



WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to the first WHSS Newsletter for 2016. For those of you who are new to the school, the newsletter is published every fortnight. The first newsletter for the year is sent home as a paper copy. Subsequent newsletters will be sent home via email. Newsletters are also available on our web site or paper versions which can be collected from the office.

Welcome back to our returning families and a special welcome to new families to Wellers Hill. This year is already shaping up to be a big year, however each one is different and enjoyable. This wonderfully happy photo was sent to me by a parent on the first day of school. The level of happiness that Arisa and first time preppie Keina are experiencing was evidenced right across the school with all of our returning and beginning students.

Have a great week and great year.
Kind regards
John



Staffing 2016

In the next newsletter I will publish a full staff list along with email contact addresses for all teachers. In 2016 we have 36 classrooms and 885 students. However in 2016 we welcome several new staff members. The following teacher have joined our school:

- Prep – Carmen Furminger
- Year 1 – Chile Qinlemeige
- Year 3 – Tomo Ishii and Jessica Harvey (Jessica is replacing Katrina Fletcher for Term 1.)
- Year 4 - Thomas Hams
- Year 5 - Suzanna Jacovou
- Year 6 – Rebekah Lewin
- PE - Oisin Grennan (Oisin is replacing Nathan Munro for Semester 1.)
- Instrumental Music – Robyn Rosewarne (Woodwind and Brass, replacing Andrew Bell.)

We also welcome Ms Chris Kelly to Wellers Hill. Chris was appointed as the new Head of Curriculum for our school. The establishment of a Head of Curriculum position at the school was a recommendation from the 2015 Self Determined Review, conducted by QELi.

We also welcome back Mrs Sarah Massingham and Amie Clark. Both Sarah and Amie are returning from extended leave.

School Captains 2016

I would like to congratulate and introduce our four School Captains for 2016. This year we decided to move to a structure where four students assumed the responsibilities of School Captain and abolished the Vice-Captain positions. The four School Captains are Kai Braun, Alec Wills, Elizabeth Cooper and Hannah Moss.

First P & C Meeting for 2016

The first P & C Meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday evening 17 February, commencing at 7:00pm. The first meeting will be held in the staffroom rather than the Library Annex. All parents and interested community representatives are invited to attend.

Parent Information Evening

The 2016 Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 10 February. There will be two sessions for parents to attend. The first session will commence at 5:30pm – 6:15pm. The second session will commence at 6:30 and conclude at 7:15. Both sessions are identical and it is only necessary for parents to attend one session.

Family Fun Night

The P & C is running the annual Family Fun Night on Friday 19 February, commencing at 5:00pm. The Family Fun Night is enjoyable for both students and parents. Come along and enjoy the evening activities. There will be heaps of food and entertainment. Please read the specific information following in this newsletter. Additional parent help is also required on the night, if you are available to help please contact the organisers:

Simone Flint

krisandsimone@optusnet.com.au

Deanne McDonald

sdlcmcdonald@optusnet.com.au or 0422 632 951

School Parades

School Parades will be held on a fortnightly rotational basis commencing this Friday with a Whole School Parade. The following Friday, 12 February 2016, will be a Junior School Parade. The Junior School Parade is made up of students from Prep to Year 2. Parents and interested community members are invited to attend both the Whole School Parade and the Junior Parade.

Parking / Drop-Off and Collection

Parking remains a difficulty for parents at Wellers Hill State School. Thank you to all of the parents who have been working hard over the last week to stagger collection times to ease congestion. I ask that parents be respectful of the local residents and not to park over or in their driveways. It is important that as a school community we work together with local residents to ensure everyone is safe at these peak times.

Dogs on the School Grounds

Being a dog lover, I appreciate the value that dogs have in both education and family life in general. However in 2015 one of the dogs visiting during pick-up bit one of the students. I am reluctant to ask parents not to bring their pets to school during drop-off and pick-up, however if your dog does not enjoy being with children and adults I would request that s/he be left at home or muzzled.

