FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I cannot believe we are nearing the end of the term. All students are still busy with learning activities and assessment tasks as teachers prepare for report cards. These will be sent home in the last week of school. There are also lots of events over the next few weeks so please check our facebook page, schools app or the parent newsletter for what’s on.

Once again this week I was very proud of our Wellers Hill students with a wonderful, complementary email about our art work displayed during G20. I would like to share her email with you. … I am an Art specialist teacher now working as a Learning Advisor for the Tasmanian eSchool. I read the ABC news online and was DELIGHTED to see the artworks created ahead of the G20 summit. I have to say your school’s entry was a standout and really made my Saturday. Thank you for valuing this creative activity so important for personal and emotional growth, yet one which is being slowly strangled out of schools, and please tell you students how much I loved it. Your school ROCKS!

Australian Curriculum Review

Last month the final report of the Review of the Australian Curriculum was released along with the Australian Government's initial response. The five key themes from the review were: resolving the overcrowded curriculum; improving parental engagement around the curriculum; improving accessibility for all students; rebalancing the curriculum and reviewing ACARA governance. The thirty recommendations were discussed at a forum last week at QUT. Parents may access the recommendations on the Students First Website http://studentsfirst.gov.au/

Master Teacher Initiative

The department is delivering on its commitment to improve teaching standards and student outcomes with the launch of the new $135 million Master Teachers initiative. Part of Great teachers = Great results, this initiative will see 300 new master teacher positions created to assist schools in need of numeracy and literacy support. Wellers Hill State School is extremely fortunate to be the recipient of a full-time Master Teacher in 2015. I am in the process of shortlisting and interviewing for this position in the next two weeks. This additional resource will assist in ensuring all students at Wellers Hill State School achieve the national minimum standards in NAPLAN and to help improve the percentage of students in the Upper 2 Bands. Master teachers will have responsibility for leading activities and key tasks in their school. These will include:

• Working with instructional leaders to prioritise the teaching of literacy and numeracy within the school’s curriculum and pedagogical framework
• Improving and enhance pedagogical practice for all staff by researching and modelling quality teaching across all year levels

• Providing coaching and guidance to teachers and other staff in delivering quality teaching

• Improving the capacity of school teams to use evidence-based assessment to inform teaching and learning
  • Supporting all staff in the analysis of, and response to, systemic and student data.

Keeping our Children Safe
Last week I wrote about my concern for the safety of our Wellers Hill children. This week I reiterate my message and ask for the support of parents around the school in being effective role models with road safety. It is difficult to convince students that it is important not to cross the road between cars or not to run across the road when they see adults doing this. Please use the crossing and model road safe behaviours. We have also had reports from neighbours regarding parents parking on yellow lines opposite our stop, drop and go zone. This makes it extremely dangerous for residents trying to leave their own properties. Please follow the road rules and make our neighbourhood safe.

Wellers Hill School Christmas Appeal
Wellers Hill State School traditionally participates in a Christmas Donation Appeal for the Salvation Army. We are participating in this appeal once again for Christmas 2014. Donations, large or small, can be left at the school office until Wednesday 10 December. Items requested are non-perishable food items and toys (not wrapped). Thank you for your support.

Regards Gayle

Remembrance Day
Yesterday we took the time to stop and reflect on the contribution made to our society by those soldiers who have fought for our country and have lost their lives. The School Captains and I attended the Remembrance Day service held at Yeronga RSL and the captains were excellent ambassadors for our school.
SUPPORTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Rule Of The Week

Be Responsible:
Toilets
Respect privacy of others
Quiet voices in and around the toilets
Use toilets during breaks
Use toilets in a responsible manner
Wash hands with soap
Toilets are not play areas
Walk in and around toilets

Regular school attendance
Parents and caregivers must send children to school every school day under Queensland law unless there is an acceptable reason such as:

- illness
- doing work experience
- competing in school sporting events.

If your child is going to be absent from school, you must let the school know why the absence has occurred within two school days of their return. If possible, it is best to advise the school beforehand.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as:
- birthdays
- shopping
- visiting family and friends
- if they sleep in
- looking after other children
- minor checkups or care, such as haircuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular school attendance. These include:
- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term from Prep.

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, contact the school administration for advice and support.

