

# Wellard Village Primary School

## Term Three 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 this past term. Our student numbers have certainly grown since last term and we currently have 288 children enrolled.

### **Our Name**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of August we received our official name- Wellard Village Primary School. Thank you to everyone in our community who voted, we were very pleased to receive the name with the most votes. To read our official statement: [Media Statements - New primary school in Wellard officially named](#)

### **Our Logo**

We are very pleased to finally be able to share with you our logo and our logo story.

The Wellard Village Primary School logo was born to incorporate the culture surrounding our community. The hexagons within the design are united to reflect our mission to create a connected and inclusive space for learning.

The architecture of our hexagons act like that of a beehive, where all of the bees work together to ensure the success of all. The integrated pattern of the hexagons shows a collaborative approach of our staff who will work together for all students at Wellard Village Primary School.

The differing shades of colour seen in the hexagons reflect the many layers of diversity in our school; culturally, linguistically, and academically. To ensure our brand stands the test of time, we have drawn inspiration from the "Busy Bees" artwork installation that will be a focal point within our school.

The single marigold hexagon breaking away from the group represents a child who has grown, and become independent with the courage and confidence to move away from the group and on to the next step in their educational journey. It demonstrates how all of our students will thrive, learn and grow as a result of the nurtured, encouraging environment, as well as the education provided at Wellard Village Primary School.

Deeper in the logo we have the overlapping and connected initials of our name which recognises the influence we have on each other. The interwoven W and V alludes to our vision of being a united community forged from powerful relationships. The letters slice through the hexagons and break out of the beehive stamping our children's emerging futures and our motto "building the minds of tomorrow".

*A huge thank you to Mark Littlepage from Razoreye for all his hard work in creating our logo.*

### **Our Teams**

This term we named our four teams that students will belong to in 2023. A lot of thought went into what they would be called, ensuring that the names connect to our vision of being an inclusive and connected community. Our team names are the very first small step in embedding Noongar language into our school. This is the first of



many steps we will take to ensure we educate our students in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, language, history and tradition.

- Wardarn (Ocean) Blue- this was chosen in reference to Kwinana Beach and our “she sells seashells artwork”.
- Marlak (Bush) Red- this was chosen in reference to the bush area at the back of our school.
- Binjar (Swamp) Green- this was chosen in reference to the Leda Swamp in our local intake area.
- Djarlma (Forest) Purple- this was chosen in reference to the Tuart Forest our school site is on.

Please note students will be allocated a team at the beginning of next term. Unfortunately, we are not accepting requests for colours. In order to ensure we have even teams for our first athletics carnival and into the future we will be allocating based on numbers. This will be quite a mathematical problem solving event for our office team.

### **Our Uniform**

Our uniform has been designed with our school narrative and logo in mind. We have worked closely with our Steering Committee to ensure our families can access an affordable and modern uniform that represents our brand. Families will be able to purchase (pay up front ready for stock in 2023) uniforms from Uniform Concepts in Jandakot next term. Our uniform will include a school polo shirt, school team shirt, school reversible bucket hat and school jacket; our shorts, skirts and pants will be plain charcoal and also available to purchase from the uniform shop. Uniform Concepts is open 6 days a week including Saturday mornings and families can also purchase uniforms online for delivery or pick up. A huge thank you to Justin Clegg for his hard work designing our uniform based on our brand. *We will send out order forms via email once Uniform Concepts is ready.*



### **Our Outside of School Hours Service- Big Childcare**

This term we went through an expression of interest process to select an Outside School Hours provider for 2023. We received 4 submissions from a variety of OSH providers and utilising the Department’s evaluation tool conducted an analysis of what each service could provide. Following a value for money cost analysis the 4 submissions were presented to our Steering Committee who narrowed it down to two providers for further questions. After this process, we checked references and then voted and selected Big Childcare. Having met Rob, Rebecca and Belinda, the Big Childcare WA team we are beyond thrilled to partner with them and know that they will support our students, family and community. If you would like to read about them their website is below:

[Big Childcare - About - A Leader In The Out Of School Hours Industry](#)

It is important for families to be aware that our starting date for our Outside of School Hours service will be determined by our practical completion and handover date from the Architects/ Builders. After we get practical completion we can start the second stage of the licencing required for the Department of Education. Whilst we are hopeful that we will have a service to open on Day 1 of Term 1 2023, given the timelines it may not be possible to start this service until Term 2. I am sure families will understand these processes are beyond our control and be appreciative that we will be able to offer a service moving forward.

