



WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL

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WHAT'S ON AT WELLERS

Whole School Parade Friday
October 31st to November 2nd – Music Fest
Music Night – Wednesday November 5th
G20 Public Holiday – Friday November 14th
Year 5 Camp – November 19th to 21st

Principal: Ms Gayle Coleman

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 22 October, 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Important Information Re: Computers and Phones

All parents are advised that from 11am to the end of day this Friday 24th October the school phones and internet will be down as Telstra removes fibre optic cabling from the old building site. If parents need to contact the school please ring: 0412 863 300. Please only use this number if it is an emergency.

Bilingual Program 2015

Last week, Prep parents were notified about their participation in the 2015 Year 1 Japanese Bilingual Program. Many thanks to all families for your patience throughout this process. We are delighted that in 2015 we will have three Year 1 Japanese Bilingual classes and three Year 2 Japanese Bilingual classes.

School Discipline Audit

Next Wednesday 29 October we welcome to the school, Colleen Hope, who will conduct a Discipline Audit of Wellers Hill State School. The Discipline Audit is conducted in all state schools in Queensland and is one of the 15 strategies introduced under the government's Great Teachers = Great Results initiative to lift standards of teaching and give schools more autonomy so they can get on with the job of providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. The audit involves discussions with the leadership team, staff, students and parents.

At Wellers Hill State School, we pride ourselves on the excellent behaviour of all of our students both in the classroom and the playground and when representing the school. As a new principal I have been very impressed with the manner in which your children display respect, responsibility and safety across the school. Please make a point of discussing the school rules with your child/children as Mrs Hope may visit your child's class and may also speak to students in the playground about school rules, class and school reward systems, acknowledgement for positive behaviours and consequences for inappropriate behaviour. As parents/carers, you may also be contacted by Mrs Hope. Please see this link regarding the Discipline Audit Parent Fact Sheet

<D:\gcole12\My Documents\Wellers Hill SS\Operational\Parent Newsletter\parents-and-carers-factsheet.pdf>

and the Frequently Asked Questions at

<D:\gcole12\My Documents\Wellers Hill SS\Operational\Parent Newsletter\discipline-audit-faqs.pdf>

Finally, many thanks to all students and parents for their best wishes for my wedding last Friday. We had a lovely evening.

Regards Gayle



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

String Ensembles Success at Music Fest

On Saturday our Intermediate and Senior String Ensembles performed at the annual Music Fest Competition at Ferny Grove State School. The children played beautifully, were a great audience and very supportive of other ensembles. The Intermediate Strings were awarded a gold trophy for their efforts and the Senior Strings were awarded a Silver award for their efforts. Congratulations to all the children you represented Wellers Hill State School and your families beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Price for all your hard work in preparing the children for the competition. Thank you also must go to the every large number of parents who transported the children to Ferny Grove and then stayed to support the children.

Curriculum Meetings

The administration this week will complete this term's curriculum meetings with the staff. These meetings allow us to sit together as a team to discuss the curriculum the teachers plan to implement with the children. Assessment tasks and marking guides are also discussed during these meetings to ensure the teachers are providing a rigours, high quality curriculum for all children. Thank you to all the teachers for their professional and collegial manner. The families of Wellers Hill State School are very fortunate to have such caring, committed and professional staff.

Computer Graphics

Since the start of Term 2, The Computer Graphics Club members have been working on their first piece of work, "Ringodzilla", to enter into the Video Matsuri Film Festival run by Japan Foundation. Will Ellerton(6HL), Brodie Hunter(6HL), and James Newton(6HL) were the main members of the team who produced "Ringodzilla". These students gave up their lunch time, play time and also stayed back after school. Mia Ashworth(5/6S), Jithya Joshy(7I), Kenneth O'Brien(7I) and Theo Minchin(7I) also worked hard on this project. Delightfully "Ringodzilla" has won a Special Mention for Use of CGI (Computer Generated Image) for this year's division. Congratulations to all the members who worked very hard on this project. What a great team effort!
Please check their great piece of art on youtube!



