



WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL

Strive to Succeed

WHAT'S ON AT WELLERS

NO Prep – Yr 2 Parade on Friday due to Biathlon

Family Fun Night – This Friday

School Photos – Wed 26th

Cross Country Years 4-7 on 27th March

Student Leadership Badge Ceremony – 7 March

Principal: Mr John Webster

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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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to another week at WHSS. It is amazing how quickly the first few weeks are flying by. Now that students have settled in to their classes, parents may have questions about how individual classes / students are progressing; or questions on the school in general. Please do not hesitate to make contact either personally or through email, as one of our key priorities is to ensure parents are kept well informed of what is happening at school, as well as why / how it happens.

Teacher and administration contact emails are available on the school web page.

Family Fun Night

Parents and students are encouraged to come and enjoy the fun, friendship, and food. The night is also a great opportunity to meet staff and make new friends. The Family Fun Night commences at 5:00pm and concludes at 8:00pm. Please come along and join the fun.

Great Results Guarantee

The final draft of the Great Results Guarantee has been distributed through the P & C membership email list. A copy is also available on the school web site. The school has been funded \$218 046, to support the improvement of Literacy and Numeracy in the Prep to Year 2 area of the school. If parents wish to make comment or feedback, please email me at jwebs5@eq.edu.au

Promoting a Healthier Wellers Hill State School

Wellers Hill State School staff have accepted the challenge to be healthier and fitter in 2014. As a school we will be promoting health eating and fitness with all students. A programme is also available to support healthy eating and fitness with students.

Parents and carers can now sign up to a free government-funded program which aims to increase activity and healthy eating for the whole family. The new program called PEACH™ (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health), is available to families with a child 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age. PEACH™ is being initially being offered to families in Brisbane, Caboolture, Logan and Rockhampton, followed by a state-wide roll out during 2014.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

Have a great week and I hope to see you at the Family Fun Night.

Kind regards,
John

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Family Fun Night this Friday night 21 February

It's time for our Family Fun Night. It promises to be an EXCELLENT, EXCITING and FUN night!!! For those new to the school, this is an event which the P&C host for the school to welcome new families to our wonderful community and reconnect returning families after the summer holidays. This could not have happened without Deanne McDonald and Simone Flint who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes. Normally this would have been a "fete year", but due to space constraints on the ovals as a result of the fire last year, we've had to delay the fete until next year. Consequently, the organisers of the Family Fun Night have worked together to make this a bigger night, with more rides, and definitely more food!! The event has also been shifted to a Friday night, to be run in conjunction with the Swim Club Open Night (which kicks off at 6.30pm). Why not wander down to the pool and see what it's all about, and if your kids are keen to have a go at a race, there are going to be open races that don't require nominations, so people can give it a try. Remember to throw in the kids togs!

Mr White has done a wonderful job of getting the kids excited about getting him wet with the water balloon game, so come along for some laughs. Families have been very generous in volunteering their time on the night to convene stalls or take shifts on the rides, selling food and drink. THANK YOU - we really appreciate all the assistance that has been offered and all shifts are now filled.

At the Family Fun Night there will be a Sweet Stall run by Kerry Cox. This is always very popular but we do need some donations of home-made sweets. Fudge, toffee, popcorn cups, lolly necklaces, coconut ice, cupcakes and small delicious lolly stall treats sell quickly so if you can make some sweet treat that would be great! Kerry is happy to do the packaging or you can collect your own from the tuckshop. Sweet donations to the school staffroom on Thursday and Friday 20/21st February 8.30 – 9.30am and 2.30 – 3.30pm. This is a great chance to have a bit of fun in the kitchen, make as few or as many as you like, all donations will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Kerry for more information on darkchild1971@hotmail.com So come along on Friday 21st from 5pm, have a drink, let someone else cook dinner, catch up with old friends and meet some new ones and have FUN at the FAMILY FUN NIGHT. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for further details of what's in store!

WHSS Family Portrait Fundraiser

WHSS P & C invites you to participate in our Family Portrait Fundraiser. We did this last year and the families who had photos taken were very pleased with the results. I even managed to convince my husband to have a family photo! Advancedlife Professional Photographers will provide you with a Family Portrait for only \$20 (valued at \$130). Flyers have been sent home with the details. For your \$20, you receive your choice of a 10 x 13 inch print (in colour) OR a Pencil Sketch AND you also receive a bonus key ring with a family portrait photo to fit. 100% of this money is retained by WHSS. Please contact Narelle Cooley on 0414 835 359 or narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au to reserve your photography session before they're all gone! Our fundraiser will be held on Saturday 15 March in the library annexe at WHSS from 9am – 4pm. We need 30 families for this to proceed. The photos only take 10 minutes.