Boom Gate

Parents are reminded to use the official entrance to the school and not to jump over the boom gate. The boom gate has been located at the driveway entrance to keep children and adults safe from entering and departing traffic.

Japanese Education Assistant

A temporary position (2016) has become available in our Bilingual Program for an Education Assistant. The successful applicant will need to possess native speaking Japanese ability, work under minimal direction and be required to work six (6) hours plus ADO over two days each week with children in Years One, Two and Three. Work conditions will also include daily playground duty. Applicants are to submit a full resume, including previous work history to the school administration office, addressed to The Principal no later than Wednesday 10 February, 2015. Interviews will then be undertaken following a short listing process.

Japanese Volunteers

We are seeking Wellers Hill parent volunteers to help in our Bilingual Program. If you are highly proficient in reading, writing and speaking Japanese and would like to be a volunteer in our program please contact Mrs Louise Hart via the school office or email lhart10@eq.edu.au.

Missing Reading Books

After an audit of our readers at the end of 2015, we have over 150 books missing. As you can appreciate to replace that many reading books is very expensive, we are asking ALL our families to please check at home in case there is a Wellers Hill reading book tucked in your bookshelf. Please send all books to school with your children and have them give them to their current teacher and the teachers will return them to the reading room. Thank you for your help in this matter.

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Welcome to the new school year at Weller Hill State School. There is always a sense of anticipation for students, parents and teachers with the start of school - new classes, new friends, clean uniforms, shiny shoes and making school lunches. To all the new families at WHSS I would like to welcome you on behalf of the school community. To the returning families welcome back to what will be another great year.

The Parents & Citizens' Association (P & C) at WHSS is strong and works in partnership with the teaching staff, the Principal and School community, in order to give our children the best education possible. In each newsletter I give an update on what the P & C is doing to keep parents informed. Just to give you some information about me - I am a high school Biology teacher with 1 son at Wellers Hill in Year 6.

P & C meetings are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The first meeting for 2015 will take place on Wednesday 17th February starting at 7 pm (note change to week 3 due to other events in the calendar) in the library annexe. It would be wonderful to see new members coming to our meetings. Our aim is to have short but effective meetings. If you have not been before why not come along and see what we do and how you can contribute.

Family Fun Night, in conjunction with Swim Club's "Bring a Friend" Night, is a fabulous way to kick off the new school year and this year it will be held on Friday 19 February from 5pm-8pm. This event, organised by the Wellers Hill State School P&C, Teachers and Admin Staff, welcomes new families to Wellers Hill State School and welcomes back school families from last year.

Whilst the event utilises commercial operators to ensure that the Family Fun Night is enjoyed by all, we do require parent volunteers to ensure that the night runs as smoothly as possible. Please, if you're able to help out for an hour or so on the night that would be really appreciated. Alternatively, if this is not possible due to personal commitments, perhaps you could consider making some sweets or treats to be enjoyed at the evening. Further details are below:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help out in stalls and to supervise kids' entertainment. There will generally be 2 shifts that volunteers are required for - Either Shift 1 from 5pm - 6.30pm or Shift 2 from 6.30pm - 8.00pm. If you can volunteer some time on the evening, please contact:

Simone Flint krisandsimone@optusnet.com.au
Deanne McDonald sdlcmcdonald@optusnet.com.au or 0422 632 951

SWEETS & TREATS DONATIONS

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.....

Please bring your wonderful creations to the school staffroom on Friday 19 Feb from 8.15 – 9.15am 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 Cox at darkchild1971@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Looking forward to another fantastic Family Fun Night to be enjoyed by the school community. Should you have any further questions regarding the event, please contact:

Simone Flint krisandsimone@optusnet.com.au
Deanne McDonald sdlcmcdonald@optusnet.com.au or 0422 632 951

Feel free to email me with questions or feedback on how we can work together for our school community. narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au

Regards
Narelle Cooley

CAPTAINS' CORNER



Kai Braun, Elizabeth Cooper, Hannah Moss, Alec Wills
School Captains

Welcome back everyone. We are all looking forward to another great year at Wellers Hill.

