

"It was not really dwelling on the past, it was more what can we learn from that, what can we learn from other teams and how can we get better and be the best team in the world."

Now the 22-year-old defender from Victoria Park has been selected in the Kookaburras squad for the first time, he can actually do something about it.

"It's pretty cool, but it still doesn't feel real," he said of his recent elevation to the national senior squad.

"I had been working towards this for a while, well since I was a boy, so to get the call from Batches (coach Colin Batch), I was pretty excited to say the least."

Collins grew up on a diet of hockey and idolising the Kookaburras. "They have been very successful for a long time," he said.

So he looked on with envy and sadness as the Kookaburras mounted a comeback and then lost the gold medal match in Tokyo to Belgium on penalties.

He will be striving for a starting position ahead of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in July-August and the World Cup in India next January.

Having cut his teeth through junior development squads and the WA Institute of Sport hockey program, Collins is familiar with disappointment on the international stage.

He was a member of the junior Australian team that lost to Zambia in the quarterfinals of the 2018 Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires.

"It's a step up from where I've been, from a State tournament, to the Youth Olympics to under 21 tournaments," Collins said.

"It's learning how to get more time on the ball, how to play at that next tempo."

"At the Youth Olympics we didn't really have the desired results, so it was important to learn how to bounce back from that and play the next day (in the minor, placing play-offs). They were pretty important lessons."

"I haven't really thought too much about the Commonwealth Games or the World Cup yet. I've just been processing everything, getting amongst it at training."

He joins two other first-timers in the Kookaburras squad, 19-year-old Victorian striker Craig Marals, and attacking midfielder Ky Willott, 20, from NSW.

Batch said Collins earned his spot after eye-catching performances at national junior camps. "He has progressed a lot in the past couple of years and was part of our performance camp a couple of weeks ago so we know the positives he can bring to the group," Batch said.

Collins has soaked up the experience of Victoria Park teammates and now fellow Hockeyroos Matt Dawson and Jacob Whetton.

"When I was younger all of the Kookaburras were my idols but having Matt Dawson and Jacob Whetton at my club and playing with them has been a big help," he said.

"Tom Wickham used to coach me when I was in State 18s. To have him is pretty cool as well in my development."

Hockey, like all sports, was affected by the COVID pandemic, with the Junior World Cup in India cancelled late last year. A WAIS scholarship holder for the past three years, Collins said he still found ways to move forward.

"That was disappointing but at the same time having the (national hockey) program based here in Perth has really helped," he said.

"Having WAIS athletes around me and being able to join in with the Kookaburras and the Fortescue Challenge that we had recently, those were opportunities to be around the (national) squads which have been amazing in my development."

"To have all the coaching and the strength and conditioning they have at WAIS prepares you really well."



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March 2022

G'day folks,

Stock Theft

There are reports of stock being stolen across the south eastern corridor of the Wheatbelt and Narembeen hasn't been immune. If you see suspicious vehicles that don't fit, or aren't the normal locals please note the rego, use dashcam, or grab a photo if possible and report it, either direct to Narembeen 9045 6050, Police Assistance centre 13 1444 or Crime Stopper 1800 333 000.

Covid-19

Well it's finally making its way here with all the planning and meeting hopefully have us in as good a position as we can be. Lots of directions remain in place and all we can ask is if you're unwell do a PCR and RAT and isolate if required.

Unvaccinated, please take care and put your strategies in place to help keep you safe and connected to community.

Have you ordered your free Regional WA rapid antigen tests (rats) mine have arrived, already used one myself (negative)? Rather than wait for the obvious signs or symptoms be pro-active in this space especially if you're returning to town or been a close contact. The sooner it can be detected the sooner we can isolate those infected and limit the spread.

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Steve & Adriaan





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Narembreen CRC Update

Hello everyone!

I hope you had a great week last week and are enjoying this colder weather and rain!

On Saturday, 26/3 we hosted the 2022 Narembreen Triathlon.

The weather tried to ruin it all for us in the early hours of the day but the weather gods must have heard our prayers as the lightening and thunder only started again, once the last swimmers finished in the pool.

With over 100 competitors, it was a very successful day! This year we added a new category for the 'Little Athletes' and it was fantastic to see that it was the most popular category with 9 entries in the teams and even one little athlete doing it individually, that makes 28 little athletes, swimming, biking and riding their little legs off! AWESOME EFFORT!

Congratulations to all children for participating in the triathlon – what an achievement!

Little Athletes Individual – 1 entry

Bigger Athletes Individual – 5 entries

Little Athletes Team – 9 entries

Bigger Athletes Team – 7 entries

High School Team – 2 entries

It was also great to see that 8 teams entered in the open medium category and 5 teams into the enduro, a bit of competition doesn't hurt!

Short Individual – 3 entries

Medium Individual – 1 entry

Enduro Individual – 7 entries

Medium Team – 8 entries

Enduro Team – 5 entries

Winner of the Individual Enduro was Ashton Fidge, completing the course in just over 1 hour 22 minutes.

Congratulations to all competitors what a fantastic effort.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped made the day such a success:

Amy Hardham, Julie Miller, Kristie Lee, Hannah Bald, Diana Blacklock, Russ Arnold, Warren Milner, MR G, Lucy Lines and of coarse Sarah Kuhne and Mick Chick! What would I do without you all! Your help is very much appreciated and events like these would NOT HAPPEN without volunteers like you! THANK YOU!!

Thank you also to the Narembreen Hockey Club: they ensured everyone could grab a nice cool drink once finished and that no one had to go home hungry.

Vanessa Wittstock
CRC Manager

Upcoming CRC Events 2022

- Seniors Movie: Monday, 4 April 1.00pm
- Pedals & Popcorn - Youth Week Event: Friday, 8 April 4.00pm
- HR, HC, MC Truck Licence: 10/11 April
- School Holiday Activity - Easter Craft: Thursday 14 April 10.30am
- Morning Coffee Club: Wednesday, 20 April 10.00am
- School Holiday Activity - Kids Movie: Thursday 21 April 10.30am
- ANZAC Day: Monday, 25 April 10.30am
- Spice Cooking Class: Thursday, 28 April 4.30pm




