FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Community Members

Thank you for an enjoyable week at Wellers Hill.

Our senior students participated in the 2013 Twilight Swimming Carnival this week. I think everyone had an exciting and fun time. Many thanks to the parents of the WHSS Water Ratz swimming club who worked so efficiently on the night, without your support and assistance the Twilight Swimming Carnival would not be possible. Thank you as well to the parents and teachers who came along to work and support the children participating in the events. This is the type of activity that builds community and demonstrates what a wonderful school and community we have.

Wacky Hair Day
The Student Council is holding their traditional Wacky Hair Fundraiser today. This is a great day for the students, and many have gone to a great deal of trouble ensuring they are looking wacky.
Thank-you to everyone for participating in this activity.

Final P & C Meeting for 2013
The final P & C Meeting for 2013 was held at the school last night. Thank you to all of the people who have attended the P & C Meetings and supported the school during 2013. It has been a tumultuous year with the fire, however we have had many successes. Thank you to all of the parents and community representatives who have supported the school and the P & C this year. Special thanks to the hard working P & C Executive, Narelle Cooley (President); Kaylene Proud (Vice President); Rob Beaumont (Secretary); and Tamara Cummings (Treasurer); for your magnificent support throughout the year. I would like to make special note of Kaylene and Tamara, as both are leaving the school at the end of the year. Your hard work and friendship will be missed.
FROM THE  P&C PRESIDENT

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers!
The final P & C meeting for 2013 was held last night. This was an opportunity to ‘wind-up’ business for the year and most importantly to say thanks to 2 wonderful members of the executive and the Year 7 parent volunteers who are leaving the school. We celebrated with cake and the school gave both Tamara and Kaylene plaques in recognition of their service to the school.

Tamara Cummings has only been the treasurer for a year but in that time she has done an amazing job. In her role as treasurer she streamlined the accounts and organised all our committed funds so we can easily keep track of the projects at hand. In addition, she spent many hours pursuing an insurance claim for the P & C items lost in the fire and as a result we have an extra $7000 to replace these items. Nothing has been too much trouble and we appreciate all Tamara has done. Best wishes to Tamara and her family as they move to Sydney. We look forward to seeing you when you finally ‘come home’.

MSG President Jenny Hotschilt is also leaving as her son finishes Year 7. We thank Jenny for the many hours she has volunteered to the MSG. They will miss her ‘horse float’ when it comes time to move instruments and stands for the next music night. Jenny is a dedicated, hard worker who is not afraid to ‘get her hands dirty’. She is always the first to volunteer time at working bees and has been involved with electrical work around the school.

Kaylene Proud has been involved at WHSS for the past 10 years and it is hard to describe everything she has managed to do during that time. In her first year at the school she made 150 satin bowties for the MSG. She has been involved with writing successful grants for over a number of years – securing water tanks around the school in 2006, new equipment for the tuckshop in 2007 and most recently the money for the Senior Playground this year. She joined the newly formed Services committee in 2007 – overseeing the tuckshop and uniform shop and these businesses now make a profit for the P & C. Next Kaylene moved her focus to the Sports Support Group taking over as Chair 4 years ago and she has organised many school discos. She also convened the Book Stall at Harmonies, ran the gardening club and frequently volunteered at working bees. In 2011 she become one of the P & C Vice Presidents and retires from that role at the end of the year when her daughter leaves the school. It is an understatement to say Kaylene will be missed. WHSS is extremely grateful for the countless hours Kaylene has volunteered over the past 10 years.

Thanks for the Working Bee last Saturday
The final working bee for 2013 was held last Saturday. A small group of energetic workers managed to herbicide the scout hall bank and to move one of the mulch piles near the music building. Every little bit helps and I would like to say a big thanks to everyone who has volunteered time during the year at any of the 4 working bees.
Spellathon
The children have now been tested on their set words. Sponsorship forms and money need to be returned by next Monday, 2 December – note the date has been extended a week. Thanks to Helen Stuart for coordinating the spellathon. Any questions please contact hestuart@tpg.com.au

2014 WHSS Calendars
Thanks to Janice Brennan for organising the bright, colourful 2014 calendars featuring the winning photos from the Art Show – see covers below. Calendars are on sale by Flexischools or cash at the tuckshop and can be collected at the tuckshop. The cost is $10 for 1, $16 for 2 or $20 for 3. They would make great gifts for family and friends at Christmas. Be quick there is limited stock available.

Have a great week.
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.

MUSIC NEWS
TERM 4: WEEK 8

Awards Night:
Last Wednesday we had our Music Awards Night. What a fabulous showcase of Wellers Hill Talent. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Administration and teachers for their support on the evening, the Music Support Group for all their time and organisation and the students for their outstanding performances. Well done to all involved.

