

Newsletter

Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At the end of each year, we have a number of teaching and non-teaching staff who move on to different roles or positions throughout the system. Currently Mrs Rebecca Lanzel has been seconded to Regional Office for Term 4 and will be returning next year. Mr Brenton Simmons has replaced Ms Lanzel in the Deputy Principal position.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the following staff for their contribution to the education of students at Wellard Primary School over recent years.

- Mrs Tracey Askevold School Officer (Moving to another school)
- Mrs Jyoti Arora SNEA (Contract Finished)
- Miss Beth Hagen Teacher (Travelling)
- Miss Sarah Kent Teacher (Travelling)
- Mrs Sarah Le Provost Teacher (Moving to another school)
- Mrs Kayleigh Hart Teacher (Moving to another school)
- Mrs Amanda Middleton Teacher (Parental Leave)
- Miss Claudia Emanuele Teacher (Moving to another school)
- Mr Chris Pickering Teacher (Contract Finished)
- Ms Genevieve Churack Teacher (Contract Finished)
- Mrs Dane Kruger Teacher (Moving to another school)

I would sincerely like to thank each of those staff members for their contribution to our school. They have displayed high levels of professionalism and dedication to improving the educational outcomes of all students. On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish them all the best for the future.

We also welcome back a number of staff who are returning from leave:

- Mrs Shailey McGinty (Teacher)
- Mrs Mel Gwatkin (Teacher)

In the next newsletter I will be announcing the new staff commencing at Wellard PS in 2025.

STUDENT REPORTS

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.

CLASS AWARD ASSEMBLY & YEAR 6 GRADUATION

A reminder that our Class Award Assemblies will be conducted on Friday 6th December commencing at 8.50am. The PP – Yr 2 assembly will commence at 8.50am whilst the Yr 3 – 6 assembly commences at 9.50am. We conduct two separate award ceremonies as it is not possible to fit all of our students in the Assembly Area at the same time. Our Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will occur at 8.50am on Tuesday 10th December in the Assembly Area.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (OPEN MEETING)

Our next School Board Meeting will be conducted on Monday 2nd December commencing at 3.30pm in the Admin Office Room. This meeting can be attended by any members of the school community. Please contact the office if you intend attending so we can accommodate you.

ASSEMBLY

The next assembly will be conducted by EC5 & EC8 on Friday 29th November in the Assembly Area commencing at 8.50am.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

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

KINDERGARTEN COME AND TRY DAY

On Friday 22nd November our Kindergarten staff will be providing an opportunity for our Kindergarten students and parents of 2025 to visit the early childhood area. An invite was mailed to all respective parents explaining the organisational details. Please contact the school if you have any queries.

CLASS PARTIES

We have decided to conduct our end of year class parties on different days so that we can better manage such events in the context of a large school. PP – Year 2 will conduct their parties on Tuesday 10th December whilst Year 3 – 5 classes will conduct their parties on Wednesday 11th December. Parents are asked to provide healthy food options where possible.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Preferred Payment Method



By direct deposit

Account Name: Wellard Primary School

(Please use the student's surname as reference)

BSB: 066 040 Account Number 19901412

IF YOU ARE LEAVING

We are currently planning for 2025 and would like for parents to contact us if they are leaving. This is also the case if you are going on holidays and not returning for the first day of the school year. This can be done by contacting the front office.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that students finish the school year on Thursday 12th December.

CLASS STRUCTURES 2025

The school is still working on class structures for next year due to the ongoing number of enrolments we are receiving. Class lists will be placed on the office windows at 11 am on Monday 3rd February. **Please note the office does not open for the school year until Wednesday 29th January.**

Kind regards

Geoff Miller

Principal

geoff.miller@education.wa.edu.au

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UPDATE

The Interschool Athletics Carnival was completed over two days on Wednesday, October 30 and Thursday, October 31. In extremely trying conditions, especially on the Thursday, the selected students from Wellard Primary School gave their personal best in all activities that they were involved in. There were a number of stand-out individual performances, with two students receiving medallions for their efforts in the Individual Championships (see below). The Wellard Primary School students displayed plenty of Wellard Spirit across the two days of events and a strong sense of support and camaraderie in the team events to finish runners-up to Peter Carnley in the overall schools competition. Well done to all students

who participated in events across the two days of competition.

