

Newsletter

Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As the school year draws to a close, it is the appropriate time to reflect on our journey throughout 2024. I am very proud of our achievements as we continue to work hard in lifting the profile of our school so that our reputation of providing a high-quality educational program is realized. I want parents to be proud of our school and to make Wellard Primary their school of choice.

All school community members have been outstanding in working together in providing the best possible outcomes for students. We have achieved much this year, as outlined below.

- Wellard PS has completed its seventh year as an Independent Public Primary School with an enrolment of 899 students from K – Yr 6 and just over 100 staff. We have again enrolled 120 students in Kindergarten for 2025.
- We now have another Kiss and Drive on the western side of the school along McWhirter Promenade and a new car park.
- NAPLAN results demonstrated that our cohorts of students are performing well, particularly our Year 5 students.
- We closed the school early on Wednesday 20th March to provide the opportunity to conduct parent/teacher meetings.
- We continue to modify our break siren times to meet the needs of our students.
- An area behind the Assembly Area has been established as a Sustainability Garden thanks to the funding provided by the P&C. Furniture is now in place with blinds to protect students from the weather. It is a wonderful relaxing area.
- The P&C has organised a range of successful fund-raising activities (raffles, Run4Fun, free dress days etc.) under the leadership of a strong executive committee led by Mrs Nasim Salakjani.
- Our girls soccer team and boys cricket teams won their respective carnivals and progressed to the regional finals.
- Mrs Terrie Titko was employed to deliver Noongar Language across the school from Yrs 1 – 6.
- Our NAIDOC celebrations occurred late in Term 2 with all students participating in a range of exciting activities.
- Our School Choir performed in the Western Australian Government Schools Music Society Concert held at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre.
- Mrs Singleton once again organised a very successful Science Week which was enjoyed by all in Week 8 of Term 3.
- Mrs Protzman obtained a Health-ways grant (\$5000) to work with students in painting the walls around our quadrangle area highlighting the Bounce Back Program and the indigenous names of our Houses.
- A Multicultural Morning Tea was held in Term 4 where students were encouraged to come to school dressed in their cultural finery. Mrs Navjot Kasturi and her helpers provided tea for attending parents. The school community enjoyed the dance performances presented by a number of our students from our school.
- Book Week was an outstanding success as was our Book Fair organised by our librarian, Mrs Jane Rogers.
- The Open Night in Term Three was an outstanding success and did provide an opportunity for parents to see the great work their children had been doing throughout the year.
- Swimming Lessons were again conducted this year.

I cannot praise the Wellard staff high enough for their professionalism and commitment in doing their very best for their students and families. I thank and acknowledge them for this and I know my sentiments are shared by the wider school community.

AWARD WINNERS

Last Friday we conducted our Award Ceremonies for students in Years PP – Yr 5. Thanks to all students for the way you sat there so quietly for the length of

the ceremony. Congratulations to those students who were presented with either an Academic Award or a Wellard Spirit Award. The names of these winners can be found at the back of this newsletter.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Congratulations to Mr Van Berkel, Mrs Matrozis, Mr Forrest, Miss Alden, Mrs Middleton, Mr Simmons and Mrs Tucker for overseeing an outstanding Year Six Graduation Ceremony conducted on Tuesday. It was very entertaining creating a memorable occasion for our Year Six students. On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish all of these students the very best for high school and hope they leave our school with fond memories and a sense of pride in their achievements.

I would also like to acknowledge the parents of these students who no longer have a child attending Wellard Primary School. Your contribution has been invaluable to our school and on behalf of the school community, I would like to thank all of you for your commitment and dedication to Wellard Primary School.

BOOKLISTS 2025

Booklists for 2025 were distributed earlier this term. Please note that all orders need to be registered online. Please see the information sent home for more details about the ordering process. Booklists can also be found on our website and on Connect. Contact the office if you have any queries.

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 tomorrow, 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.**

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing time with your family over the festive period. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing many of you in 2025.

Regards

Geoff Miller

Principal

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MERIT AWARDS

Term 4 Week 8 Pink Assembly

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| EC4 | Mapalo Vincent Ava Mia Simonveer | Room 21 | Dhruv Harnoor | Room 14 | Anhad Lorraaine Paraa Bisman |
| | EC5 | Guntaj Manreet Echo Lukah Peyton Alfie | Room 22 | | Cooper Ayaansh Timothy Avneet Asta |
| Room 25 | | | Aaronbir Ember Reid | Room 17 | Amreen Macayula Arnav |
| Room 27 | | | Mehraj Israel Lily Kaeci | Room 18 | Pehar Joyce Karl |
| EC8 | Carter Azure Charlie | Room 5 | Ryder Ryan Alice | Room 10 | Joyce-Ann Blake Tamika |
| Room 2 | Kallais | Room 8 | Imogen Mantaj | | |
| Room 28 | Raiden Lewis Gurjazz Elizabeth | | | | |

