

Newsletter

Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The writing of student reports is predominantly done in a teacher's own time outside of their normal work hours, often taking up much of their weekends. This substantially increases the workload and stress for staff during this time. Consequently, the Department of Education has asked all schools to work with their school community to review the impact of Reporting to Parents on teacher workload and how we might do things differently. After consulting with the P&C, School Board and school community, it has been decided that reports sent home at the end of each semester will now contain the following:

- There will be a general comment only with no learning area comments.
- Grades in strands and sub strands will be provided in English and Mathematics.
- Grades in strands for all learning areas will be provided.
- Effort grade will be allocated to all learning areas.

We will continue to provide a hard copy of the report to all students from Kindergarten – Year 6. A copy will also be sent home through Connect to those parents of Pre-primary to Year 6 students. Parents will be encouraged to meet with their child's teacher should they require more information than outlined in the report.

P&C COLOUR RUN

I would like to thank and acknowledge all members of the school community who contributed to our P&C Colour Run conducted on the last day of Term Three. A big thank you to the P&C members who were instrumental in organising this event. It was great to see so many students and staff enjoying themselves and ultimately raising funds for our school. More information to follow about how much was raised.

YEAR SIX STUDENTS

I would like to wish our Year Six students all the best for their final term at Wellard Primary School. They have several exciting events to look forward to and I am sure they will continue to work hard and apply themselves throughout the term. They have been a

great bunch of kids who have set a fine example for our younger students.

CHANGE IN EATING TIMES AT LUNCH

We have made an alteration to the playing and eating times during the lunch break. Recently, we have noticed that students are finishing their lunch well within the eating time resulting in an increase in the number of behavioural issues. Therefore, we have increased the playing time (11am – 11.22am) and reduced the time students have to eat their lunch (11.25am – 11.40am). We will monitor this situation over time to see if these changes impact significantly on students.

HOUSE CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students on the level of sportsmanship they displayed throughout the days and the way they conducted themselves particularly on our House Carnival Day. Well done Mr Papparone and Mr McIntyre on the organisation of the days. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of all staff in preparing their students for the carnival. Thank you to those parents who also assisted on the day. Congratulation to Doornart (Green) on winning the Jitty Jitty Shield and to all individual champions and runner ups. Well done everybody.

MULTICULTURAL LUNCH (WEEK 4)

Our Multicultural Lunch which will be held on Tuesday 29th October. Students can come to school dressed in their cultural dress and participate in a morning tea with family members. We will start with a brief assembly before lunch with students performing a variety of cultural dances. More information will be available later this week through Connect in regard to the organisation of this event.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (WEEK 4)

This will be conducted on Wednesday 30th November and Thursday 31st November at Wellard Oval on Abingdon Crescent, Wellard. We wish participating students all the best over these two days.

ASSEMBLY

The next assembly will be conducted by Rooms 3 & 29 on Friday 25th October with EC4 and Room 2 presenting the following Friday, 1st November.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Parents and guardians are reminded that we have a School Development Day on Friday 22nd November (Week 7). Students DO NOT come to school this day as staff will be involved in professional learning.

PLANNING FOR 2025

We have begun the process of organising our school for 2025. Any families who know they are not returning for 2025 are asked to inform the school through the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS (KAPTURE)

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation in being so well organised for the school photos conducted in Week 2. The photographers were extremely impressed with the behaviour of all of our students across the school. Well done everyone.

KISS AND DRIVE

When using the Kiss and Drive on both sides of the school, I ask that you always drive to the furthest bay making it easier on the vehicles behind you to access this area. Please, do not leave your vehicle if you park in the Kiss and Drive. On McWhirter Promenade, when traffic is not moving, it is not a good idea to double park waiting for a bay to become available. It is best to drive up to Millar Road, turn right and then turn right on to Fairhaven Boulevard back to Johnson Road. By the time you return there should be a Kiss and Drive spot available.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

Wellard PS still has some vacancies for Kindergarten for 2025. To be eligible for enrolment, students need to be born between 1st July 2020 and 30th June 2021. When enrolling your child, you will need to come into the office and provide the following:

- Copy of your child's Birth Certificate
- Up to date Immunisation Records
- Proof of Address that you reside in our local intake area – preferably a utility bill in your name that is no older than three months.

