FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Community Members

This weekend marks the middle of Term three. There are still quite a few important activities to come in the term. We are all looking forward to Grandparents and Special Friends Day, the WHSS Art Show, Talent Showcase and Singfest to name a few. It is never quiet and relaxed at Wellers Hill State School.

Have a great week and weekend.
Kind regards
John

NAPLAN
Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have done extremely well in NAPLAN this year. As I have previously indicated, I am very proud of their performance and extremely proud of the teachers and the work they have done with the students. The success of students at WHSS is certainly a shared responsibility with parents, teachers across all year levels, support staff and the students’ themselves playing a significant role. Well done everyone.

BUNKASAI
Parents will read a reminder about Bunkasai in this newsletter. Bunkasai is a Japanese Festival that all parents and students in the school are invited to. The Bunkasai Festival will be held on Sunday 16 October, commencing at 10:00am and concluding at 02:00pm; however the bar will remain open until 04:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and have fun.

LOST PROPERTY TREASURE BOX
The Lost Property boxes have been replaced by something new and exciting. Talented parent, Mr Brett Smith, has built the students a Treasure Box to hold lost property. The Treasure Box is located in the walkway between SACCS and the P & C Operation Manager’s office. The box will be open during the day and locked by the cleaners around 05:00pm each afternoon. SACCS also has a key for the Treasure Box if parents are looking for lost items in an emergency.
I am extremely proud to announce that Wellers Hill State School has progressed through the next stage of Showcase judging and the Japanese Bilingual Programme has now been recognised as a State Finalist in this prestigious awards competition.

As previously indicated, the programme entered is a submission titled Wellers Hill State School, *Japanese Bilingual Education: an Alternative Model of Learning*.

The Showcase Awards for Excellence programme aims to:

- recognise, celebrate and reward excellent teaching practice in state schools
- foster a learning culture that supports sharing excellent practices
- create professional development opportunities and
- promote public education.

Being recognised as a State Finalist is a significant achievement for the staff, students and parents. Congratulations everyone.

I am also pleased to inform parents in this newsletter that Year 3 students in the Japanese Bilingual Programme have not experienced any negative impact in relation to NAPLAN performance.
FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Executive members needed
The Parents and Citizens’ Association (P & C) is a group of community minded people, parents and citizens, who take on a more formal role to assist the school in providing:
* feedback on school policies and activities

Vice Presidents – Sallie Battiste, Chris Savage
Treasurer – Mark Molesworth
Secretary – John Holm
P & C members are elected to these positions at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held early in 2017 and serve in an honorary capacity.

At the end of this year after a 10 years at WHSS and 5 years as P & C President I will ‘graduate’ when my youngest son in Year 6 leaves. The executive is looking for some new members perhaps in the role of vice president (we have had between 2 and 3 over the past few years) or as treasurer (this is a good role for anyone with some finance background). Last year the P & C employed an operations manager Melinda McVie who has been a great support to the executive and sub-committees.

If you would like to be involved as a member of the executive next year please contact any of the Executive directly or simply ask us at the next general meeting that will be held on Wednesday 31 August at 6.30pm (note the earlier start time). This will assist in forward planning and ensure all roles can be filled at the AGM.

Any questions please email me narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au

Regards
Narelle Cooley

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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.

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

Well done to all the students who went to the District Athletics, and good luck to those in the regional trials.
We’re all looking forward to Grandparents and special friend’s day on Thursday the 18th of August, and the Art Show on the 11th of September. The term has has gone so quickly and there are only one and a half terms in primary school for the years 6’s.

Kai Braun, Elizabeth Cooper, Hannah Moss, Alec Wills
School Captains
Bunkasai may seem a long way off yet but the Photo Booth stall is already getting ready. Contact gai.oyama@gmail.com if you have any of the following. We are looking for
- Yukata (especially in sizes to suit upper primary/teenagers) that you are willing to lend and have people try on at the stall.
- People able to dress yukata and tie obi

Bunkasai Photo Booth
**Talent Showcase:**
Auditions are currently being held for those who’ve signed up:
Please make sure you/your child is aware of their audition time. Only fully prepared acts will be accepted. If a backing track is required students should bring this with them to their audition on a CD or USB.
The Talent Showcase will be held on Tuesday the 30th of August (week 8) so please save the date!

**Grandparents Day:**
Grandparents Day will be held on **Thursday the 18th of August 9am-11am** - Senior Band, Camerata Strings and Junior Choir will be performing on a special parade to open the day from 9am.

