Wednesday 10 December, 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and Community Members

This newsletter brings an end to the weekly communication from Wellers Hill State School for 2014. What a busy year it has been with a double senior cohort, the final year of Year 7 in primary school and the introduction of our bilingual program.

I would like to thank each and every parent in the school for supporting the students through classroom assistance, working bees, attendance at meetings, or just making sure the children are prepared and ready to work each day. This is what makes our school great. I would also like to offer special thanks to our P & C President, Mrs Narelle Cooley; her support and advocacy for the school has been unwavering both locally and across the broader community.

I would like to farewell the teaching staff leaving us at the end of 2014. We thank you all for your contribution to our school and wish you well, and hope to see you visit us again in the future.

Mrs Ann Horder (who is retiring)
Mrs Melissa Sheehan
Ms Talia Ciampi
Ms Naoko Inazuka
Mrs Julie Luton (Maternity Leave)
Miss Kimberly Fenwick
Mr James Warren
Mrs Christine Boldery (Teacher Aide, who is retiring)
Mrs Sarah Massingham (on leave)
Mrs Dallas Sampson (Business Services Manager, who is on leave)

In 2015 we welcome back Mr John Webster who will be returning as Principal of Wellers Hill State School after a 6 month secondment as Assistant Regional Director [Darling Downs] and I shall return to my substantive position as Deputy Principal.

Last night we farewelled our Year 6 students and tonight we farewell our Year 7 students, at their Graduation Ceremony. Our Year 6 and 7 students have represented everything we respect and encourage in our students and the Wellers Hill Community wish them all the best for the wonderful life that is ahead of them.
We also welcome our School Captains for 2015. 
Our Captains for 2015 are: 
School Captains: Darcy Helmore and Elsie O’Brien 
School Vice Captains: Benno Cairncross and Finn Magill

We look forward with great anticipation, to working with these students in 2015.

To all of the students and families leaving us at the end of the year, I would like to thank you for your contribution to the school. Our Year 6 and 7 students, who are moving Year 7 and 8 will be missed by all. They are certainly outstanding young adults.

Have a Happy and Safe Christmas. 
Thank you once again for your support in 2014. 
Please take the time over Christmas to recharge you batteries, partake in lots of Christmas Cheer, and to enjoy time with your families.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Thank you for your kind donations of toys and non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. This tradition has been long standing at Wellers Hill, and is greatly appreciated by the local Salvation Army Division.

Sports Awards Afternoon

I would like to congratulate all of the students who were recognised for their sporting achievements at the Sports Awards on Friday afternoon. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and thanks to our special guest Taylor McKeown and Jill Lack who came to present the Lack Family Trophy to the Wellers Award winners. Thank you to Ms. Fenwick for organising this event.

Reports

Today your child will have brought home their Semester Two report along with their class and Teacher’s name for 2015.

Parent Representative Network
I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Classroom Parent Representatives for all the work they have done to support the teachers and to foster communication between the school, home and P&C, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Banking
Thank you to our banking mums who are here volunteering every week. We thank you for your support and commitment to the Wellers Hill Savers.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.
P-2 PARADE CERTIFICATES

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SPORTS & MATSURI AWARDS PARADE
THANK YOU!!!!!

This is the last newsletter for 2014. I would like to again take this opportunity to thank the staff at Wellers Hill State School. Our children are fortunate to receive a first-rate education and this would not happen without excellent teaching staff, administration and support staff. Wishing all of you a restful break. To the staff that are leaving we thank you for your dedication and service to the school community. Particular thanks to Mrs Ann Horder who is retiring and Mrs Melissa Sheehan who is leaving after many years at WHSS.

Last night I was fortunate to speak at the Year 6 graduation and tonight at the Year 7 graduation I will be able to say a few words on behalf of the P & C and also see my own son graduate. Below are some comments from my speech last night.

No matter what your teachers taught you, I’m sure what they were most concerned about; was helping each one of you to become the best person you could be. Make sure you thank them for the considerable time and effort they have put into your education so far. Here are a few of my tips as you enter high school. Don’t worry the list is short so we won’t be here all night.

