

Newsletter

Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back everyone and hopefully we all had the opportunity to have a break over the holiday period. We continue to await news about the completion of our new car park on the western side of our school. We are still waiting for Telstra to move the cabling before the surface can be laid. Thank you to our parent community for your patience in regard to this matter. I encourage parents (Yr 1 – 6) to use the Kiss and Drive on Jasper Bend wherever possible. This eventuates in a quick drop off (and pickup) and reduces the congestion in the carpark. Pre-primary students can also access this service if parents believe their child is sufficiently independent to find their own classroom.

Swimming lessons are progressing well thanks to the great organisation of staff, students and parents. The weather has been reasonably kind to us making it more enjoyable for students and this looks to continue for the rest of the week. Great to see the smiles on student faces as they return from the pool. A reminder that the remaining classes (PP – Yr 6) who haven't been swimming will be going in Weeks 9 & 10 of this term.

NEXT P&C MEETING

The P&C will be conducting their next meeting on Monday 8th May commencing at 2pm in the school staff room. Please come along to our next meeting, meet some new people and become involved in creating extra opportunities for the students at Wellard Primary School.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

Wellard PS is now taking enrolments for Kindergarten for 2024. Enrolments will close on Friday 21st 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 2019 and 30th June 2020. 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.

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.

PUNCTUALITY

I need to remind parents of Kindergarten and Pre-primary parents that students need to be in class by 8.35am. Classes open at 8.25am so that students can become settled in their classroom prior to the day beginning at 8.35am. Parents who arrive after 8.35am will be required to get a late note from the office. Staff would also appreciate if all parents and carers could exit classrooms by 8.35am so that the teaching and learning program can begin.

REGULAR ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is essential to all students making progress over time. Students who attend less than 90% (miss 5+ days a term) are deemed to be at educational risk. This means a child is at risk of not reaching their potential as significant gaps will start to appear in their learning. Obviously absences cannot be avoided if a student falls ill but I ask all parents to consider the ramifications of frequent absences or those absences associated with long periods of time. Every minute of every day matters!

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR AND BULLYING

I would like to commend all students on their excellent behaviour in Term One; it is great to see we have so many responsible students. I would like to reiterate the school does not and will not tolerate bullying in any form. It is vital that the school works in close partnership with parents and carers in ensuring that all students are able to attend school in a friendly caring and nurturing environment. I encourage ALL parents and carers to contact the school immediately if you believe your child is being bullied. It is essential that your child speaks with a staff member immediately after the incident so we can deal with the situation very quickly at school.

ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for Term 2 will be conducted by Miss Barrett's Yr 4 class (Rm 14) at 8.50am in the undercover area on Friday 12th May. Miss Scheer's Year 6 class (Rm 9) will conduct their assembly the following Friday 19th May.

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



STRANGER DANGER

As it is a new term, 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.

Thanks everyone and have a great term!!

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P&C NEWS

Mother's Day Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for our beautiful hampers for that special lady in your life.

Raffle will be drawn at Friday's assembly on Friday 12th May.

Cut off for ticket purchases will be Thursday afternoon.

We will also be selling them on Thursday 11th in the morning before school.

<https://wellard-primary-school-p-and-c.square.site/>

P&C Meeting

Next P&C meeting is Monday 8th May at 2pm in the staff room, come along and join us.

Evening markets

Thank you to everyone who came along to our market night and contributed.

The P&C raised over \$1000 for our wonderful school. Our next market is Friday 30th June (weather permitting)

Thank you all
Kelly Mattravers
President.


KEYS to Kindy

Is your child starting Kindy in 2024?

Parent and Child Program for School Readiness

Term 2 commences 22 May 2023

 **John Wellard Community Centre**
Runnymede Gate, Wellard WA 6170

 **Monday and Wednesday**
9.30am to 11.30am

Provided:



Educational strategies and resources



Drop-in sessions from therapists & early childhood teachers



Guidelines for supporting your child's behaviour and emotional regulation



Important Parent Info Sessions:



Wednesday 3 May
9.30 to 11.30am

Enrolment session / Q&A

Ken Jackman Hall,
Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre



Wednesday 17 May
9.30 to 11.30am

KEYS guiding principles for supporting emotional regulation & positive behaviour in children

Alf Lydon & Frank Baker Rooms,
Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre

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- Have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself
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- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

*Many Centrelink payments are eligible

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street and The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

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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'

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Search for our school name