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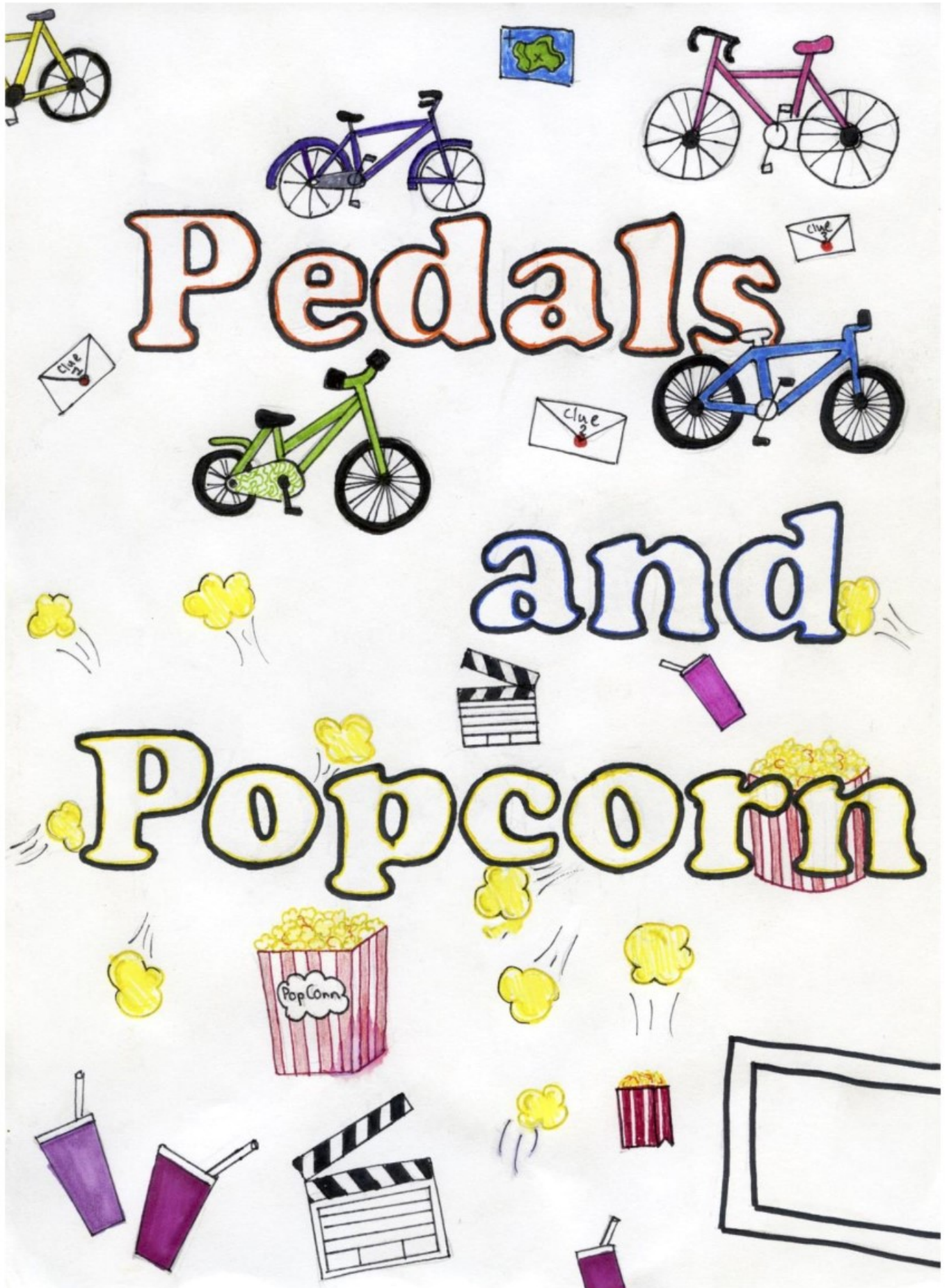
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YOUTHWEEK EVENT NAREMBEEN

FRIDAY, 8 APRIL 2022

PEDALS - YEAR 4 + UP

POPCORN - YEAR 6 + UP

BIKE RALLY - RIDDLES & CHALLENGES

APEX PARK

4.00PM

OUTDOOR MOVIE

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On **Sunday 11th April** will be our Opening day sponsored by Greg & Carolyn Fagan.

We will be playing an Ambrose game, so all old and new golfers as well as Non golfers are welcome to come along join in the fun.

At the end of the day after the winners & novelty winners announced we look forward to enjoying a light shared meal with all those who played.

Please note due to the planned upgrading of the clubs kitchen no heating of foods will be available so we would like you to bring along light platters of cold meats and salads, dips etc, to share.

We look forward to seeing you all on the course.

NAREMBEEN BOWLING CLUB



So our season is nearly done and dusted.

The Men's Pennant Semi final was held at home on Saturday.

Unfortunately our Gold boys were defeated by Merredin Club Blue who went on to win the Pennant on Sunday.

Along time since we have not had one of our teams in the final, however lots of newer players for them to rebuild.

This Saturday is closing day. The Ladies will play a Drawn Pairs event for the Anita and Helen Trophy while the Men have Pairs for the Ralph Thomas Shield.

Following this will be dinner and then Presentation of Trophies.

A general meeting of the Members was held 2 weeks ago and after much discussion of funds etc the members voted to go ahead with replacing Green B with the same surface as green A.

We look forward to having this installed in October. Less headaches for the Captains!

Tuesday the 5th of April is the AGM. This will be held at the Club at 7.30pm.

Please support this strong club by attending the meeting to make it even stronger.

We need names of those that will be attending the wind up to Robert Hayter via text or Rhonda Cole please by Thursday. Steak and Salad dinner will be provided.

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Narembeen Golf

Golf Opening is on Sunday April 10th.

Everyone, old and new, learners or golfers are most welcome to join us to start the season.

Ladies' Opening Day is Wednesday 13th April

The ladies are having a busy bee on both Tues 5th and Thursday 7th April from 9am. Come to whichever suits. The men will be advised when they are to have their busy bee.

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Schools over the Years

EMU HILL SCHOOL

First School in Narembeen District

Emu Hill No. 1

Farms in the Narembeen (or East Cumminin district as it was then known), were surveyed from 1910.

Initially, land clearing, house building, and water carting occupied all the time of farmers and their wives. The long trip by horse and cart for supplies and equipment to the nearest rail siding at Doodlakine too, meant that there was little time to devote to anything other than just surviving to establish a viable property.

18 months on, however, parents were becoming increasingly aware that their children should receive an education. Alf HEMSLEY, Hon. Secretary for Emu Hill and Eastern Districts Progress Association on July 5, 1912, wrote to Cecil ANDREWS, Inspector General of Schools, requesting that a school be built for – “15 to 20 children of school age, some already 9 years old and having no schooling”.

At that time, the nearest school was at Kerkernin (Ardath) which was opened on September 25, 1911, and was some 23 miles from the Emu Hill farmers.

A follow-up letter on October 1, 1912, signed by E.H. STOBIE and C. LATHAM stated that Mr FRICKER would undertake to provide the teacher's accommodation at 15/- (\$1.50) per week and sanitary pan removals guaranteed by LATHAM, SAVAGE and FRICKER.

Students listed were:

NOBLES -	George (12), Joshua (5)
FRICKER -	Reg (7)
STOBIE -	David (13), Stanley (12), Frank (11)
PINKER -	Millie (12), Victor (7)
LATHAM -	Arthur (5)
SAVAGE -	Wilfred (8), Doreen (6)
BAILEY -	Victor (8), William (6)

The question of a suitable school site took nearly a year to decide. A site in the water reserve where the main dam was situated (opposite the old Narembeen School Farm) was considered and rejected. Mr LATHAM offered part of his farm (Narembeen School Farm), but this site was also rejected as being too close to the dam. Finally, a site on LATHAM's block, a further ½ kilometre north was accepted. Mr LATHAM suggested the name Hythe

School (his farm was Hythe Farm) but the Education Department ruled that Emu Hill School was to be the name. The contract to build the school was let to H. PARKER (170 Harold Street, Perth) for £189-16-6 (\$380) to be completed by October 13, 1913. It was actually finished on October 25 of that year.

Miss Josepha FOALE was appointed as head teacher and Chief Inspector KLEIN sent a memo addressed to Miss Josepha FOALE, c/- Mrs PEACOCK, Evelyn Road, Claremont explaining –

“There are 3 trains a week from Merredin to Bruce Rock...can be used by passengers leaving Perth by Goldfields Express. After arrival off Thursday morning’s train from Merredin a sulky leaves with the mail and passes right by LATHAM’s arriving midday Thursday.”

