

Newsletter

Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Every three years all public schools are required to undergo a formal School Review. This involves two reviewers visiting the school and conducting a number of interviews with staff, students and parents to validate how we are self-reflecting on the performance of our school. On Wednesday 9th March, Wellard PS underwent its very first School Review. In our case, the reviewers did not visit but conducted their meetings using technology. We have now received our School Review Report which has been loaded up onto our Website under the tab "ABOUT US". The report is very positive and highlights many positives about our school. I have included some of the findings from the report that I think may interest you.

Relationships and Partnerships: The welcoming and respectful school culture has been thoughtfully nurtured by both the leaders and staff. Through their active presence and engagement with families, leaders and staff have embraced and celebrated their multicultural community with students.

Learning Environment: There is compelling evidence of the school's obligation to Aboriginal education. Its Reconciliation Action Plan, crafted under the headings Relationships, Respect and Opportunities, outlines the school's deep commitment to authentic integration of Aboriginal culture, language and histories in learning programs.

Leadership: The school's distributed leadership model creates meaningful opportunities to build leadership capacities among staff. An authentic, collaborative staff ethos exists, ensuring ideas and options for continuous school improvement are acknowledged and given respectful, evidence-based consideration.

Use of Resources: The school's approach to the management of its budget has been measured, thoughtful and with the students' needs consistently at the centre.

Teaching Quality: In a relatively short time, the school's unremitting approach to explicit teaching for the delivery of differentiated literacy and numeracy

strategies has resulted in elevated levels of student achievement.

Student Achievement and Progress: Despite limited stable cohort data and no 2020 NAPLAN systemic data, the school has achieved some impressive early trends with student achievement and progress.

Our excellent School Review Report should hopefully increase the school community's confidence in the school and reaffirm that Wellard PS students are accessing a high quality education. Please take the time to have a read and feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

NAPLAN (THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY & NUMERACY)

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across Australia in both public and private schools will participate in the NAPLAN tests in Weeks 3 and 4 of next term. I would like parents and guardians to note that as a school we try to play down the importance of these tests to students. We are conscious of the impact these tests may have on the anxiety levels of some students and for that reason we don't make a "big deal" about them. The major purpose of NAPLAN is to provide schools, parents and caregivers with information about student performance in relation to nationally-agreed proficiency bands and benchmarks. The results also allow schools, parents and caregivers to monitor students' achievements over time. *Parents are asked to contact the school to inform us if your child is absent so that we can make arrangements for your child to be tested at another time during that week. Please note that students can only be tested within the timetabled week.* Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Pippa Braig has been successful in nominating for the School Board. Mrs Braig will take up her three-year tenure and will join Mrs Sarah Hamilton, Mrs Emma Castle and Mrs Angela Whisson as parent representatives. Welcome Mrs Braig!

BIKE EDUCATION

Our Year 5 & 6 students have been fortunate to access Bike Education lessons in Weeks 9 & 10 of this term. This has come about through the great work of Ms Bella Vinten. I am very pleased to report that we have received very positive feedback from the presenters who were glowing about the conduct of our students. This is great to hear and reinforces the high expectations we have at Wellard. No doubt, we now have students who are better educated when riding their bike.

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 by direct deposit

Account Name: Wellard Primary School

(Please use the student's surname as reference)

BSB: 066 040 Account Number 19901412

Preferred Payment Method



masterpass

ANZAC CEREMONY (PP – Yr 6)

Due to Covid restrictions, we will not be conducting a whole school ANZAC Ceremony early next term. Instead, Ms Makanza will be producing a pre-recorded ceremony with our student leaders that class teachers will share with their students at a convenient time.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Parents and Carers are reminded that Friday 8th April is the last day of term for students. Students return on Tuesday 26th April due to the public holiday for ANZAC day on Monday 25th April.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

Enrolments packs for Kindergarten 2023 will be available for eligible families from Tuesday 3rd May. Enrolments will close on Friday 22nd 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 1st July 2018 and 30th June 2019. When enrolling your child, you will need to provide the following:

- Copy of your child's Birth Certificate
- Up to date Immunisation History Statement Record
- 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.

LOST PROPERTY

Wellard PS has a variety of lost property ranging from student spectacles, watches, jewellery, keys and more.

If you have lost something of value, please visit our admin office and we will endeavour to assist you in finding your lost items.

STUDENT MASKS YR 3 – 6

All parents and carers would be aware that students in Years 3 – 6 are required to wear a mask when indoors. This will continue on into Term 3. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to provide masks for their children. The school has a very limited supply and is unable to provide students with an ongoing day to day supply. I do have to say that our students are very good at wearing their masks and are mindful of wearing them most of the time. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

THANK YOU

In closing, I would just like to acknowledge and thank all staff, students and parents/carers for their ongoing support throughout this difficult term. I am very grateful for everyone's cooperation and willingness to be flexible and adaptable when required. Finally, to those of you lucky enough to have a holiday, I would like to wish everyone a very safe and relaxing break. Happy Easter!!

