



WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL

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WHAT'S ON AT WELLERS

Prep – Yr 2 Parade on Friday
Graduation Ceremony Meeting – Wednesday Nov. 19th 3pm in the staffroom.
Nov. 24th – Prep Swimming Carnival
Nov. 25th – Year 1 to 3 Swimming Carnival
Nov. 27th – Year 4 to 7 Swimming Carnival
Dec. 9th – Year 6 Graduation
Dec. 10th – Year 7 Graduation
Dec. 12th – Uniform Shop is closed.

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 19 November, 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I'm delighted to say the fairies have visited Wellers Hill State School. We have many new plants being delivered and planted around the school gardens. We have also seen a huge improvement in the reduction of rubbish and other waste around the school grounds. Mr White thinks that the fairies fly in to our school each evening while children are asleep. I think we have some wonderful students and parents who enjoy seeing our school grounds look great. Good job and keep up the great work!

2015 Classes

We are in the process of finalising classes for 2015. Thank you to those parents who have advised us they are not returning in 2015. If your child is not returning and you have not advised us, please send an email to admin@wellhillss.eq.edu.au We have many families on our waiting lists so we want to be able to offer places prior to the end of the year. Next year we are delighted to extend our Bilingual Program to Year 1 and 2 and to welcome an additional Prep class.

Swimming Carnivals

This year we are conducting all swimming carnivals during the day. Our events are Monday 24/11 – Prep classes from 9am; Tuesday 25/11 – Years 1 to 3 carnival from 9am; Thursday 27/11 – Years 4 to 7 carnival. These events are for full participation by all children and also to decide who is nominated for the District Swimming Carnival at the beginning of next year.

As this is the first time we have held the 4-7 Carnival during the day, and, as Mr Munroe is on leave, we are inviting students to nominate their times for 50metre events. I am aware that many children do not attend swimming club on Friday night and therefore, do not know their times. So this Friday 21 November, we will be doing trial times with students in Years 4 and 7. Year 6 classes will do trial times during their swimming lessons tomorrow. This includes 6HL who should bring their bathers tomorrow as they have missed swimming today. So could students in all Year 6 classes bring their swimming gear tomorrow (Thursday) and students in Years 4 and 7 on Friday.

I hope you can join us for these events in the coming week and thank all parents and helpers for your support with these activities. Tuckshop will be open as per usual. Parents are reminded to use our online ordering to place orders if you require food at any of these events. Go to www.flexischools.com.au

Sun Safety

I hope some families managed to escape the heat of Brisbane last weekend. In these extreme weather conditions, it is vital that our children keep well hydrated. Please ensure your child has water everyday and make sure they have their 'named' school hat.

Friday we welcome back our weary Year 5 students who are on Camp at Tallebudgera Creek. Mrs Hart is also on leave until next Thursday so please direct any inquiries to myself or Mr White.



Regards Gayle

SUPPORTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Rule Of The Week:

Be Responsible:

- Be prepared
- Complete set tasks
- Take an active role in class activities
- Keep your work space tidy
- Be honest

From Anne Chapman Guidance Officer

The Act of Giving

One of the key factors in teaching our children to be resilient (to bounce back in times of hardship) is through:

'Developing responsibility, compassion and social awareness by providing opportunities where your child can contribute or give back to others.'

'Raising Resilient Children' by R.Brooks and S. Goldstein

We are all social beings. No matter how hard we might try to seek isolation, or how high the fences we build, our lives are shared by others – family, friends, and community. Children learn from an early age about the 'act of giving' through watching their parents give to them or others. Unfortunately though, our children may not learn that they also have the capability of giving to others and that life isn't just about receiving. Such thinking creates selfishness and the idea that 'I' am the only important person.

When you educate children regarding giving, you teach them about caring for others, compassion, and taking responsibility for those less fortunate. You also will teach that 'everyone' is important and we all have a responsibility to protect others in our community and world.

Most kids can readily relate to other children who are hurting. With Christmas upon us soon and while your child is preparing their lists of 'what I want for Christmas', now is the time to prepare a list of 'ways we can give to others'. Here are some ideas:

- Ask a child to choose an item of clothing or a toy that he or she no longer uses, to donate to charities for children that have few clothes and perhaps no toys at all.
- When you do your weekly grocery shopping, ask each of your children to pick out an item or two to donate to the local food charity, or Christmas charity.
- Get your child to make gifts for friends rather than expecting mum to purchase a gift – there are many ideas at this time of year
- As children get a little older, they can begin giving a small percentage of allowance or savings to charity.
- Look for a charity started by children, and share the information with your children. If you also make 'giving' a priority children will learn to give cheerfully.

