



# WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL

*Strive to Succeed*

## WHAT'S ON AT WELLERS

**Leaders Presentation Parade – March 7**

**Year 6 & 7 Camp – March 11 to 14**

*Principal: Mr John Webster*

*Deputy Principal: Mr Jack White*

*Deputy Principal: Mrs Louise Hart*

*Yr 7 School Captains : Connor Helmore, Alice Herley*

*Yr 7 Vice Captains: Ethan Tunstall, Maddison Scott*

*Yr 6 School Captains: William Ellerton, Charlotte Cooper*

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Wednesday 5 February, 2014

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Community Members

### Vale Mardi Bartlett

Mardi Bartlett, the young cyclist tragically killed last weekend was a greatly loved member of the Wellers Hill State School community. Mardi is remembered as a fun loving young girl who was active in the life of our school. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her parents Jennifer and Brendan, and the family.

### Leaders Presentation Parade

The Leaders Presentation Parade for 2014 will be held in the school hall on Friday 7 March. This is an exciting parade, as all of our 2014 school leaders will be presented with their badges. Parents and family members are invited to join us in this celebration.

### Staffing Changes for 2014

A full staff list has been placed on the school web page. This list provides staff names, the classes they teach, and their contact details. We are also undergoing some structural changes at the school which will assist in improving student outcomes from prep through to Year 7.

I have introduced the position of Pedagogical Coach (Early Years / Middle Years / Senior Years). The pedagogical coaches will work with teachers across the phases, sharing ideas and practice. The coaches are: Mrs Cassie Mutimer (Early Years); Ms Jo Smith (Middle Years); and Mrs Catherine Illett (Senior Years). It is anticipated that the coaches commence their duties, one day per week, in Term 2.

I have also expanded the STLaN role, to support Mrs Anna Gojokovic. Mrs Sue Webster will be working as STLaN Early Years, with a focus on Prep to Year 2; again to support students achieve to the best of their ability.

### Japanese Asian Education Foundation (AEF) Study Tour

Four teachers have been accepted by the Asian Education Foundation, to attend a Japanese AEF study tour over the Easter Vacation. Mrs Cassie Mutimer, Mrs Sue Webster, Mrs Caroline Peisker, and Mrs Catherine Illett, will be visiting several areas in Japan, with the express purpose of being immersed in Japanese culture, experiencing educational practice, and bringing ideas back to Australia to assist in the

development of Asia Literacy. This is a wonderful opportunity for the teachers, and I look forward to working with them in the development of Asia Literacy at WHSS.

## DATE CLAIMERS and DUE DATES FOR PAYMENTS

Date	Event	Due Date	Amount
March 11	Hands on Eduation – Year 3	March 10	\$7
March 11-14	Camp – Year 6&7	March 7	\$365
March 18	Artslink – Year 3&4	March 14	\$6
March 26	Qld Museum – Year 2	March 21	\$14
March 26	Lone Pine - Prep	March 21	\$32

Payments must be deposited in the payment box located in the office. Do not give payments to Class Teachers.

Multiple excursions/activities can be paid with one cheque or EFTPOS transaction (located at office). Cash is also acceptable.

On each excursion letter will be a [DUE DATE](#) for payment. **No monies will be accepted after the due date.** Therefore, unfortunately, students will not be able to attend the excursion/activity.

## CAPTAINS' CORNER



Alice Herley and Connor Helmore  
Year 7 School Captains

Welcome to another great week back at school. The year 6-7 camp is next week and I hope everyone is getting excited. Congratulations to the new captains for 2014. The badge ceremony is Friday the 7th of March. Last Friday everyone did a great job at cleaning up the school. It looks extremely tidy!



William Ellerton and Charlotte Cooper  
Year 6 School Captains

Congratulations to all students who received a position as a Student Leader! We hope you are looking forward to receiving your badges on Friday and leading Wellers in 2014! You've all got a great year ahead of you. Whether you are ICT Captain, Library Captain, House Captain or any other leader we're sure you'll do a great job at promoting your area of responsibility and being a great leader.

