



# Watch Us THRIVE in 2025

Newsletter Edition 9

## Brookton District High School

### Principals Address

It has been a busy and exciting few weeks at Brookton District High School, with plenty to celebrate! Firstly, congratulations to all our students for their enthusiastic participation in our Cross Country event on May 16th. A special well done to Seabrook, who took out the win on the day! We now look ahead to the Interschool Cross Country on June 4th in Pingelly, and we wish all our competitors the best of luck. A huge thank you to Mr Sheridan for his outstanding organisation of the event.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Watts and Mrs Ferguson for putting together a truly special MAGIC Morning for the important women in our students' lives. It was wonderful to see so many families joining us for a joyful morning of art and craft—the smiles and laughter said it all!

A big thank you to Mrs Eyre for leading a wonderful National Simultaneous Storytime. Our junior primary students were thoroughly engaged in a morning of reading and activities based around "The Truck Cat". It was a delightful way to promote literacy and a love of storytelling.

We're also excited to share that Music lessons with Mrs Jane McCabe have now commenced! It has been fantastic to see students fully engaged and loving the opportunity to explore rhythm, melody, and creativity through music.

Another great initiative is our school chaplain's new weekly group for our Year 7 and 8 girls, called "Wonderfully You." This program is designed to build self-esteem, emotional intelligence, and positive peer connections—an important part of supporting wellbeing during the early teen years.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing P&C Committee for organising a Healthy Crunch & Sip Day for our students. Promoting good nutrition and healthy habits is such a vital part of learning, and we truly appreciate their ongoing support and enthusiasm for our school.

In our high school, our Year 9/10 students had the opportunity to meet with the Principal of Narrogin Senior High School as part of their transition preparation for Years 11 and 12. It was a valuable session to start thinking about pathways and future learning opportunities.

### Important Dates

Every Thursday  
Canteen

Wed 21 May  
Nat. Simultaneous Storytime

Wed 21 May  
P&C Meeting - 5pm  
Bedford Arms Hotel

Thur 22 May  
Canteen Crunch & Sip Day

Tue 27 May  
Reconciliation Walk

Thur 29 May  
Room 3 Assembly

Mon 2 June  
Public Holiday

Tue 3 June  
Staff Development Day  
(Pupil Free Day)

Wed 4 June  
Interschool Cross Country  
Board Meeting

23-25 June  
Year 5-6 Camp

30 June-2 July  
WBYM Camp

Fri 4 July  
last day of term

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Finally, I'd like to remind all families to continue being vigilant around mobile phone use, especially in relation to cyberbullying and online safety. If you have any concerns, I encourage you to contact the Office of the eSafety Commissioner at [esafety@esafety.gov.au](mailto:esafety@esafety.gov.au) or visit [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au). Our staff are also here to support—please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need advice or assistance on managing device use with your child.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards, Kris Dewson Hall Principal Brookton District High School

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Brookton students came together with Kulin and Corrigin schools to design solutions that address local challenges for youth in their community. With the help of illuminate Education Australia founder, Adam Mostogl who facilitated the day, students workshopped community challenges, ideas to address those challenges and then pitched their best solution back to the student audience. Adam commented 'the students passions shone through everything that they presented, in the problems they raised but also what their solutions addressed'.

What do Brookton youth really want? The top ideas from Brookton students were; rural scholarship opportunities for Y11 and 12; more fresh food available in the community and more transport options (Uber style). A further snapshot of ideas from all students on the day were; food and drink (fast food, pizza, Boost juice, foot court), a mobile chemist, a need for more activities for youth, a mobile library, stage and performance area, outdoor cinema, piercing shop, local markets, teen canteen, fresher food, youth scholarships, greater access to agricultural dealers, youth center, and a community garden.

A pre and post survey from all workshops within the wheatbelt south region found students were significantly more confident to lead change, make a difference, handle stress, solve problems and share ideas. This is encouraging as confident students are more likely to use and apply skills to make positive impacts in their community, take on volunteering and drive the change they want to see.

A big thank you to the local volunteer guests who shared their experiences and inspired students. This event has been funded by the Future Drought Fund and Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal and coordinated by the Corrigin Farm Improvement Group via the 'WA Next Generation of Volunteers' project.