From Anne Chapman Guidance Officer

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Swimming pool turns 50!
The Wellers Hill State School swimming pool opened in 1964 and will celebrate its 50th birthday in operation this year. At swimming club on Friday night 28 November there is going to be a big celebration including special guests, novelty races and lots of fun. Put the date in your diary and come along!
**Cookbook Orders**
The cookbook committee has been working hard and the finished product is ready to be printed. More details will be sent home soon so that orders can be filled before Christmas. The cost will be $10 so start thinking about who you can buy a cookbook for.

**P & C Meeting**
The final P & C meeting for 2014 will be held Wednesday 26 November starting at 7pm in the library annexe. This will be our opportunity to say thanks to both Kim McDermott (Vice President) and Rob Beaumont (Secretary) as they leave the school at the end of the year when their children graduate. Everyone is welcome and there will be cake!

Any questions please contact me narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au
Regards Narelle.

### DATE CLAIMERS and DUE DATES FOR PAYMENTS

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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.

### CAPTAINS’ CORNER

Welcome back to week 6. The end of the year is coming closer. Congratulations to all of the ICAS winners who received their certificates on parade last Friday. Also our music night was amazing. If you are in the strings, band or choir groups give yourself a pat on the back because you made the music night a wonderful, enjoyable evening. Have a great week.

Alice and Connor.

Yesterday November 11 was Remembrance Day. It is a day where we remember all the deceased soldiers who fought for our freedom during wars. We had a minute silence at 11:00am to remember their valiant efforts to protect our country. Lest we Forget.

Alice Herley and Connor Helmore
Year 7 Captains

William Ellerton and Charlotte Cooper
Year 6 School Captain
GOOD NEWS

Wellers Hill SS Art on display in George Street.

Congratulations to Saoirse I (yr 5) and Abbey D (yr 7) for making it to the nationals in Ice Skating, they received their jackets over the weekend. Well Done girls and all the best for the nationals.
SCHOOL PARKING - DROP OFF ZONES

Toohey Road 2 minute Zone

- Driving into the school driveway to turn around into the drop zone IS NOT PERMITTED. This practice is a danger to our students as they now have to enter the school via the driveway due to the building being constructed. It also causes major problems to vehicles entering the drop off zone. Could parents please take an extra few minutes to go around the block to approach the drop off zone in the correct direction.

- Another major problem we are experiencing is parents parking across the yellow lines on the opposite side to the drop off zone. Yellow lines mean NO PARKING. This practice hinders our neighbours from entering and exiting their driveway safely.

- We value our children at Wellers Hill. Parents are reminded NOT to jay walk with children as this is a dangerous practice on such a busy road and is not teaching their children the correct road rules. All adults and children are to use the crossing at Toohey Road or at the corner of Toohey & Wellers Road.

- Once again we would like to remind parents that they are not to park and leave their cars in the two minute zone during the hours of 7 – 9 am and 2:30 – 3:30pm.

- We have requested a police presence as we are concerned for our children’s safety.

Scout Den Drop off Zone

- Parents please do not park along the driveway leading into and exiting the Scout Den area. Students should never be dropped off there to enter the school via Weller Rd, as it is not safe.

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS AT WELLERS HILL

MUSIC NEWS

Music Night:
Congratulations to all Music Students for a wonderful Music Night last Wednesday! The standard of performance was excellent, and it was great to see that all of the ensembles had improved throughout the year. Fantastic!

Congratulations also to all of the award winners:

Choir: Alina Barclay
       Maria Hill
Strings: Amy Bernays
        Paris McGuire
Band: Christina Ferguson
       Lauren Neillie

We are all proud of your effort and achievements throughout the year. Great Job!

Instrumental and Choir rehearsals:
All Band rehearsals have finished for the year.
Senior Strings rehearsals have finished for the year.
Intermediate strings rehearsals will run until the end of week 8.

All Choir rehearsals will run until the end of week 9.

**Choir Performances:**

All Choirs will be performing a piece each on parade in week 9 - 5th December.

**Strings and Band**

Band Students:

Lessons next week will be on opposite days due to year 5 camp and year 5 assessment.

Monday lessons will be on Wednesday

Wednesday lessons on Monday.

Please return sheet music to your teacher ASAP.

Senior Band exams are being held in week 6

Junior Band exams are being held in week 7

All instruments will be collected from students at the end of their lessons in week 8.

Happy Music Making,

Mrs Kristensen

Classroom Music/Choir Conductor

**SPORT NEWS**

**Interschool Sports**

Well done to all students who have participated in the Interschool Sport competition this year. You should all be very proud of the achievements you have made. A special congratulation goes to the Junior A Touch team and Mrs Sheehan who won their final on Friday!