1) **Work hard.** Things may not always come easily to you but what is worth learning is worth the effort.
2) **Be courteous and respectful to everyone.** Good manners and a respectful attitude will serve you well in life. Don’t forget to say thank you – to your parents, your teachers and anyone who helps you out.
3) **Get involved.** Find extracurricular activities that you are interested in and participate. Don’t worry if you are the only one of your group of friends interested in trying something new. If it really interests you, give it a go! You could meet new friends and have some fun.
4) Finally, **Follow the most important rule – do to others what you would like them to do to you.**

As the Year 6 & 7 students leave WHSS they will have learnt a lot, but have much more to learn in the years ahead. Be willing to keep on learning – from your teachers, coaches, parents and friends. Keep a positive attitude and a willingness to try new experiences. Best wishes to each of you as you embark on this new challenge in life. Enjoy your time at high school and make the most of all the opportunities presented to you.

On behalf of all parents we would like to express our sincere thanks to your teachers. After Wet & Wild tomorrow each of the Year 6 & 7 teachers will be presented with one of the beautiful balloons decorating the hall and need to look inside for a little surprise gift. The graduations would not have been possible without the parents who volunteered their time on the committee and who decorated the hall. Particular thanks to Heather Stock who chaired the committee and Rachel Walker who not only had the vision for decorating the hall but co-ordinated the process. No mean feat when you see what took place on Monday hanging the balloons and clouds with a cherry picker.

Wishing all members of the school community a joyous Christmas and a relaxing holiday. Stay safe if you are travelling and I look forward to seeing you again in 2015 for another fantastic year at Wellers Hill.

Regards
Narelle Cooley
narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au
CAPTAINS’ CORNER

WOW…. The last week of school for this year. This will be mine and Connors last newsletter we will write because we are going to high school. We would like to thank Mr White, Mr Webster, Mrs Hart and Mrs Coleman for all the support they have given us. Also we would like to thank the teachers and teacher aides who taught us throughout the years. Year 7 graduation is on tonight. Also the year 6 & 7’s are going to Wet and Wild on Thursday. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alice Herley and Connor Helmore
Year 7 School Captains

William Ellerton and Charlotte Cooper
Year 6 School Captains

ART NEWS

Term 4 has seen a range of activities happening in the Art Room. Wellers Hill student work has been showcased at an exhibition of student work for G20. The original artwork is now in the school and a spot will be found for it to be displayed. At present it is in the Art Room if you would like to come and see it! Many thanks to Symone Male, the artist who worked in residence with our students, and to Hands on Art. For parents and students who might be interested in purchasing a print of that artwork there is a form attached to the bottom of the newsletter.

I have continued working this Semester with Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority, developing curriculum support documents for the new National Arts Curriculum and have attended meetings to help develop professional development for the Primary Arts Network.

Our focus for the second semester of 2014 has been on the elements of colour and texture. The students have created artworks in conjunction with their class topics. Artwork will be sent home in their folios. Please keep these folios and send them to school with the students at the beginning of next year.

I am, as always, very thankful for the continuing support that is received for the Art programme. It is wonderful to see how valued the Arts are in our community.

Have a safe and happy Christmas,

Warmest Regards,

Carolyn Peisker
Art Teacher
GOOD NEWS STORY

- Congratulations to Amy Bernays for being accepted into the Queensland Youth Orchestra’s Junior Strings Ensemble.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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

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.


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

I would like to thank very much the regular volunteers from this year, Louise, Maria, Kate and Jodie - if you weren't there the shop would have been in chaos! Thank you for giving up your time every week. Also to the few extra helpers who helped out on Orientation Day - thank you again.

Deborah Love  
(Uniform Shop Convenor)
Metro South Health provides free dental care to children throughout our region.

Who is eligible?
- All children aged 4 through to year 10
- Students in years 11 and 12 who have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 0-3 year olds whose parents have a current Centrelink Card, Healthcare Card or Pension Card
- 2-17 year olds who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Who needs to attend the appointment?
A parent or legal guardian is required to attend every dental appointment.

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You can now book an appointment for you and your child at a time and location convenient for you. For all appointments, please telephone:

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Metro South Oral Health Hub

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JEREMY STEWARD

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G20 Children’s Art
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ART PIECE NAME: Living with Nature

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