

Newsletter

Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Once again the Covid landscape has changed with us not needing to wear masks and with parents and carers being able to enter classrooms. Whilst most of these changes are welcome, there is going to be some significant staffing issues moving forward. I anticipate we will have an increase in the number of staff who test positive which will require them to be absent from school for a minimum of 5 days. This will eventuate in the employment of many relief staff in the coming weeks (if available), the collapsing of classes and distributing students to other classes (when relief is not available) and the collapsing of some specialist programs (Art, Noongar, Science, Music, Phys Ed). We will endeavour to ensure there is as little interruption to the teaching and learning program as possible. I would like to thank all parents and carers for your flexibility in recent times and hope it is not too long before we reach some normality.

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 8.20am so that students can settle in their classroom prior to the day beginning at 8.35am. Parents of students 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 as soon as possible.

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!

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 this term. This year all students will participate in online testing other than Year 3 Writing which will still be written.

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.

Please see the schedule for this year's NAPLAN tests for Years 3 and 5. It is important that students arrive at school each day of the testing period on time, well rested and ready to focus. 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.

NAPLAN 2022 Schedule Week 3

Tuesday 10th May 9.00am
Year 3 Writing (paper)
Year 5 Writing (online)

Wednesday 11th May 11.00am
Year 3 Reading (online)
Year 5 Reading (online)

Thursday 12th May 11.00am
Year 3 Conventions of Language (online)
Year 5 Conventions of Language (online)

Friday 13th May 11.00am
Year 3 Numeracy (online)
Year 5 Numeracy (online)

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 preferable that your child speaks with a staff member immediately after the incident so we can deal with the situation very quickly at school.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

Wellard PS is now taking enrolments for Kindergarten for 2023. 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 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.

SCHOOL BOARD

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Pippa Braig and Mrs Navjot Kasturi have been successful in nominating for the School Board. Mrs Braig and Mrs Kasturi will be taking up their three-year tenure and will join Mrs Sarah Hamilton, Mrs Emma Castle and Mrs Angela Whisson as parent representatives. The following staff members are also on the Board: Geoff Miller (Principal), Rebecca Lanzel (Deputy Principal), Nicole Beaman (Executive Officer), Laura Heuer (Teacher) and Sarah Le Provost (Teacher). Our next meeting will be occurring at 7pm on Wednesday 18th May.

P&C AGM MEETING

The P&C will be conducting their next meeting on Monday 23rd May commencing at 6pm in the school staff room. The P&C has done a great job considering the restrictions we have had in place. The fence has been put around our sustainability garden which is going in behind the canteen. This has only occurred through the hard work of our P&C over a long period of time. Please come along to our next meeting, meet

some new people and become involved creating extra opportunities for the students at Wellard Primary School.

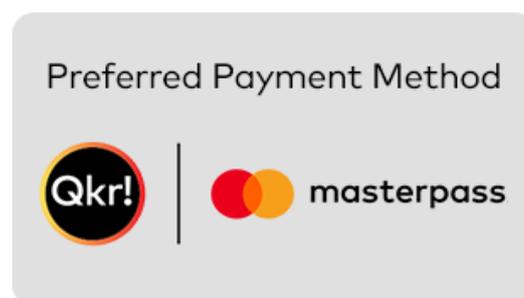
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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

ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for some time will be conducted by Miss Alden's Yr 5 class (Rm 20) at 8.50am in the undercover area on Friday 6th May. Thank you Miss Alden for volunteering to conduct this assembly. I am looking forward to seeing staff, students and parents at assembly on Friday

Geoff Miller
Principal
Email: geoff.miller@education.wa.edu.au

CHAPLAINS ARTICLE

Being a Parent (BAP) course, will be running in Kwinana Term 2.

BAP is a parent-led course for all parents with children aged 2-11 years. It runs over 9 weeks on Thursday mornings, commencing 5 May at the Kwinana Public Library. Topics covered include the importance of looking after yourself, dealing with big feelings, child-led play, discipline strategies, communication skills and

stress management. The course is open to all families living in Kwinana, Rockingham and surrounding areas. Please read information below. Bookings can be made online via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/BYQDO> or by phoning the KEYS office on 9439 1838.