**Wellers Hill Celebration Of Art:**
All Music Groups will be performing at the Wellers Hill Celebration of Art on Sunday the 11th of September. Please save this date.

**Instrumental Music Program Recruitment**
Years 1 and 3 students are currently being assessed for recruitment into the Strings Program (year 2 next year) and the Band Program (year 4 next year). Expression of Interest forms will be coming home soon to all year 1 and 3 students. If you/your child are interested in being involved, please fill in an expression of interest form and return by the due date. Please note that this is an expression of interest only and does not a guarantee a place in the program.

**Choirs:**
**Reminder:** All students who are involved in the choirs are expected to gain access to the learning place Choir Album. (See Mrs Kristensen for a note if you do not have one.) Each student has an individual login and password they will need to use. (please ask your classroom teacher)

**Vocal Group - St Paul’s Fete:** The St Paul’s Fete, which was postponed last term due to inclement weather, will now go ahead on Saturday the 27th of August in the morning. Vocal Group students please save this date. Full attendance at this event would be much appreciated, however if attendance is not possible due to prior commitments please let Mrs Kristensen know via note/email.

**BAND & STRINGS**
**Reminder:** Year 6 band and string students have been invited to participate in the Freeway Schools Coalition Band / Strings Workshop at Holland Park SHS & Marshall Road SS on Monday 15th August. Students are to organise their own transport to and from the venues.
Venue: Holland Park SHS Hall (BAND)
Marshall Road SS PAC (STRINGS)

Family and friends are welcome at the concert at Holland Park SHS at 2pm. **Permission slips should now be handed in to the office.**

Happy Music Making,

*Mrs Kristensen, Mrs Price and Mrs Rosewarne*
SPORTS NEWS

Sport Dates

Term Three
Junior Sports Day (Prep - Year 3) > Thursday 25th August (Week 7)
Interschool Sport > Every Friday for 5 weeks from 19th August (Week 6)

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The Junior Sports Day is coming up soon!
So you can be prepared, students should wear their house shirt, hat, sun screen and have a water bottle with them for the day. It promises to be a great day and family members are welcome to come up to the top oval to watch! The timetable for the day will be released in the coming weeks.

Mt Gravatt District Sport Trials
District Trials have nearly concluded for this year. We have had a number of students selected to trial and more selected to trial for upcoming sports. Students will be informed if they are to be nominated to trial for districts. Any student nominated to trial will be given the required paperwork to return so that they are eligible to trial. Each school is restricted to the number of students that can trial for each sport so unfortunately not all students can trial for districts.

Mt Gravatt District Athletic Trials
This week we had students participate at the District Athletic Trials. Wellers had a strong showing with a number of outstanding performances. Well done to all athletes who competed at the event. Good luck to our athletes that have been selected to go the Met East Regional Athletics event as part of the Mt Gravatt District Team.

Interschool Sport in 2016
The Summer Interschool Sport season will begin at the end of week six (19th August). Wellers Hill will be competing in Boys Touch, Boys & Girls AFL and Girls Volleyball.

Students will be informed in school about when trials will take place. Training for the selected sports will be announced by the relevant coaches. Students will be notified in class when trials and training is on. If students are unavailable to trial due to illness or other commitments they must let the organising teacher know in advance where possible. The cost involved with participating in interschool sports is usually around the $60-$70 range which covers bus transportation, field hire, jerseys, equipment and first aid requirements for the ten week season.

Recreational Activities
Students who are not participating in interschool sport will be doing recreational activities here at school this term. Students do not stay with the same teacher through all of the activities, but always meet with them at 12:30pm each week. They will be directed to who will take them to their activity each week by their normal rec teacher.

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9:00 – 9:30 Opening Ceremony & Welcome
9:30 – 10:10 – Year 2/3 Games, Prep Races
10:10 - 10:50 – Year 2/3 Games, Year 1 Races
10:50 - 11:40 – Lunch break
11:40 - 12:20 – Year 1/Prep Games, Year 2 Races
12:20 - 1:00 – Year 1/Prep Games, Year 3 Races
1:00 – 1:10 – Closing Ceremony
Lots of behind the scenes work is being carried out for the upcoming Art Show, now only a matter of weeks away! (10th and 11th September). Thank you to those wonderful people who have volunteered to help – it is very much appreciated.

The students have been working on some wonderful art, with colour being the element that we are focussing on for this term. Lots of students have also been taking advantage of Art Club to come and do some extra art at playtime on Tuesdays.

