



WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL

Strive to Succeed

WHAT'S ON AT WELLERS

Mt Gravatt District Swimming
Parent Information Night
Class and Individual Photos – Wed. 26 February
Family Fun Night
Uniform Shop Change of times for Friday 8am – 10am

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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Friday, 31 January, 2014.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome back to what we know will be another fantastic year at Wellers Hill State School. This year is full of promise and excitement for students, parents and staff, that we have all been keen to return and 'kick it off'. I would like to offer a special welcome to our new families; we hope that your experience at Wellers Hill is rich and rewarding. Our students returned on Tuesday happy and positive. This is a great sign, and they have settled well into work already.

A Tea and Tissues Morning Tea was held on Wednesday morning for new and returning parents. This informal event provides a wonderful opportunity for admin to meet new parents. A call was also made by the tuck-shop convenors, Carolyn and Ros, for assistance in the tuck-shop. Any amount of time given is appreciated, from parents, extended family members, or friends.



We commence school this year with 866 enrolments across prep to year 7. Outlined below are the goings on at the school, and some important information. Have a great week.

John

Important Dates

Parent Information Night: Tuesday 11 February Session 1: 5:30pm – 6:15pm
Session 2: 6:20pm - 7:00pm
Child minding available at the school for parents who require it.

Family Fun Night: Friday 21 February 2014. (information to follow.)

First P & C Meeting for 2014: Wednesday 26 February 2014, commencing at 7:00pm.

P & C AGM: Wednesday 19 March 2014, commencing at 7:00pm.

Welcome to New Staff

This year we welcome several new staff members to our school.

Year 1: Naoko Inuzuka
Taku Hashimoto

Year 2: Clarissa Wilkins

Year 3: Carmel Low

Year 3: Julie Luton, returning to WHSS after maternity Leave.

Multi-Age 5/6: Ashleigh Smith
Year 6: Harriett Guy
Classroom Music: Gillian Enright (Mrs Cav has moved to a Year 5 teaching position.)
Contact details for all staff will be updated on the school web site.

Official Launch of the Year 1 Japanese Bilingual Programme

We have had a busy couple of days officially launching the Year 1 Japanese Bilingual Programme. On Tuesday we welcomed Dr Jim Watterston, Director General, Department of Education, Training and Employment; to our school to officially launch the programme. Japanese parent and artist, Shinji Ogata also attended and assisted the Director General unveil the official bilingual logo. The logo was generously designed by Shinji.

There has been significant media interest in the bilingual programme, with Ch 7 News running a story Wednesday night and Sunrise running a story yesterday morning. Copies are available on facebook for anyone who is interested in viewing it.

Why are we doing this?

For our school, it is a natural extension of the strong bonds we have with Japan, and the meaningful relationships we have built with Japanese people.

We are also taking this bold move as recognition of the socio-political and economic position Australia has within Asia, and to be responsive to a 21st Century educational environment, reflecting the Queensland Plan, which states that as Queenslanders our students should have access to Asian language studies at all stages of education.

More importantly however, students who are bilingual have been found to:

- Excel in all aspects of their learning, especially in their native language.
- Be more confident and self-assured.
- Have greater mental flexibility, and even to exhibit
- Reduced effects of Alzheimer's in old age.

I would like to thank the parents who have entered the programme for being brave and allowing us to teach your children in this way. Years from now they will be thanking you.

This year we become an Independent Public School. The flexibility around IPS, and the willingness of Education Queensland to allow us to be creative and responsive to the needs of the community, is greatly appreciated. IPS is not about staffing or money; it is about delivering better educational outcomes for students, and about fostering creativity within a system. Bilingual education at Wellers Hill State School will become an example of how IPS schools can lead the way in delivering such programmes.



Great Results Guarantee

Over the last twelve months there has been a great deal of debate in the media over Gonski and funding of schools. This week Minister Langbroek announced additional funding for Queensland schools under the banner "Great Results Guarantee". The Great Results Guarantee is an exceptional funding model for primary schools, providing a revolutionary opportunity for schools to improve outcomes for all students. The Great Results Guarantee will provide an annual funding boost to Wellers Hill State School of approximately \$218 046. These funds are to be allocated to:

- Hiring specialist educators to provide additional support to students,

- Targeting professional development to teachers, or
- Purchasing additional learning tools such as specialised literacy or numeracy programmes.

