

WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL Strive to Succeed



WHAT'S ON AT WELLERS

Prep – Yr 2 Parade on Friday

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

My first week at Wellers Hill State School has certainly been busy finding my way around the school and being greeted by so many smiling faces. I have been warmly welcomed by students, staff and the school community and I look forward to meeting more parents at the P&C meeting tonight. I am very pleased to be a part of such a strong, proud school community and I look forward to building on the great work that is already taking place. I look forward to meeting you and encourage you to drop in for a chat if you get the chance.

Noto Cho Study Tour

Tomorrow we welcome our first Japanese Study Tour for the term with eleven students and two teachers from Noto Cho. This is a cultural and language experience program and I thank the homestay families for welcoming our Japanese visitors into your homes. Many thanks also to the teachers for accommodating the students. I'm sure they will have a great time in Brisbane. Just a reminder that the trip on Monday 28 July to Sea World departs the school at 7.15am so please ensure students are at school by 7am. All parents are also invited to the Sayonara Assembly on Tuesday from 2.15 in the sports hall.

Benesse Brisbane Natural Experience Tour

In August we welcome a second group of students from Benesse who are undertaking a Natural Experience Tour from Monday 18th August to Sunday 24th August. We require eight homestay families for this tour. These students are particularly interested in Environmental Studies so if you have a budding environmentalist in your family, please consider hosting a student. It is a wonderful opportunity for your child/children to practise their Japanese and share our Australian customs. If you are interested in hosting, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter and return to the front office by Monday 28 July. Our information session for the Benesse Group will be held on Monday August 11 at 5:30pm in the Library annexe.

Enrolments for 2015

All families with students entering Prep in 2015 are encouraged to complete and enrolment form as soon as possible. This enables us to plan for staffing for 2015. Enrolment forms can be found on our school website or obtained from the school office. As we are enrolment managed, I will be carefully monitoring enrolments to ensure sufficient capacity for in-catchment students. We will be holding our Prep Orientation Morning on Monday 8 September from 9am so if you have a child commencing Prep in 2015, please keep this date free.

Grandparents and Special Friends

Due to a clash of dates Grandparents and Special Friends Day has now been moved to Friday September 12 from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Year 1 Bilingual Program Information Evening

Thank you to all families who have responded with an expression of interest in the Japanese Bilingual Program for 2015. We will be holding an Information Session for the 2015 Year 1 parents on Thursday 14 August at 6.30pm in the Music Block. I hope you can join us.

Parent Engagement Talk

On Wednesday 30 July we are very fortunate to have Dr Yong Zhao from the University of Oregon to give a presentation to parents of Wellers Hill State School. Dr Yong Zhao is the keynote speaker for the Queensland Association of State School Principals' Conference in Brisbane. Dr. Yong Zhao is an internationally known scholar, author, and speaker. His works focus on the implications of globalization and technology on education. He has designed schools that cultivate global competence, developed computer games for language learning, and founded research and development institutions to explore innovative education models.

I hope you can join us for his talk which will be held in the Library Annex from 5.30 to 6.30pm on Wednesday 30 July. Please RSVP via email to admin@wellhillss.eq.edu.au or return the slip attached to the end of the newsletter, to the office by Monday 28 July.

Over the next week we have lots of school events including Under 8's Morning, Athletics Carnivals and Music Performances showcasing the wonderful talents of our Wellers Hill students. I hope you can join us for some of these events.

Would you like to recognise the amazing work of our Wellers Hill teaching staff?

Parents may nominate a staff member for the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards. Registered teachers and school leaders are eligible for nomination in four award categories – outstanding contribution to teaching, excellent leadership in teaching and learning, excellence in teaching and excellence in beginning to teach for new graduate. Download a nomination form at: http://www.gct.edu.au/wtd/excellence-awards.html

A special congratulations to Carolyn Peisker, who has been successful in nominating Wellers Hill State School to participate in an Artist in Residence program leading up to G20. The work created by the students at Wellers Hill may be displayed on a billboard in Brisbane during G20. Well done Carolyn.

Book covering

Thank you to all the helpers who came on Tuesday to help cover books. "Many hands definitely make light work," 15 boxes of books were covered. Unfortunately, we still have many, many more to go.

Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (30th and 31st of July and 1st August) are our athletics carnival days, if you find yourself with some spare time in between your child/ren's events and you would like to cover some books your help would be greatly appreciated.

Books will be in the Library Annex on all days, if when you arrive there is no-one there, please go to the office and someone will come to get you started. The kettle is always on the boil!

Thank you for your ongoing support

School Opinion Surveys

School Opinion Surveys have been distributed to all families at Wellers Hill School. All surveys this year will be online. Please ensure that the surveys are completed by **August 3rd.** Results of the surveys are collated by an outside organisation and will be used for school planning.

SUPPORTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

FROM Anne Chapman GUIDANCE OFFICER

Managing Difficult Moments

Praise and other kinds of acknowledgement are motivating, and are often needed to help children (and adults) change their behaviour. Psychological research has shown that following up a person's good behaviour with something positive makes it more likely that the behaviour will happen again, but is this enough?

The following suggestions will also contribute to a calmer household : *Pick the battles*

✓ Especially as children get older the battlefield can, if not monitored, become `out of control' – As children grow and assert their independence they, at times, push the boundaries. Friends and technology become a focus rather than family; safety can be ignored; messiness and mood changes can create disharmony in the family. Picking and choosing which battle to tackle is an art to acquire. Here is a tip - Focus on the most important **issue** at any one time rather than a plethora of problems.

Remember: Safety is a priority not to be negotiated. If children / adolescents perceive that nothing they do is right then often they give up listening.

Be clear in your expectations

✓ Is what you have asked your child/ adolescent to do clear enough? Saying 'I want you to pick up the clothes off the floor in your room', is clearer and achievable than 'your mess is annoying me'.

Ensure the expected behaviour is realistic and achievable

✓ Sometimes we ask children to do things that are too difficult for them to do without help eg. expecting a child to be in charge of young siblings is not realistic nor safe

Monitor your own behavior

- ✓ Are you managing your own emotions when you are requesting your child to do the same (yelling at a child because of their angry outburst is actually reinforcing that yelling and loss of control is ok)
- ✓ Do you say one thing and do another (eg. getting annoyed about mess when you are messy)

Catch Your Child/ Adolescents Being Good

✓ Keep a record of the behaviours you are pleased with and share the positive observations with your child

Have reward strategies up your sleeve for those `hard to change` behaviours:

- ✓ Ask your child about what they like. If they suggest the reward, it will be more motivating.
- ✓ Make sure the reward is realistic for you to give (and preferably not costing money)
- ✓ If the child becomes bored by use of the same reward, use a menu of items to create variety. When your child meets his/her behaviour expectation, he/she selects one reward from the menu.
- ✓ A mystery reward is also very motivating for most children.
- ✓ If a child wants to earn a big reward (e.g. computer game, movie, etc.), you could use a token system. Each day he/she could earn tokens that can be exchanged later for a bigger reward.
- ✓ Emphasise social rewards and privileges over material rewards. Material rewards (e.g. toys, money, etc.) are expensive and often don't work. Many children enjoy having time to spend with their parents or carers. Rewards involving time and activities with parents or carers (no matter what age), can be reinforcing and promote good relationships at the same time

Follow through with consequence

- ✓ Is it fair and related to the misdemeanor.
- ✓ Does your child understand why they are given the consequence
- ✓ Will there be opportunity for your child to learn from their mistakes eg. parent /child discussion about the problem at hand, problem solving with your child around better choices, and if necessary, role playing of appropriate behaviour

Homework for the week ahead:

Double the amount of praise you give your child for his/ her good efforts in the coming week, and monitor its success. Keep a track of negative responses you use in conversations with your child.

(You may need to expand your own vocabulary so you have a variety of positive comments ready to encourage your child).

If you have reached this line, then, *well done for taking such an interest in reading these strategies*. Good luck with your implementation.

Adapted from: www.kidsmatter.edu.au

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

'Harmonies on the Hill' fete committee needed ASAP

Due to the fire last year the biennial 'Harmonies on the Hill' fete has been postponed until next year. A tentative date is Sunday 19 July 2015 (the end of the first week of Term 3). Planning needs to start NOW to have things organised in time. The P & C needs willing volunteers to form an <u>overall planning committee</u> – usually 5 or 6 people with specific roles eg. rides co-ordinator, co-ordinator of drinks. The current committee is stepping down but have hand-over information and would be available to pass on contacts and details that have worked well in the past. If you think you are able to be involved please email me ASAP.