- Sponsor a child in a poor country

No matter how large or small the effort, instilling a sense of charity will teach children to care about others, to be compassionate, to give willingly - isn't that the Christmas spirit?

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

REMINDER: P&C Meeting – next meeting is Wednesday 26 November

WHSS Cookbook is almost here!!!!!!!

The Cookbook will be here in December.



For the hot price of \$10 you can get your own Wellers Hill State School Cookbook. With a colour-in front cover they will make great Christmas presents for everyone!



Orders can now be placed through Flexischools and picked up from the undercover area any afternoon on the week of the 8th to 12th December from 3.00pm to 3.30pm.

We will also be selling them for cash in the undercover area from 8th – 12th December from 3-3.30pm.

With a colour-in front cover they will make great Christmas presents for everyone!

If you have any problems with the pickup time or orders please don't hesitate to contact us on wellerscookbook@gmail.com

DATE CLAIMERS and DUE DATES FOR PAYMENTS

Date	Event	Due Date	Amount
Dec 3	Prep Christmas Show	Nov 28	\$8
Dec 11	Wet and Wild	Nov 28	\$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



This week we have the grade fives going to camp! Have fun at Tallebudgera Recreation Camp. The Super Sprints are coming up for anyone who wants to enter the races and get points for their house or for Age Champion. Also, I heard that the Year Sixes and Sevens are going to wet and wild soon. Have a good week.
From Connor and Alice

Alice Herley and Connor Helmore
Year 7 School Captains



Welcome back after a relaxing long weekend. We hope the year fives have a fantastic time at camp. Remember, swimming carnivals are on next Thursday so practice, practice, practice.
From Charlotte and William.

William Ellerton and Charlotte Cooper
Year 6 School Captains

MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental and Choir rehearsals:

Intermediate strings last rehearsal will be next **Wednesday 26th November.**

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.

Sheet Music and Instruments

Please return all instrumental and choral sheet music to your teacher ASAP.

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

Happy Music Making!

Mrs Kristensen

Classroom Music/Choir Conductor

SPORT NEWS

Sports Awards

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

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

Year 1-3 Swimming Carnival Information – Tuesday 25th November

- There are no nominations for events; students simply choose whether they will swim across pool or full length. Please explain this to your class.
- Races will flow quickly, next race begins as soon as previous group have touched in at end.
- First, second and third place gets ribbon and points recorded (3,2,1)
- Sun safety a priority, all spectators in stands, sunscreen to be applied before school, sun shirts, caps, goggles essential.
- Students to arrive at pool from 8:45 to ensure we start on time

8:50 – 11:00am

Year 1/2/3 - across pool freestyle races
 Year 1 - 25 metre freestyle races
 Year 2 - 25 metre freestyle races
 Year 3 - 25 metre freestyle races
 Year 1/2/3 - across pool backstroke races
 Year 1 - 25 metre backstroke races
 Year 2 - 25 metre backstroke races
 Year 3 - 25 metre backstroke races
 Year 1/2/3 - across pool breaststroke races
 Year 1 - 25 metre breaststroke races
 Year 2 - 25 metre breaststroke races
 Year 3 - 25 metre breaststroke races

11:40am Free Swim

- Free swim
- Two classes at a time will enter pool for 10 minute block
- All classes get changed after swim prior to presentation.

1. 1H, 1F
 2. 1T, 1N
 3. 1HD, 1/2BL
 4. 2R, 2W
 5. 2MK, 2M
 6. 2HA, 3S, Half 3CL
 7. 3B, 3L, Half 3CL

1:00pm – Presentation

1:10pm - Finish

Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival Information – Thursday 27th November

- There will be both 25m and 50m races for all four strokes. All students in year 4-7 must participate in AT LEAST ONE 25 metre freestyle race.
- Students compete in age groups and only 50m races go towards age championship. 25m races are for points only.
- Each house (age/gender group) must nominate their three fastest swimmers to go in the 50m races. These 12 swimmers will compete over two heats (Kangaroo v Koala / Emu v Platypus) which are timed. Times will be used for district nominations in 2015. Ribbons will be presented to the top three in each age group at the completion of each stroke. Therefore it is a time trial – no finals will be swum.