This term will also see the Primary Arts Network workshops for teachers conducted at St Margaret’s in September - PAN supports arts educational practices and programs in all strands of The Arts, provides professional development and promotes connections between The Arts and other Key Learning Areas. Some of our staff will be attending this inservice.

For those students who may be interest there is another art competition happening – for details see below or please go to www.scatteredarts.com.au .

Warmest Regards,
Carolyn (Peisker)

Scattered Arts Fine Art and Craft Prize 2016

The Scattered Arts Fine Art and Craft Prize for 2016 has been launched!

Categories have been expanded, so there is ample opportunity for Queensland artists of all kinds to become involved and create that extra special artwork. "Best-in-Show" will be awarded $1000. The total prize pool is $2200, so well worth entering.

For our Terms & Conditions PDF, use the following link.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-Q1DYBrNEeDM3ZLb3I4aHF3S1U/view?usp=sharing

For our Competition Information PDF, use this link.

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GOOD NEWS STORIES

Catherine E and Remy W-M participated in the University of Queensland’s Philosothon last term and achieved outstanding results. The Philosothon is a program designed to develop the ability of students to critically analyse ideas and concepts, improve skills in argumentation and to collaboratively explore philosophical issues. Independent and state schools compete, and participants are judged on the quality of their synthesis, their ability to develop ideas collaboratively, and to use the methodology of philosophy to think critically about issues.

Congratulations to Annabel C who has been selected as a member of the synchronised ice skating team which will be competing at state and nation level. Good Luck Annabel.

KIDS MATTER

Empowering kids to manage change and transition

Change is an inevitable part of life and children’s early experience of change provides the opportunity for adults to model and teach adaptive coping skills. Often children aren’t the ones making the decision to change something in their lives. Rather, change happens to children, as the result of unavoidable life events (like transitioning to school) or decisions their parents make (like moving house). This can sometimes bring up feelings within the child of anger at the people making the decision to change, or perhaps feelings of fear around what lies ahead. Feelings of confusion are also common in children when faced with transition and change, so providing children with a sense of structure, routine and consistency (as far as possible) will help support them with managing change.

Change is often overwhelming for children, especially if the decision for change was not theirs. Parents can help children manage these intense feelings by creating a safe environment for them, and reducing the level of uncertainty around the change. Maintaining structure and regular routines helps with this, so children understand that not everything is changing, and that most important things in their world can still be relied on. This will help children to view change more optimistically and be more open to embracing the change.


One way to help children cope with these feelings is to give them the opportunity to be actively involved in the change process. For example, if the family is moving house, the child can be given the opportunity to decorate their new room. This might result in them feeling like they can control a small part of the change, and one that is important to them. This active role and engagement in the change process provides the child with opportunities to feel empowered and
in control of the situation, thus assisting them with better managing and adjusting to the change.

Another way to involve children in a house move might be to give them jobs on the day of moving – bring the movers glasses of water, or look after the family pet, or check off boxes on a list.

Talking through the change in detail can also help children to feel involved. Open dialogue with children about upcoming change, what’s to be expected and how this will impact them is important in assisting children to feel involved. Communicating what is going to happen and when removes some of the fear and worry about the unknown, and can give children the opportunity to be more engaged and feel a sense of empowerment and control in the change. This can also help children to feel safe and loved, and able to express the intense emotions they may be feeling at a point of transition.

Change is often accompanied with feelings of grief and loss, which can be upsetting for children. Depending on age, children will experience grief in different ways. Young children may lack the language to express this grief, so parents and carers play an important role in supporting their child with healthy emotional expression and regulation. Noticing changes in a child’s behaviour and taking time to check-in are important. For young children supportive adults can label the child’s emotions (eg “you are looking down, are you feeling sad?”) and offer suggestions for strategies to manage. This not only assists children with building a dialogue for their experience but also allows opportunities for healthy expression of emotions.

Supporting children to feel empowered to manage change and have a sense of optimism about the future provides opportunities for developing resilience. Building resilience comes through the development of social and emotional skills, including coping skills. In order for children to build resilience they need to be exposed to life’s inevitable ups and downs in the context of supportive adults, to allow children to learn practical skills for managing change. Resilience, developed through exposure to many little challenges, can be drawn on when larger challenges arise, like change and transition, and help a child feel more in control.
SACCS

September Vacation Care: The Registration form will be released at 6pm on 19.08.2016. The early birds booking will close at 6pm on 02.09.16. Do not miss out on our new and exciting Vacation Care activities.