We would like to wish the 16 students competing in the upcoming Mt Gravatt District Swimming Carnival 'Good Luck' and enjoy the day.

NEWSLETTER EMAILED

If any families would like the newsletter emailed to them each fortnight please send a request to :
news@wellhillss.eq.edu.au

EMERGENCY CONTACTS



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

LOST PROPERTY



Please ensure that all items sent to school are clearly marked with your child's name.

Please do not use initials only .

Lost property is located in bins in the school hall.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

ART NEWS

My name is Mrs Carolyn Peisker and this year I will be running Visual Art classes for Years 1 – 4. I will be helping the children to develop their skills in creative thinking and encouraging them to build the confidence to experiment and create ideas from their own decision-making.

We will be starting the year with learning how to handle materials and equipment, and how to be organized. The emphasis for this term will be on the element of 'line' in conjunction with topics for each year level.

Any contributions of the following materials would be much appreciated. Please send these to the art room.

Ice cream containers and lids
Bulldog clips, pegs
Wool, string, nylon tape, rope, etc
Hessian
Old house paint brushes
Wire
Any Art books or Art catalogues/calendars
Any prints of famous artists' works
Paper for painting and drawing
Alfoil

For those of you who may be interested BVAC (Brisbane Visual Arts Community) will be holding workshops in the old Scout Den hall. Please see the workshop programme for further details.

I am looking forward to working with both you and your children in the coming year. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Carolyn Peisker

SPORT NEWS

Term 1 - Week 1 & 2

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Wellers Hill Sport for 2016. I hope you all had a great holiday and are ready for another year in sport here at Wellers. The calendar for term one is below. Some dates may change along the way but if you follow the newsletter each week you will be sure not to miss out.

Sports Dates for Term 1

District Swimming	> Thursday 11 th February (week 3)
Biathlon	> Friday 19 th February (week 4)
Year 4-7 Cross Country	> Week 8 (To be confirmed)

District Swimming Carnival

The district swimming carnival is being held in week three on Thursday 11th February at Hibiscus Mt Gravatt swimming pool. Students had permission letters sent home last year and these need to be returned to the office or myself ASAP. We wish our swimmers all the best.

Biathlon

With a busy sporting term ahead of us the Biathlon is already on the horizon on Friday 19th February. This is just two weeks away! The biathlon is an inter-house event (for Year Four to Six) and is for all students. It consists of a swim and run leg and students can compete individually or with a partner in the non-competitive class. The biathlon takes around 10-12 minutes which is not too long at all - EASY! We will have two classes of competition to allow students to compete at a standard which matches their ability. Students will nominate for biathlon next week. The distances are as follows:

Class 2 – easier/non-competitive	Class 1 – harder/competitive
Year Four – Class 2 1 lap – 600m run	Year Four – Class 1 3 laps – 600m run
Year Five – Class 2 3 laps – 600m run	Year Five – Class 1 5 laps – 800m run
Year Six – Class 2 3 laps – 600m run	Year Six – Class 1 5 laps – 1000m run

We are looking for plenty of parent helpers on the day. Registration begins in the hall at 8am, where students receive their number and competitor's transition bag. Students wear their swimmers to school under their school uniform (sun shirts must be worn throughout the swim and run).

More details to follow.

District Sports Trials

Information regarding district sport trials will be published in the school newsletter as it comes to hand. We make up just one school of more than 30 schools in our district so spaces at trials are limited to five students, maximum, per school. As such, not all students who ask to go to district trials can be considered, with preference given to 12 year old's first (as per district school selection policy) and those with more experience including club representative teams. Please keep an eye on the newsletter to find out what trials are occurring so that you don't miss out.

1-6 Swimming Lessons

During term one students from Years One to Six will be participating in a swimming program during PE lessons. Teachers will be liaising with parents over the next few days to ensure there is always parent supervision at each swimming lesson throughout the entire term. With grades one, two and three it would be preferred if there was a minimum of three parents at lessons and in the pool with the students. From year four above, a minimum of one parent watching from the pool deck is sufficient.