Additional photos will be available for purchase at no obligation. These additional photos include: Portraits & Greeting Cards – featuring your Family Portrait & other photos taken on the day, with a Complete Package for only \$199.00! Please visit our facebook page on www.facebook.com/advancedlifefundraising for more information about the images on offer, what to wear or other general queries.

There are four rules for participation in this fundraiser:

- Rule 1 Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait
- Rule 2 No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)
- Rule 2 An adult family member appearing in the fundraising Family Portrait must be present to collect & view their family portraits (or able to make alternative arrangements)
- Rule 4 Families must sit for a minimum of three separate poses on the day.



Please help WHSS raise valuable funds by participating in our upcoming Advancedlife Family Portrait Fundraiser. Invite your neighbours and friends. Samples of the photos are indicated below.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Friday night. Have a good week.
If you have any questions please contact me on narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au

Regards
Narelle Cooley

DATE CLAIMERS and DUE DATES FOR PAYMENTS

Event Date	Event	Payment Due Date	Amount
	ICAS Competitions	NOW CLOSED	
21 Feb	Biathlon		
21 Feb	Year 4 – Living History Australia	20 Feb	\$10
25 Feb & 4 Mar	Year 6 & 7 Leadership Workshop	24 Feb	\$7
26 Feb	Class and Individual Photos	26 Feb	Various
3 -14 March	Prep Chicken Hatching Programme	28 Feb	\$7
5, 6 & 7 March	Year 1 Toohey Forest Educ. Centre	3 March	\$20
11-14 March	Year 6 & 7 Camp	7 March	\$365
27 March	Year 4-7 Cross Country		

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

Congratulations to the six students who have been selected for the Mt. Gravatt District Swimming Team who will be competing at the Met. East Regional Trials in March. Good Luck!

Everyone is looking forward to the Family Fun Night this Friday.

We hope everyone has another great week at Wellers.



William Ellerton and Charlotte Cooper
Year 6 School Captains

Welcome back everyone! I hope you are all ready for another excellent week at Wellers Hill S.S.! I hope all the year 3 students who received their string instruments last week are starting to learn to play them and maybe even some songs. Also, congratulations to all the students who made it in to rugby league a few days ago. You've all got a great year ahead of you!

SPORT NEWS

Wellers Hill Sports News
Term 1 - Week 4

Sports Dates for Semester One

Term One

Biathlon > Friday 21st February (wk 4)
Yr 4-7 Cross Country > Thursday 27th March (wk 9)

Term Two

District Cross Country > Wednesday 23rd April (wk 3)
P-3 Cross Country > Friday 7th May (wk 4)
4-7 Athletics > Wednesday 18th June (wk 9)
> Thursday 19th June (wk 9)

District Swimming

Congratulations to the 25 swimmers who represented Wellers Hill at the district swimming carnival last week. They all did a fantastic job with six swimmers selected to go on to the Metropolitan East trials. Congratulations to Lara G, Ethan T, Claire E, Dylan M, Shellbee W and James R and the rest of the team.

Biathlon

The Biathlon is on this Friday the 21st! Students are reminded to get to school from 8am to be registered in the hall. I would ask that students wear their swimmers to school under their clothes to save changing at school before the race. Students must bring a plastic bag with them for the transition area. The order of races will be Year Seven, followed by Year Six Year, Five, and finally Year Four. Unfortunately, there is no timetable for the events other than a planned 9am start for year seven and all events will hopefully be completed by 11am. Any Year Five students participating in the U2B program on Friday morning should not be affected but still be prepared to race as soon as they are finished with Ms G.

At registration, students will receive a competitor number which will be written on their arm and a sticker with a corresponding number to be stuck to their plastic bag. This bag is for their running shoes etc to be placed into the transition area before their race in a specified place (students need to remember exactly where their bag is so they don't have to search for it as they come out of the pool!) Students have to wear a sunshirt in the race which stays on while they are running which means less transition time! All they will need to do at transition is take off their goggles and cap and put on their shoes and start running. At the completion of their race students will move back down to the transition area to collect their goggles etc and bag so they can change back into their school clothes.

Parents are encouraged to come along and support, and if they are available to help out before school and during the race with registration (from 7:50am) and course officials etc. We are looking for up to 15 parents to help out on the day. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. If you wish to watch the races please do so from the western stand in the pool, or in designated areas off the running track. Please do not queue up outside the gate to the pool as this is part of the course with the transition area in the amphitheatre area.

District Basketball Trials

Girls and boys born in 2002 or 2003 who play basketball at a very high standard, please see Mr Munro regarding information for the Mt Gravatt District trials.

District AFL Trials

These trials have been pushed back by a couple of weeks but please register your interest now. Boys born in 2002 or 2003 who play AFL at a very high standard, please see Mr Munro regarding information for the Mt Gravatt District trials.