Miss FOALE arrived ready to commence school on February 5, 1914, but owing to the state of the stock sent from Mourambine (a small school previously closed) she was unable to do so. Part of her report says the stock is old, damaged in transit and dilapidated. Massive piles of journals and registers dating from 1898 were of little use and there was no room to store them. Brooms and gardening implements were too many to be placed in the school.

Only 7 children presented themselves on Monday, February 5, 1914, at the school but by March there were 11 children enrolled. In a letter from Charles LATHAM to the Chief Inspector he stated:

“Some settlers within reasonable distance from the school would rather sacrifice their children’s education than do without their assistance on the farm.”

By October 1914, the Director of Education was recommending that the school be reduced to “Assisted” School status because enrolment average was below 10 children.

The parents PINKER, SAVAGE, FRICKER and LATHAM guaranteed that the teacher would receive £2-10-0 (\$5) a month in salary above 10/- (\$1) a week board. An advertisement was inserted in the “West Australian” and “The Sunday Times” newspapers and in the Education Department circular seeking a teacher.

Miss FOALE had been transferred to Moulyinning School at the end of 1914 and the school was temporarily closed. Miss Katherine SUSHAM was accepted as an unqualified “Assisted” School teacher to commence on May 15, 1915, and student numbers increased to the extent that Miss SUSHAM applied to have the school upgraded to a Class VIII school whereby the parents would no longer need to supplement the income of the teacher.

Additional pupils were Gordon LATHAM, who started school at 4 years to make up the numbers, Stanley SAVAGE, Leslie MEAD, Lucy and Thomas SCANLON and Gladys WEIR. In September 1916, the Class VIII status was granted. Mr FRICKER was given permission to crop the block around the school to help supplement the teacher’s salary. The reserve had previously been cropped without a permit by Mr LATHAM. The department advised Mr FRICKER that they would supply 2 coils of fencing wire if parents would erect a fence around the school reserve.

Miss SUSHAM left at the end of 1917 and Miss Irene MAYS replaced her. Miss MAYS was a sister of Mrs Molly CUSACK of Wadderin, with whom she boarded except in wet weather when she stayed with the PINKERS. The 8 miles drive over bad roads was too hazardous in winter.

Miss MAYS was popular in a district bereft of marriageable girls. Apart from Milly, Lilly PINKER and Irene MAYS there were few single girls to be courted by the many single men who were attracted to the dances and social evening held in the schoolhouse.

Miss MAYS, however, had her detractors. Reg FRICKER was reported repeatedly for non-attendance at school. The Department sent out "Please explain" notices, only to have the boys' parents reply that "the boy is regressing" and asking the Department to "send to country districts where there are boys of 12-, 13- and 14-years teachers of more advance age and qualifications, instead of silly, flighty girls."

On June 15, 1919, Mr FRICKER was fined 5/- (50c) with costs of 30c for the non-attendance of Reg at school.

Of the schools in the vicinity of Emu Hill, Kerkernin School had opened in the VEITCH home, 3 miles east of Ardath on September 30, 1913. Ardath School in the township opened in 1915 and continued until 1985.

Kumminin North opened on September 15, 1913, closed temporarily several times and finally on July 7, 1926.

Kumminin Central opened on February 9, 1914, and continued until October 29, 1917. It is interesting to note that Mrs Jessie VEITCH was the initial teacher for varying periods at all three above schools.

The distances between these schools and that at Emu Hill was great. There was no school north of Emu Hill in the area of Wadderin.

As early as 1917, the residents of Wadderin had been agitating for either a new school in their area or for Emu Hill to be re-located further north. A letter dated October 7, 1917, from Mr FRICKER, Hon. Secretary of Emu Hill School committee to the Education Department showed the worry caused by the proposed establishment of a school at Wadderin which would take at least 4 of the Emu Hill School pupils – from the NOBLES and BUTLER families. Mr FRICKER pointed out that it would make it very difficult for the school to comply with attendance regulations.

After 2 years of negotiations, Wadderin School was built on location 18150 (then CURRALL's property, now WOODFIELD's.) Miss Maude ALLEN opened the school on June 9, 1919.

Miss MAYS was aware that Emu Hill School could close due to the low number of children. She applied to the Department to be appointed to Wadderin School should that happen.

On September 5, 1919, Emu Hill School closed. Miss MAYS was appointed to Wadderin and Miss ALLEN was transferred to Kununoppin.

Education Department files show a letter from the Director of Education to Inspector HUGHES, notifying of Emu Hill's closure noting that there was no prospect of re-opening as an "Assisted" School. Inspector HUGHES advised *"wait and see before shifting the school building as the school is near Narembreen siding and new settlers are arriving."*

The Emu Hill School on LATHAM's block remained closed until January 1, 1923, when it was re-opened by Miss Ada FOWLES as Narembreen School.

According to a memo dated August 13, 1925, from the Education Department, the first small Emu Hill School was to be moved to Pine Hill School (just south of Narembeen district boundary with Corrigin).

This seems to be confirmed by a telephone conversation by Mr LATHAM in 1927 to the Department in reference to the land which he gave for the Emu Hill School site in 1913. He said, *"the Emu Hill School was removed to the Emu Hill townsite in 1921 and subsequently the school building on my block was used as Narembeen School. Later, however, a new school was erected at Narembeen townsite, a mile away, and the building on the block given by me has been removed to Pine Hill."* He was evidently trying to recover the old school site. This was apparently done because Mr LATHAM sold all that section of his property east of the railway line to the Narembeen Road Board for use as the Greater Sports ground in 1927.

Emu Hill School No. 2

Emu Hill School, situated in Charles LATHAM's paddock, 1 kilometre south of present day Narembeen was opened on February 9, 1914, and closed on September 5, 1919. After that date a few of the children went to Wadderin School to the north, but this left farmers south of Narembeen siding and near Emu Hill (which was the main town) without a school for their children.

Within a few months these parents were requesting a school at Emu Hill town and District Inspector HUGHES in a report on February 10, 1920, recommended a school there saying 11 children would attend. An application form had been received signed by A. CURRIE, John HOSKEN and W.M. EDDY.

On April 27, 1920, Miss Alice JEFFERSON commenced teaching in the Emu Hill Hall. The school was called Emu Hill making it the second to be called that name.

District Inspector HUGHES was loath to move the first Emu Hill School building to Emu Hill town. He advised a *"wait and see"* policy as the school was near the Narembeen siding where greater numbers of settlers were arriving and it was possible that it might be needed there.

Archie CURRIE was appealing for a school building to be constructed at Emu Hill town and in April 1922, District Inspector HUGHES supported this saying that the attendance warranted the building of a school. He did not like the original site chosen (probably on account of rocky outcrop) saying a better site was located next to the Recreation Ground on Reserve 18261, Lot 67 between King and Queen Streets. Tenders were soon called and let returnable on August 21, 1923. The school was completed on April 5, 1924, and Miss JEFFERSON moved in with her pupils.

The school continued to operate from then on for some fourteen years until it was closed at the end of 1938, when Emu Hill was part of the district to be served by the newly instituted school bus service for Narembeen School.

The Emu Hill School building from Emu Hill town was transferred to the Narembeen School site as a classroom and was used for many years.



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from the CHIEF



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COVID-19

There are confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Narembeen community. Please continue to do the right thing for yourself, your friends and family and our community by staying home if you are unwell.

The Shire receives information from one of two trusted information sources, the WA Government (www.wa.gov.au) or the Department of Health (www.healthywa.wa.gov.au)

With restrictions and requirements changing so frequently, please keep up to date via the Shire Facebook page or www.narembeen.wa.gov.au and we will endeavour to share information as it is received.