<http://youtu.be/oy0ez3c8U1k>

Welcome Back Ms Coleman

We would like to welcome Ms Coleman back to Wellers Hill and congratulate her on her wedding last Friday. Ms Coleman and her new husband Peter had a flying mini break to New Zealand over the weekend to celebrate their wedding. We wish them all the best for the future!

Presentation Parade – ICAS English certificates will be presented to the following students on parade this Friday at 8:50am. Parents are very welcome.

ICAS English 2014

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
Arissa S	Elijah G	Ashlyn S	Georgie H	Emily S
Eloise M	Euan D	Eva K	Maria H	Noyal M
Farradai H	Thomas C	Saoirsa I	Alyssa B	Caitlyn D
Jasmine G	Kai CM	Elsie O	James N	Lachlan C
Trish C	Nithesh T	James R	Genevieve H	Amy B
Sam C	Brian L	Joshua N	Sophie H	
Miles N	Abby H	Kasper H	Anouk H	
Carla H	Lauren H	Benno C	William E	
Catherine E	Jesse C	Thomas R	Charlotte C	
	Alec W			
	Elizabeth C			
	Kai B			
	Rhiannon B			
	Millie B			
	William H			
	Jessica B			

SUPPORTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Rule Of The Week:

Road Safety:

Walking:

Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.

STOP ! one step back from the kerb.
LOOK ! for traffic to your right left and right again.
LISTEN ! for the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK ! whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

Constable Meg (our Adopt-a-cop) will be on parade this week to talk to us about Road Safety.

From Anne Chapman Guidance Officer

The National Safe Schools Framework

The Framework provides a vision and a set of guiding principles for safe and supportive school communities that also promote student wellbeing and develop respectful relationships.

It identifies nine elements to assist Australian schools to continue to create teaching and learning communities where all members of the school community both feel and are safe from harassment, aggression, violence and bullying. It also responds to new and emerging challenges for school communities such as cybersafety, cyberbullying and community concerns about young people and weapons.

The Framework adopts a whole school approach to safety and wellbeing. It provides a comprehensive range of evidence-informed practices to guide schools in preventing and responding to incidents of harassment, aggression, violence and situations of bullying and to implement their responsibilities in relation to child protection issues.

A safe and supportive school is described in the following way:

In a safe and supportive school, the risk from all types of harm is minimised, diversity is valued and all members of the school community feel respected and included and can be confident that they will receive support in the face of any threats to their safety or wellbeing.

The Framework's whole school approach to creating safe and supportive learning and teaching communities acknowledges the strong interconnections between student safety, student wellbeing and learning. Harassment, aggression, violence and bullying are less likely to occur in a caring, respectful and supportive teaching and learning community.

Student safety and wellbeing are enhanced when students feel connected to their school, have positive and respectful relationships with their peers and teachers, feel confident about their social and emotional skills and satisfied with their learning experiences at school.

The Safe Schools Hub (a resource from the National Safe Schools Framework) provides a wealth of information for parents seeking support for their child. See link below:-
<http://www.safeschoolshub.edu.au/for-parents>

Traffic Action Group Update:

The Traffic Action Group met last Thursday night.

One of the key concerns identified was the traffic congestion at the **Scout Den carpark** and the **Toohy Road two minute zone** at pick up time in the afternoon. I am pleased to say that we have noted an easing of congestion, particularly on Toohy Road, with parents staggering their pick up times. Just a reminder that the suggested schedule is:

(For both Toohy Road and Scout Den)

Prep – 2 3:05
Years 3 – 4 3:10

Younger children will be accompanied by their older siblings to the pick up zones and will be supervised by teachers on duty and parent marshalls.

Remember, to aid the collection process, we are asking that the family surname is displayed on the on the dashboard or back of the passenger side interior sunvisor which can be put down as the car approaches to assist us to have the children ready to get into cars as they approach. The name cards will be printed by the school and can be collected from school administration.

A big thank you to the users of the Scout Den carpark, your patience respect and courtesy is to be lauded. On the Scout Den carpark, we are approaching the council about the surface to see if we can get it improved. We are also looking at ways to improve the traffic flow. (Watch this space!)