Executive members needed

Rob Beaumont the P & C <u>secretary</u> will be leaving at the end of this year when his daughter graduates. We need someone to take over this role next year. It would be ideal for there to be a transition period for the remainder of the 2014. The role includes maintaining attendance records, taking minutes, dealing with correspondence and organising P & C documentation.

Mark Molesworth is the P & C treasurer and to assist him the P & C would like an <u>assistant treasurer</u>. This role would suit a person with some finance background who could help a couple of hours a week. If you are interested in either of these roles please email me ASAP.

WHSS Cookbook

We are looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate a WHSS cookbook. This would include recipes provided by students, parents, family members or staff. There is software available to streamline the process. This is an opportunity create a lasting momento from your child's time at primary school while raising funds for the P & C. If you think this is something you would like to do either by yourself or with a group of friends please contact me at narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au

Have a great week. Regards Narelle

CHAPLAINCY

Every year, we are required to consult with our community with regard to the continuation of the Chaplaincy service at the school or to introduce a school worker model. While we are at the end of the current four year funding cycle and as yet, we have not been informed of the requirements regarding consultation; we feel it is important to canvas the views of our community to inform the decision we will need to make. If you would like to voice your opinion please send an email to admin@wellhillss.eq.edu.au with Feedback in the subject line indicating 1. continuation of the Chaplaincy service or 2. School worker model

DATE CLAIMERS

Date	Event	Due Date	Amount
25 July	Artslink Yr. 3,4&5		
29 July	ICAS English Test		
30 July	Year 4-7 Athletics		
31 July	Year 4-7 Athletics		
1 August	Prep – 3 Sports Day		
12 August	ICAS Maths Test		
12 September	Grandparents & Special Friends Day 9:00-11:00am		

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 <u>DUE DATE</u> for payment. No monies will be accepted after the due date. Therefore, unfortunately, students will not be able to attend the excursion/activity

WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE

ICAS COMPUTER AWARDS













CAPTAINS' CORNER



Alice Herley and Connor Helmore Year 7 School Captains

I hope everyone had a great first week at school. Under 8's week is this week, so make sure you come along. Also start training for Sports day which is coming up soon in week 3. Alice

This week we have Japanese students coming to some very lucky students. Year 4-7 Sports Day is coming up so start training! Science fair is also coming up for those students who want to do a project to show the whole school. Hope you all have a good week WHSS! Connor



William Ellerton and Charlotte Cooper Year 6 School Captains

ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2015

For current families at the school who have a child starting Prep 2015, could you please submit an enrolment to the office as soon as possible.

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the office or from our website.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

The following items have been handed into the office, if you think they may belong to you please call to the office and collect:

Small brown toy dog in a pink bag.

Keys inside a black zip up round purse.

Black & Orange framed glasses.

2 x black cord necklaces with a shark tooth on them.

A copy of Roald Dahl's – Esio Trot

MUSIC NEWS

TALENT SHOWCASE!

The Talent Showcase will be held at the end of the term, and all students from years 3-7 are invited to audition! Auditions will be held in week 4. Students requiring backing music will need to supply a cd with the track, and should organise this now to be ready for upcoming auditions. Students should nominate themselves by the end of week 3 (next week). There'll be forms up in the music block for them to fill in.

Their audition is expected to be a complete and polished performance, so students should be preparing now!

Students and parents should please keep in mind that it is a *Showcase Event*, and only a limited number of acts of exceptional talent will be selected to be showcased.

Strings Students

No Senior Strings rehearsal next Friday morning due to the Principals Conference Performance. The Senior String Ensemble will not be performing as Mrs Price had originally planned. Instead, the smaller string Quintet will perform due to limited performance space.

<u>On time arrival</u> – Thank you to those string students who consistently arrive before rehearsal starts, well done!

It is very important that students are arriving on time, especially strings students as the rehearsal must be stopped in order to tune instruments. As you can imagine this is very disruptive to the flow and productivity of the rehearsal. Please help by making sure your child arrives 5-10m prior to scheduled start times.