Finally to the coaches and parents, thank you for your continued support. This competition could not run without your assistance.

If any parents have photos from interschool sport this year, can I please get a copy of them on a USB. Please make sure the USB is clearly named so I can return it once I have copied over the files. Thank you!!

**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.

**Term Four Sports Dates**

Prep Swimming Fun Day – Monday 24th November – 9-11am

Year 1-3 Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 25th November – 9am-1pm

Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival – Thursday 27th November – 9am-3pm

Sports Awards – Friday 5th December 2-3pm

**Sports Photos** – Available to view and order at the office. Due date: Monday 17 November.
ART NEWS

The Brisbane Visual Arts Community, which is situated in the old Scout Den at the back of the school, is planning a Pop Up Shop at Mt Cootha which is to be held on 22nd and 23rd November. The Pop Up shop at Mt Cootha is displaying 14 of 20 organisations’ best work ready for Christmas.

DON’T MISS THE BRISBANE VISUAL ARTS COMMUNITY

POP UP SHOP
Just in time for Christmas!

Our November Pop Up Shop is packed with demonstrations and a huge variety of hand crafted items for sale.

Porcelain, textiles, leather, glass, silk, jewellery, paintings, prints, quilts, ceramics, enamels and much more... you’re bound to find the perfect gift!

THE AUDITORIUM,
Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens
22–23 November 2014

Sat & Sun 9am – 4pm
FREE Parking, FREE entry and light refreshments are available

Your chance to purchase a unique, hand crafted gift from one of our many talented members.

(All images courtesy and copyright of our groups and their members.)
LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

LOST:
A pair of children’s prescription glasses have been lost, they are lime green/grey with Starwars and yoda on the sides. If you find these could they please be handed into the office.

FOUND:
The following items have been handed into the office, if you think they may belong to you please call in and collect:
Childs watch with green band and yellow face.
Childs watch with blue band and orange face.
Tortoise shell framed sunglasses.
Tortoise shell framed “French Connection” prescription glasses.

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to our Gold Certificate School Bankers for this week. They have made 30 deposits with the school banking program. This is a very big achievement and shows the great savings habits of our students here at Wellers Hill.

Hunter T  PSM,  Lachlan C  7E,  Isabel H  2MK,  Emily K  1HD,  Toby C  2M,  Isabella R  PM,  Jack McB 1F,  Oliver H  1HD,  Lucy R  3G,  Zoe B  PSM.

If you have a preppie starting school in 2015, don't forget to open an award saver account for them at any Commonwealth Bank branch so that they may start banking straight away in the new year.

There are only 5 weeks left of school banking for 2014.
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 if required.

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

COLLECTION OF BLAZERS, BOYS TIES AND CUMMERBUNDS
Thank you to all students and parents who have returned blazers, boys ties and cummerbunds. Over 80 blazers have been returned which is a great effort. We still have approximately 14 blazers awaiting return. Please ensure these are returned to the office or music block by no later than Monday 17 November. Also the MSG would like to say a BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED SECONDHAND UNIFORMS.
TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop Day

Thanks to everyone who stopped in last Friday and wished us a Happy Tuckshop Day – it is wonderful to be appreciated for the work you do!!

Now that the warmer weather has arrived don’t forget that ice blocks are available at the tuckshop at the second break for Years 1 to 7. Cool those kids down with an ice block – prices start at 30 cents!!

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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.

UNIFORM SHOP

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES - JANUARY 2015

Parents – Below are the dates and times the Uniform Shop will be open in January 2015.

THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY 12th DEC - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2014.

OPENING TIMES DURING JANUARY 2015 –

Wednesday 21st January 8am to 11am
Thursday 22nd January 8am to 11am
Friday 23rd January 8am to 11am

First Day of School – Tuesday 27th January 9am to 11am & 2pm to 4pm.