This is a great boost to our school and to the education of children generally across Queensland. Documents fully explaining and outlining the programme will be available on our web site.

Every Day Counts

Ever Day Counts is an initiative of Education Queensland to ensure students and schools are aware of the importance of daily school attendance by all students. The initiative aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community to improve students' attendance at school.

To do this, Every day counts promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

School Captains

This year we welcome four School Captains and four Vice Captains to the student leadership team. This is due to the transition of Year 6 and Year 7 to high school at the completion of 2014. Congratulations to Year 7 Captains **Alice Herley** and **Connor Helmore** and Year 6 Captains **William Ellerton** and **Charlotte Cooper** Congratulations as well to Year 7 Vice-Captains **Ethan Tunstall** and **Maddison Scott**, and Year 6 Vice-Captains **Angus Fedrick** and **Lauren Neillie**.

We will be working through the selection process for the other leadership positions over the next two weeks, and hope to hold a Badge Presentation Ceremony by the end of February, depending on the availability of invited guests.



Alice Herley and Connor Helmore
Year 7 School Captains



William Ellerton and Charlotte Cooper
Year 6 School Captains



Ethan Tunstall and Maddison Scott
Year 7 Vice Captains



Angus Fedrick and Lauren Neillie
Year 6 Vice Captains

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. Each week 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 2 sons at Wellers Hill in Years 4 & 7. P & C meetings are usually held on the last Wednesday of the month. The first meeting for 2014 will take place on Wednesday 26 February starting at 7 pm 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.

Election Cake Stall and BBQ – volunteers needed

The Griffith By-Election date has been set for Saturday 8 February – the end of week 2.

The P & C would like to hold an Election-Day cake stall and BBQ as we have done for previous elections. We need a volunteer or couple of volunteers to co-ordinate the BBQ – in the past MSG (Music Support Group) have done this but they are 'run off their feet' issuing instruments, music etc with the start of the year. They have some information to help regarding quantities of sausages, bread and drinks. It is easy to do and we will get parent volunteers to help. It is a great source of income for the P & C with funds coming from the community not Wellers Hill parents. If you are interested in taking on the role of co-ordinating the BBQ for the day please email me ASAP.

Lauren Bannerman and Ruth Griffin have agreed to co-ordinate the cake stall again. More details will be sent home via a letter asking for baked goods and help on the day. Packaging will be available. This information is to give parents some warning so they can put the date in their diary and volunteer time to serve on a stall or bake cakes. I know it is less than 2 weeks away but it would be a shame not to take advantage of this opportunity to raise funds.

Family Fun Night

The Family Fun Night is Friday 21 February (week 4). Deanne McDonald & Simone Flint are working on the organisation for this already. This is great night and more information follow in the weeks ahead.

Volunteering at WHSS

In order to provide full services at both the tuckshop and uniform shop we need VOLUNTEERS. Let's make 2014 a great year with willing volunteers. There are many areas where you can assist. Why not volunteer for an hour a month at either the tuckshop or uniform shop. As many Year 7 families left at the end of 2013 they really need some more help. Just pop in and see them and let them know when you are available. If you have younger children they can go with you. Other volunteering opportunities will be outlined in future newsletters.

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 still available on sale by Flexischools or CASH at the tuckshop and can be collected at the tuckshop. The price has been reduced for the New Year to 50% off - now \$5. Be quick there is limited stock available.



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

DATE CLAIMERS and DUE DATES FOR PAYMENTS

Date	Event	Due Date	Amount
11 Feb	Mt Gravatt District Swimming (qualified students only)	7/2/2014	\$10
21 Feb	Biathlon		
27 Feb	Class and Individual Photos		
11-14 March	Year 6 & 7 Camp		TBA
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.

GUIDANCE OFFICER – MRS ANNE CHAPMAN

Guidance professionals are vital members of school leadership teams. They work collaboratively with students, teachers, families and community agencies in order that every student is learning and achieving within a safe, supportive, inclusive and disciplined learning environment.

Guidance officers identify factors that can interfere or disrupt effective learning, wellbeing and development, and plan or assist in planning interventions or programs that can help students achieve positive outcomes.