Interschool Sport in 2014

Interschool Sports commences next Friday (Friday 28th February). Most teams have now been selected and students will be informed by their coach when training will take place (generally at play time or before school). Students are expected to train as a part of their commitment to the team and their team-mates. Please note that interschool sport costs in the range of \$60-\$70 for ten weeks which includes – all bus

travel, venue hire (if applicable) and a small contribution towards sporting and medical equipment which are used for interschool sport. Invoices for interschool sport will be sent home next week. Students do not receive a letter as such for being invited into a team, the invoice serves this purpose to notify parents that their child has made the commitment to join.

Arrangements for those who aren't participating in interschool sports include recreational sport activities at school and in the local community, with only one activity (local gym visit) costing a small amount. The other sports in the program are lawn bowls, swimming, Laura Street Park and games at school. All students are released from classes at 12:30pm to meet with their coaches on the old netball court, or with their rec teacher in their classroom. Next week there will be a rec sport program shared in the newsletter.

If you are in a team here is what you need to have and know:

Soccer: long socks, shin pads, boots & mouthguard (optional)

Rugby League: mouthguard, headgear and shoulder pads (optional), shorts, long socks.

Netball: sports shoes, soft visor (optional).

Students in rugby league and soccer will be given jerseys to wear during the season. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that these are washed weekly and brought to school on Fridays – not worn outside of matches. Jerseys will be collected upon completion of the season. If they are not returned students will be invoiced for the cost of the jersey. Students are reminded to wear their blue school uniform to school and change into any jerseys/playing shorts at morning tea.

The uniform shop is currently ordering in royal blue football socks, navy rugby league shorts, and has water bottles and sports bags for sale. These items are not essential, only preferred. The sports bag is ideal for carrying items on the way to the venue as backpacks are not allowed and boots must not be worn on the bus. Students must take their own water bottle, hat and sunscreen to games. NO HAT, NO BUS.

Cross-Country Training

Cross-country training will begin next week for five weeks leading up to the x-country in week nine. Training will be held on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. Training will be open to students who are turning 9 in 2014 up to 13years. Parents are welcome to come along and join in with their kids, to give some extra motivation and supervision over the running course. Training will begin at 7:45am outside the office. Students should wear a hat, have a water bottle, any asthmatic medications required etc, and wear a shirt other than their school shirt. If it is raining or following heavy rain overnight, training will not proceed due to safety.

SCHOOL BANKING

Important news for those students ordering reward items.

If you have already placed an order for a school banking prize this term - you have not been forgotten. Your prize will be order on Monday, 24th Feb when the new school banking computer system will be released and up and running. You will therefore receive your prize the following week on banking day.

Open a Youthsaver account at School this Thursday!

When: Thursday, 20th Feb

Time: 8.00am-9.00am

Where: Outside the school office

What to bring: Child's birth certificate and
Parent ID (eg. Drivers licence)



Staff from the Commonwealth Bank will be present to open accounts on the spot.

Banking Day is every Thursday. Let's get saving in 2014!

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Volunteers Needed!

I am looking for assistance with returning and shelving books. If you are able to assist on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday morning or Tuesday or Thursday afternoon I would love to hear from you. I will place a sign on sheet in the library, so pop in and see Rita or myself or leave your name if neither of us is there.

Selina Dunne
Librarian

EMERGENCY CONTACTS



Please ensure the school has up-to-date information regarding emergency contacts so that you can be

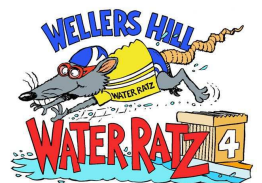
WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION Sub-Committees

President: Narelle Cooley (narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au)

Secretary: Rob Beaumont 3161 7909 AH Treasurer: Tamara Cummings(tamaracummings@optusnet.com.au)
Email: wellershillpandc@gmail.com

SWIMMING CLUB – WWW.WELLERSRATZ.COM.AU

- Well done to all who swam at club last Friday night. It was great to see everyone having fun. Remember that all are welcome even if they don't attend Wellers Hill SS. A big thank you to those who volunteered their time to help out on the night. Your efforts are much appreciated.
- We have now closed new bookings for LTS & squad for the term.
- Fees are now over-due for LTS, squads and club membership. If you haven't paid please make arrangements ASAP.
- If anyone is interested in joining our great committee, please feel free to talk to one of the current members at club night or email us via the website. It is very rewarding and we are in need of some extra helpers. There are many small jobs that are easy to do but make it essential in running a successful swimming club.
- Family Fun Night is happening this Friday night & club will run as normal. Entry will be free on the night.
- We had quite a few club members attend Mt Gravatt District swimming last week. Well done to all those attending & congratulations to those who qualified for Regionals.
- Good luck to all our swimmers who will be competing in Drayton Shield swim meet on the weekend.