- Following the 50m heats, all other competing students will be placed into heats with other students in their age group with similar ability. These heats will not be timed and points up for grabs include 1st = 6pts, 2nd = 4pts, 3rd = 3pts, 4th = 2pts, 5th & 6th = 1pt.

PROGRAM

All events will have 9 year old girls compete first through to 13 year old boys. Races will run continuously, stopping only for both first and second break.

50m Freestyle Races

25m Freestyle Races

50m Backstroke Races

25m Backstroke Races

50m Breaststroke Races

25m Breaststroke Races

50m Butterfly Races

25m Butterfly Races

Year Level Relays – these will only occur if there is sufficient time at the end of the regular program.

****Any parent who can help out with time keeping at the swimming carnival please let your child's teacher know so I can finalise the roles****

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

BOOK CLUB

Brochures are now out for issue 6 of book club. Return order forms to the office no later than **21st November**. This date allows all order to be organised and submitted to scholastic by the due date. Get your orders in early to avoid disappointment. No late orders will be accepted.

Orders from multiple brochures can be combined when ordering. Payment is to be done as per instructions on the brochures: online payment or cheque. **No cash orders will be accepted.**

This issue will be the last book club for 2014. Thank you for your support this year.



GOOD NEWS STORY

Abby D. and Saoirsa I. represented Queensland in the National Figure Skating titles and were placed first in the synchronised team event.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Last seen at Music Night-

Viola in a black case with a blue strap (old school bag strap). It used to have a black and red name tag that may have come off. If found could you please bring it into the office.

The following items have been handed into the office, if you think they might belong to you please call into the office to collect –

Bright Pink Smiggle Umbrella.

Oroton Key case with a Mitsubishi car key on it.

Pink child's wrist watch.

SCHOOL BANKING



Congratulations to our Gold Certificate School Bankers for this week.

Krystal A 1HD, Nicole B, Daniel B 5L, Xavier S 1N, Alesha A PS, Kate H PK, Bella B 1HD

School Banking News

- The penguin keyring and the whaleshark pencilcase are no longer available as reward items. All of the other items listed on the 2014 prize coupon sheet are still available to order.
- There are only 3 weeks of school banking left for 2014. The last day for banking will be in week 9 (4th Dec).
- Keep remembering to bring in your banking each week to enter the School Banking Competition to win one of 40 Go-Pro cameras or a slip and slide.

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.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

SACCS

Christmas 2014 Vacation Care –SACCS is currently accepting bookings for our **Christmas 2014 Vacation Care**. The Early Birds closing date will be at 6 PM on Friday, **28th November 2014**. Bookings from all

school age children (up to 14 years old) from Wellers Hill School and from the local school communities are welcome. The form is available for download from Wellers Hill SS website or alternatively a hard copy can be collected from SACCS office.

Please note:

- Booking for Vacation care does not depend on your children's bookings in the other components of SACCS.
- Submitting your Vacation Care Registration form does not always secure a spot. On days that have popular activities planned (especially excursion days), we quickly reach capacity so please submit your registration form as soon as possible.
- January 22nd & 23rd are Pupil Free Days.
- All accounts must be paid up to date before confirming your children's Vacation bookings.

Payments: Please ensure that when you do an electronic money transfer you specify your account name. Since August 2014 SACCS received four payments that due to lack of payee's identifications cannot be allocated to the correct accounts. Two payments were made in August and other two were made in November. Please check your statements and advise us if payments made by you in that time frame had not been allocated to your account.

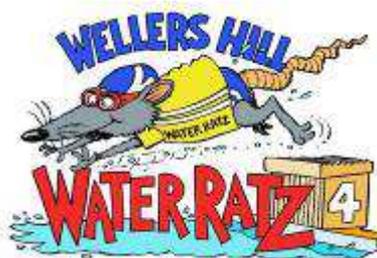
Christmas Closing Dates: SACCS will be closed from 6pm on Tuesday, 23 December 2014 until the 7am on Wednesday, 07 January 2015.

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

COLLECTION OF BLAZERS, BOYS TIES, CUMMERBUNDS AND INSTRUMENTS

Thank you to all students and parents who have returned blazers, boys ties and cummerbunds. There are still a few blazers to be returned. Please ensure these are at the office by this Friday 21 November. All instruments will be collected after music students final lesson next week (24 – 28 November).

SWIM CLUB



- 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.
- 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**

1964 - 2014



Friday November 28th, 2014

Come and join us for a fun night to mark the club's Golden Anniversary.