Please note that students who live within our local intake area will be prioritised for enrolment. Our local intake area can be found within "Schools Online" on the Department of Education's website. *We only have 8 vacancies available for next year.*

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Preferred Payment Method



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Payment of Voluntary Contributions is now due. Funds raised through these contributions are used to purchase resources etc. to complement the educational programs we run throughout the school. Thank you to those families who have already paid their contributions. As a school we are always conscious of the costs we seek from parents in relation to educational activities.

Kindergarten – Year 6 - \$60 per child per year.

Our preferred way of payment is by using our Qkr App, please see attached PDF for details. School contributions can also be paid at the office or

By direct deposit

Account Name: Wellard Primary School

(Please use the student's surname as reference)

BSB: 066 040 Account Number 19901412

PHOTOGRAPHS OF STUDENTS

In recent weeks we have had events where it has provided the opportunity for parents to take photographs of their own children. We have a number of parents who have requested their child's photograph not be used by the school on Facebook, Instagram etc. for a range of reasons. I request that when taking photographs of your own child, please do not post them on social media if the identity of other students can be determined.

STRANGER DANGER

I urge all parents to talk to your child or children about walking safely to and from school. Following are some suggestions to help your child/children stay safe. Please ask your child to:

- Always travel in company
- Walk on the right-hand side of the road so you face oncoming traffic
- Wherever possible, leave space between yourself and the roadway
- Stay in areas that are well lit
- Stay in view – avoid going into areas that are hidden from view (such as parkland bush or behind shopping centres) and plan trips to avoid such locations

- Be alert – earphones and headphones can reduce your awareness considerably
- If you have a mobile phone, have it turned on and ready to dial an emergency number
- If a passing car stops nearby never get too close
- Do not hesitate to run from a situation in which you feel at risk
- Provide this advice to brothers and sisters, especially if younger
- Report suspicious behaviour to parents, school and the police, noting number plates of cars and/or clothing or distinguishing features of individuals.

Remember to call 131 444 or the local station to report an incident to police or 1800 333 000 to reach crime stoppers. Only call 000 in case of an emergency.

Kind regards

Geoff Miller
Principal
geoff.miller@education.wa.edu.au

WELLARD DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Term 4 2024

Wellard Dental Therapy Centre

Open 5 DAYS! Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur & Fri.

8am – 4pm

Lunch 1:00-1:30pm

Email: wellarddtc@health.wa.gov.au

Phone: 9553 0610

Our clinic operates on bookings, we are not a walk-in service. If your child requires emergency dental care please call us and we will let you know the earliest time we can see them or let you know other options. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Wellard School Dental Team - Carissa (Dental Therapist) & Chantelle (Dental Assistant)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UPDATE

The House Carnival was completed on Wednesday, October 10 which - along with the Jumps, Throws and Long Distance running events held last term – completed the Athletics Carnival program for this year. All events went well, due to the wonderful support of parents and staff, and the excellent behaviour of the students themselves. A big thank you goes out to all staff, students, parents and community members who supported this event. Doornart won the House Carnival this year with a solid overall effort. There were a lot of great

performances across the individual events, but we were most pleased to see every student give their personal best for themselves and their Houses. Well done to all students who participated in the events. A full list of individual champions and runners up from the House Carnival are below.

In other news, the KSSA Interschool Athletics Carnival will take place over two days on Wednesday October 30 (jumps, throws and long distance running events) and Thursday, October 31 (Interschool Carnival). We wish the best of luck to all of our students who are representing the school. We hope to see as many parents supporting them as possible.

Kind regards,

David McIntyre and Matthew Paparone.
Physical Education Specialists
Wellard Primary School

Year 1

Girls Champion – Billie
Girls Runner up – Silke
Boys Champion – Zac
Boys Runner up – Caden

Year 2

Girls Champion – Siferow
Girls Runner up – Emma
Boys Champion – Basti
Boys Runner up – Abraham

Year 3

Girls Champion – Layton
Girls Runner up – Penny
Boys Champion – Talon
Boys Runner up – Maison

Year 4

Girls Champion – Marian
Girls Runner up – Mutsa
Boys Champion – Nirvik
Boys Runner up – Dylan

Year 5

Girls Champion – Meher
Girls Runner up – Harper
Boys Champion – Cash
Boys Runner up – Yashraj

Year 6

Girls Champion – Tia & Joyce
Girls Runner up – Eden
Boys Champion - Boston
Boys Runner up - Leon



Gilmore
COLLEGE

We transform positive relationships into meeting the unique learning potential of every student.