We are also still seeking volunteers to assist as marshalls and information will be distributed via the parent representatives next week. Training for the marshalls will be provided.

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

The P & C meeting for October will be held this **Wednesday 22nd at 7pm** in the library annexe. Everyone is welcome.

P & C Planning Day

Thank you to all the people who responded to the P&C priorities survey sent out at the end of last term. There were a large number of responses from parents, teachers and students and some fantastic suggestions. The main areas that the respondents want to see P & C projects in are:

- Sports
- School Grounds
- Fundraising
- Buildings
- Technology
- Education
- Music
- Air conditioning
- Resources

The next step is to put together an action plan which lists the projects that the P & C will deliver in the next 1-5 years. The projects will be prioritised and we would like your thoughts on project selection and order of importance. A workshop will be held in the library on Saturday October 25 from 2pm to 4pm and everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Jana Novak on janamnovak15@gmail.com if you are interested in coming.

ICT Subcommittee

The P & ICT committee has agreed to work with the school to create a 2-3 year ICT plan. The plan will involve mapping the current state of school computing and technology resources and then attempting to map a path to future computing and technology initiatives such as but not limited to:

- Laptops for Year 4 students (2016)
- Replacing interactive classroom whiteboards/projectors

These and other ideas will be mapped into a 2-3 year plan which will also take into consideration Department of Education guidelines and policies.

There are currently 4 members of the ICT committee but if there are any parents who are interested in working on this committee, please contact Mark Sydney by email mark.sydney@gmail.com

Spellathon – money due this week

Students were tested last week. Money is due Monday 27 October. There is a pizza party for the class with the highest percentage of returned forms and money and Toyworld vouchers for the highest fundraiser in each year and also one drawn from all those who return money. Thanks to Bernadette Sawers for co-ordinating the Spellathon.

World Teachers' Day next Friday 31st October – Special morning tea for staff

Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day where students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community. The teachers at Weller's Hill share their knowledge, give our children special care and attention and inspire them to learn. Not only during the school day but many hours are spent marking homework, preparing lessons, going on camps and excursion.

Next Friday please say a special thanks to your class teacher – we do appreciate the time and effort they give to educating our kids!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all the wonderful teachers at WHSS.

The P & C would like to host a special morning tea NEXT Friday. It is easy to help out - just make a small plate of something special that teachers might like to eat for morning tea and deliver it to the staffroom on Friday morning (31 October) when you drop off the kids.

I am decorating a special cake and have organised certificates of thanks for the teachers from the P & C to let them know we appreciate all they do. I will put a reminder in the newsletter next week and also an email via parent reps.

Any P&C related questions or issues please contact me on narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au

Regards
Narelle

P-2 PARADE CERTIFICATES

P-2 Parade Certificates 17th October 2014

Prep M	Arwen B	Austin WH
Prep S	Addicyn T	Olivia W
Prep SM	Cooper B	Hunter T
Prep K	Priyan B	Stella C
Prep TM	Alex C	Chelsey C
1F	Angus A	Sofia S
1H	Sam W	Chau-an T
1HD	Siena B	Sean G
1N	Natalie	Martha
1T	Callum	Tahlia
1/2LB	Dean M	Joshua P
2HA	Isaac B & Mathew S	Dhvani P
2M	Ella E & Evan S	Juliet T & Caitlin B
2MK	Jett K	Stanley CW
2R	Tara M	Noah C
2W	Lincoln S	



DATE CLAIMERS and DUE DATES FOR PAYMENTS

Date	Event	Due Date	Amount
Thurs Oct 23	Scholastic Book Club Orders due back [no cash please]	Thurs 23 Oct	
29,30&31 Oct	Craigslea Senses Unit – Year 1	Fri 24 Oct	\$17
6 Nov	Artslink – Crazy Science Year 2	Fri 30 Oct	\$6
21 Nov	Twelfth Night Theatre	Fri 14 Nov	\$20
Nov-Dec	Life Education	Fri 7 Nov	\$10
Dec 9	Year Six Graduation Night		
Dec 10	Year Seven Graduation Night		
Dec 11	Wet and Wild – Year 6&7	Fri 28 Nov	\$30