If you do not have Facebook or access to the internet, please contact the Shire on 9064 7308 or the CRC 9064 7055 who will be able to provide alternative formats of current information.

The Managing COVID-19 booklet is available in hard copy from the Shire or the CRC. You can also find a link to this on the Shire website (www.narembeen.wa.gov.au/live/healthy-community-care/covid-19)

There are a range of resources available for local businesses, please contact the Shire for more information.

Staff at the Shire and CRC have commenced a rotation that involves working from home to minimise risk. While we aim to maintain a high level of service, your patience and understanding is appreciated during this time.

If you are unsure about anything, please call the COVID information hotline on 132 6843.



from the CHIEF

RATES NOTICE 2022/23

Shire of Narembeen rates will be distributed in July / August.

In an effort to ensure efficiency and reduce waste, we are looking to distribute rates via email.

If you would like to receive your rates via email this year, please email



SWIMMING POOL CLOSED

Another fantastic swimming season has finished with over 8000 entries to the pool for this year.

A massive thanks to Mr Chick and Sarah for always going above and beyond what is required of them as Pool Managers. They both give up a lot of their own time to help support the Shire, CRC and the Swimming Club.

Thank you to our community for their patience and understanding when the electrical faults occurred at the start of the season. The off season will give the Shire the opportunity to rectify those things that need some attention, like the broken tiles. If you have any suggestions for



from the CHIEF

EASTER OFFICE CLOSURE

Shire of Narembeen Administration Office and the Narembeen Community Resource Centre will be closed for the Easter break on **Friday 15 April** and **Monday 18 April 2022**.

For any urgent issues please contact David Blurton, Chief Executive Officer on 0428 647 312.

PENSIONER RATES REBATE

The Local Government Rates Rebate is a concession that is available as a rebate on, or the deferment of this charge.

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You are eligible for a rates rebate if

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from the **CHIEF**

Shire of Narembeen

How we are keeping our community and staff safe.

COVID-19



The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is constantly changing. The wellbeing of our community and staff is our top priority. We will continue to do everything we can to ensure your safety in Narembeen.

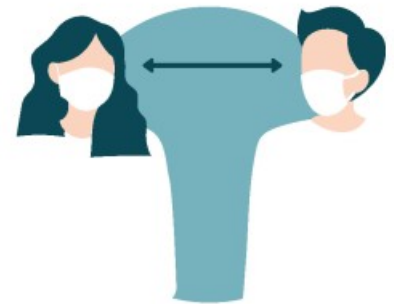
There are several ways that we can all do our part and they include:



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CREATING CHILD SAFE ORGANISATIONS

With

Andrea Musulin, Director of WA Child Protection Society

The Narembeen Autumn Club are proud to have sponsored two events held on Wednesday 23 March 2022 with Andrea Musulin from WA Child Protection Society. A Morning Presentation and an afternoon Workshop.

Andrea gave an informative and powerful presentation to a group of 30 people, mostly grandparents, who attended the morning presentation at the CRC to learn more in the way of recognizing the dangers and ensuring proper safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Explaining what is inappropriate behaviour, red flags, and what signs to look out for if you are concerned about your child's safety.

Currently Director of the Protective Behaviours Programme, Andrea is well qualified to pass on her knowledge and experiences.

Protecting our children is one of the most important duties with which we are charged. In this day and age we have become more aware of the dangers posed by predatory individuals in our society and the fact that these people in some instances are friends and relatives – people we trust.

Since the Royal Commission into Sexual Abuse this topic is discussed more openly and honestly than it was in the past.

In March 2011 Andrea was inducted into the WA Inaugural Women's Hall of Fame as a Leader and Pioneer in Child Protection



Those in attendance enjoyed a beautiful morning tea provided by Diana Miolini and Rhonda Hickey

Continued:

With a background of 30 plus years as a Police Officer in the WA Police Force, a mother of 6 children, Andrea openly shares her many humorous and endearing life experiences of raising resilient children in a modern and ever changing ever challenging world. Highly regarded throughout WA as a powerful trainer and successful advocate in the prevention of child sexual abuse, she has an undying, infectious passion for the safety and security of all children. The danger signals she outlined and strategies given in dealing with them were straightforward and practical; confronting too when you realize how skilful people can be in manipulating our most precious investments – our children.

The afternoon Workshop conducted at the Recreation Centre, attended by school staff and other interested Community Members in leadership roles with children. This too was a resounding success with possible plans to engage Andrea to address some classes at the school in the future.

From the comments made following the presentation, those present felt enlightened and empowered. We are sure Narembeen will see Andrea again in the future!



The Autumn Club would like to thank those who attended this session and sincerely thank Chris Arnold, the Principle of the Narembeen District High School for her support.

Special thanks to Carmel Harper and Kerry Fricker for the long hours and hard work that went into bringing Andrea to Narembeen. To Susy Padfield and Robyn Henderer for their generous help with the afternoon tea.

Thank you to the CRC Staff and to the Autumn Club members for their support. Even though Autumn Club is made up of “Seniors” we are mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers and are proud to be able to play a small part in protecting our children.

Congratulations Autumn Club on this initiative



Narembeen Autumn Club



Footnote from Andrea: “I have had a number of emails from staff wanting to know the best way to approach teaching this in the school... This outcome in itself is well worth having the workshops!!!!”



Narembeen Autumn Club



THANK YOU

The Narembeen Autumn Club would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to all who contributed in the success of Andrea Musulin's recent visit.

Andrea, Director of WA Child Protection Society conducted a morning Presentation at the CRC and a Workshop at the Recreation Centre on the 23 March.

With thanks to: Narembeen CRC, Narembeen District High School, Narembeen Recreation Centre.

Narembeen Autumn Club with a special mention to Carmel Harper and Kerry Fricker for their tireless commitment in organising these events.

For the morning and afternoon tea we thank Diana Miolini, Rhonda Hickey, Dawn Sedgwick, Susy Padfield, and Robyn Henderer.

23 March 2022



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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday March 31

Crazy Hair Day

Friday April 8 2022

Last day of Term 1 and Positive Rewards Day (FREE DRESS)

Wednesday April 27
2022

First day of Term 2 for students

WEEK 9 QUOTE

With the holidays fast approaching and Easter landing in the middle weekend, you have time for family fun, so here is a fitting quote!



In family life, love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together, and the music that brings harmony.



Friedrich Nietzsche

WHAT'S INSIDE

- From the Principal
- Homework
- Community News

Preparing Students for a Changing World

SCDHSSA INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2022

WE ARE BACK IN THE WINNERS CIRCLE 😊 WELL DONE THE MAROON AND GOLD

Well, it was hot, hot on pool deck and hot in the water, with some outstanding swims. Our team swam hard, cheered loudly, and worked together to be the best that they could be!! We once again took out the Outright Shield, after a year of missing out. We won this by 101 points. A great effort by our swimmers and we were so very proud of you all. The swimming carnival is the final meet of the very long swimming season, and I am always pleased to see those swimmers who dedicate themselves to hours of training, have success. A huge thank you to **Carissa Wanless**, who not only did the program on Meet Manager, but ran the program for Kulin on the day. She is a genius with the new system and we would be lost without her expertise. Thanks also go to **Anita Parsons**, who volunteered her time to marshal the swimmers, using the meet manager iPad. A long hot day, but she assures me that the students were all well behaved and it went well. A thank you must be made to the **Narembeen Swimming Club** who allowed their great electronic timing system be used for this event. To those parents or family members who did a timing rotation for us, we appreciate your help. Lastly thanks to **G, Hannah, Hannah and Sarah** for their assistance last Friday. Actually, working the bay at the swimming carnival is not a tough job, and marshalling the 45 swimmers from Narembeen was a breeze. They were onto the numbers being changed and knew what they had to do. **It was a great day for us all, Narembeen DHS students, parents, staff and our wider community.** Photos will follow, when our COVID close contact swim team members are back.