JUNIOR AWARD ASSEMBLY

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| Junior Visual Arts Award Emma | Junior Music Award Evie |
| Junior Bounce Back Award Charlotte | Junior Phys-Ed Award Van |
| Junior Science Award Connor | |
| Academic Award PP EC4 Alfie | Wellard Spirit Award PP EC4 Viyona |
| Academic Award PP EC5 Gurnaaz | Wellard Spirit Award PP EC5 Wairahope |
| Academic Award PP EC6 Mehroop | Wellard Spirit Award PP EC6 Catelyn-Eliana |
| Academic Award PP EC7 Lachlan | Wellard Spirit Award PP EC7 Maddison |
| Academic Award PP EC8 Ayaan | Wellard Spirit Award PP EC8 Ryan |
| Academic Award Year 1 Room 1 Billie | Wellard Spirit Award Year 1 Room 1 Avreet |
| Academic Award Year 1 Room 2 Finn | Wellard Spirit Award Year 1 Room 2 Lubono |
| Academic Award Year 1 Room 3 Brianna | Wellard Spirit Award Year 1 Room 3 Nayaab |

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| Academic Award Year 1 Room 4 Ethan | Wellard Spirit Award Year 1 Room 4 Julianna |
| Academic Award Year 1 Room 28 Aliya | Wellard Spirit Award Year 1 Room 28 Zac |
| Academic Award Year 2 Room 21 Megan | Wellard Spirit Award Year 2 Room 21 Harley |
| Academic Award Year 2 Room 22 Riya | Wellard Spirit Award Year 2 Room 22 Bryce |
| Academic Award Year 2 Room 23 Mio | Wellard Spirit Award Year 2 Room 23 Willow |
| Academic Award Year 2 Room 24 Dominic | Wellard Spirit Award Year 2 Room 24 Scarlett |
| Academic Award Year 2 Room 25 Leonidas | Wellard Spirit Award Year 2 Room 25 CJ |
| Academic Award Year 2 Room 29 Lara Garner-Keenen | Wellard Spirit Award Year 2 Room 29 Ariella Skinner |

SENIOR AWARD ASSEMBLY

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| Senior Noongar Award Edward | Senior Music Award Calixta Elise |
| Senior Science Award Marian | Senior Visual Arts Award Veronika |
| Senior Physical Education Award Cash | Senior Bounce Back Award Mhel Elzie |
| Academic Award Year 3 Room 26 Marc Riley | Wellard Spirit Award Year 3 Room 26 Arriana Zuri |
| Academic Award Year 3 Room 5 Dilshan | Wellard Spirit Award Year 3 Room 5 Blake |
| Academic Award Year 3 Room 7 Samreen | Wellard Spirit Award Year 3 Room 7 Ruhi |
| Academic Award Year 3 Room 8 Fateh | Wellard Spirit Award Year 3 Room 8 Lwandle |
| Academic Award Year 3 Room 27 Yvonne | Wellard Spirit Award Year 3 Room 27 Aurora |
| Academic Award Year 4 Room 6 Aarush | Wellard Spirit Award Year 4 Room 6 Jake |
| Academic Award Year 4 Room 13 Kaela Gabrielle | Wellard Spirit Award Year 4 Room 13 Everly |
| Academic Award Year 4 Room 14 Zara | Wellard Spirit Award Year 4 Room 14 Hugo |
| Academic Award Year 4 Room 15 Chris | Wellard Spirit Award Year 4 Room 15 Layla |
| Academic Award Year 5 Room 16 Thomas | Wellard Spirit Award Year 5 Room 16 Ivy |

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| Academic Award Year 5 Room 17 Max | Wellard Spirit Award Year 5 Room 17 Aneisha |
| Academic Award Year 5 Room 18 Ian | Wellard Spirit Award Year 5 Room 18 Maddison |
| Academic Award Year 5 Room 19 Agamroop | Wellard Spirit Award Year 5 Room 19 Ahtena |

GRADUATION 2024 Yr 6 AWARDS

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| Academic Award Year 6 Room 9 Asha | Wellard Spirit Award Year 6 Room 9 Lachlan |
| Academic Award Year 6 Room 10 Rachael I | Wellard Spirit Award Year 6 Room 10 Elliana |
| Academic Award Year 6 Room 20 Caressa | Wellard Spirit Award Year 6 Room 20 Jayden |
| Graduating Music Award Jaiyeshan | |
| The Kwinana Lions Club Graduation Physical Education Award - Boy Boston | The Kwinana Lions Club Graduation Physical Education Award - Girl Tia |
| Graduating Bounce Back Award Bailey | Citizenship Award (RSL) Jamie Dovaston |
| Graduating Noongar Award Zach | Gilmore College Scholarship Payton |
| Graduating Science Award Arsema | Outstanding Student in Leadership Award (Prize/voucher from Reece Whitby) Dakota |
| Graduating Visual Art Awards Mhia | DUX Award (Prize/voucher from Madeline King) Guransh |

2025 STUDENT LEADERS

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| Meher Sara | Manan Agamroop | Shayaan Gabriella | Calixta-Elise Yashraj | Ian Max |
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2025 MUSIC CAPTAINS

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| Maya | Akira |
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2025 HOUSE CAPTAINS

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| Karak Rafael Lucas Harper Rose | Doornart Cash Kabir | Koolbardi Roy Mackenzie | Waardong Phillip Ruby |
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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-kindergarten-kids

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

Warm regards,

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