Students must wear a cap and sun shirt in the pool at all times. All items that are brought to school for swimming lessons such as school clothes, goggles and towels, should be clearly marked with the students name and class.

If a student is unable to swim on any given day, they need to bring a signed letter from their parents or medical professional explaining why. If students forget their swimmers or do not bring them on three occasions or more (without an acceptable reason) during a school term they will have to attend a restitution session in their own lunchtime.

Cross-Country Training

More details to follow.

Interschool Sport in 2016

More details to follow.

Looking forward to your support of Wellers Hill Sports in 2016!

MUSIC NEWS

General

Welcome back Music Students! We hope you had a relaxing break and are ready for another year of fantastic music making at Wellers Hill State School! Welcome also to all the new members to the Music Program, we trust that you will have an enjoyable year making music with us! Also, a very big welcome to Mrs Robyn Rosewarne, Wellers Hill's new brass, woodwind and percussion teacher, who brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience! (please find a note from Mrs Rosewarne in the band section below).

Please find this year's ensemble schedule below:

2016 Ensemble Rehearsal Schedule:

Monday	Junior Band	7.30-8.30	4s
Tuesday	Senior Strings	7.30-8.40	5s/6s
	Camerata Strings	1.10-1.50	
Wednesday	Vocal Group	7.30-8.30	5s/6s
	Intermediate Strings	7.30-8.30	3s/4s
Thursday	Senior Band	7.30-8.30	5s/6s
	Junior Choir	8.00-8.40	2s/3s
Friday	Senior Choir	7.30-8.30	4s/5s/6s

Choirs

Vocal Group: Wednesday the 10th of February at 7.30am

All students in years 5 and 6 who are enrolled in Senior Choir are eligible to audition for Vocal Group. Those who've auditioned previously are welcome to audition again. Audition times TBA.

All students who were previously involved in Vocal Group are automatically enrolled in Vocal Group this year, see you Wednesday!

Junior choir: Thursday the 11th February at 8am

All year 2 and 3 students are welcome! Students may come to the first 3 rehearsals if they are unsure of whether they would like to join. A commitment of the rest of the school year is expected after deciding to join. Come along and fun singing with us!

Senior choir: Friday the 12th of February at 7.30am

All year 4, 5 and 6 students not previously involved are invited to come along to the first 3 rehearsals to give it a try. A commitment of the rest of the school year is the expectation after deciding to join. Come along and fun singing with us!

All students in years 4, 5 and 6 who were involved in choir last year are automatically enrolled in Senior Choir this year, see you then!

Strings

Welcome back to another year of Strings!

The year has gotten off to a great start with rehearsals this week. Thank you to all the students made it on time.

Lessons start in week 3 for Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6 string students. The days are below;

Tuesday – Grade 5 and 6 strings

Wednesday – Grade 3 and 4 strings

Beginner strings (Grade 2)

Lessons start on Friday the 5th of February for all beginner string students. Please bring your books, rosin, shoulder rest, rock stop, folder and pencil ready for the first lesson. The teachers have the timetable and will remind you of your lesson time.

Camerata Strings –Congratulations to the following students who made it into Camerata Strings for 2016!

Caitlin H, Holly M, Kate V, Joana J, Thomas M, Catherine E, Kai B, Aidan B and Annika H.

Rehearsals are on Tuesday at 1:10pm, starting in Week 3.

I often send out emails with updates, so if you haven't been receiving the emails yet, please contact me and I will add your email to my list.

If you have any questions please email me at: jpric211@eq.edu.au.

Band

Welcome to all our instrumental music students for 2016!

My name is Robyn Rosewarne and I am the instrumental teacher and conductor of the band program at Wellers Hill State School.

YEAR 4 BAND STUDENTS

Our beginners are already underway with all year 4 students having a special one hour lesson this week. Please ensure your child has their book and accessories ready for their lesson. A list of accessories required for each instrument can be found online from www.schoolmusicneeds.com.

After this initial lesson, students will be allocated a permanent lesson group on a rotating timetable that will commence in week 3. Junior Concert Band will commence in term 2 (Monday 7:30am).