Instrumental Lessons:
All instrumental lessons finished up this week. This means that all school owned instruments are to be returned.

Uniform and Music Return
All students who have a blazer, cummerbund and bow tie that belong to the school are asked to please return them to the Music Room as soon as possible.

Music Information Evening : 28th November, 6:30pm in the Music Room.
On Thursday the 28th of November we are holding a band and strings information evening for all students in Year 2 and Year 4 who have been offered a position in our Instrumental Program in 2014. On the evening we will be handing out our Wellers Hill Music Handbook to all parents. If you are unable to make the evening please make sure that you pick one up from Mrs Cavallaro in the music room after Thursday the 28th. This book will have all the information required should you forget or miss anything on the night. The evening itself is aimed at parents and we would ask where possible for only parents to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Looking forward to another week of making music,
Mrs Cavallaro
Music Coordinator

SPORT NEWS
Term 4 - Week 8

Sporting Dates for Term Four
Years 4-7 Super Sprints (Fun day) – Monday 9th December (9-11am)
Sports Awards – Thursday 5th December (6-7pm)

SIGNED ROAR JERSEY RAFFLE
This week the year seven house leaders will be selling raffle tickets for a signed Brisbane Roar kids playing jersey. Tickets will be on sale outside the school office at playtimes for 50c each or 3 for $1. There will be three runner up prizes of a signed mini-soccer ball. The prizes will be drawn at the Sports Awards Night on Thursday 5th December.
The jersey was generously donated by Shane Steffanutto following the fire in July. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards purchasing sports equipment for students in the lower school. Thank you to Shane and to the house captains for taking the time out to sell the tickets.

Sports Awards Night – Thursday 5th December
The sports award night is about recognising the sporting achievements of the students of our upper school (years 4-7) in district, regional and state teams as well as interschool sport teams. It is not an overly formal night and students can wear free dress. It will include presentations to award winners from a special guest and a slide show of some of the major sporting events in 2013. Students who are receiving an award will have now received a letter. If you are in line for an award and can’t make it along please let me know as soon as possible. If you are not receiving an award it would be great to have you along to support the other students in the school.
We understand that it is a very busy time of year for families and with that in mind the event will start at 6pm and finish at 7pm. Parents, grandparents and other family members are all welcome to come along and celebrate the achievements of their students.

Photos from Sports Activities in 2013
If you have any photographs from sporting carnivals and interschool events this year, please send them in to Mr Munro on a USB for use at the Sports Awards Night. One of the highlights of this night is the photos of the students which parents have taken over the year.
4-7 Swimming Time Trials
The 9-13 years swimming trials were held on Monday night and thanks must go to the Wellers Hill swimming club for running the night, and to the students and parents who made it a successful night. With over 140 students swimming, it was a massive program to get through and it was done in record time!

A special thanks to Robyn and Andrew Helmore, Shona DiClemente, Janine Chatfield and Leanne Towerzey from the swimming club for the running of the computer and race starts. This is such a difficult job to do and they do a great job of it! Thanks also to Georgia Megahey, Kym and Sean McDonald and all of their assistants for the running of the BBQ and canteen. Thank you to the parent time keepers and teachers who gave up their Monday night to attend and help out. I am sure I have missed many others but your contribution no matter how great is valued! It is all very much appreciated by the students and myself so thank you for making it a successful night.

We will present the age champions and winning house Friday week, 6th December on parade 9am. There were three records broken on the night and they are listed below! Congratulations to all swimmers on a great effort. Details regarding the district swimming carnival in 2014 will be forwarded on to students in the last week of term.

Lara Geary – 11yrs 50m Free – 31.47
Georgia Mason – 13yrs 50m Breast – 46.77
Rourke Young – 10yrs 50m Fly – 42.97

Mr Munro
PE Teacher

GOOD NEWS STORIES
< Congratulations to Anouk H. in Year 5 for being selected to compete in the National Clubs Gymnastics Championships of Australia held recently in Geelong. Anouk’s team missed the finals by one place. A truly magnificent effort. We are very proud of you Anouk.

Congratulations to Holly Calvert who competed in the YMCA Gymnastics competition taking home second place medals for her beam and floor routines as well as a trophy for coming third overall. Great job Holly!

EMERGENCY CONTACTS
Please ensure the school has up-to-date information regarding emergency contacts so that you can be reached if an illness or accident should occur.
Woohoo!! CONGRATULATIONS
Wellers Hill state school

Oh, what a feeling

$9675.85 worth of books sold at the book fair of which we receive 35% in new books for the library. Thank-you also to those families who purchased a book to donate to the library.

Next week, I will be calling for helpers to cover these books in readiness for borrowing for the start of the new year, so pop in to grab a box!!!

A bunch of flowers from your kids to thank – you for your support!