Strings and Band

Freeway Schools Coalition Workshop - Year 6 and 7 students – please return notes for The Freeway Schools Coalition workshop this week.

Please save the dates for the <u>Senior Stings and Band Camp</u> – <u>September 15th – 19th</u> (Week 10)

Happy Music Making,

Gillian Kristensen Classroom Music/Choir Conductor

ART NEWS

Our focus for the third term of 2014 will be on the element of colour in conjunction with classroom topics. Some beautiful artworks are already underway! Art Club has commenced on Wednesdays, second break, in playtime. Last term, Years 1-3 attended and this term, Art Club will be for Years 4-7.

Notification has been received this week of Wellers Hill State School's inclusion in a special art project for the G20 Cultural Celebrations. Our school will be provided with an Artist in Residence who will be working for a week with students to create an art work which could possibly go on a billboard in Brisbane.

A number of our staff will be attending a Primary Arts Network twilight conference which will be held on August 28. I have been invited to present a workshop at the conference, which will be based on a unit of work I have developed for Queensland Studies Authority using the new National Curriculum for The Arts. The workshop will also be filmed.

Thank you for your continuing support for the Art programme and to all those who volunteer their time and donate items – your help and generosity is very much appreciated!

Warmest regards, Carolyn (Peisker) Art Teacher

SPORT NEWS

4-7 Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 30th July & Thursday 31st July (week 3)

Timetable as set out below. Times are a guide only. Students to wear house shirt, hat, sunscreen and have a water bottle with them on the top oval. Parents are invited to watch over the two days and assist teachers with events if possible.

	9 years girls	9 years boys	10 years girls	10 years boys	11 years girls	11 years boys	years girls	years boys
9:00	800 heats	LJ	HJ	SP			9	,
9:30	LJ	800 heats	SP	HJ	In Class			
10:00	HJ	SP	800 heats	LJ				
10:30	SP	HJ	LJ	800 heats	Morning Tea			
11:00		Morni	ng Tea		HJ SP 800 LJ heats			
11:40					SP	HJ	LJ	800 heats
12:10		In C	lass		800 heats LJ HJ SP			
12:40					LJ 800 SP HJ			
1:10	Second Break							
2:00	800 final	800 final						
2:10			800 final	800 final				
2:20					800 final	800 final		
2:30							800 final	800 final
2:40			Retu	ırn to class	– Points Tall	lying		
Day Two	Program	T		T	T		40/40	10/10
	9 years	9 years	10 years	10 years	11 years	11 years	12/13	12/13
	girls	boys	girls	boys	girls	boys	years	years
	200	200	Ball	Ball			girls	boys
9:00	heats	heats	Games	Games	SP1	SP2	LJ	LJ
	Ball	Ball	200	200				
9:30	Games	Games	heats	heats	LJ	LJ	SP1	SP2
					200	200	Ball	Ball
10:00	SP1	SP2	LJ	LJ	heats	heats	Games	Games
10:30	LJ	LJ	SP1	SP2	Ball	Ball	200	200
10.30	LJ	LJ	3F1	3FZ	Games	Games	heats	heats
11:00	Morning Tea							
11:40	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
11.40	finals	finals	finals	finals	finals	finals	finals	finals
12:10	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	heats	heats	heats	heats	heats	heats	heats	heats
12:40	100 final	100 final	100 final	100 final	100 final	100 final	100 final	100 final
1:10		Play	– Catch up	for any ever	nts that have	e gone over	time	
2:00	Relay	Relay						
2:10			Relay	Relay				
2:20					Relay	Relay		
0.00								-

12/13

Junior Sports Day

2:30

2:40

The Junior Sports day is coming up soon! Students should wear their house shirt, hats, sunscreen and have a water bottle with them for the day. It promises to be a great day and family members are welcome to come up to the top oval to watch! The timetable for the day is below, and is an estimation of times only.

Clean Up / Presentation

Relay

Relay

- 9:00 9:30 Opening/March Past/Welcome
- 9:30 10:10 Year 2/3 Games, Prep Races
- 10:10 10:50 Year 2/3 Games, Year 1 Races
- 10:50 11:40 Lunch break
- 11:40 12:20 Year 1/Prep Games, Year 2 Races
- 12:20 1:00 Year 1/Prep Games, Year 3 Races
- 1:00 1:10 Closing Ceremony

WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION Sub-Committees

President: Narelle Cooley (narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au) Secretary: Rob Beaumont 3161 7909

Email: wellershillpandc@gmail.com

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to our first School Banker of the Week for Term 3:-

He is one of our very regular bankers and also wrote out his own deposit slip for the week. Well done and Congratulations.