YEAR 5 & 6 CONTINUING STUDENTS

Welcome back to our continuing students. Lessons and Senior Concert Band rehearsals will commence in week 3, students will be given a timetable at the end of week 2. Senior Concert Band will be held every Thursday morning 7:30am.

I look forward to meeting you all throughout the year,
Robyn Rosewarne
Experienced Senior Teacher
Rose42@eq.edu.au

Happy Music Making,
Mrs Kristensen, Mrs Price and Mrs Rosewarne

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking for volunteers to help teach the Religious Education Program (set curriculum) for Wellers Hill State School. Potentially Grades 3 and 4. If interested please contact Vanessa Coppard on 0434019280.

FROM THE SWIM CLUB

Registration Coordinator
[Wellers Hill Swimming Club](#)

Wellers Hill Swimming Club is seeking an enthusiastic, motivated and reliable person to respond to parent enquiries, manage swimmer registrations and operate the pool canteen.

This is a casual role requiring approximately 8 hours per week in term 1 and term 4 of the school year. Your work hours will be from 3pm – 5pm on Monday to Thursday at the pool during the school term.

This is a newly created position and the role involves responding to parent enquiries poolside and via telephone and email together with managing the swimmer registrations in the lesson timetable. The role will provide the interface between parents and the swimming instructors and is responsible for ensuring swimmers are registered for the correct lesson, applicable to their skill level.

The role will be based at the pool canteen and it is expected you will also operate the canteen during those hours.

While an understanding of the Learn to Swim industry would be helpful, previous experience is not essential.

While the role is casual and works in terms 1 and 4 only, the function is very important to the operation of the swimming club and we wish to retain the skills & knowledge gained in this role over multiple seasons so long term commitment will be well regarded.

The successful applicant will:

- Respond to parent enquiries regarding new swimmer registrations, lessons changes, and general enquiries

- Provide the first point of contact for all poolside, phone and email enquiries, addressing parent's queries in the first instance where possible
- Liaise with the Swimming Instructors and Coaches for enquiries requiring their input
- Coordinate the arrival and departure of students from the after school care provider (SACCS)
- Maintain the Swimming Lesson Timetable including recording the swimmers within each class (using our Microsoft Excel based recording system)
- Possess excellent communication skills and communicate effectively with parents and students in person, over the phone and via email
- Be proficient with computers including email and Microsoft Excel
- Operate the canteen selling snacks to students and parents
- Maintain stock levels within the canteen including ordering stock from suppliers when required
- Possess or be capable of obtaining a Working with Children Blue Card

This role would suit a community minded person seeking a part time income which might include:

- A parent looking for a part time income
- A retiree seeking community involvement & part time income

To apply for this role, please send an application letter to admin@wellersratz.com addressing the criteria listed above and explaining why you would be suitable for this role.

FROM ANNE CHAPMAN – GUIDANCE OFFICER

Welcome to the 2016 school year!

Promoting students positive mental health and wellbeing is a priority for all at Wellers Hill State School. With a collaborative approach encouraged between home and school for all students.

Kidsmatter is an Australian School Mental Health initiative that provides a wealth of information for parents/carers and the school community, to promote positive mental health for all.

To assist in supporting children's mental health and wellbeing, each month a Kidsmatter topic will be included in the school newsletter.

The practical information, tips and strategies provided may be beneficial in supporting children in the home environment.

This month's focus is: **Mental Health Basics - Suggestions for Families**

Things can happen in children's lives that make the risk of developing mental health problems more likely. It is usually not possible to eliminate all the risk factors that affect your children, but there are things you can do to reduce the impact of stress and help them build strengths for effective coping. The following suggestions identify the sorts of things you can do to support children's resilience in the face of challenging circumstances.