Handicap	
Kulin	466
Narembeen	417
Corrigin	385

Outright	
Narembeen	417
Kulin	316
Corrigin	190

MEDALLION WINNERS: CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL 😊

CHAMPIONSHIP	WINNER
8 & U R/Up Girl	Paige Parsons
8 & U Champion Boy	Ricardo Brown
9 Yrs R/Up Boy	Aden Smoker
10 Yrs R/Up Girl	Rhienna Parsons
10 Yrs Champion Boy	Charlie Cusack
11 Yrs Champion Boy	Noah Smoker
12 Yrs Champion Girl	Mia Parsons
12 Yrs R/Up Boy	Levi Fidge
12 Yrs Champion Boy	Jack Cusack
13 Yrs R/Up Girl	Portia Fidge
13 Yrs R/Up Boy	Bowdan Cole
13 Yrs Champion Boy	Dieter Bennell
14 Yrs R/Up Girl	Lucy Currie
14 Yrs Champion Boy	Deakan Miller

15 Yrs Champion Boy	Cameron Hills
16 Yrs R/Up Girl	Tahlia Ashmore
16 Yrs Champion Girl	Navaeh Brown
Open R/Up Girl	Mia Parsons
Open Champion Boy	Cameron Hills

RECORDS:

Well done to the following swimmers, who broke records on the day.



Swimmer(s)	Event	Time
Charlie Cusack	10 Years 50m Freestyle	38.57
Jack Cusack	Boys 12 & Under 25m Butterfly	19.55
Levi Fidge Jack Cusack Bowdan Cole Dieter Bennell	Boys U/14 Freestyle Relay	2.28.93



OUR STUDENT COUNCIL GET THEIR SHIRTS 😊



Back: Wren Cheetham, Sari Cusack, Cameron Hills, Lauchlan Poot, Zack Garlick and Keira Butler
Front: Jack Cusack, Levi Fidge, Jace Browning, Mia Parsons and Bowdan Cole

OUR SCHOOL CAPTAIN AND VICE CAPTAIN



Cameron Hills (Captain) and Keira Butler (Vice Captain)

COVID UPDATE

As you are probably aware there has been some cases in Narembeen and these have had an impact on the school and staff. Many thanks to our relief staff who have ensured that classes can continue as per usual. You may also know that the Premier announced late last week, the easing of public health and social measure for our very high caseload setting from Level 2 to modified Level 1. These new measures will come into effect from 12:01am on Thursday March 31 2022. For us, Level 1 means that **masks are still required indoors for adults and children from Year 3 and above**. One change is that recent COVID-19 positive cases will not be identified as a close contact for 12 weeks, (revised from 8 weeks). Any other changes that effect the school system will likely occur from the start of Term 2.

E-ROTARY SWIM FOR READING FINAL FIGURES ARE AMAZING!

I am in awe of this events fundraising capability this year!! Many thanks to E-rotary for allowing us the opportunity to, as a community, raise funds for our English block. We have almost tripled the

budget for primary and high school English, and this just has so many flow on effects for our students. Lucy has already ordered \$2327.27 worth of new decodable reading books and a reading box. She loves to spend the money and why not, we need to make a difference with this money, this year! So our final figures for the swim are as follows:

Shire Presidents Challenge: \$500.00

Cash sponsorship: \$2230.00

Online Sponsorship: \$4055.00

Unallocated funds E-rotary Grant Allocation: \$1700.17

TOTAL = \$8485.17 to be placed in the primary and high school English budget on a pro-rata basis (ie: \$64.77 per student, totalling \$2072.71 for Year 7 - 10 and \$6412.45 for Year K - 6)).

THANK YOU TO THE AUTUMN CLUB

On behalf of the staff of Narembeen DHS I would like to extend our thanks to the **Autumn Club**, and in particular, **Mrs Kerry Fricker**, for their provision to the community, and our staff, the Protective Behaviours workshop we completed last Wednesday afternoon. This was an excellent two-hour professional learning which staff found both confronting and informative. **Education is the key to protecting our children from predators, and both schools and families can work together to ensure that they have the self-empowerment and skills to avoid being victimised, plus the ability to recognise and trust their intuitive feelings and develop strategies for self-protection.**

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS ... WHAT IS IT?

Protective Behaviours is a personal safety program that teaches children skills and strategies to recognise and respond to a range of unsafe situations. The program is applicable in contexts including child abuse, family violence, and bullying. Protective Behaviours is underpinned by two core themes:

- **We all have the right to be safe and feel safe at all times.**
- **We can talk with someone about anything, no matter what it is.**

Attached to this email is the **Protective Behaviours Parent Resource**. I ask all of you to have a read, **the statistics around child sexual abuse are not pretty and they are not getting better.** With the advent of the internet, online grooming has become a major issue. We continue to teach protective behaviours at school in Health Education, **but you also need to be aware of what you can teach your children to increase their chances of not becoming a statistic! One in four children will be sexually abused!! That is a dreadful but true statistic.**

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

With the directive that we are not allowed to have assemblies, we have not had any honour certificates given out, nor had an Aussie of the Month. We have decided we will give these out for the term now, and all winners are listed below. They will be presented with their certificates in class today. Congratulations to all honour certificate winners, well done. Congratulations also to our two very deserving Aussie of the Month winners.

HONOUR CERTIFICATE WINNERS TERM 1 2022**Kindergarten****Molly Gmeiner**

Molly has had a wonderful start to Kindy. She approaches all tasks eagerly and confidently. She is a kind and caring friend who always willingly helps others with a smile. What a star!

Ms Erin Lindsay

Roman Starcevich

Roman has amazed us with his growing independence and confidence in Kindy. He is an enthusiastic class member who lights up our room. We love how you give everything a go!

Ms Erin Lindsay

Pre-primary**Aaron Thorn**

For working hard to learn his sounds. Aaron is now reading 3 letter words, which is amazing progress in such a short time. Well done Aaron.

Mrs Jo Cheetham

Hailey Della Vedova

For trying hard in all activities. Hailey is always there to help and is a kind friend. What a great start to Pre-primary.

Mrs Jo Cheetham

Raine Cheetham

For improved concentration and focus in class. Raine is working hard in all areas and is showing good progress.

Mrs Jo Cheetham

Olivia Wanless

For continually doing her best, and for being caring and supportive to her peers.

Miss Paige Dunkeld

Year 1**Elkie Bald**

For an excellent start to Year 1. Elkie is an organised and conscientious learner, who has a positive attitude to her work, and tries her hardest in all subject areas. Keep up the great work Elkie.

Mrs Lucy Lines

Angela Patterson

For her fantastic commitment to our home reading and home sight word lists. Angela puts in a commendable effort at home to complete reading every night, and this hard work is already paying off. Lovely progress Angela.

Mrs Lucy Lines



Oscar Morrone

For trying hard to follow our classroom routines. He is learning to use class time more effectively, and is rightly proud of his achievements. Well done Oscar.