Kind regards,

Sinead O'Dea
Chaplain



BEING A PARENT



Darius Wells Library
& Resource Centre

Every Thursday
5 May to 30 June
9:30-11:30am

Being a Parent is a 9-week parent-led course which supports you to build your parenting toolkit. Topics covered include:

- Being a good enough parent
- Working with big feelings
- Connecting with your child
- Discipline strategies
- Stress management



Creche is available. Book and pay through Toddler Town Creche.

<https://www.spacetoco.com/space/darius-creche>

To register for Being a Parent, phone KEYS on 9439 1838
or book online with the QR code above.



Communities for Children Facilitating Partner Initiative. Kwinana is funded by the Australian Government and facilitated by The Smith Family.

Next Meeting: Monday 23rd May at 6pm in Staff Room

P&C Mother's Day Raffle



The Mother's Day Raffle was a huge hit, thank you to all who supported the school and purchased a ticket, a whopping \$616 was raised to go towards the sustainable garden project.

Winners were drawn Monday the 02/05/22 and have been notified, congratulations to all winners and hope everyone has a Wonderful Mother's Day.

1st Prize – Abel in Room 8
2nd Prize – Marina
3rd Prize - Cory

Many items were donated to the P&C, Dawn and Bow provided beautiful soaps and beauty products, Sweet Apple Lane donated some

yummy biscuit treats and many local community members donated items. If you are a small business and would like to donate services or products, please contact the P&C by email as we would love to showcase local products and services.

Canteen

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the canteen will be closed this week Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and next week Wednesday 11th May. Sorry for any inconveniences this may cause.

The P&C and Canteen Manager Linda would like to thank the following volunteers for your support and help in Term 1, Tonia Hayward, Mel Thomas, Dale Knight, Kristina Vagg, Kailah Peel, Nafeesa Frederick, Mina Dunn, Susan Flashoff and Scott Horsten.

Upcycled Uniforms

Uniform shop opens Tuesday's 2:30pm-4:00pm at the front office, CASH ONLY.

Please consider donating your children's old school uniforms or purchasing uniforms second hand.

Uniform donations are 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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LYRIK AWARDS

If you know a young person aged 10 – 18 years old who lives or goes to school in Kwinana and deserves to be recognised in one of the six award categories – Achievement, Inspiration, Leadership, Respect, Teamwork and Wellbeing (previously called the Mateship award) – then submit an online nomination form at www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/lyrik. You can

nominate an individual or a group. And we have two age categories, 10 – 14 years and 15 – 18 years. Every winner receives a \$250 cash prize and \$50 donation to a charity of their choice. Nominations close 12 May.

Please note we have made a few changes to the Lyrik Awards this year in order to broaden our reach and make sure the nomination process is as easy as possible.

The biggest changes include:

- New online nomination form
- The Mateship Award has been renamed the Wellbeing Award with a focus on the welfare of many rather than a few
- The criteria for each Award has been updated
- We are no longer accepting self-nominations

Key Dates:

- 14 April – Nominations open
- 12 May – Nominations close
- 21 June 2022 LyriK Awards Ceremony (invitation only event)

If you have any questions or need help completing the nomination form; I am happy to help.

Kind Regards,

Gemma McDonald
Community Development Officer - Youth



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Do you know...

...A YOUNG PERSON WHO DESERVES TO BE RECOGNISED?

Nominate them for a **2022 LyriK Award!**

**ACHIEVEMENT
INSPIRATION
LEADERSHIP
RESPECT
TEAMWORK
WELLBEING**

Proudly supported by:

10-18 years

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Visit www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/LyriK or contact **9236 4561** for more information.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE

12 MAY 2022

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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





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FREE!

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& COACHES

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TUESDAY 24TH MAY / 16:30 - 18:00
WARWICK HOCKEY CENTRE, WA, 6024

WWW.THECOACHINGLAB.ORG/EVENTS



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.

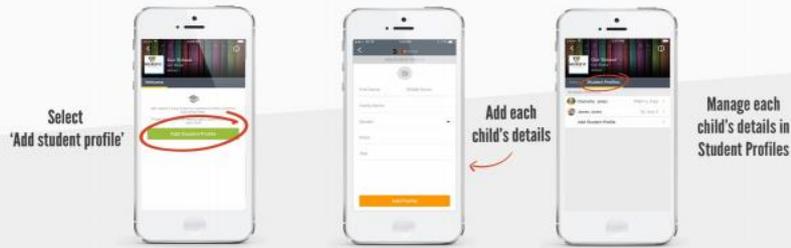
The information session can be accessed through our website

<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



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Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

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

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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