Join in on one of our Principal's Tours

We warmly invite families of current and prospective students to visit our school for a Tour of the facilities and gain an understanding of the opportunities available for our students.

The 45 minute Tour will commence at 9:00am from the Administration Office at the front of the school. Morning tea and a Question & Answer session will follow the Tour in the conference room. We will answer your questions honestly; explaining our ethos and our passions.

Thursday, 28 March @ 9:00am

Thursday, 13 June @ 9:00am

Thursday, 12 September @ 9:00am

Thursday, 5 December @ 9:00am

College Tours provide prospective and current families the opportunity to visit the school during a normal day, visiting the places where learning and engagement take place and to provide a true sense of Gilmore College. The student leaders in particular are a great source of authentic information about what it means to be a Gilmore College student day to day.

Please note, this is a 'parents only' tour. (Students who enrol at Gilmore College will visit the school for their orientation later in the year.)

Please RSVP by phone on 6595 2700 or email at gilmore.college@education.wa.edu.au

Dargin Place
ORELIA WA 6167
Po Box 86 Kwinana WA 6966

Families are invited to enjoy a Tour and morning tea with our Principal





Information for parents – Attendance at primary school

Going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas, concepts, knowledge and skills for future learning. At our school, we want your children to do their very best. To get the best education, they need to go to school every day. By working together, our school community can support your child's attendance.

What can you do to help?

- Have a set time for your child to go to bed at night and get up in the morning.
- Have their uniform and school bag ready the night before.
- Have a set time for breakfast.
- Set a time for daily homework activities.
- Talk about school positively.
- If running late, encourage your child to still go to school and reassure them that you will let the school know.
- Organise for your child to meet a friend before school so they can arrive at school together.
- Get involved at school through volunteering or participate in school programs, events or join the Parents and Citizens' Association.

Do you need to let the school know if your child will be away from school?

Yes, you need to let office staff know that your child will be absent from school and the reason why as soon as possible.

Having information about why a child is missing school helps us plan for their return to school and to work out whether we can provide any further help to you.

What will staff at our school do to help?

- Offer developmentally, socially and culturally responsive learning opportunities to engage students.
- Monitor every student's attendance and work with parents to overcome problems affecting attendance.
- Provide predictable routines to help students know what to expect to reduce anxiety about going to school.
- Talk with you about involving support staff such as and other agencies or organisations to help.
- Talk with you about local services that may also be able to help such as Headspace, Youthline and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

For more information you can contact the school to arrange for an interpreter.



Free online parent workshops Term 4, 2024 Calendar

Facilitated by school psychologist consultants with the Triple P and Child and Parent Centre teams

The Triple P and Child and Parent Centre teams are excited to offer a series of free online workshops for families. The Triple P - Positive Parenting Program gives parents and carers ideas and strategies to help their child develop the skills and behaviours they need for a healthy childhood. To learn more about Triple P, visit the [Education in WA](#) website.

How to register

Scan the QR code or click/type the link below into your browser:
<https://forms.office.com/r/GyQwUQMmEN>



Registration is essential to attend online workshops and will close 24 hours before the scheduled workshop. You will be sent an email with information and a link to join on the morning of the workshop. We would recommend downloading the [Webex app](#) ahead of the workshop.

If you would like to register for other Triple P workshops, please visit the [Triple P in WA](#) website and search for upcoming sessions by location. Parents can also access a range of [Triple P Online](#) programs for free. Please note that these webinars are unable to be recorded.

| Date and time | Workshop |
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| Tuesday 15 October 8.00pm – 10.00pm | Starting school successfully (children entering school) When children are preparing to start school, it can be a big change for the whole family. This session will cover talking with your child about school, preparing over the summer holidays, toileting, teaching independent dressing and routines, the first day and learning to separate from caregivers. |
| Repeat session Thursday 17 October 9.30am to 11.30am | |
| Wednesday 23 October 8.00pm – 10.00pm | The power of positive parenting (under 12 years) Children of all ages need a safe, secure and loving environment to do well. This seminar will discuss children's behaviour, how to create a safe, interesting and positive learning environment, how to use assertive discipline, and taking care of yourself as a parent. |
| Repeat session Friday 25 October 9.30am to 11.30am | |
| Tuesday 29 October 7.00pm – 9.00pm | Making and keeping friends (10-16 years) Peer relationships become increasingly important during the teenage years, and parents may find it difficult to navigate and adjust to these changes in relationships. This session will provide suggestions on how to support your child to make friends, encourage positive relationships with peers, set appropriate boundaries and deal with challenges that may arise. |
| Repeat session Friday 1 November 9.30am to 11.30am | |