## P-2 PARADE AWARD CERTIFICATES



28 February 2014

<b>Prep M</b>	Jonas, S.	Harrison, J.
<b>Prep S</b>	Matthew, L.	Fallon, O.
<b>Prep SM</b>	Gabriella, O.	Jack, L.
<b>Prep SW</b>	Keira, H.	Jeremy, M.
<b>Prep TM</b>	William, M.	Fionn, P.
<b>Year 1F</b>	Maya, B.	Oscar, C.
<b>Year 1H</b>	Ariel, V.	Sean, B.
<b>Year 1HD</b>	Jasper, I.	Sarah, I.
<b>Year 1N</b>	Finn, C.	Eliza, P.
<b>Year 1T</b>	Fynn, S.	Imoge, H.
<b>Year 1/2LB</b>	Lacey, H.	Shyloh, C.
<b>Year 2HA</b>	Braxton, P.	Tannum, C.
<b>Year 2M</b>	Sara, B.	Cooper, C.
<b>Year 2MK</b>	Charlotte, A.	Willem, H.
<b>Year 2R</b>	Savannah, C.	Piper, T.
<b>Year 2W</b>	Mia, B.	Jasper, G.

## MUSIC NEWS

### Strings Update

The year has started off successfully with excellent attendance at rehearsals and lessons. Please aim to be on time for rehearsals at 7:30am and if your child can't attend a rehearsal a signed note from the parent should be handed into the office. Also, please encourage your child to practice every day and fill out their practice chart.

### Grade 3 String Students

It has been an exciting start to the year for our beginner strings. By now, your child should have their instrument and books and hopefully they are practising frequently at home!

On Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March there won't be any string lessons for Grade 3 string students as Mrs Price will be away on a music camp. Instead, students will have a catch lesson on MONDAY the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Could you please help them to remember to bring their instruments and books on the Monday.

Also, all beginner string students have received a letter and order form for performance uniforms. It is very important that you return the form so that we can order enough uniforms and that we are ready for the first concert in Term 2. Mrs Price

## FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

### Thanks for the new House Banners and Capes

Many items were lost during the fire last year and these included the colourful House Banners and capes used at Interhouse sporting events. The P & C would like to thank Kim McDermott who has generously made new capes and banners for each of the 4 Houses. They look fantastic and were used at the recent Year 4 – 7 biathlon.

### Working Bee this Sunday 9 March

The first working bee for the year will be held on **Sunday 9 March from 9 – 11am**. In an attempt to encourage more parents to volunteer their time at working bees the P & C have decided to 'target' 2 year levels for each of the 4 working bees during the year. For the first working bee we would like parents and students from Years 4 & 5 to assist with clearing and planting the bank near the Music building. We will be planting tube stock to cover the bank. You only need to come for an hour or so. Kids are very welcome and can even be helpful. Please bring gardening tools, gloves and wear closed shoes. It has been said 'Many hands make light work'. Please think about coming along to help out particularly if you have children in Years 4 & 5. Details of the other 3 working bees and Year levels involved will be included in subsequent newsletters.

### Hall Renovation Committee

Earlier this term I asked for volunteers who had experience in building, obtaining quotes or grant writing. This was primarily because the P & C have identified 2 big projects we would like complete. These projects are to complete the hall renovation and resurface the large undercover area. The hall renovation has been in progress for a number of years and last year the P & C installed the kitchen which has been used daily for SACCS and at events such as the Family Fun Night and graduation. At the P&C meeting last Wednesday night we moved a motion to formalise the School Hall Improvement Committee to complete the feasibility and costings for completing the hall extensions and improvements. It is encouraging that a number of parents have volunteered their time to be on this committee. Thanks to Naomi Burns, Charmaine Coombes, Julia Godfrey, Carly Hennessy, Aleksandar Kolareic, Fiona & Darren McCormack, Peter McIlhatton, Catriona & Wayne Sutcliffe, Alex Trumbull and Jodie & Peter Warrell for agreeing to be a part of this process.

