

# Newsletter

Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we move towards the end of Week 4 we are almost half way through Term One. Our enrolments have settled at 708 students with 267 of those being in Kindergarten and Pre-primary. We have an additional 13 new staff commencing work at Wellard Primary School at the beginning of this year.

The increase in enrolments certainly shows in the playground as it seems so much busier with the movement of students. Students have adjusted very quickly to the routines and procedures of their new classrooms. I have been really impressed with their manners and the positive way they are interacting with each other. I must commend all staff on the very smooth start to our school and the way in which they have supported each other through this process. Thank you to parents and carers who have ensured their children have been well organised and prepared at the beginning of the year.

## THANK YOU MRS COCHRANE

I am sad to announce that Ms Melissa Cochrane will be leaving Wellard Primary School as of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March to take up a position within Deaf Education. Ms Cochrane has done a wonderful job in delivering Auslan to students from Years One to Six over the last two years. I have never seen a Languages Other Than English (LOTE) program have such a positive impact on all students across the school. Ms Cochrane will be missed and it will not be easy to replace her. On behalf of the Wellard School Community, I would sincerely like to thank Ms Cochrane on the outstanding contribution she has made to Wellard and wish her all the best in the future. I will communicate Ms Cochrane's replacement in due time.

## P&C AGM

Thank you to those parents who gave up their time to attend our P&C AGM conducted on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. It was great to see some new faces. I would like to congratulate the following parents for being elected:

**President:** Bessie Leslie

**Vice President:** Kirsten Patheyjohns

**Treasurer:** Kirsten O'Neill

**Secretary:** Nicole Peart

**Executive Committee:** Alax Hansen (Two positions vacant)

**Canteen Committee:** Bessie Leslie, Alex Hansen, Linda Horsten (Two positions vacant)

**Fundraising Committee:** Bessie Leslie, Alex Hansen (Three positions vacant)

I look forward to working very closely with the P&C throughout this year. Our next meeting will be held at 1.45 pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March (Week 9).

## SCHOOL BOARD: CALLING FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS (VACANCY)

In 2018 we established our School Board consisting of four parent representatives and 3 staff members. The vacancy has been created as Mrs Angela Whisson (Board Chair) has completed her three-year tenure. Consequently, we are seeking to fill this position as soon as possible. The School Board of a public school works with the school to achieve the best outcomes for students. Their functions are covered by legislation. The elected members include parents, staff, and community members. School Boards make an important contribution towards supporting public education. The School Board meets a minimum of once per term. *Please contact me via email [geoff.miller@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:geoff.miller@education.wa.edu.au) if you would like me to forward you an information package or call (9553 0600) if you would like to discuss your nomination.* It is most important that Board members have a "Big Picture" understanding of the role of the School Board and how this differs to the P&C.

Any parent/community member who is interested in being part of the Board are asked to fill out the attached nomination form and return it to me in an envelope marked "Private & Confidential". *Nominations will close by 12 noon on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March.* If you are going to nominate someone, please check with them prior to nomination. If we have more than one nomination the school community will then have to conduct a vote to fill positions requiring each candidate to outline their reasons as to why they want to be on the School Board.

## SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION

I \_\_\_\_\_ wish to nominate  
\_\_\_\_\_ for

a position on the School Board commencing Term One 2021.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### KINDERGARTEN/PRE-PRIMARY BIKE RACK

I want to make parents aware that we have a bike rack behind the Kindergarten and Pre-primary area where younger students can place their bikes or scooters. The entry is between the oval and the early childhood area. The external gate is locked early in the day but I do suggest you lock up your child's bike or scooter to ensure no one is able to remove it.

### KISS AND DRIVE

I ask that parents DO NOT stop in the main car park to drop off or pick up their children unless they drive into a carpark. Doing this causes an increase in congestion making it unsafe for all concerned. The Kiss and Drive along Jasper Bend is designed so that parents of Yr 1 – 6 students can park, drop off and pick up their children and then drive off. To access the Kiss and Drive please see the map below.



## CAR PARKING

Thank you to all parents and carers for being tolerant and patient as we seek solutions to our car parking issue. Some parents may wish to park on the eastern side of the oval as we are now opening the gates to the oval of a morning and afternoon. "No Parking" signs will soon be erected on the residential side of Jasper Bend preventing parents from parking in these zones during drop off and pick up times. City Assist Officers will be patrolling Jasper Bend once these signs appear.

## NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

We are hopeful that our new playground equipment will be installed by the end of March. Its location is on the eastern side of the equipment that has recently been installed in the sandpit next to the Assembly Area.

## BEFORE SCHOOL READING

We have a wonderful program in place where adults throughout Wellard PS listen to children read before school. This begins after children unpack their bags and organise themselves for the day. The program begins around 8.35am and concludes at 8.50am at siren time. I strongly encourage parents to have their children at school by this time so they have the opportunity to participate. When we listen to students read we focus on fluency, accuracy, expression and comprehension. Over the years, I have seen children develop in confidence and gain real interest in reading for enjoyment. This becomes noticeable as children move through the grades into upper primary. A child who accesses this reading time will experience approximately an extra 12 hours of reading time a term which equates to 48 hours over the year. *A Year 6 student leaving our school after completing all years of school at Wellard will have had the opportunity to read for a maximum of 336 hours (51.6 school days of reading)!!*

## ON ENTRY ASSESSMENT

Over the next few weeks our pre-primary students will be doing the On-entry Assessment Program. Conducting this assessment early in the year ensures that the teachers have information about the current skills and understandings of each child to assist in the planning and delivery of targeted learning programs that address the needs of each individual, especially those who may require early intervention or extension. The assessment period is during Weeks 3 – 7 of Term One.

## STATIONERY ITEMS

Parents are asked to ensure that students come to school with all of the stationery items as per the booklist.

If students do not have the appropriate items they are at a disadvantage and become anxious because everyone else has the right equipment and they don't.

### **PUBLIC HOLIDAY (LABOUR DAY)**

As Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March is a Public Holiday, students do not come to school. Labour Day, also known as Eight Hours Day in Tasmania and May Day in the Northern Territory, commemorates the granting of the eight-hour working day for Australians. It also recognizes workers' contributions towards the nation's economy. It is an annual public holiday and its date varies across the states and territories. Enjoy the long weekend everyone!!

### **ASSEMBLY**

Our next assembly for this year will be conducted by Mrs Joice's Yr 2 class (Rm 8) at 8.50am in the undercover area this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Congratulations to Miss Alden's Yr 5 class for their wonderful performance last Friday!! Assemblies for the rest of the term are as follows:

- Week 5 - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Rm 17, Yr 4, Miss Scheer
- Week 6 - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March, Rm 2, Yr 1, Miss Roper
- Week 7 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March Rm 11, Yr 4, Miss Vinten
- Week 8 - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March Rm 4, Yr 1, Mrs Sayer
- No Assembly in Week 9 due to Good Friday.

A reminder to parents that we have divided all of our Pre-primary to Year 6 classes into two groups and will be conducting an assembly most weeks. Dividing the school in two will enable all students to watch assembly performances from different year groups and hopefully create more room for parents when they are able to attend. *Parents are able to attend but it is most important we all adhere to social distancing guidelines.*

### **SCHOOL UNIFORMS – HATS AND JACKETS**

It is great to see all of our students wearing the school uniform to school. *Parents are reminded they need to purchase the school jacket prior to the arrival of the cold weather.* Hats are now available to be purchased online. *ALL students are expected to wear the school hat with the emblem.*

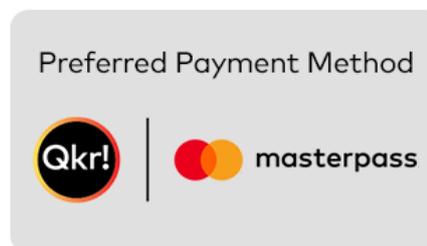
### **CRUNCH AND SIP**

The Crunch & Sip program is an easy way to help kids stay healthy and happy! Crunch & Sip is a set break to eat fresh fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fresh fruit or vegetables during the morning or afternoon, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. This gives kids a chance to refuel, a bit like putting petrol in a car.

*Each day students bring fresh fruit or salad vegetables to school to eat in the classroom at a set time. Each child has a small clear bottle of water in the classroom to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration.* Through Crunch & Sip, schools demonstrate their commitment to nutrition education in the classroom, by making links with the curriculum and creating a supportive school environment. The Crunch & Sip break gives children the opportunity to eat the piece of fresh fruit that might otherwise be left in their lunchbox or not be eaten at all.

