

# Newsletter

Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts



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## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Next week, 27<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June we reflect on the meaning of **National Reconciliation Week**. Its theme – “Now More Than Ever”, sets us the challenge to continue making ever important strides towards a culturally responsive and reconciled society. What a fitting reminder to each of us to ask questions, explore, learn, share, build and continue the important journey of reconciliation, now and through our children, for generations to come. This is essential to becoming an equitable community where truth-telling is embedded in how we work, teach and live. National Reconciliation Week is a time for all of us to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Students will be participating in a range of activities in this week organised by their classroom teacher.

## **SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES**

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Emma Castle and Mrs Ravinder Kaur have been successful in nominating for our School Board. I would like to thank both parent representatives for their time and commitment in being on our Board. Our next meeting is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

## **SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

We have a School Development Day on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May (Week 7) where students do not attend school. Staff will be engaged in professional learning and planning for the rest of this year. The following Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June is a Public Holiday for WA Day.

## **CAR PARK CONGESTION**

No doubt we are all aware of the congestion that occurs in our car parks particularly at the end of the day and how much frustration is associated with this. The increased traffic flow makes it more dangerous for pedestrians moving around the car parks. If possible, I would like parents and carers to reflect on their pickup arrangements and make some changes that may reduce congestion, increase student safety and decrease levels of frustration. Please consider the following suggestions:

- If your child is old enough, have them walk, ride or scooter to and from school.
- Use the Kiss and Drives on McWhirter Promenade and Jaspar Bend (Yr 1 – 6) instead of parking your vehicle.
- Arrive at the school at 3.05 – 3.10pm to pick up your child (Yr 1 – 6) from the Kiss and Drives. The McWhirter Kiss and Drive is virtually cleared by 3.05pm and will significantly reduce your wait time.
- Consider carpooling with neighbours to reduce the number of vehicles around the school.

The City of Kwinana is looking at the current design of the McWhirter Kiss and Drive to increase the safety for students and parents.

## **BEFORE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION**

I am becoming increasingly concerned with the number of students who are playing on equipment before school unsupervised by parents/carers. I ask that your child sits with you until the siren goes at 8.40am and not be playing on the playground equipment. Students (Yr 1 – 6) arriving at school before 8.40am without parents are required to sit between the library and TB4 until the siren goes. I encourage parents to drop off their children as close as possible to 8.40am.

## **NEXT P&C MEETING**

The P&C will conduct their next meeting on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 2pm in the Staff Room. Hope to see you there.

## **SWIMMING LESSONS TERM 2 (PP – Yr 6)**

Congratulations to all students who participated in our swimming lessons over the last two weeks. The weather was very kind to us, and it was great to see all students enjoying themselves. We now have the other half of our school attending lessons over the next two weeks. A big thank you to staff and parents/carers for organising students so well and to Mrs Glenda Tucker on her outstanding organisational skills.

## WA STUDENT ASSISTANCE PAYMENT

The new WA Student Assistance Payment will provide parents and carers with a payment of \$150 for each primary school aged child, including Kindergarten. A Connect message was sent home recently with more information about how to access these funds. You will need a valid WA Student Number (WASN) to be eligible for the payment. This number can be found on your child's report from Semester 2 of 2023. *Parents of Kindergarten and Pre-primary students can see their child's teacher to obtain this number as neither group have received a report with this number.*

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

Wellard PS will be taking enrolments for Kindergarten for 2025 commencing 9.30am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April (Week 2, Term 2). Enrolments will close on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July (Week 1 Term 3). *It is most important that you enrol your Kindergarten child for next year as soon as possible.* Please speak with neighbours etc. who you know need to enrol their child. To be eligible for enrolment, students need to be born between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

We have received a total of 77 enrolments out of a possible 120 placements.

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.

## 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.

### Preferred Payment Method



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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

## STUDENT REPORTS AND CONNECT

It is most important that EVERY PARENT (Pre-primary – Yr 6) has used Connect by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June so they are able to access a copy of their child's report. Please note that reports (Pre-primary – Yr 6) will be sent home on MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE via Connect but students will also be supplied with a paper copy of their report. Parents are asked to inform the office if a copy of a report needs to be disseminated to other parties. Paper copies are provided to all Kindergarten students only as their reporting format is very different to the rest of the school. Do not hesitate to contact the office if you experience difficulties accessing Connect.

Kind regards

Geoff Miller

Principal

[geoff.miller@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:geoff.miller@education.wa.edu.au)

## GIRLS SOCCER

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May our Wellard girl's soccer team made the state final playoffs. The girls did tremendously well, coming up against one of the best teams in the competition in the opening round. Unfortunately, the girls were unable to get a victory in their first match. However, their effort and commitment to the team over the last 5 months has been amazing. The girls finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the entire of Western Australia and we are all super proud of them. Well done girls.