A big thank you goes out to all staff, students, parents and community members who supported this event; it was great to see so much support given to the competitors. A huge special thank you goes to Mrs Rochelle Protzman, Mrs Kylea Singleton and Miss Amy Della Bosca, who gave up their time to assist the students on the days of competition. Special thanks also go to Mr Brenton Simmons for his support in training the Year 5 students prior to the competition days.

Individual Championship Honours:

Year 4 Girls Champion: Marian

Year 5 Boys Runner-Up: Cash



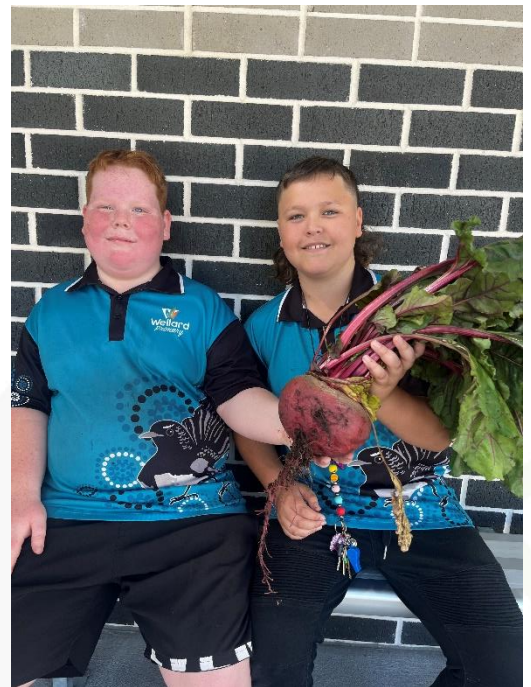
On Wednesday, November 7, our Kwinana District Boys Champion cricket team went to Burrendah Park in Willetton to compete in the 'Upper Primary School Woolworths Cricket Blast School Cup REGIONAL FINALS'. The ten selected students gave their personal best in variable weather conditions throughout three matches against some of the best cricketing schools in the Perth metropolitan area. Our students performed exceptionally well, winning two out of three games and just missed playing off in the final by percentage; which was a career best result for Wellard Primary School. Every participating student displayed excellent sportsmanship and resilience when required. They also gave up many a lunch time to train for the event in the weeks prior.

A big thank you goes out to all staff, students, parents and community members who supported this event. Special thanks goes to Mr Harsha Singh and Mrs Shitalben Patel, who not only came out and

supported the students on the day, but helped to pack away at the completion of the event.



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



Some students displaying the produce from our school sustainability garden.

MERIT AWARDS

Term 4 Week 3 Blue Assembly

EC4	Keanu Emilia Viha	Room 23	Lochlann Adryan Amalia Reid	Room 13	Noah Gowri Tyler Lachlan
EC7	Nirvaan Anwita Vhan Pranshul	Room 24	Ziva Neyson Precious	Room 16	Ryder Inangaro Bonnie Kenil
Room 1	Archer Reth Shiv Gurbaaz	Room 26	Elysia Maison Yuvraj Cleo	Room 19	Aditya Ray Chloe
Room 3	Corvo Mehtar	Room 7	Kailen Tyrese Seth Aria	Room 20	Tia Millie Caleb Amia
Room 4	Ethan Lincoln Matilda	Room 6	Ashhal Davantay Jayden Marian	Room 9	Aishi Ruby Taneer
Room 29	Lucidus Nand Hayla				

MERIT AWARDS

Term 4 Week 4 Pink Assembly

EC4	Lucy Simonveer Dilsehaj Harjaap Evie	Room 21	Harper Vivaan	Room 14	Avya Tanish Jessica Nirvik
		Room 22	Ruhika Kobi Aleyan	Room 15	Dhieeyia Dylan Abel Violet
EC5	Parnika Wairahope Noah	Room 25	Mia Misa CJ	Room 17	Colyne Gabriel Adriana Mwelva
EC8	Mehtab Alizah Eamios	Room 27	Shreay Aurora Gurfateh Isla	Room 18	Maya Jacob Ayva
Room 2	Obie Finn Guryaan	Room 5	Sujot Kenje Symphony	Room 10	Jaiyeshan Braxton Izabelle
Room 28	Evelyn Indiana Guntash	Room 8	Flynn Samuel		