How you can help

- Spend time with children by having fun playing games, going to the park or going somewhere together as a family.
- Try to maintain routines as much as possible. Routines and consistency help children feel secure.
- Build and maintain supportive relationships with family, friends and early childhood staff. Talk with them about how they can best support you and your child during hard times. Tell staff about any concerning behaviour you are noticing at home.
- Try to help children to understand and manage their feelings; this can help them develop coping skills.
- Help children learn to cope with loss and change by providing support and reassurance, honesty and clarity. Help them also to understand that loss and stress are a normal part of life.
- Acknowledge children's feelings and try to understand and respect them, especially when they are going through a difficult time. Offer support and reassurance by asking questions and letting them talk about their feelings.

•Try to support children in building their internal protective factors (eg good communication and problem-solving and social skills) by acknowledging and encouraging their skills when guiding their behaviour.

Listen to children's concerns

Having a caring adult to turn to when they are troubled, someone who will listen, understand without judging, and help them solve problems, is a critical protective factor for children's mental health. Listening to children and understanding their concerns lets them know they are important to you. Remember, however, that children may not always be able to explain how they feel. By observing their behaviour and gently inquiring about it you can often get a clearer picture of how they are feeling.

Provide reassurance

Children often worry that the bad things they experience will happen again or get worse. For example, in a family breakup, when one parent or carer leaves the family, children often become anxious that the remaining parent or carer will also leave them. Similar worries are common when someone dies or is hospitalised. Often these kinds of fears are expressed through behaviours rather than words, such as becoming clingy, or being fearful about sleeping by themselves. Showing you understand children's fears and providing reassurance and support is important for helping them cope. Making sure that children know what to do and who to seek help from in case you are unavailable or unwell is also very important – particularly when chronic illness or stress may affect your capacity to provide support.

Provide security

Various kinds of stress and change can be very disruptive to family life. Maintaining regular routines, such as bedtimes and mealtimes, reduces disruptive impacts and helps to provide a sense of stability and security for children. Similarly, children are reassured by knowing that a responsible adult is taking care of them and looking after their needs.

Build children's strengths – and allow for vulnerabilities

Providing encouragement and positive feedback for children's developing coping skills helps them to build confidence in their ability to manage difficult situations. Acknowledging and appreciating the help and support that children provide to you during stressful times also helps to build their strengths.

At the same time, it is important to give children permission to not always have to be strong. Children who take on significant caring roles when parents or carers are struggling often hide their vulnerabilities. Their desire to avoid burdening parents and carers can cause additional hardship for these children, who need to know that support is available to them as well.

Talk to school staff

School staff can provide more effective support for children at school when they understand some of the pressures they may be facing in other parts of their lives. It is often very reassuring for children as well as for parents and carers to know that teachers or other school staff understand their difficulties and are ready to provide support. Staff at your child's school may also be able to provide you with support and advice, or help you find support services that can assist you and your children.

Seek additional help

If your child shows signs of emotional or behavioural difficulties, it is important to seek professional help early, so that problems can be addressed before they get worse. Getting support for yourself, through family and friendship networks, your child's school, or mental health or community services, is also very important.

Getting support helps to build your own resilience so you can provide more effective care for your children. For more have a look at our information about knowing when to get help.

WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION Sub-Committees

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SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back to School Banking for 2016. I hope you all had a wonderful break and your children are enjoying being back at school.



School Banking starts this Thursday the 4th February

Would you like your child to become one of our School Bankers? Here's how!

Open an account at any Commonwealth Bank branch. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for school banking. You will need to take in identification for you and your child (such as driver's license for you and birth certificate for your child). Our local branch is at Greenslopes Mall, near Coles.

Or

If you are a current Commonwealth Bank customer, you also have the option to open an account for your child online through Netbank.

Or

Come along to our account opening morning on Thursday, 18th February, 8.15am – 9.15am. Staff from the Commonwealth Bank will be present to open accounts on the spot. All you need to bring is your child's birth certificate and a form of ID (driver's licence etc.).

Or

If your child already has a Youthsaver account with the Commonwealth Bank they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring in their yellow deposit wallet with a small deposit each Thursday and give it to their class teacher before school.

Our school receives great commission through the Commonwealth Bank for School Banking with \$5 commission for every new account opened and 5% commission for each deposit made through the program.