Thank you

**Matthew Paporone**

Health & Physical Education Specialist

## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On the 11<sup>th</sup> June our students from Year 1 - 6 will be participating in this years School Cross Country carnival. Please look out for more information as it becomes available within the next week through your connect notices. Our students have been training since the start of this term and many have made big improvements on their personal times. The top 4 placings in Year 3 - 6 will gain entry to participate in our interschool event. We hope you come along and cheer on your child and their peers in this special event."

Thank you

**Matthew Paparone**

Health & Physical Education Specialist

<b>MERIT AWARDS</b>			
<b>Term 2 Week 3 Blue Assembly</b>			
<b>EC6</b>	Olive Skye Adilyn Kyden	<b>Room 23</b>	Braxton Evie
		<b>Room 24</b>	Cara Abhijot
<b>EC7</b>	Yogi Loxias Maddison Bowie	<b>Room 26</b>	Elijah Leila
		<b>Room 7</b>	Dia Axl Ruhi
<b>Room 1</b>	Arianna Silke Maddox Bodie	<b>Room 6</b>	Seerat Mutsa Arush
			<b>Bounce Back</b>
<b>Room 3</b>	Aaryan Nayaab Sea	<b>Room 13</b>	Colby Oscar Kaela
			<b>Music</b>
<b>Room 4</b>	Yugen Preston Sophie	<b>Room 16</b>	Ruby Thomas Shayaan
			<b>Phys Ed</b>
<b>Room 29</b>	Abdullah Tyra Ariella	<b>Room 19</b>	Harper Rose Safin Calixta
			<b>Science</b>

# YOU'RE GOING TO BE A DAD

FREE ONLINE SESSION PREPARING DADS FOR BIRTH & FATHERING



Join other expectant dads and increase your knowledge about baby and your important role in their development. Receive useful tips in making the adjustment to parenthood, supporting mum and how to give your baby the best start you can.

## THIS ONLINE SESSION WILL DISCUSS

- Dads role before, during and after the birth.
- How best to support mum.
- Being part of a parenting team.
- Bonding with baby, settling tips and self-care.
- Adjusting to changes in your life as a new dad.

SCAN ME



*We suggest 4-6 weeks before due date is the ideal time to attend this session if possible.*

**Where:** Online via Teams, link emailed after registration.  
**When:** Wed 6.30-8.00pm May 15, 29, June 12, 26 2024

**Cost:** FREE  
**Book online:** [www.ngala.com.au](http://www.ngala.com.au)  
**Phone:** 9368 9379 or  
**Email:** [DadsWA@ngala.com.au](mailto:DadsWA@ngala.com.au)



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25 years  
SUPPORTING  
FATHERS



## Community Fathering | Kwinana

**The Fathering Project and Astroskate invites Dads and kids to a fun night of roller skating and pizza dinner provided.**

**Saturday 1st June  
6.00pm to 8.00pm**

Experience the thrill of skating with Astroskate! Create unforgettable memories with your kids as you glide on the rink for two hours. Join us for an exhilarating night! Feel free to BYO skates, if you have them.

**Location:** Cnr Gilmore Avenue and, Darius Dr, Kwinana Town Centre WA 6167

**Cost:** \$5/adult - kids are free.

**Total tickets available:** 50

**RSVP:** Please register via the QR code by no later than Friday 24th May. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Any questions please contact David Walker from The Fathering Project on 0418 524 456



Scan the QR Code to secure your ticket. Can't wait to see you there!

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- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



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### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

### Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

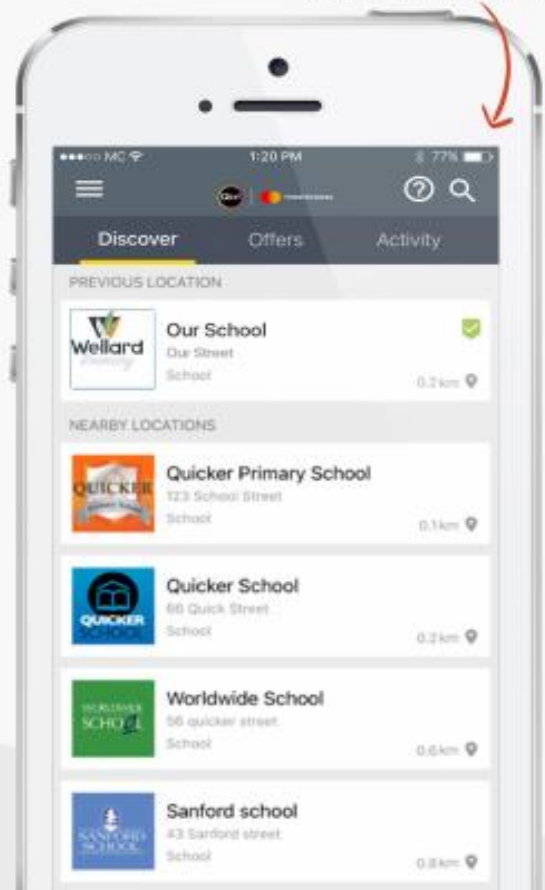
### Step 4 Register your children

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.