

Wellard Village Primary School (Planning Name) Term Two Update



Welcome to our foundation families for 2023,

This update is to inform you about what has happened in progressing our school to be ready for 2023 over the past eight weeks. On the 9th of May, Mrs Jaclyn (Jackie) Redfearn commenced her role as Foundation Principal of Wellard Village Primary School (planning name) and was joined shortly after by our Foundation Manager of Corporate Services, Mrs Kathy Larsen. Together, with our community we have achieved many things in this short space of time. We look forward to working with you in the future and creating an amazing school for the children.

Community Meetings

We have now held two rounds of **community consultation** meetings to meet with our future parent community. Our first round of consultation included: vision, naming our school, Independent Public-School application, staffing qualities, values, and branding. Our second round of consultation included: specialist subjects, languages, building and team names, canteen, and OSH. To ensure that we capture the people who could not attend, each round has been followed up with a community survey. This information has been used to inform our decision making.

Steering Committee: Meeting fortnightly over the year

Our **Steering Committee** was established and met for the first time on the 26th of May. The Steering Committee includes a wide variety of community representation including parents, future parents, community members, local government, and educators. Our committee includes: Rajeesh, Karis, Donna, Matt, Rebecca, Marnie, Gemma, Lauren, Ty, Georgia, Kristy, Charmain, Catherine, Kristie, Simone, Leah and Emily. On behalf of our future school community, I wish to thank them for their time. Together we have reflected on our initial community survey to work on our name, mission, values, motto, staffing qualities, submission to IPS, logo and uniform. The Steering Committee has been the voice of the community and many decisions have then gone back out to the community for voting. E.g., our naming survey, values survey and IPS survey.

Next term we will be working on our building names, team names, specialist subjects, languages, canteen provision and outside of school hours' care. **To have your say**, please fill out the survey via the link provided.

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Independent Public School

This term, our community voted on becoming an **Independent Public School**, with 353 responses received. 342 people agreed and 9 disagreed. An application was submitted to the Director General to open as an Independent Public School, and this was approved on Friday the 17th of June. As an Independent Public School, we have greater flexibilities and will be able to make local decisions that are in the best interests of our students and community.

Naming

Our potential school names were selected from the community consultation sessions and surveys. The names were selected in accordance with the Department's Naming Policy and Procedures for Public Schools. The community

then had the opportunity to vote on our three selections: Wellard West, Brentford and Wellard Village via social media, student surveys and our pop-up voting station. Our naming process and evidence has now been submitted to the Directors of Education for approval who will then forward it to the Minister of Education.

Educational Vision

As a community we are building our vision and educational narrative. Utilising the community survey, voice of the Steering Committee and educational input of the Principal and MCS, we have established our mission, values and motto. These are all linked to the concept of architecture (built environment- the buildings in the village) and (natural environment- animal homes). Our concepts are also linked to our moral purpose as educators: **a commitment to seeing every student learning successfully and working toward their potential**. Our next step is for the Principal and Associate Principals to write our educational vision statement.



Site Visit

We went for our first site visit on the 14th of June with the Department of Education, Department of Finance, Oldfield Knott Architects, and the construction company. We were provided with an update on all the construction and anticipated time frames. One of the best parts of this visit was not only seeing the progress but also being able to negotiate an area for a **future nature play site**. The site will be prepared to enable the school to plan for and purchase the nature play equipment in the years to come.

Furniture

Jackie and Kathy spent six whole entire days working through the loose furniture brief to select all the furniture for our school. This was a fun but challenging task as we really had to envision our year levels in each block and potentially how many students in each class. We have gone with a neutral and calm colour palette for all furniture selections and have chosen a universal colour across the school, so the furniture is sustainable as we grow in size. We have selected teakwood grey and slate for our class colours to match the architect's colour scheme in the buildings. We have added pops of colour in our activity areas to match the carpet and bench colours in each block. TB1: Blue, TB2: Burnt Orange, TB3: Golden Yellow and TB4: Lime Green.

Enrolments

This term we have been working hard on getting our future parents to complete an application for enrolment. This is the first part of the process, when the enrolment period closes on the 22nd of July, we will then be in touch with parents to complete part b of the process. Our school was predicted to open with 202 foundation students which we have exceeded with **225 enrolments** currently.

Staffing

We advertised for a pool of Associate Principals earlier in the term, to support the Principal in establishing the instructional program for the students of Wellard Village. To ensure community perspective was considered, Kristie Healy very kindly took part in the process as the community representative. I thank her very much for all her time taken to read applications, shortlist and conduct interviews. It was wonderful that Kristie and I agreed, with the panel on the applicants selected for the pool. I am pleased to announce that we will have two people to join our Executive Team.

- We will be joined by **Miss Aleesha Meuleners**, in a part time capacity three days a week. Aleesha joins us from Kelmscott Primary School and brings a unique skill set that will help us establish our school. Aleesha's passions include data informed practice, STEM, Science, ICT, and digital technologies.
- We will also be joined by **Mrs Rachel Dowling**, in a full-time capacity. Rachel joins us from Marri Grove Primary School bringing a wealth of leadership experience in SAER (Students at Educational Risk), EALD (English as an Additional Language/ Dialect), early childhood and the Science of Reading.

- Both Rachel and Aleesha also bring extensive leadership experience in building the capacity of others to improve student outcomes through the use of high-quality teaching practices, the analysis of data, coaching and utilising a professional learning community.

Prospective Staff

We are holding a prospective staff session on the 4th of July for interested teachers and education assistants. This is their chance to hear about the education vision, our community perspective and what we are looking for.

What does the community want in our staff:?

Growth Mindset	Team Player	Enthusiastic	Kind	Flexible
Accountable	Tech-Savvy	Motivated	Excellent	Professional
Compassionate	Student-	Adaptable	Communication	Proactive
Creative	Focussed	Welcoming	Understanding/	Innovative
Approachable	Diverse	Supportive	Empathetic	Patient
Engaging	Open-minded	Knowledgeable	Nurturing	Respectful

If you aren't already, please follow our Facebook page as this is where we are placing all of our regular communication at the moment. [Wellard Village Primary School -Planning Name | Facebook](#)

Introducing our team.....

Jackie Redfearn
Principal

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Aleesha Meuleners
Associate Principal

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Kathy Larsen
Manager of Corporate Services

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Rachel Dowling
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