Raffles, prizes, special guests, novelty races and lots more celebrations. Race nominations close at 6pm. Club races start at 6:30pm followed by free swim and a chance for families to enjoy some drinks and nibbles. Current and past club members welcome.

RSVP: admin@wellersratz.com

www.wellersratz.com



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

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

GARDEN UPDATE



*There's been lots of activity in the gardens over the past week. A **mystery family** from Grade 7 donated 4 huge bags of Bromeliads. Grade 6 have planted them throughout the gardens. You will notice them if you walk up from the back car-park. Thank you to the lovely family that brought these in!! Please tell me who you are?*



*After school today I'll be planting masses of Bromeliads donated by **Hayley Jennison**. They'll be planted directly in front of the music rooms which will add some bright contrast to that garden. This garden will then be complete! A huge thank you to Hayley and her family for donating these beautiful plants.*



***Leanne Cleary** brought so many Rhoen in last week that I'm yet to finish planting them and they will also go in today. Thanks again Leanne!*



Jutta Lituri has donated some magnificent pink Bromeliads which will be planted as a feature in the Grade 6 embankment. She also brought in a box of potted succulents that I'll be able to separate into smaller pieces. The colours are beautiful and they'll be used in various gardens throughout the school. A big thank you to Jutta.



Grade 6 planted a Buckinghamia tree in the circular garden near their buildings. The boys had a great time digging the hole. It's only small now but in years to come it will provide shade for the classroom on the Western end and for parents waiting at pick up time! There are already some established Buckinghamia trees in that area so this one is consistent with what has already been planted. Thanks to Katrina Fletcher for collecting the tree.

More succulents are needed, see picture below of what can be created. Combined with the existing plants we already have in the gardens, the school would be absolutely picturesque for the kids. Please contact me at suzie.savage@inet.net.au if you have any you can donate. We only need clippings!



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER

7PM

WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL HALL

Sing your heart out and enjoy a great family night as you watch the Christmas story unfold through the pageant, music, singing, dancing, fun and audience participation. This is a great opportunity to invite neighbors, friends and family.

Free refreshments afterwards and guaranteed to be an occasion of which lovely memories are made!

A freewill offering will be taken up to support the work of Youth Care (which aims to provide appropriate accommodation for young people who are in care.)

This event is supported by our local churches as a gift to our community.

Come along and enjoy a night to remember!

COMMUNITY CHOIR for CAROLS (volunteers welcome)

Anyone who would like to sing in the choir for our Community Carols Celebration on December 7th, is most welcome to come to rehearsals. They will be held on Sunday 23rd and 30th November from 2-4pm at Pope St Uniting Church, and then a final dress rehearsal on Saturday December 6th at WHSS Hall at 3 – 4.30pm. If you are interested, please contact Lesley Richardson (richfam@dovenetq.net.au) or ring 0417 721 008. All welcome!

FOR SALE – Yamaha Alto Saxophone (Model YAS-275)

Excellent Condition

\$1000

Please call Emma (a fellow Wellers Hill parent) on 0410 517 316

TO GIVEAWAY - BLUE MALE BUDGIE WITH CAGE

We are looking for a good home for our blue male budgie called "Frosty".

If you are interested, please phone Deanne [a fellow Wellers Hill parent] on 0422 632 951.



WATER SAFETY WEEKS AT THE CLEM JONES CENTRE

The Clem Jones Centre is staging TWO Water Safety Weeks and TWO Junior Life Guard Weeks, in December 2014 and January 2015 for school age children aged 5 – 14 years. This structured instruction program aims to teach water safety and awareness in a non-threatening environment and also for the older children (9yrs +) the option to learn Resuscitation Awareness and Basic First Aid.

The course runs from Monday 15th December to Friday 19th December 2014 (first week of school holidays) and Monday 19th January to Friday 23th January 2015 (last week of school holidays) from 9.00am to 12 midday (Monday to Thursday) and from 9.00am to 12.30pm (Friday).

The program includes lots of fun, giveaways, BBQ Sausage Sizzle lunch on Friday and a Water Safety Certificate (and Junior Lifeguard and Resuscitation Awareness Certificates for the Junior Lifeguard course) at the end of the week.

Cost is \$95 per child and numbers are limited to the first 60 entries. Full payment required at time of booking.

Enquires and bookings can be made by calling in at the Clem Jones Centre at 56 Zahel Street Carina, phoning Kym Wood on 0403 192 905, or email kym@clemjonescentre.com.au