### **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 in cash at the office or by direct deposit as per the details below.

Account Name: Wellard Primary School  
**(Please use the student's surname as reference)**  
BSB: 066 040 Account Number 19901412

### **STRANGER DANGER**

As it is the start of the school year, I urge you all 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.

Geoff Miller  
Principal

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### **“YOU MOVE” SCHOOL PROGRAM**

We are pleased to announce that Wellard Primary School is now a member of the Your Move Schools program. Your Move is a Department of Transport program that encourages students and their families to get active by walking, scooting or riding to school, or catching public transport more often. Simply by changing how your child/children travels to school a few times each week can deliver lifelong benefits. Increasing active transport to school has been proven to lower childhood obesity, establish healthy habits and improve concentration and academic performance. Reducing the number of cars around the school at drop off and pick up times also helps improve safety and reduces pollution. At Wellard Primary School we will be educating students on safe and healthy ways to travel to school during scheduled Health lessons. Our Student Leaders will play an important role in organising fun events and ways to recognise students who walk, scoot or ride to school. Wellard Primary School wants to learn your thoughts about families finding alternative means of transport to and from school. This survey only takes a few minutes to complete. We ask that each family completes one survey.

<https://yourmove.transport.wa.gov.au/survey.php?sid=26502&name=your-move-schools-parent-survey--wellard-primary-school>

A link to our school's Your Move blog will be provided to all parents soon. We look forward to sharing with you the progress we make and any exciting upcoming events!

### **YOUR MOVE: Wellard Walkers ‘n’ Wheelers Launch**

On Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be holding our first ever *Wellard Walkers ‘n’ Wheelers Day*. Every Wednesday, and on randomly selected other days each term, Year 1 to Year 6 students who walk, catch public transport, or ride their bike or scooter (and wear a safety helmet) to school will be issued with a Your Move ticket at the gate by Student Leaders. Those students will go in the running to win prizes that help them be safe and active walkers or wheelers to school.

Wellard Primary School would like to take this opportunity to remind our students and their families that students who ride a bike, scooter or skateboard need to wear an appropriate safety helmet to and from school. Safety first!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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### **FAVOURITE COLOUR DAY FUNDRAISER – FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

The Students in Leadership team, made up of our Student Leaders, Arts Captains and House Captains, would like to announce a fundraising day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. For a gold coin donation, all students are invited to come to school dressed in their favourite colour or colours to raise funds for us to purchase some worm farms and composting bins for the sustainability garden. We can't wait to see just how colourful we all look on the day.

### **HARMONY DAY 2021**

At Wellard Primary School we love to celebrate our diverse community each year when we hold our Harmony Day event. This year, on Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> the whole school community is invited to come in to the school to enjoy a family picnic around the school grounds, listen to our choir perform, watch the students parade their amazing traditional dress and outfits, and to participate with the students in some culturally diverse sports, games and dancing. The event will commence with the picnic at 12.40pm, and the last activities will conclude just before the end of the school day. Social distancing requirements will be in place. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Lincoln Matrozis  
Deputy Principal

# Merit Awards

## Term 1, Week 2, Assembly

EC5	Yvonne Ryder	Room 11	Jack Brahmnoor
EC6	Reuben Connor	Room 16	Blake Loriella
Room 1	Sienna Jayceon	Room 17	Marie Owen
Room 3	Alice Daniel	Room 20	Sarina Tyler
Room 6	Mackenzie Phillip	Music	Declan Zoe
Room 7	Deborah Catalya	Phys Ed	Haris Breyah
Room 12	Maseray Gurfateh	Auslan	Riley Vaishnavi
Room 15	Mhia Marken	Art	Tavleen
Room 10	Tanishka Avneet		



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When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

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

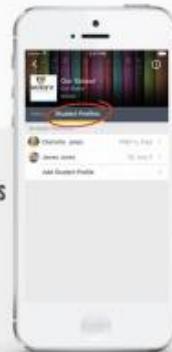
Select  
'Add student profile'



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



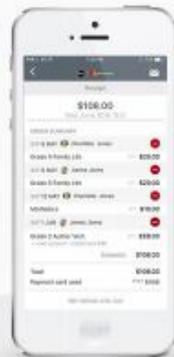
Select your items

Tap 'Checkout'  
then confirm and pay



## Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to  
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted  
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you  
can continue to the home page, or  
view your receipt.