There are also great reward items on offer for those bankers who make 10 deposits with school banking. The two new reward items for Term 1, 2016 are the Flying Snake Tail and Wildlife Writer set.

Flying Snake Tail

Wildlife Writer Set



School Banking starts this Thursday, 4th February. Banking Day is every Thursday.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Welcome back to 2016. We are looking forward to another busy year in the tuckshop. We are VERY VERY short of volunteers. If you can spare us one morning per month we would really appreciate the help. If we are unable to fill all of our volunteer vacancies we may be forced to scale back options on the menu – something we are desperately trying to avoid. PLEASE come and see us in the tuckshop if you can help. Thanks Carolyn and Ros

DAY	9am to 11.30am	1pm to 2pm
Thursday 4 Feb	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Friday 5 Feb	Kimberley L HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Monday 8 Feb	Brenda T	Gina G
Tuesday 9 Feb	Kelli M	HELP NEEDED
Wednesday 10 Feb	Scott M	HELP NEEDED
Thursday 11 Feb	Marni B	Danielle W
Friday 12 Feb	Susan R HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Monday 15 Feb	Sandra O	HELP NEEDED
Tuesday 16 Feb	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Wednesday 17 Feb	Vanessa C	Rebecca U

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

SENIOR BUCKET HATS - PLATYPUS SIZE 55 & 58 - HAVE ARRIVED!

Anyone waiting on one - please send your senior child down to the shop on Wednesday second break or before school on Friday to collect - please send \$15 with your child if you have not already paid for an order.

FAULTY ITEMS - BACKPACKS WITH ZIPS NOT CLASPING OR BACKSTRAPS PULLING AWAY FROM LINING - IF PURCHASED SINCE JANUARY 2014 - WE WILL REPLACE.

SKORTS WITH BUSTED ZIPS - IF FAIRLY NEW - PLEASE BRING IN AND WE WILL REPLACE

The Uniform Shop apologises for these faulty items. The items will be sent back to the suppliers for explanation and credit.

There are a few second hand backpacks and library satchels in the shop, which are in good condition and working - if anyone wants to pop in and grab one to use while they are waiting for the backorder of new backpacks/satchels which may take 6 weeks at least.

SWIM CLUB NEWS

FRIDAY NIGHT SWIM CLUB

Swim Club is back, come along and join the fun. Our favourite night activity has started this term. Come along for a fun night of swimming, join in the races and catch up with friends.

Nomination for races are open from 5:45 – 6:15 pm at the pool or can be done online at: www.wellersratz.com all abilities and levels are welcome. Entry to club night is \$2 per family. The BBQ will be fired up and the canteen open.



BRING A FRIEND CLUB NIGHT - FRI FEB 28th

As part of the Wellers Hill Family Fun Night, we will be having "Bring a Friend to Club Night" on Friday Feb 19th. No entry will be charged to anyone for Club Night and there is no need to register. Be sure to bring your friends along to try out racing and see what Club Night is all about.

ADULT SWIM FIT - WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Does mum and dad need to work off the extra holiday kilos or are you after a fun way to exercise? Come along Wednesday mornings from 8-9am for Adult Swim fit. Entry is \$5 and should be paid to the coach on the day.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GO SPORTS

Join us for all the fun and learn a new game or improve skills!

NETBALL : Grades 2-4 (7.50-8.35am) commencing 10th February

CRICKET : Grades Prep -3 (7.50-8.35am) commencing 10th February

To Register go to www.gosports.com.au and register online

JAFFA Club

JAFFA Club (Jesus A Friend For All) is starting up again on Thursday 11th next week. JAFFA is for kids in Years 1-5 and runs from

3.15-5pm each Thursday during term, at the Pope St Uniting Church.

\$5 per child per afternoon.

There are lots of fun things to do at JAFFA – yummy afternoon tea, games, stories from the Bible, craft and lots more.

Sign-on this Thursday 4th, 2.30-3.30pm outside the Library.

Registration Forms will be distributed this week, or you can pick one up from the Office.

Further enquiries : Stephanie : 0419 781 906

or David : 0414 392 802

Come along and bring a friend!