### Gardening Update

Walking around the school I am sure the fantastic work being done by the gardening group led by Suzie Savage is very obvious. This small group of volunteers give generously of their time not only during the week but on weekends. They started with the garden beds around the old Year 2 demountables then worked on the bank near the gravel carpark. Their enthusiasm and energy is to be commended.

Recently they moved their efforts to the bank on the Weller Road side of the Music building. It looks amazing and is no longer weed infested but planted and mulched. Most of the plants have been donated by the school community. If you would like to assist please contact Suzie on [suzie.savage@iinet.net.au](mailto:suzie.savage@iinet.net.au)

### Family Portrait Fundraiser

The \$20 Photography Fundraiser on **Saturday 15 March 2014 at WHSS** in the library annexe. We need 30 families for this to go ahead. There are 10 places remaining. Please contact **Narelle Cooley on 0414 835 359 or [narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au](mailto:narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au)** if you are interested. Advanced Life Professional Photographers will provide you with a **Family Portrait for only \$20** (valued at \$130). For your \$20, you receive a 10 x 13 inch print (in colour OR pencil sketch), and a bonus keyring with a family portrait photo to fit. **100% of this money is retained by Wellers Hill SS.**

I intended to publish the P & C calendar for the year but have run out of space so will do this next week.

Regards Narelle Cooley

# **WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION Sub-Committees**

**President: Narelle Cooley ([narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au](mailto:narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au))  
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## **SPORT NEWS**

Wellers Hill Sports News  
Term 1 - Week 6

### Biathlon Presentation

There will be a special parade for years 4 – 7 on Friday at 12:15 pm in the hall to present the winners from the Biathlon.

### Sports Dates for Semester One

#### **Term One**

Yr 4-7 Cross Country > Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March (wk 9)

#### **Term Two**

District Cross Country > Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April (wk 3)  
P-3 Cross Country > Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May (wk 4)  
4-7 Athletics > Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June (wk 9)  
> Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June (wk 9)

### Mt Gravatt District Sport Trials – Tennis, Touch Football and Rugby League

Mt Gravatt District trials for girls and boys tennis, touch football and boys rugby league are coming up. If you play any of these sports at a high standard, and are born in 2003 or 2002, please see Mr Munro for more information.

### District Team Selections

Congratulations to Lara G, Ella H and Emily K on their selection in the district girls netball team. Good luck at the Met East trials!

### Uniform Shop has football socks and shorts in!

Rugby League shorts and football socks for both soccer and rugby league have arrived. These are optional, students may choose to wear their own shorts and socks from club teams etc.

### Interschool Sport in 2014

If you are in a team here is what you need to have and know:

Soccer: long socks, shin pads, boots & mouthguard (optional)

Rugby League: mouthguard, headgear and shoulder pads (optional), shorts, long socks, football boots (optional)

Netball: sports shoes, soft visor (optional).

Students in rugby league and soccer will be given jerseys to wear during the season. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that these are washed weekly and brought to school on Fridays – not worn outside of matches. Jerseys will be collected upon completion of the season. If they are not returned students will be invoiced for the cost of the jersey. Students are reminded to wear their blue school uniform to school and change into any jerseys/playing shorts at morning tea.

The uniform shop has royal blue football socks, navy rugby league shorts, water bottles and sports bags for sale. These items are not essential, only preferred. The sports bag is ideal for carrying items on the way to the venue as backpacks are not allowed and boots must not be worn on the bus. Students must take their own water bottle, hat and sunscreen to games. NO HAT, NO BUS.