Geoff Miller
Principal

Email: geoff.miller@education.wa.edu.au

CHAPLAINS ARTICLE SUPPORT THROUGH CHALLENGING TIMES.

We can all agree that the last few months in WA has been a stretch. The cost for most basic needs has gone up, and due to isolations, many have had to take time off work. It is very normal for families to struggle financially and emotionally during these times.

The good news is that there is a lot of support available for families in the Wellard/ Kwinana Area. We would love to encourage you to reach out to the school or your child's class teacher to see how we can be supporting your family and have a better idea of what your child might be going through.

Emergency Food Hampers: If your family is struggling and needing food assistance

MCCO Kwinana

Wednesday to Friday

10:30am – 2:30pm

18 Maydwell Way, Calista WA 6167

9419 2202

Also provides basic clothing and referral to other support

The King's Community Care

Wednesdays

10:00am – 1:00AM

170 Bertram Rd, Wellard 6170

9411 4111 (phone and leave a message out of hours)

Concession or Pension Card Needed

Remote Help for Mental Health: If you need to talk to someone, or are concerned that your child is more distressed than expected, is taking longer to recover or is struggling to cope. Alongside contacting the school the below can be contact for help from home:

Kids Help Line

- 1800 55 1800, start a WebChat, or send an email
- Anytime and for any reason. For children to speak to someone.
- There's help available for parents if you're looking for information and guidance.

Try calling Parentline: A free support service for WA parents and caregivers of children up to 18 years. To offer information, strategies and ideas for parents and caregivers to work towards overcoming parenting challenges. To connect families to local community services to meet the health, development and wellbeing needs of the whole family

Ngala Parenting Line

Monday – Sunday

8am to 8pm

1800 111 546.

Beyond Blue

- 1800 512 348 or webchat
Available on a call back service
- Support and information about anxiety and offers other practical advice and resources including - Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing

Clothing and Home Needs: Children's clothing, home items picked up or delivered:

DODI Women's Drop in Centre

- Tuesday – Friday
9.00am – 3.00PM
- Unit 3/1 Sutherland Parade, Parmelia WA 6163
- 0467855465 (Phone call or drop in)
- Women's / family items/ Food Hampers **delivered if needed**

Kind regards,

Sinead O'Dea
Chaplain

Canteen

If your child is sick or not at school and they have a lunch order, please let the canteen know immediately by calling the office, so we can cancel the order and deliver another day.

If anyone can spare a few hours the canteen is always in need of some help.

If you have any time you could give, big or small we would love to hear from you, Linda Canteen Manager can be contacted through the school's reception during school hours or via the Facebook page.

Upcycled Uniforms

Uniform shop opens Tuesday's 2:30pm-4:30pm at the front office, CASH ONLY.

Do your kids keep getting bigger? Please consider donating your children's old school uniforms or purchasing uniforms second hand. Uniform Donations are HAPPILY accepted at any time and can be dropped off at the school reception. All proceeds go towards the P&C Fundraising which this year is supporting the Schools Sustainability Garden.

contact: wellardpandc@gmail.com



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Facebook

@wellardpandc

WELLARD DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE Term 2 Holiday Clinic Hours

Week 1.

OPEN: Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th April.

Closed Friday 15th April.

Week 2.

Closed: Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th April.

OPEN: Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd April.

Tel: 9553 0610

Email: wellarddtc@health.wa.gov.au

Operating hours: Monday – Friday

8am – 4pm

1:00 – 1:30 Lunch Break

Emergency Contacts

Should an emergency arise after clinic hours or during a public holiday please contact the emergency service on 1800 098 818, your local practitioner, or the oral health center of Western Australia on 6457 4400



Court Grammar
School

SPECIALIST AFL & AFLW ACADEMY



2023 Intake Applications

Boys and Girls Specialist AFL Programs

Scholarships are available to high performing students

Visit www.cgs.wa.edu.au/view/opportunities/afl-and-aflw



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, 31 March @ 9:00am

Thursday, 23 June @ 9:00am

Thursday, 15 September @ 9:00am

Thursday, 8 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



PEEL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION FOR STUDENTS IN 2023



Peel Language Development School delivers an early intervention program for students with a diagnosed primary language disorder from Kindergarten to Year Three.

Phone: 9523 7830
Peel.LDS@education.wa.edu.au



PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Due to the restrictions implemented to protect our community from the risk of COVID-19, we are providing our Open Day information session online this year.

This video will provide you with information regarding our referral process and answers some commonly asked questions about our school.

The information session can be accessed through our website

<https://www.plds.wa.edu.au/peel-lds-open-day-2020>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 9523 7830



Add your children's details in Student Profiles



Purchase school items



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.

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

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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