MERIT AWARDS**Term 4 Week 6 Blue Assembly**

EC6	Kifl Harvey	Room 24	Abhijot Gakrial	Room 13	Jax Sophie
EC7	Willow Christi	Room 26	Emmanuel Tyson Enstay Jesse Blayze	Room 16	Caitlyn Monae Ekam Joseph
Room 1	Aaki				
Room 4	Exaucer Lijah Harvey	Room 7	Kaine Skye George	Room 19	Lara Nenyasha Allyssa
Room 29	Jada Gurman				
Room 23	Georgia Hargundeeep Blessing Avni Josh	Room 6	Anthony Anvaya Oriana Harnaaz	Room 20	Melah Mia Ben

Subject: Exciting Events & Offers for Families with Kids Starting School in 2025!

Dear Families,

As your little one prepares for the exciting adventure of starting school in 2025, we're here to help make the transition as smooth and enjoyable as possible. As a leading provider of outside school hours care across Australia, we have some fantastic events and opportunities coming up to help you and your child get ready for this big step.

Here's what you won't want to miss:

1. FREE Webinars 18 & 26 November 2024:

*Getting ready for BIG school: preparing for life **outside** the classroom*

Mark your calendars! We're hosting **free webinars** with renowned child development expert and CEO of Play Australia **Robyn Monro Miller**. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to gain insight into how you can support your little one during this exciting time. And of course, we'll discuss how we can support you, as we understand this can be an emotional time for both parents and children alike!

2. Wellard OSHClub Open Day – 29 November, 4-5pm

We'd love for you and your family to join us on **29 November** for our **OSHClub Open Day**. This is a great opportunity to tour our facilities, meet the team, meet other families, and learn more about what we offer. It's also a perfect way to ask any questions you may have about our **industry-leading Adventure Program!**

3. Enrol with Wellard OSHClub by 19 December 2024

Ensure your child is enrolled with us by 19 December, and you'll receive a **welcome pack, stickers and a personalised backpack tag** in the post—just in time to celebrate their upcoming school adventure!

4. Attend three sessions FREE in 2025!

Prefer to try before you buy? We're offering **your first three sessions free** for all new school starters! This is a wonderful chance for your child to get familiar with our service and settle into their new routine. This offer includes the opportunity to try one free **Rise then Shine** session (before school care), one free **Stay and Play** session (after school care), and one free day of **Holiday HQ***. A deal not to be missed!

More details and registration links can be found on our website: oshclub.com.au/parent-support/prep-and-kindy-kids

We look forward to welcoming your family and supporting your child as they take this important next step.

Warm regards,

Tegan Parsonson/Kinga Norbu
Wellard OSHClub
0458 001 770



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
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	

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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Step 3 Find our school

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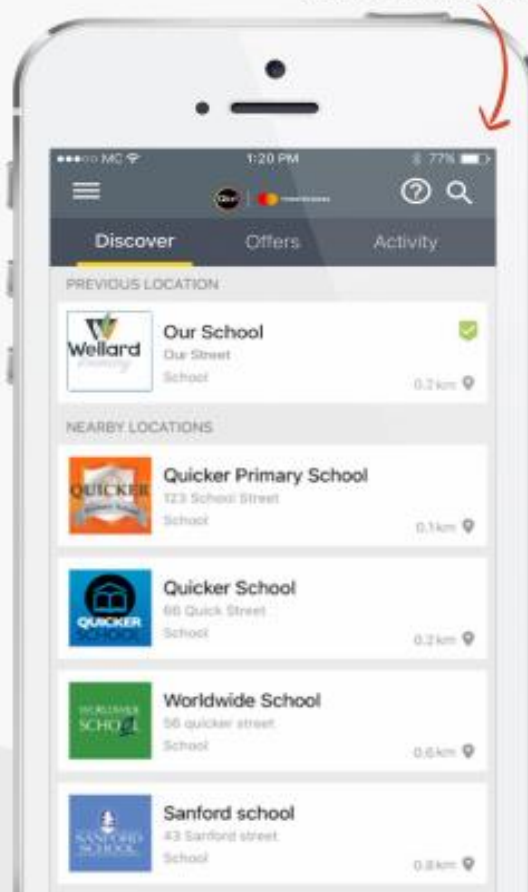
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Search for our school name





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Add each
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Manage each
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Purchase school items

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