Mrs Lucy Lines

James Smoker

For producing work of a high standard in Mathematics. James' confidence to share his prior knowledge is increasing, and this is excellent to see. Well done James.

Mrs Lucy Lines

Pippa Cole

For her outstanding efforts during art, taking immense care and thought into her art projects.

Miss Paige Dunkeld

Year 2**Nicole Smoker**

For always completing tasks to a high standard. You are becoming a reflective learner who continually takes on board feedback to help you reach your academic goals. Congratulations Nicole Smoker.

Miss Emily Jones

Harrison Thorn

For listening attentively during whole class discussions, sharing your thoughts and ideas readily and being kind and sensitive to those who may have different thoughts and opinions. Well done Harrison.

Miss Emily Jones

Maya Della Vedova

For being a happy and enthusiastic member of our class. She comes to school every day with a smile, cheerful greeting and a positive attitude. She always tries her best and encourages and praises her peers. Well Done Maya Della Vedova.

Miss Emily Jones

Chase Smoker

For enthusiastically embracing new learning experiences and relishing in challenges. You always carry out classroom jobs and responsibilities in a mature manner. Well done Chase Smoker.

Miss Emily Jones

Max Gmeiner

For being creative and constructive in his approach to all tasks in Digital Technologies. I am very proud of your efforts Max, keep it up!

Miss Lynda Cornish

Alfie Cowan

For his high levels of investigating and evaluating during our studies in Humanities.

Miss Paige Dunkeld

Eimear Hickey

For always striving to achieve her best in all areas of her learning.

Miss Paige Dunkeld

Year 3**Paige Parsons**

For being a kind and compassionate student who is always willing to lend a helping hand to her classmates. Well done Paige

Mr Matthew Poultney

Daisy Hooper

For consistently completing all of her work to a high standard while displaying a positive attitude. Good job Daisy.

Mr Matthew Poultney

Ricardo Brown

For making a big effort to improve his reading all term, both at home and in the classroom. Great work Ricardo.

Mr Matthew Poultney

Baylee O'Neill

For attempting tasks independently yet being confident to ask for help when required. Well done Baylee.

Miss Lynda Cornish

Charles Robinson

For his determination to improve his backstroke. You swam your heart out in the Interschool Carnival. Well done Charles!

Mrs Hannah Kerse

Year 4**Charlie Cusack**

For approaching Term 1 with an improvement in his listening and dedication to his learning. This student is to be commended for the way that he persisted with his goal of grasping long division. Although it took persistence, he can now use the strategy with ease. Congratulations.

Miss Melanie Baldwin

Lyla Hayter

For completing every Prime Maths lesson to her best possible standard. Her accuracy in Maths is driven by her dedication to understanding every concept and enthusiastic approach towards extension tasks. This student is a truly kind and caring person who is a role model to others in the classroom and the playground.

Miss Melanie Baldwin

Imogen Hickey

For contributing to all class and small group discussions without hesitation. This student doesn't shy away from challenges and hard work. She makes the most of every opportunity to improve. Your resilience will take you a long way. Keep working hard!

Miss Melanie Baldwin

Year 5**Macy Cole**

For attending school everyday with a determination to improve, work hard and beat her own best. I am so pleased to see her recall tricky times tables and gain more confidence in Maths. Amazing work!

Miss Melanie Baldwin

Chase O'Neill

For the tremendous improvement he has shown towards taking care when completing his work. You are taking more time and as a result producing work of a higher standard. Keep persisting and the results will continue to follow!

Miss Hannah Chitty

Bailey Kuhne-Munroe

For displaying a positive attitude towards new tasks, topics, and challenges. It has been amazing to witness the work you can achieve when you put your mind to it and believe in yourself. You can be very proud of your efforts so far this term, I most certainly am. Keep working hard.

Miss Hannah Chitty

Bailey Kuhne-Munroe

For his mature attitude towards classroom discussions about healthy relationships, always contributing thoughtful responses and demonstrating an interest in improving relationships of his own. Well done Bailey, keep up the great effort.

Mrs Anita Parsons

Year 6**Xhiarn Brown**

For her exceptional organisational skills, and the maturity she displays within our classroom. She is the first to put her hand up to assist anyone who needs it and is consistently demonstrating the initiative to prepare herself and her classmates for upcoming tasks or lessons. Room 3 is lucky to have you.

Miss Hannah Chitty

Stephen Sherwood

For consistently applying himself in the area of Mathematics and achieving some excellent results in assessments. He displays great determination in the presence of a challenge and his problem-solving skills have developed and become a very reliable tool for him. Love your work, Stevie Sherwood.

Miss Hannah Chitty

Stephen Sherwood

For his overall improvement in his swimming this year. You should be proud of your amazing effort in the Interschool Carnival Stephen!

Mrs Hannah Kerse

Year 7**Wren Cheetham**

For an excellent start to her high school Science career with great marks in all assessment items.

Mrs Chris Arnold

Wren Cheetham

For always contributing mature and thoughtful responses to class discussions upon the topic of healthy relationships. Keep up the good work Wren.

Mrs Anita Parsons

Mia Parsons

For her attitude and work ethic in Mathematics.

Mr Robert Lavis

Mia Parsons

For a wonderfully committed and creative start to her work in English in high school.

Mr Craig Gmeiner

Year 8**Logan Penning**

For his willingness to engage with the subject and classroom discussions.

Mr Robert Lavis

Angela Andrews

For applying herself maturely and independently to her work in English.

Mr Craig Gmeiner

Tanner Miller

For an outstanding improvement so far in Science this year. He has achieved fine results and can be very proud of his efforts.

Mrs Chris Arnold

Year 9**Sari Cusack**

For showing great preparation and confidence during the lengthy Premier meeting assessment.

Mr Craig Gmeiner

Lucy Currie

For her positive attitude and hard work in Mathematics.

Mr Robert Lavis

Lucy Currie

For a dedicated and diligent approach to her learning in Science to achieve outstanding results in her Human Biology assessments.

Mrs Chris Arnold

Cheyenne Cummins

For her excellent approach to Design & Technology. Cheyenne always gives 100% to tasks and has demonstrated some very good skills and has developed her understanding of woodworking processes and procedures.

Mr Russ Arnold

* well done

Year 10**Tahlia Ashmore**

For her continual hard work across all aspects of class.

Mr Robert Lavis

Tahlia Ashmore

For a brilliant start to her final year in Science. Her scores have been outstanding and are testament to her conscientious approach to her learning.

Mrs Chris Arnold

Cameron Hills

For displaying a determined approach to all aspects of his work in Design & Technology. He is developing his understanding of metalworking processes and has produced some very good work.

Mr Russell Arnold

Navaeh Brown

For a well prepared and well delivered presentation on Foreign Aid.

Mr Craig Gmeiner

Lauchlan Poot

For demonstrating a mature and responsible approach to the topic of healthy relationships, in particular to the topic of consent and being respectful to others in relationships.

Well done on a great term of work Lauchie.

Mrs Anita Parsons

Narembeen DHS Interschool Swimming Team 2022

For committing yourselves to your training to be at your fittest at this event. Every member of the team is to be congratulated on the wonderful manner in which you conducted yourselves and represented your school and community. Well done to every swimmer, the day was all about the team and our team was outstanding.

Narembeen DHS Staff

AUSSIE OF THE MONTHS**FEBRUARY: Lucy Currie Year 9**

Lucy is always asking and checking to see if she can help out in any way. She is helpful to all members of the school community. She demonstrates good leadership without being asked in organisational tasks. Is always a kind and caring member of our school community and demonstrates respect to all teachers and her peers.