A reminder that the Uniform Shop sells 100% cotton polo shirts in the royal blue school colour, and we also still have some stock left in the 100% cotton house polo shirts.
• Congratulations to our new swim club captains for this season, Finn Magill & Daniel Beitz. Well done guys.
• Please note there will be no Friday night swim club this week Nov 14th (G20 public holiday).
• The Wellers Hill Pool was opened in 1964 and will celebrate its 50th year in operation this November. We will be having a big celebration at swimming club on Friday 28th November so mark that date in your diary. We will have special guests, novelty races and lots more celebrations. If you know any previous club members, encourage them to come along and help celebrate this special occasion.
• Sign-On day for Term 1 2015 is Saturday, 6th December from 8am -10am in the school hall. If you intend to register your children for Learn to Swim lessons, enrolment needs to be performed at Sign-On day. Bookings and registration for LTS and Beginner and Mini squads is essential, and can be made by attending and paying for a place at the sign-on day. ALL swimmers in Learn-to-Swim, or Beginner/Mini squad must provide a completed registration form with payment at sign-on.
• We are running holiday block sessions for Learn to Swim and Squad during the Christmas School Holidays.
• Learn to Swim and Squad holiday block lessons are available for 2 weeks during the holidays- Monday to Friday on 15-19 Dec and 19-23 January. Session times will be announced shortly.
• To attend the holiday sessions, you must register and pay in advance either at sign-on day on 6 December or send us an email at admin@wellersratz.com. Registrations will close on Saturday 6 December. ALL SWIMMERS MUST HAVE REGISTERED AND PAID BY 7 DECEMBER TO ATTEND HOLIDAY SQUAD
GARDEN UPDATE

The following people have donated plants from their gardens over the past two weeks. Their generosity has enabled the enhancement of many of the existing gardens that have been planted over the past two years and will mean another garden can be created near the Toohey Road playground.

Val, Director of SACCS
Val and her husband have donated around 100 Agaves from their magnificent garden. Please thank Val if you see her around the school. Val’s husband spent an entire day removing the plants, many of them are about 30 years old and enormous. They’ll look amazing throughout the school. Thank you Val!!!

Gail Kirkman
Gail and I weeded and planted out the other side of the music room embankment with the help of Luke and Sean Kirkman who cleared sticks and weeds for hours. Gail also generously donated a car full of Rhoeo so we could plant the embankment. The Kirkman family have been donating Rhoeo since the garden project started.

Leanne Cleary
Leanne removed two huge boxes of Rhoeo from her garden on Sunday morning, enough to replant areas in 3 gardens where previous plantings hadn’t survived the dry year.

Miranda Milady
Miranda removed a bag of Jade from her garden which are now planted under the Grade 3 stairs. They will multiply quickly and require no care!

Dana Hobbs
Dana has given the school more Rhoeo from her garden and they’ve been planted next to the sports shed and on the music room embankment. Dana has been donating abundant amounts of plants for two years now and Caitlin (Grade 6) has helped during school holidays with the gardening.

Grade 6
Please have a look when you walk past the sports shed near the Grade 3 buildings. Grade 6 have created a garden edge with rocks around the sports shed garden and the garden created by SACCS near the hall. They’ve matched the shapes and sizes of the rocks beautifully. They also refilled the garden bed with bark and plants. This project was led by Grade 6 teacher, Katrina Fletcher who has been directing the kids to care for the gardens all year. I love seeing their smiling faces moving the sprinklers around. Thank you Grade 6!
CALLING FOR MORE PLANTS

If you have any succulents in your garden and can remove some pieces from large plants, please contact me at suzie.savage@iinet.net.au

Here are some examples. PLEASE donate ANY variety you have, they will bring great contrast to the existing school gardens with their vibrant colours. Even just a small clipping will grow in the ground quickly.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOR SALE
HOLLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL:
13 Formal Blouses including detachable tie ....Size 10.......$40 each (New price $52)
2 Formal skirts ....size 14 ....$30 (New price $46)
1 Sports shirt ....size 14.... $25 (new Price $37)
1 pair Track pants worn for sports size 14 ....$20 ....(New price $30)
All these items have only been worn four times.
Please call Pat on 38921316 after 4pm weekdays.
InnaZone Yoga - All levels welcome!

Fridays 9.15am – 10.15am

St Lukes Theatre Hall, 193 Ekiben Rd, Tarragindi
*parking is available onsite behind the church*

For any questions email innazoneyoga@hotmail.com or just turn up!

BYO Mat if you have one or contact me in advance to bring one along for you! $12 per class.

KIDS CLUB 2015
Bible Message | Crafts | Games | Activities

9am – 12pm on January 12th – 16th 2015
Salisbury Gospel Hall | 56 Henson Road, Salisbury

RSVP by 19th December
0438705677 (Angie) | 0415394410 (Mary)
Free of Charge | Lunch Included

www.salisburychristianassembly.com.au
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QBD Carindale:
From 10.30am Sunday 23rd November