Online Children profiles: Before we can get started it is imperatively important for all parents/guardians to sign a consent form providing SACCS with the required permissions to set up online portfolios for your children.

Missing payments: In the last two months (June & July) we received 3 payments with no identification name on. Please check your statements and contact us immediately if a payment made by you does not appear on your account.

Christmas Closing Dates: SACCS will be closed from 6pm on Friday, 23 December 2016 until the 7am on Monday, 09 January 2017.
Violin for sale

Entertainment Books
Get yourself an Entertainment™ Membership today for only $65 and you can enjoy hundreds of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers from Brisbane's most popular restaurants, cafes, takeaway chains, attractions and hotels. 20% of the proceeds of your purchase contribute to our fundraising cause.

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**NEW BONUS OFFERS – AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!**

Wellers Hill State School Music Support Group
Angela Beitz
Phone: 0406099737  |  Email: angelabeitz@hotmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! 🎵🎵🎵
MSG meetings are held monthly on a Tuesday night in the WHSS Staff Room. All welcome! Remember, if you would like to be involved with MSG - or any music or fundraising activities - we would love to hear from you! Please contact us at wellershillmusic@gmail.com 🎵🎵🎵
Our revamped menu has had its yearly health check done by the Qld Association of School Tuckshops. It has rated a 5 – the highest rating that can be achieved. The new menu has proved very popular. Last term we had 5136 lunch orders placed – the most orders we have ever had in one term. The previous best was Term 3 last year with 4383. That’s nearly 800 orders more than we have ever done!! We appreciate your support of the new menu. Unfortunately, while we are setting records with order numbers, our volunteer numbers are at the lowest they have ever been. We currently have 16 parents who do a morning with us once a month. To have lunches ready by 11am we ideally need 36 volunteers.

At the moment we are having to pay staff to cover the shortfall. The tuckshop is a service to the school and we have always tried to keep prices as low as possible so that all of our families can afford to use the tuckshop. We need to make enough profit to cover our costs and leave some money in the budget for emergencies – we run a lot of equipment that can be expensive to replace.

Please consider becoming a tuckshop volunteer. We just need you once a month from 9am to 11.30am. Come and see us in the tuckshop or contact us at whsstuckshop@gmail.com if you can help. Thanks Carolyn, Ros and Kimberley.

**CELEBRATING THE OLYMPICS**

Don’t forget you can order the Olympics specials – Foods of the World – until next Friday 19 August

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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
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

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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

FATHERS DAY STALL

Date: Wednesday 31st August
Time: 8am to 2.30pm
Place: Alcove behind the Tuckshop
(The stall will also be open on Thursday 1st September from 8.15am to 8.45am)

Can you volunteer?

Volunteers to help wrap gifts are wanted & very much appreciated. Following are the details below:
Place: P&C Office/Storeroom across walkway from SACCS
Time: 9-10am
Dates:
- Tues 16th August or Wed 17th August
- Tues 23rd August, Wed 24th August or Thurs 25th August
Please contact Deanne McDonald on 0422 632 951 or email sdlcmcdonald@optusnet.com.au if you can help.
One of the key concerns with traffic around our school is the traffic congestion at the Scout Den carpark and the Toohey Road two minute zone at pick up time in the afternoon. One strategy we have noted that has led to an easing of congestion, particularly on Toohey Road, has been parents staggering their pick up times. The suggested schedule is:

(For both Toohey Road and Scout Den – times based on the eldest child in the family)

Prep – 2  3:05
Years 3 – 4  3:10
Years 5 – 6  3:15

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

Remember, to aid the collection process, we are asking that the family surname is displayed on the 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.

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

Next TAG Meeting: Wednesday 24th August  6:00 pm in the Library Annexe before P&C Meeting.

LOST PROPERTY

- Black Watch
- Apple USB
- Apple Watch
- Child’s small purple reading glasses
- Ladies sun glasses
- Pink purse with elephant picture
- Gocard
- Mr Funny key ring
- Gold chain
- Fit Bit – name of HELEN
There is a large contingent of Wellers Hill families both past and present who participate in Parkrun at Stones Corner each week and we would love to see you there. It is as simple as registering via the link below then turning up. The people who run it do a great job and everyone is made to feel very welcome. I will guarantee that there will be someone there that you know.

Details:
Where: Hanlon Park Corner of Junction St and O'Keefe St Stones Corner
When: (Almost) Every Saturday at 7:00am
Cost: Free
Fitness Level: Very fit to “Why??”