MARCH: James Hickey Pre-primary

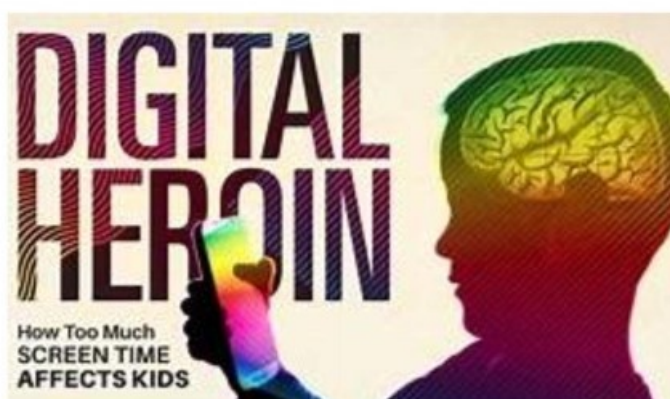
James will always help without being asked. He can be counted on to constantly do the right thing in all situations. James also works very hard at his schoolwork. He waters our garden and sweeps up any mess. James is kind to his friends and always makes us laugh.



SCREEN TIME AND A CHILD'S BRAIN: SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

Fact: nearly half of all children 8 & under have their own tablet device and spend an average of about 2.25 hours a day on digital screens! **Fact:** this does happen in Narembeen! **What is all this screen time doing to kids' brains?** Early data from a landmark study by National Institutes of Health (in the US), which commenced in 2018, indicates that children who spent more than two hours a day on screen-time activities scored lower on language and thinking tests, and some children with more than seven hours screen time a day, experienced a thinning of the brain's cerebral cortex, the area of the brain related to thinking and reasoning. Although those doing the research are not sure what this means yet, they can hypothesise that screens **inhibit certain aspects of a child's development by narrowing their focus of interest and limiting their other means of exploration and learning.** Dr Jennifer F Cross, attending paediatrician and a developmental and behavioural paediatrics expert states; 'If young children spend most of their time engaging with an iPad, smartphone, or the television, all of which are highly entertaining, it can be hard to get them engaged in non-electronic activities, such as playing with toys to foster imagination and creativity, exploring outdoors, and playing with other children to develop appropriate social skills. Interacting almost exclusively with a screen would be like working out only your arm muscles, and nothing else. You would have really strong arm muscles, at the expense of overall fitness.'

For young children, especially those under three, development is happening rapidly. Young children learn by exploring their environment and watching the adults in their lives and then imitating them. Excessive screen time may inhibit a child's ability to observe and experience the typical everyday activities they need to engage with in order to learn about the world, leading to a kind of 'tunnel vision', which can be detrimental to overall development. So, when a child is sitting with a parent, or being pushed in a pram, and playing on a smart phone or tablet, this will not just affect their ability to learn new things, but also how they interact with others and develop language. Language development expands rapidly between 1.5 to 3 years of age, and studies have shown that **children learn language best when engaging and interacting with adults who are talking and playing with them.** There is also some evidence that children who watch a lot of television during early years of school, perform less well on reading tests and may show deficits in attention. **Remember, talking with children in a reciprocal dialogue situation is extremely important for language development, it is that back-and-forth conversation, sharing facial expressions and reacting to the other person, in real life, rather than 'passive' listening or one-way interaction on a screen that improves communication skills in young children.**



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SCREEN FREE TIPS FOR FAMILIES



1. ALTERNATIVES

Offer alternatives such as painting, drawing or reading



2. SCREEN FREE TIME

Meal times are perfect screen free times. Include more screen free time if you can.



3. LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Do as you say! Children model behaviour they see. If you don't use a screen, they won't either!



4. SCREEN FREE ZONES

Restrict or eliminate the use of TV's and phones in the bedroom. They're not needed there!



5. NO PHONE WALKS

When out and about, try and avoid taking your screens with you. Be in the moment!



6. SCREEN LIMITS

Install usage limits on phone apps and TVs to avoid spending hours staring at a screen.

**MRS CHRIS ARNOLD
PRINCIPAL**

**CASUAL GARDENER NEEDED IMMEDIATELY:
24 HOURS PER WEEK FOR 6 MONTHS (APPROXIMATELY)**

Narembeen DHS has 24 gardening hours available per week, for the next 6 months approximately. The gardener's role in this time would be to maintain the current gardens, and ensure that the

grounds are kept neat and tidy. Times for these hours are negotiable. If you have an interested in gardening, and have some time on your hands, please contact the front office on 90649600. A WWC check is required, along with the DoE criminal screening and immunisation.

RELIEF CLEANER - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are seeking expressions of interest for relief cleaning. You will assist with internal cleaning duties, including the maintenance of carpets and hard floor surfaces, toilet cleaning, furniture and fittings, window cleaning, dusting, and rubbish removal. External cleaning duties, including the cleaning of verandas and covered areas, rubbish removal, cleaning of drinking troughs, window cleaning, and removal of cobwebs. The ability to work collaboratively in a team environment is important. For further details and information regarding Working with Children and Department of Education screening please contact the front office on 90649600.

**MRS AMANDA HALL
MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICE
POSITIVE REWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who have won 10 points for their FACTION ☺.