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

Week 3 already. Wow! Last weekend the Senior Strings played in a competition and did extremely well. Next week on Thursday the Halloween disco is on, I hope everyone can make it. Also music night is coming up, so start practising your pieces so you can sound fantastic on the night. Have a wonderful week. Did everyone enjoy the pupil free day? I certainly did! Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Music fest competition. I'm sure you all did a good job. Also, all students did their spellathon tests last week. I'm certain everyone did well on the tests. Alice and Connor



William Ellerton and Charlotte Cooper
Year 6 School Captains

Week 3 is here! Congratulations to everyone for surviving the Spell-a-thon and trying your best. Hopefully you've all got lots of sponsors so you can raise lots of money for the school. And remember, the class with the highest percentage of forms returned get a pizza party, so hand in your papers! Have a great week everyone!

MUSIC NEWS

Music Fest 2014

Congratulations to the Wellers Hill Strings Ensembles who performed at the Music Fest over the weekend!

Well done Senior Strings for achieving a Silver Award!

Well done Junior Strings for achieving a Gold Award!

Well done representing your school, we are proud of your achievements!

Upcoming Performances at the Music Fest –

Entry Costs

\$10.00 Adults (single day entry only)

\$5.00 Concession (single day entry only)

\$20.00 Family single day entry (2 Adults 2 Children)

\$35.00 Family Pass Unlimited Entry (2 Adults 2 Children)

\$20.00 Adult Unlimited Entry Pass

Students are to get their own transport to and from the performance.

Choirs:

Where - Iona College Performing Arts Centre, 85 North Road Wynnum West

Junior Choir – Saturday 1st November: arrive 9.15: Perform 10.20am

Vocal Group – Sunday 2nd November: arrive 12.30pm: Perform 1.30pm

Senior Choir - Sunday 2nd November: arrive 2.00pm, Perform 3pm

Band:

Senior Band – Monday 27th October : Calamvale Community College

Junior Band – Friday 31st October : Iona College

Music Night!

Save the Date for Music Night: Wednesday November 5th, 6.30pm

Happy Music Making,

Mrs Kristensen

Classroom Music/Choir Conductor

SPORT NEWS

Interschool Sports

Students are reminded to wear their student uniform to school and change into any jerseys at EATING TIME at morning tea. Students should be prepared before departing with all sporting equipment required, hat and

water bottle. If you are taking any belongings to sport on the bus with you, pack them in a small bag, not a backpack. NO HAT NO BUS!!

Games this week played between 1-2:30pm:

Teeball/Softball – All teams except teeball teams 2&3 at Yeronga Park. Team 2&3 at school!

AFL – Yandina Park, Wecker Road, Mansfield.

Touch Football – Whites Hill Reserve, Boundary Road, Whites Hill.

REC SPORTS

TEACHER/GROUP	22/08	29/08	5/9	12/9	19/9
Mrs Edwards (1)	School	Park	School	School	Silat
Ms Ilett (2)	Silat	School	Park	School	School
Mrs Lutterall (3)	School	Silat	School	Park	School
Mrs Muller (4)	School	School	Silat	School	Park
Miss Smith (5)	Park	School	School	Silat	School
TEACHER/GROUP	10/10	17/10	24/10	31/10	7/11
Mrs Edwards (1)	Pool	Park	School	School	Pool
Ms Ilett (2)	Silat	Pool	Park	School	School
Mrs Lutterall (3)	School	Pool	Pool	Park	School
Mrs Muller (4)	School	School	Pool	Pool	Park
Miss Smith (5)	Park	School	School	Pool	Pool

PE Swimming Classes

If possible could all parents please write their child’s name on their swimming cap, as you can understand it’s very difficult to learn all the names of the students at Wellers Hill and any help I could get would be much appreciated.