End of Year procedures:
Borrowing will cease for the year this week, with all returns by Friday. The library will be open every day for reading for those who can’t put a book down!!

Yours in reading,
Anita Heinrich
Curriculum Coordinator/Teacher in the Library!

WELLERS HILL CHRISTMAS APPEAL
Students and staff of Wellers Hill State School traditionally participate in a Christmas Donation Appeal for the Salvation Army. We will be participating in this appeal once again for Christmas 2013. Donations, large or small, can be left at the school office until the last day of school, Friday 13 December 2013. Items requested are non-perishable food items and toys.
THANK YOU

Chris, Cathy and Michelle extend a huge thankyou to all the wonderful ladies and children who covered the reading resource books for us. We could not have done it without all of you. A special thanks goes to the following ladies for taking extra boxes with a smile.

Kim McDonald
Rachel Walker
Jennifer Wrigley
Megan Cotton
Caroline Young
Jutta Lituri

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN!!:

Chris, Cathy and Michelle
Teacher Aides

On behalf of 3JH and 6F we would like to thank Mr Andrew Dickinson for taking the time to talk to the students about ecology, the environment, habitats and ecosystems. Our ‘junior ecologists’ learnt many things about animals, forest layers, scientific language and the conservation. The powerpoint presentation was excellent!

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to our Gold Certificate School Bankers for this week. This is a very big achievement and shows the great savings habits of our students here at Wellers Hill.


You are all doing so well collecting your tokens to exchange for Rewards. The following items are currently available for you to order with 10 tokens.

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If you have a preppie starting school in 2014, don’t forget to open an award saver account for them at any Commonwealth Bank branch so that they may start banking straight away in the new year.

There are only 3 weeks left of school banking for 2013.  

Banking day is every Thursday.
FROM THE CHAPLAIN

What’s your favorite Christmas memory? As a child, I can remember piling into the back of a station wagon (before seat belts were compulsory) and driving into town to see the big Christmas tree outside City Hall. The Myer windows were another magical memory, with beautifully decorated and animated displays at Christmas. Years later, when we lived in Africa, the best we could do for a Christmas tree was a bare branch, made beautiful with lots of home-made decorations. It’s a special time of the year, as much as we complain about it being too busy, too expensive or too commercialised.

Well, here’s a chance to create another special Christmas memory…………..

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS
7pm
Sunday 8th December
here in our School Hall

This is a very fun-filled, family-friendly event – a chance to sing your favorite Carols, and enjoy the watching the Christmas story unfold (with a bit of a contemporary twist) through drama, song, puppets and dance.

Free refreshments afterwards and NOT a late night! There will be a freewill offering taken up during the evening which will go towards the Bushfire Appeal.

Everyone is welcome – it will proceed, even if it’s raining. So come along, bring a friend and enjoy a great family night.

Stephanie Kennedy
(School Chaplain)

WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL
PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Sub-Committees

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Email: wellershillpandc@gmail.com

TUCKSHOP
LAST DAY FOR TUCKSHOP IN 2013
Our last day for tuckshop this year will be Wednesday 11 December. We will BE CLOSED on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th. Our first day of normal tuckshop service next year will be Thursday 30 January.

FUN WEEKS IN THE TUCKSHOP
Name That Object week saw some very creative ideas for what the object was and what is was used for. The only student to get the answer correct was Abby D in 5TK. Congratulations Abby on telling us it was a GUITAR STRING WINDER.

This week (25-29 Nov) will be CHOCOLATE BALL WEEK!! All week at playtime students can purchase chocolate “balls” over the counter for 20c each, maximum of 3. The Year 7s have been asking for the return of the chocolate ball before they leave Wellers Hill so here it is. We aim to please in the tuckshop!

Dec 2-6 will be Christmas Cupcake Week!! All week at playtime we will have “Christmas Tree” cupcakes for $1.20 – a bit of tuckshop festive fun!

SENIOR BADGES
Available in the tuckshop for $5 – so if you have a graduating Year 7 student now is the time to get your Senior Badge before you leave.
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.

### 2014 ART SHOW CALENDAR FOR SALE

A calendar for 2014 showcasing the twelve winning photos from the Art Show Photo Competition will go on sale next week via the [Flexischools website](#). This is a lovely calendar and the prices will be $10 per calendar or 2 for $16 and 3 for $20. The calendars will be delivered to the Tuckshop for collection.

### SACCS

**Christmas Vacation Care**: SACCS Christmas Vacation Care Program was released on Monday, 18 November 2013. Bookings have already commenced and the places are filling in fast. The Early Birds closing date will be at 6pm on Friday, 29 November. Bookings from all school age children (up to 14 yours old) from Wellers Hill School and from the local communities are welcome.