ANZ Tennis Hot Shots is being delivered at your child's school next term!

To view session times and pricing go to www.tennisforkids.com.au and select "Lesson Times"

Guided by our qualified coaches, children will progress from introductory sessions that focus on hand-eye coordination, body control, and balance through to technical stroke production and tactical point play.

The primary school years are a critical period for children to develop coordination skills and in our opinion no other sport can deliver the same level of total skill development as tennis. Tennis teaches hand-eye coordination, total motor control, ball tracking and striking skills, all the while building balance, foot speed, strength, fitness, agility and flexibility.



Tennis for Kids delivers coaching programs using the ANZ Hot Shots Framework to help kids have fun and succeed sooner. ANZ Hot Shots is a Tennis Australia program that utilises tailored equipment, including smaller courts, rackets and low-compression tennis balls. This program ensures children are introduced to tennis in an environment that is suited to their age and skill level, helping children succeed and have fun sooner.



Tennis for Kids believes in teaching children through play. Therefore, as well as teaching strokes and technique each lesson will be full of "modified tennis" games - "up dog", "down dog", "splat rallies", "tennis cricket", "tennis baseball", "pass the chook", "skittles", "fruit salad", "crocodile", "shoot the duck", "around the world", "galaxy" and many other strange sounding games! These games help teach basic coordination, footwork, technical tennis skills, teamwork and fair playas well as making the learning experience fun!



Enrol and Pay in one easy step online at www.tennisforkids.com.au
POSITIONS ARE LIMITED AND ENROLMENTS ARE ACCEPTED ON A "FIRST IN BEST DRESSED" BASIS

W: www.tennisforkids.com.au E: info@tennisforkids.com.au ☎: 0408 187 741

Wednesday Workshops

@
Wellers Hill Arts Hub
140 Weller Rd, Tarragindi

For full programme and bookings go to www.bvac.org.au, scroll down to **Upcoming Events and**

Brought to you by Brisbane Visual Arts Community (BVAC)
info@bvac.org.au
Find us on Facebook at Wellers Hill Arts Hub

Tarragindi Tigers Football Club

Information Night Monday 8th February 5pm-6:30pm

Online Registration Available Now! At: www.tarraginditigers.com.au

INFORMATION NIGHT LOCATION:
Tarragindi Tigers Home Grounds.
(at the club house)
Esher Street, Tarragindi

- Squirts Program (3-5 years)
- Boys and Girls (5-17 years)
- Junior Girls (9 - 16 years)
- Senior Mens and Women's
- Over 30 & 40 Men's

NEW PLAYERS REQUIRE PROOF OF AGE

ENQUIRIES:
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SAINTS NETBALL CLUB-SUNNYBANK

2016 Registrations NOW OPEN

Saints Netball Club Sunnybank is affiliated with Macgregor Netball Association Inc., Games are played at Macgregor on Saturday mornings (Juniors 8-12yrs), Saturday afternoon (13yrs +). Season runs from March through to August.

Registrations are now open for the 2016 Junior Day Season for players born 2008 and older. We welcome both new and experienced players

Saints Netball Club prides itself on being a "family friendly" Club. Our Coaches are committed to teaching our players the necessary skills in order to enable them to be successful and enjoy the great game of Netball. We strive to create a culture of teamwork, respect, discipline, sportsmanship and camaraderie within our Club.

Online registrations for both new and existing members, follow the registration link on our exciting new website

www.sunnybanksaintsnetball.com

Alternatively for new members, visit us on Saints Sign On Day
Saturday 30th Jan, 8.30am-12.00pm
Macgregor Herball Assoc. - Granddella St Macgregor

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FOR NEW AND EXPERIENCED PLAYERS BORN 2008 AND OLDER

SEASON STARTS 5TH MARCH - ONLINE REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!

FOLLOW THE LINKS ON OUR EXCITING NEW WEBSITE BELOW TO REGISTER

QUESTION? CONTACT US
SAINTSNETBALLTEAM@GMAIL.COM

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