With the commencement of swimming lessons there has been a number of items left behind after classes in the change rooms. Please make sure all items are clearly named to make it easier to return these belongings to the correct person. There is a crate down at the swimming pool which has all the items which have been left behind, please feel free to come and check if your lost items are there.

**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 gold certificate bankers for this week. They have made a huge 30 deposits with school banking program.

Jonas S PM Scarlett S 2M Liliana McB 1F Pearl J 1HD
Eleanor H 2MK

An extra little congratulations must go to Jonas and Scarlett who have banked every banking day this year. They are definitely super savers!

There are two school banking competitions now in progress in Term 4.

Competition number 1:-

All you need to do for a chance to win is make a deposit of any amount through School

Banking between **20th October - 30th November 2014** and you will automatically receive one entry into the competition. The more times you save, the more chances you have to win a prize. You can be entered into the competition up to a maximum of 6 times.



And Competition number 2:-

**IS YOUR CHILD
A SMART SCHOOL
SAVER?**

We measured the 'Savings IQ' of the nation and found Australians who learn about money at school grow up to become smarter savers.

To find the next generation of savers, we're launching a national competition.

Have your child tell us in 50 words or less what they are saving for, and how they plan to save their money to achieve it and they could win:

- An iPad for themselves and one for their school (six regional winners)
- \$1,000 for their savings (one national winner)

Enter now at commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers

EMERGENCY CONTACTS



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

TUCKSHOP

This term we will be open for afternoon over-the-counter sales every day. Frozen juice cups are back in the afternoons – 80 cents.

DAY	9am to 11.30am	1pm to 2pm
Thursday 23 Oct	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Friday 24 Oct	Louise C Kimberley L	Stacey S
Monday 27 Oct	Tara S Marni B	Heather
Tuesday 28 Oct	Julie B	Alison B
Wednesday 29 Oct	Kym M	HELP NEEDED
Thursday 30 Oct	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Friday 31 Oct	Tracey N Caroline S	HELP NEEDED

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.

SPORT SUPPORT GROUP

Halloween Disco

To ensure that Halloween is a memorable event this year the Sport Support Group is holding a disco on THURSDAY 30th October and dress-ups are allowed! Clothing, hats and/or face paint are very welcome, however no weapons are permitted and will be removed.

Some parents have offered to contribute sweet treats and home made goodies which will be for sale from the lolly and drinks stall. If you would like to donate something please contact Robyn Helmore on info@trektable.com.au The Chaplaincy group will also be running a BBQ.

RSVP for forms and parent helpers to the office by Monday 27th Oct.

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

Swim Caps / Drawstring Swim Bags - are available at the WHSS Uniform Shop. Swim Caps are lycra so easy for children to stretch over their heads \$5.50, and swim bags are waterproof so no leaking onto other items in their school bag \$9.00.

Drawstring Sport Bags also available at the WHSS Uniform Shop, for children to carry their sports shoes / change of clothes etc to and from interschool sport. \$8.00 with WHSS logo (same as swim but without waterproofing).

WHSS Waterbottles also available at the WHSS Uniform Shop \$6.00

Parents - please be aware that the school requires all students to wear the new bucket hat in 2015. If your child does not have one yet - please attend the shop before the end of term to avoid the rush to purchase your new bucket hat.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TIRED OF FIGHTING WITH YOUR TEENAGER?

FREE SEMINAR ON REDUCING FAMILY CONFLICT!



- Is your teenager between 11 and 16 years?
- Would you like practical tips for dealing with conflict with your teenager?
- Come to our free 2-hour seminar!

Parents of teenagers are invited to take part in new research by attending a seminar based on the successful Teen Triple P: Positive Parenting Program.

Dates: October to December 2010
Venues: PEYC Bayville, Carindale & Inala and UQ St Lucia

To find out more or register your interest:
W: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens>
E: parentingteens@uq.edu.au
P: 3365 7306 or 3365 7303

Learn to more effectively resolve conflict
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Teach your teen better problem-solving skills
...
Improve family relationships
...
Get support from a trained psychologist
...
Meet other parents of teenagers