The "school banker of the week "prize giveaway will be he

The "school banker of the week "prize giveaway will be held every week in term 3. To be eligible to go into the weekly draw, just remember to bring your banking book and deposit to school on Thursday. There are also two new reward items to claim in Term 3. The swimming bag and the Dollarmites moneybox can now be redeemed with 10 silver tokens.

Banking day is Thursday.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS



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

TUCKSHOP

Reusable Tuckshop Bags

Black reusable bags have come in and can be purchased on Flexischools or from the tuckshop for \$9.

Recycling Krazy Lemon Bottles

In the tuckshop we sell a lot of Krazy Lemons – by far our biggest selling drink. Last year we sold 3229. So far this year we have sold 1711 so we are on track to surpass last year's sales. We have decided to try to get the kids to recycle all of that plastic that is currently just going into the general waste. We will have a box set up in the front of the tuckshop for the students to put their empties in. If your child orders a Krazy Lemon can you please remind them to recycle the container at the tuckshop. If the recycling experiment is successful we will look at recycling other products but for now, we will just concentrate on the Krazy Lemons.

Unfortunately we have no recycling bins on the school grounds so it means that the empty containers will have to be taken home and put in our own recycling bins. We would appreciate any help in this area, so if any parents can take a bag of empties home for disposal please feel free to drop in to the tuckshop for collection. Thanks so much – Carolyn and Ros

DAY	9am to 11.30am	1pm to 2pm
Thursday 24 July	Julie B	HELP NEEDED
Friday 25 July	Nicole R Pauline T	Stacey S
Monday 28 July	Tara S Marni B	HELP NEEDED
Tuesday 29 July	HELP NEEDED	Alison B
Wednesday 30 July	Peter McI	Bec P
Thursday 31 July	Scott McD	Jana N
Friday 1 August	Susan R Denise W	Jenny O'B

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.

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP



WELLERS HILL MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

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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

TENNIS COURTS

Night Tennis Court Hire is now available

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



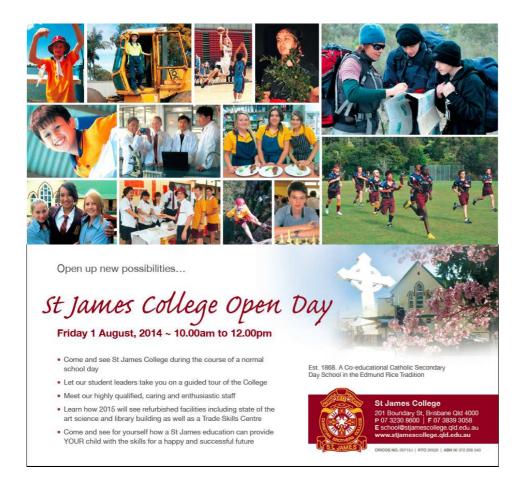
New contact number for Tennis Courts: Ph 3892 7460

COMMUNITY NEWS

ACCIDENT ON TOOHEY ROAD MONDAY JULY 14:

At approximately 9:00am on Monday the 14thJuly, an Audi that was parked in our 2 minute zone was hit by a passing truck and had its side view mirror knocked off. If this was your vehicle please contact the office as one of our parents have the registration details of the truck that hit your car.





Number of students able to accommodate: ____

RSVP: Monday 28 July

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO HOST A VISITING STUDENT/S FROM THE BENNESE BRISBANE NATURAL EXPERIENCE TOUR

Our family would be interested in hosting a Japanese student/s from the above tour from the 18th of August to the 24th of August 2014.

Family Name:							
Contact Number :							
Please return the form to the office by Monday 28 th July.							
Dr Yong Zhao Presentation:							
Leading the Paradigm Shift: Educating Globally Competent, Creative, and Entrepreneurial Students							
Wednesday 30 July - 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Library Annex.							
Name/s:							
Will be attending this Presentation.							