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| Tuesday 5 November 8.00pm – 10.00pm | Learning to use the toilet (toddlers and pre-schoolers) Teaching children to use the toilet independently can be challenging for parents. This workshop will provide tips on when your child may be ready, the skills needed to use the toilet, and some common behavioural issues related to using the toilet. This workshop is suitable for parents of children with neurotypical development and does not address any medical problems related to using the toilet. |
| Repeat session Thursday 7 November 9.30am to 11.30am | |
| Tuesday 12 November 7.00pm – 9.00pm | Promoting digital wellbeing (10-16 years) One of the challenges for parents is knowing how to monitor and manage their teenager's use of technology, such as the internet, websites, social media, smart phones and other communication devices. This workshop will help you set rules and appropriate limits to encourage responsible, safe use of these evolving opportunities. |
| Repeat session Thursday 14 November 9.30am to 11.30am | |
| Tuesday 19 November 8.00pm – 9.30pm | Learning to separate (toddlers and pre-schoolers) All children have to learn to cope with temporary separations from their parents. Shyness around new people and anxiety about separation from parents is common in toddlers and pre-schoolers. This session will help you teach your child to be comfortable around others and calmly separate from you, into the care of another trusted adult/caregiver. |
| Repeat session Thursday 21 November 9.30am to 11.00am | |
| Tuesday 26 November 7.00pm – 9.00pm | Doing well in high school (children entering secondary school) A major challenge for parents of teenagers is knowing how to encourage them to make the most of their time at school. This session will help you teach your child key skills as they transition into high school: developing self-discipline, problem-solving, getting involved in school activities, following school rules, having supportive friends, attendance, and study habits. |
| Repeat session Friday 29 November 9.30am to 11.30am | |
| Tuesday 3 December 8.00pm – 10.00pm | Starting school successfully (children entering school) When children are preparing to start school, it can be a big change for the whole family. This session will cover talking with your child about school, preparing over the summer holidays, toileting, teaching independent dressing and routines, the first day and learning to separate from caregivers. |
| Repeat session Thursday 5 December 9.30am to 11.30am | |



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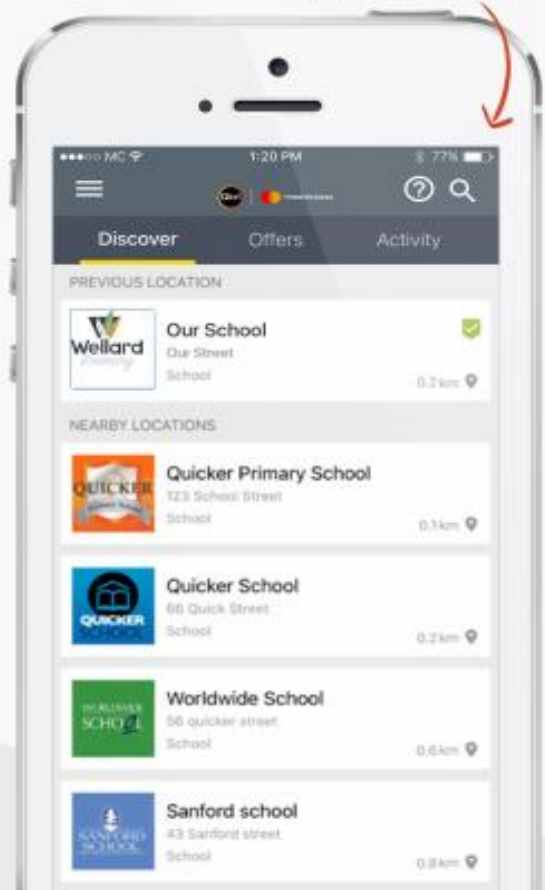
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If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name





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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details



Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles



Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school



Select child
you are
ordering for



Select your items

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay



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Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

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