**Fee Payments**: All accounts need to be up to date prior to the end of term 4.

**Family week**: Thank you to all parents, grandparents and siblings who joined us during our Family week activities.

We felt privileged to welcome many parents who chose to come in and share their experiences with the children in SACCS. Children had the opportunity to learn about gluten free cooking, origami and paper craft making. Our friendly and enthusiastic parents introduced different activities to the children including craft and cooking classes and face painting which all were a big hit! Our photo opportunity initiative was met with a great enthusiasm by staff, parents and children. Do not forget to check your photos on our newly acquired TV screen!

Please note: SACCS is committed to keeping parents involved in our centre and we welcome your participation in any way at any time.

**Farewell to grade 7 students**: The farewell party is scheduled on Wednesday, 4 December commencing at 3.15pm. All SACCS grade 7 children are welcome even if not booked on Wednesday. We are looking forward to see you attending the party.

**Christmas Closing Dates**: SACCS will be closed from 6pm on Friday, 20 December 2013 until the 7am on Monday, 06 January 2014.

Val Slavov
SWIMMING CLUB

* Thanks to all those club members who bought a friend along last Friday night. It was a very busy night, which started a little later than usual, but this was because all the new swimmers had to be manually entered into the computer on the night. Thanks to Andrew and Leanne for doing a fantastic job.

* If you didn’t already know nominations for Friday Night Club can be done online up until midday Friday. Go to Wellersratz.com, click on club meets, then meet entries to nominate. It’s very easy & also helps the night get started.

* Fees are now over-due for LTS, squads and club membership. If you haven’t paid please make arrangements ASAP.

* **SIGN-ON for next season is 7th December** at the school hall (not the pool as was previously mentioned) from 8.00-10.00am.

* Our last club night is only 2 weeks away on Friday 6th December. This is a fun night with relays being held, so start thinking about forming a team for the night. Adults are also encouraged to swim in the relays as well, flippers and all if needed!

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Deb Love Telephone 3249 1361 School

uniformshopwhss@gmail.com

**Parents:** Please note the Uniform Shop will be **CLOSED LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.** We will be opened again on **Friday January 24th 2014** from 9am-3pm, and then normal Wed/Fri hours after that.

If you know your sizes, you can order and pay online through the Flexischools website. The shop will notify you when your order is ready for collection at the shop. The new bucket hats are expected to arrive in the new year for the start of school. Students will be able to wear the current royal blue hat as well for 2014.

**Volunteers are welcome** - if you can help out on Friday 24th Jan for just an hour, or the usual Wed/Fri - for half an hour around 8:45am (Wed) and 3:15pm (Fri) - let the shop know - 3249 1361.

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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**

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FOUND ITEMS

Steg Larsson novel, prescription glasses with red metal frames in blue case, pair of sunglasses with tortoiseshell coloured large frames – all found at swimming pool.

Headband with gold bow, Pony tail elastic with denim floral bow, pink coral shell bracelet, pair of “Choppers” sunglasses

NB: If you are missing reading glasses or prescription glasses, we have several pairs at the office that are still unclaimed.
COMMUNITY NEWS

POSITION VACANT
Admin/Sales assistant (Part Time)
We have a position available approx. 16 hours per week for a self-motivated & enthusiastic person who is confident dealing with the public.
The successful applicant must be able to work autonomously, be highly organised & have excellent communication skills.
Duties include:
• Greeting clients, answering phones, general admin & some property management duties, data entry.
• Lead generation follow up.
Some previous sales experience is advantageous.
Must have own car & be willing to obtain Real Estate Sales Certificate.

Start date – early 2014.

Please direct written applications to: julie@juliehardemanrealestate.com.au

LAFFS TENNIS COACHING
School coaching lessons this term finish one week earlier than normal. Our last week of coaching this term will be on the week ending Friday the 6th of December.

Any enquiries can be forwarded to our office on 3343 5766.

LAFFS TENNIS CENTRE

Tarragindi War Memorial Kindergarten
We have limited spaces remaining for children aged 3.5 - 4.5 years to attend Kindergarten next year, 2014. Our centre is located in a bush setting in Newington Street, Tarragindi; is run by a male Director; and costs less than $30 a day in fees. If you would like to know more please contact Marina Barrett, Office Administrator, on 3848 2529.
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Sunday 8th December 7pm in the Wellers Hill School Hall
Sing your heart out and enjoy a great family-friendly night as you watch the Christmas story unfold on stage.
Come along and enjoy the music, drama, dancing, puppets, singing and audience participation. This is a great opportunity to invite neighbours, friends and family.
Free refreshments afterwards and guaranteed to be an occasion of which lovely memories are made.
This event is supported by our local churches, as a gift to our community
(An offering will be taken up on the night, which will go towards the Bushfire Appeal.)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

MORE WACKY HAIR PHOTOS…………………………………………