### **IPS Ceremony**

Our IPS Ceremony will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, Charmaine Mendes (Steering Committee) will be representing our parents and community. Stay tuned for a photo update on Facebook in Term 4.

## Our school day

Below is a copy of our school day and how we will be breaking up instructional time and play time. Students will eat in classes with their teachers. This will allow a restorative justice approach to resolving any play time issues that are brought into the classroom.



## Booklists

Booklists will be coming out shortly via email. Our school has selected Campion as our supplier for our student requirements lists, which was endorsed by our Steering Committee. Whilst we know parents shop around, can we please ask that you do supply the lined writing books (Protex exercise book- please see examples below) and Kluwell reading diary that we have requested. This is to ensure all children are writing on the correct sized lines for their age, this will also allow us to teach handwriting according to the WA Curriculum. The reading diary will support our home reading rewards program.



## Steering Committee

Our Steering Committee have been very busy this term informing several key decisions including:

- Booklists
- Contributions and Charges
- Team Names and Building Names \*to be announced soon
- Selecting our OSH provider
- Kindy cycles and Kindy days
- School Development Days
- Half day closure for three way parent/student/teacher interviews

We thank the committee for giving up their time to help approve, inform and discuss key decisions in our school.

## Staffing Update- meet our team

We have employed 12 teachers for our classroom positions so far, with a few more to be added. You can read about each staff member on Facebook.

### **So far we have employed:**

Ebony Johnson	Karen Davis	Rachel Taua
Georgia Durham	Megan Edwards	Awatea Dansey
Brittney Richards	Simone Nolan	Briony Brown
Zoe Choules	Karl Whitehurst	Caitlin Phoebe

We can also share that we have employed our Physical Education teacher: Paul McDowell and our Music Teacher, Mr Brad Jones.

We still have recruitment processes underway for our Languages Teacher, Special Needs Education Assistants, Mainstream Education Assistants and our Cleaner in Charge.

### **Save the Dates**

Being a new school, we are aware of the importance of transitioning our students into our new environment. Next term we will be holding several parent information sessions to inform you of how our school will operate, a Kindy induction session and a whole school fun afternoon. Please see the dates below, more information will be sent out to parents about the events closer to the dates.

**Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November Kindy Induction** – proposed start time is 12.30pm. We will send an invitation to all Kindy parents with the location and time.

### **Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December Meet the staff and students**

This event will be held on Wellard Oval and in the Wellard Pavilion at a proposed start time of 4pm. Children will get to meet their peers, meet the staff, engage in some fun activities and meet the Big Childcare team. We will send an invitation closer to the time.

### **Parent Information Sessions – these are the same content**

Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 6pm to 7.30pm at the John Wellard Centre Boronia Room

Tickets below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wellard-village-parent-information-session-1-tickets-424773558147>

Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 9am to 10.30am at the William Bertram Centre Tuart Room

Tickets below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wellard-village-parent-information-session-2-tickets-424785614207>

### **Parent Survey**

Please fill out the below survey to help us inform how parents and the wider community will be involved in the school.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-RaA4P3Ru0yDsLdutDYWJ46ABWyH20NNQ24flr0sQ5UOVBINU1TVUI2OTg3TEIFRzZZSUhUQUs1Ui4u>

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](#)

We look forward to updating you again at the end of Term Four, to ensure you are well informed about how our school will operate in 2023.

Jackie Huts  
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