Games This Week

**Rugby League** – Carina JRL, Snr 1pm, Int 1:45pm, Jnr 1 1pm, Jnr 2 1:45pm.

**Netball** – Wembley Park, Coorparoo

**Soccer** - TBC

Rec Sports Program – Updated

<b>TEACHER/GROUP</b>	<b>28/2</b>	<b>7/3</b>	<b>14/3</b>	<b>21/3</b>	<b>28/3</b>
Mrs Edwards (1)	Pool	Bowls	School	Park	Gym
Ms Ilett (2)	Gym	Pool	Bowls	School	Park
Mrs Lutterall (3)	Park	Gym	Pool	Bowls	School
Mrs Muller (4)	School	Park	Gym	Pool	Bowls
Mrs Low (5)	Bowls	School	Park	Gym	Pool
<b>TEACHER/GROUP</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>2/5</b>	<b>9/5</b>	<b>16/5</b>	<b>23/5</b>
Mrs Edwards (1)	Pool	Bowls	School	Park	School
Ms Ilett (2)	Pool	Park	Bowls	School	Park
Mrs Lutterall (3)	Park	School	Park	Bowls	School
Mrs Muller (4)	School	Park	School	Park	Bowls
Mrs Low (5)	Bowls	School	Park	School	Park

Students are reminded to return their permission slip for rec sport and permission to travel form before Friday. Students attending the gym must pay prior to the visit (\$6).

X-Country Training

X-country training is on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. Training is open to students who are turning 9 in 2014 up to 13years. Parents are welcome to come along and join in with their kids, to give some extra motivation and supervision over the running course. Training will begin at 7:45am outside the office.

Students should wear a hat, have a water bottle, any asthmatic medications required, and wear a shirt other than their school shirt. If it is raining or following heavy rain overnight, training will not proceed due to safety.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Welcome to all of our new school bankers that joined the program last week. It was a record breaking week and it seems as if we are going to have a big year of saving at Wellers Hill in 2014. Keep up the great work of remembering to bring in your banking every Thursday. Any amount of money can be deposited through school banking, be it a little or a lot, every bit counts towards becoming a super saver and creating great saving habits.

Reward Items

If you have ordered a prize in the last 4 weeks, thank you for being so patient in waiting for the new exciting rewards to arrive.

If you are one of these super savers, please remember to come along to the banking room on Thursday morning this week (6<sup>th</sup> March) to collect your prize. Be sure to bring all of your remaining silver tokens with you so that we can make sure that your token total is up to date. Thank you!

Banking day is every **Thursday**.



## EMERGENCY CONTACTS



Please ensure the school has up-to-date information regarding emergency contacts so that you can be contacted promptly.

## GARDEN UPDATE

Last weekend a great deal of work was done, thanks to Melissa Marchesi, Simone Flint, her husband Chris and their three children. The entire bank along the Grade 4/Music building was weeded and planted out. Thank you to the many families who responded to the request for plants in the newsletter last week. Gaby Hill, Dana Hobbs, Melissa Marchesi, Simone Flint, Sarah Latimer-Jones, Gail Kirkman and Sue Newton. Also a special thanks to Ron and Trish Petersen, residents of Autumn Street, Tarragindi for donating around 30 Agaves. The plants supplied by these families were enough to plant the entire bank. Many people have remarked on the transformation following one weekend of work.

## TUCKSHOP

### TUCKSHOP NEWS

Services Committee Members

The Services Committee is a sub-committee of the P&C. Its function is to oversee the daily operations of the tuckshop and uniform shop. Last year all of the members of the Services Committee left the school so it is seeking new members for 2014. It generally meets once or twice a term to discuss matters relating to the 2 shops and reports back to the P&C. If you would like to be a member of the Services Committee please come and see Carolyn in the tuckshop or email [whsstuckshop@gmail.com](mailto:whsstuckshop@gmail.com).

DAY	9am to 11.30am	1pm to 2pm
Thursday 6 March	Linda C	HELP NEEDED
Friday 7 March	Susan R Denise W	Jenny O'B
Monday 10 March	Louise C	Claire
Tuesday 11 March	Nicole R	HELP NEEDED
Wednesday 12 March	Peter Mcl	Bec P
Thursday 13 March	Scott M	Danielle W
Friday 14 March	Tracey N (Happy B'day!) Caroline S	Jane M

If you are unable to do your tuckshop roster please contact us as soon as possible. If you would like to volunteer in the tuckshop, our phone number is 3249 1318 or you can call Carolyn (0409 053 742). You can also email [whsstuckshop@gmail.com](mailto:whsstuckshop@gmail.com).

## LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

A plastic bag containing a small boys shorts, t-shirt, black sneakers & socks.  
An adults go card.  
A blue bead necklace.  
A black and yellow watch.  
If you think these items might be yours, they are at the office for collection..

## UNIFORM SHOP

Wednesday 1:30 to 3.30 p.m.  
Friday 8.00 to 10.00 a.m.  
Deb Love Telephone 3249 1361 School  
[uniformshopwhss@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshopwhss@gmail.com)

## TENNIS COURTS

Night Tennis Court Hire is now available

Court Hire cost is:  
\$7 per hour – day hire  
\$15 per hour – night hire



**New contact number for Tennis Courts: Ph 3892 7460**

## COMMUNITY NEWS



PLACES STILL AVAILABLE (4.5 YEAR OLDS – 12 YEAR OLDS)  
Welcome to an exciting new season at your friendly local club. We offer:  
An atmosphere that encourages all players to love soccer and do their best.

Great facilities that offer parents the opportunity to relax, eat, drink and socialise whilst their children participate in the training activities.

To find out more please contact Julio on [jul10.menendez.852gmail.com](mailto:jul10.menendez.852gmail.com)

**\*\*\*NOW ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH\*\***

**ANNERLEY & DISTRICTS BLUE LIGHT DANCE PARTY**  
Next Dance: *Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014*

**AGES : 7yrs. – 15yrs**  
**TIME: 7pm-9.30pm**  
**COST: \$10.00**

**PLACE: Marymac Community Centre ( 616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley)**

**CONTACT : Senior Constable Lisa VOYSEY or Constable Rachel CUCKSON**

**Annerley Police Station Ph: 3892 8222**

***Supervised by Police & Community members***  
***No smoking, no alcohol, no drugs, no objectionable behaviour.***  
***Thank you for your continued support for Blue Light in your area.***  
***Annerley Blue Light Branch.***

## LAFFS TENNIS SCHOOL COACHING

PHONE: 0412 638 036

### LAFFS TENNIS - FREE RACQUET OFFER

Enrolment forms for **TENNIS COACHING 2<sup>nd</sup> TERM 2014** have been distributed and are to be completed and returned to the office by the due date: **THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014**.

**FREE RACQUET OFFER**: Any **NEW** pupil signing on for these lessons will receive at no charge a **JUNIOR TENNIS RACQUET** (Value \$34.95).

### **BULLYING NO WAY – TAKE A STAND TOGETHER!!**



As part of Wellers Hill State School's ongoing commitment to taking a proactive stance to prevent bullying, we have registered, along with over 1000 other schools Australia wide, to participate in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2014 to raise awareness amongst our school community to bullying and what can be done to deal with the behaviour and support children who are being affected by bullying as well as working with those demonstrating the behaviour.

We will be holding our annual "Orange Day" assembly on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of March as part of the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. We will again take the pledge and students, teachers and parents are encouraged to wear something orange on the day to show their support. (Given the nature of the occasion, there will be no donation required and students must wear appropriate clothing and no hair dye etc)

## POSTER COMPETITION

A poster competition is now open to all students years 3 to 7. We are looking for the most powerful and thought provoking poster to carry a message that bullying won't be tolerated in the school. Poster entries need to be submitted to the Office by Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. The winning Poster will be announced on assembly on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March and displayed prominently in the school for the entire school year. All entries will be on display in various locations around the school.

Posters are to be submitted A3 or A4 size.

Your poster can have a message for:-

- people being bullied, or
- people who need to stop bullying; or
- bystanders; or
- the school community as a whole

Think about the message you want your target audience to receive.

Please make sure you clearly mark your name and class on the back of your poster.

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More information about activities happening around the country on the 21<sup>st</sup> March can be found at the [National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence Facebook Page](#).

More information regarding Wellers Hill State School proactive response to bullying will be posted on the [Wellers Hill State School Facebook Page](#) and in coming newsletters.