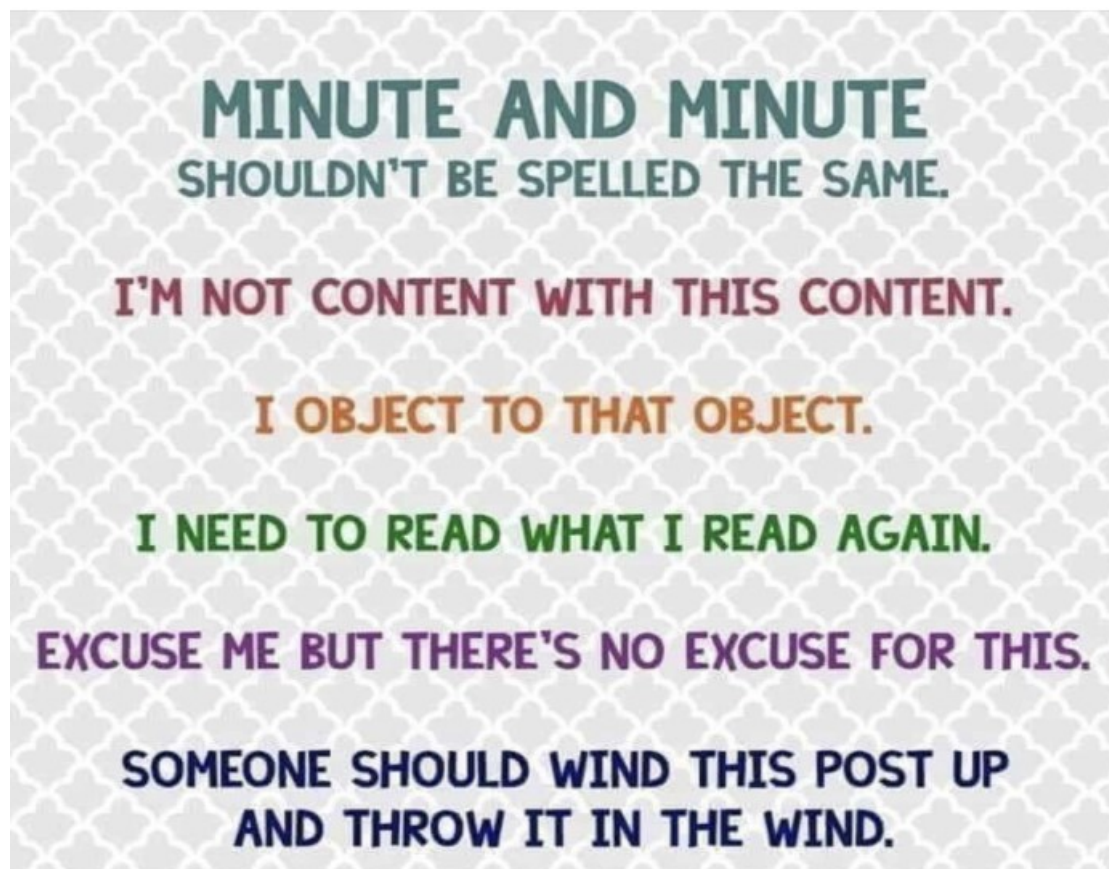


JUNIOR FOOTBALL TRAINING

Junior football training will commence this Friday April 1 at 4pm at the oval. All interested players are more than welcome!

Mr Michael Wanless





You're invited to a Special Easter Celebration -

“Heaven's Gift - Wondrous Love”

On Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 1:30 p.m
at the Seventh-day Adventist Church
105 Church Road, Mt. Walker.

If you are planning to attend please contact
Yonnie on 9063 5014, or Rhonda on 9061 7032
in case Covid requirements change in the interim,
which may impact the running of the program.
Looking forward to seeing you, feel free to bring a friend.

You may like to participate in an offering collected for relief
from the devastation in Ukraine and channeled through ADRA,
(the Adventist Development and Relief Agency)

Birthdays



March/April

30th	Shuan Slade Laine Wilkins	Camille Metcalf	Cally Moses
31st	Jonathon Rogers	Louise Scholler	Mackenzy Aird
1st	Peter Cowan Lynette McCellan	Graeme Andrews	Naree Cowan
2nd	David Rutherford	Tenille Cole (Barrett)	Martin Macanas
3rd	Helen Wanless Robert Bailey	Pat Berry Gemma Brayshaw	Keith Brayshaw Hannah Roddan
4th	Glenis Maringoni	Daniel Broomhall	Leigh McGill
5th	Danika Gysen Belinda Fidge	Samantha Russell	Carla Hall
6th	Yvette Eyles	Barry Cole	Taliyah Cole

April

Anniversaries



1st	Lawrence & Natalie(Rogers) Pini
2nd	Joanne(Sloss) & Shane Cunnard
4th	Les & Ann(Miolini) Welsh



CHURCH NOTICES



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN

Sunday 3rd April

9.30am

Isiah Chapter 43—Verses 16-21 Ruth Hall

Philippians Chapter 3-Verses3-14 Yvonne

Treloar

John Chapter 12 Verses 1-8

Psalm 126

Church of Christ

Thursday 31st March 7.30pm

Bible study at W&L Milners place

Word for the evening– holiness

Sunday 3rd March—10am

Worship service with Sunday school during the service

Visiting speaker from Northam Church of Christ
Bible Verse: Proverbs 16:3

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans



Seventh Day Adventist

105 Church Rd, Mt Walker

Saturday April 2

10:00 am. Senior's Bible Study is starting a new series, "GENESIS", and the lesson for this week is "The Creation", with the Key Text found in Genesis 1:1.

Children's Sabbath School too at this time.

11:30 am Worship, with Pr Douw Venter.

Coming up April 16, EASTER PROGRAM.

If you can't be there but wish to follow the current Bible Study series it will continue to be on your VAST TV - Channel 603 at 4 pm (ex USA) and 7 pm (AUS) on Fridays.

Any queries, please to –

Terry: 0427 907 119, Rhonda: 0417 907 119.

Church Pastor, Douw Venter: 0458 552 011.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday April 2nd

6pm

Reader: C. Harper

Contact: R Hickey 0428 132 454

J Cusack 0408 064 727

Cleaning: R. Hickey

Email: brucerockparish@gmail.com

FaceBook: Francis Mary Concepta Sacrament



COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION



NAREMBEEN MEDICAL CENTRE - PHONE 9064 7145

Dr Lines practices at the Medical Centre

Hours Mon – Thurs 8.00am – 12.30pm 1.30pm – 5.00pm Friday 8.00am – 1.30pm

PLEASE BRING CURRENT PRESCRIPTIONS, MEDICARE, PENSION AND HEALTH CARE CARDS

RURAL WOMEN'S GP SERVICE – Phone 90647145 for appointments. Dr Olga Ward visits approximately 6 weekly

NURSE PRACTITIONER – Laura Black visits fortnightly

HOSPITAL – PHONE 90646222 HEALTH DIRECT 1800 022 222

Accident, emergency and acute medical.

Outpatient dressing/blood pressure checks etc–Preferred times 10.30am -11.30am or 3.30pm – 4.30pm

X-Ray service available – please phone for bookings. Only emergency X-Rays will be attended out of hours

Other services include antenatal and postnatal care, palliative care, respite service, high and low level residential care. Home and Community Care (HACC), Patient Assisted Travel Service (PATS), Videoconference facilities available for consults with some Specialists. Occupation and Speech Therapy, Dietician and Aged Care Assessment (ACAT) available by referral.

WHEATBELT ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICE

Phone 90413807 or 90412928

This service provides support for individuals, couples and families affected by alcohol and drugs

WHEATBELT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

Call 1800 353 122 (24 hours) Free and Confidential

Men's Domestic Violence Helpline 1800 000 599. Victim Support Service 1800 350 074

NAREMBEEN DENTAL – JOHN COBLEY

Phone 90647397 Emergencies 0419 987 397 Appointments Thursday

CHILD, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES – PHONE 90647388 or 90646222

Child Health Clinic every Tuesday at the Hospital 9am – 3.00pm

Alternatively, contact Primary health in Merredin 90410444 or Ngala 1800 111546

CENTRAL AGCARE FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICE Counsellor Anne Hague 0427 133 711

PODIATRIST – PHONE 90646222 Please call the hospital (office hours) for appointments

ST JOHN AMBULANCE – PHONE 000 Do not call the hospital for an ambulance in an emergency.

CENTRAL WHEATBELT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – PHONE COURTNEY 0488 333 492

At Narembreen Medical Centre

COMING EVENTS

March 2022

Wednesday 30th Childcare Narembeen bookings ADMIN 6832 3825 8.30am - 5.30pm

Thursday 31st Childcare Narembeen bookings ADMIN 6832 3825 8.30am - 5.30pm

Autumn Club 10.00am-2.00pm

April

Friday 1st Playgroup at Numbats Centre 9.30am

Saturday 2nd Church
Men's Shed 9.00am

Ralph Thomas Pairs-Windup to Follow Mens
H Copeman, A Cowan Drawn Pairs Ladies—Windup to Follow

Sunday 3rd Church
Mt Walker Tennis—Closing Day –Social –BYO BBQ & salad to share 2.00pm

Monday 4th Lions Paper Pick Up
Circuit Gym 9.30am
Arts and Crafts and Book Exchange at Community Shed 10.00am-4.00pm

Tuesday 5th Senior Citizens 2.00pm
Lions Club Meeting
Childcare Narembeen bookings ADMIN 6832 3825 8.30am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 6th Childcare Narembeen bookings ADMIN 6832 3825 8.30am - 5.30pm

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