TUCKSHOP

Thanks so much to the people who have volunteered to work in the tuckshop this year. Gradually we are managing to fill our vacant spots. We still have spare spots for one Tuesday morning per month and quite a few Wednesday/Thursdays mornings. Hours are 9am to 11.30am, just once a month. If you can help please come and see us in the tuckshop or contact us on whsstuckshop@gmail.com.

GLUTEN FREE NUGGETS

Inghams have introduced a gluten-free nugget to their range so they are now available at the same price as our other nuggets - \$3.50 for a pack of 6. They are now listed on Flexischools. If you are doing a hand-written order please CLEARLY indicate you require the gluten-free ones. We are also looking at a gluten-free pasta. We will advise when that becomes available.

DAY	9am to 11.30am	1pm to 2pm
Thursday 20 Feb	Vanessa C	Gina G
Friday 21 Feb	Michelle N Denise W	Julia G
Monday 24 Feb	Tara S Marnie B	
Tuesday 25 Feb	Michele Y	Kerry C
Wednesday 26 Feb	Rebecca U	Bec P
Thursday 27 Feb	Jo S	HELP NEEDED
Friday 28 Feb	Pauline T Kimberley L	Stacey S

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

MSG President –Position Vacant

The MSG is seeking a president for 2014 as last year's president has resigned as her children have completed primary school. The MSG has numerous volunteers to co-ordinate MSG roles making the president's role less time consuming. If you are interested please contact the MSG via email on wellershillmusic@gmail.com or attend our monthly meetings.

Levy Reminder

ALL instrumental students (strings + band) have received a levy notice. Payment due by this Friday 21/2/14.

Students only in choir will NOT receive a levy notice until choir lists have been finalised.

Any concerns contact the Levy Coordinator: Melissa Lassig-Smith E: spscontact@yahoo.com.au

UNIFORM SHOP

Music Folders - are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop for \$8

Orders for size 6 & 8 Polo Shirts - these items have arrived - if you have previously placed an order please collect from the Uniform Shop.

Attention Senior Students – Year 6's and 7's !!!

Have you purchased your new bucket hat for this year? Did you know that senior hats are Navy – which is different from the lower grades. A lovely piece of memorabilia to own from your last year at Wellers Hill State School! Come and visit the Uniform Shop before school on Fridays or after school on Wednesdays. Cost is \$15.

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

JAFFA CLUB

JAFFA (“Jesus A Friend For All”) Club starts this week!

*A big welcome to all this Thursday 20th Feb
3.15 – 5pm at the Wellers Hill-Tarragindi Church in Pope St
for children in Years 1 – 6. Cost is \$4 per child per day
Come and enjoy the fun and games, singing, stories from the Bible, craft and yummy afternoon
tea.*

Enquiries : 0419 781906

Wellers Hill State School P&C, Teachers and Staff
invite you to



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Come along for a night of fun for the whole family. This is a school community event to welcome new families to the school and to welcome back school families from last year. Younger and older siblings not attending school are also welcome.

Date	Friday 21 February
Time & Place	5pm to 8pm School Hall & Undercover Area
Kids Entertainment <i>Tickets for \$2</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheek Stencilling • Playground Jumping Castle • Chuggy the Train inflatable • Lost Temple Jumping Castle • Pitchburst Water Balloon Game • Giant Obstacle Course
Food & Drinks <i>From just \$2</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBQ • Gourmet Pizza • Tornado Potatoes • Sweets & Treats • Drinks

Sweets Stall

Fudge, toffee, coconut ice, cupcakes and all small delicious treats are desired for our Family Fun Night Sweet Stall. Packaging is available from the Tuckshop in the mornings from Monday 17th February or you are very welcome to use your own packaging. Please bring your wonderful creations to the staffroom on Thursday 20th February and Friday 21st February from 8.30 – 9.30am and 2.30 – 3.30pm.

Swimming Club Open Night.....BYO Swimming Bag.....

Swimming Club is holding an Open Night commencing at 6.30pm to show families what Swimming Club is all about. Everybody is welcome and should your kids wish to swim in a race, please bring their swimming bag along.

Family Fun Night Contact Details

Simone Flint
Deanne McDonald

krisandsimone@optusnet.com.au
sdlcmcdonald@optusnet.com.au or 0422 632 951





Sweet Stall

Fudge, toffee, coconut ice, cupcakes and all small delicious lolly stall treats are desired for our Family Fun Night Sweet Stall. Think of your favourite small fete sweets such as lolly necklaces, , popcorn cups, flash back to your past.....

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This is a great chance to have a bit of fun in the kitchen, make as few or as many as you like, all donations will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me on darkchild1971@hotmail.com (Kerry Cox) if you have any questions