Guidance officers may work directly with the student or with the student's teachers, support personnel, family, other specialists, or professionals from other agencies depending on the issues to be resolved and the age of the student. Depending on the student's age, a range of issues may be supported by guidance officers including personal and social development, mental health, diverse learning styles and needs, and educational and career pathways.

Guidance officers, while respecting student privacy and confidentiality, work as members of a support team and are committed to providing quality education services for every young Queenslander regardless of their circumstances.

CLASS PHOTOS

Class and individual photos will be taken at school on Wednesday, 26th February. Ordering/payment envelopes will be sent home to the eldest in the family next week.

SPORT NEWS

Term 1 - Week 1

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Wellers Hill Sport for 2014. I hope you have had a great holiday and are ready for another massive year in sport here at Wellers. The calendar for semester 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 Semester One

Term One

District Swimming > Tuesday 11th February (wk 3)
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 29th June (wk 9)

Interschool Sport in 2013

Interschool Sports commences in week five of term one (Friday 28th February). Sports offered in term one and two are rugby league (boys), netball (girls) and soccer (boys and girls). Teachers will be calling for nominations in the first two weeks of school. Please note that interschool sport costs in the range of \$65-\$75 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.

District Swimming Carnival

The district swimming carnival is being held in week three on Tuesday 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. Please contact me if you are new to the school and wish to submit times or if you have lost your forms.

Biathlon

With a crammed sporting term ahead of us the Biathlon is already on the horizon on Friday 21st February. This is just four weeks away! The biathlon is an inter-house event (for grade four to seven) and is compulsory for all students. It consists of a run and a swim leg and all students will be competing INDIVIDUALLY! 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. Any individual issues with not being able to complete one or both of the legs will be taken into consideration. More details will be provided in next week's newsletter.

1-7 Swimming Lessons

During term one students from years one to seven 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 during a school term they will have to attend a restitution session in their own lunchtime.

X-Country Training

Before school x-country training will begin in week five. More details to follow.

Looking forward to your support of Wellers Hill Sports in 2014!

MUSIC NEWS

Choirs in 2014 with new music teacher - Miss Enright

Dear students and parents, I'm looking forward to working with you/your children in the Wellers Hill Choirs! Let's make 2014 a great year to sing!

Junior Choir

*When- Thursday 1.00pm-1.40pm beginning week 2
Who- Year 3s and 4s
How- Anyone can join, just come along to the first rehearsal!
Expectation- Students are expected to make a commitment to the choir for both years 3 and 4 (ok to come to a few(3) to try it out!)
Students are expected to attend rehearsal every week*

Senior Choir

*When- Tuesday 7.30am-8.30am beginning week 2
(new students come along and see Miss Enright about an audition)
Who- Years 5, 6 and 7
How- Only students who were involved in Junior Choir (or students new to the school by audition) are permitted to join Senior Choir.
Commitment Students are expected to make a commitment to the Choir for all of years 5, 6 and 7
Students are expected to attend rehearsal every week*

Vocal Group

*When - Thursday 7.30am-8.30am beginning week 2
(year 6 auditions will be held Tuesday 11am)
Who- Year 6 & 7
How- Must be a member of the Senior Choir
Year 7s must have been in Vocal Group in Yr 6
Year 6s must have been in Senior Choir in Yr 5 and are also required to audition
(year 6 auditions will be held Tuesday 11am)
Commitment- Students are expected to commit to the Vocal Group for both years 6 & 7
Students are expected to attend rehearsal every week*

Strings Program 2014

Welcome back to continuing and new string students! 2013 was a great year for the Strings Program and 2014 is shaping up to be every more exciting with many concerts, workshops and performances coming up.

The exciting news is that Wellers Hill SS gained extra instrumental string time so we will be recruiting more students to join the Strings Program for 2014! The new students will be recruited from Grade 3. Offers for the Strings Program are usually made at the end of 2013 but as notification of the time allocation was received late in the year, the new offers are being distributed now. Therefore, if your child is fortunate enough to receive an offer letter home this week could you please return the note ASAP.

The days for String Lessons will now be Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. All rehearsals and lessons begin in Week 2.

Rehearsals will be at the following times;

Chamber Strings – Monday, 2nd Lunch (1:00pm)
Intermediate Strings (4/5's) – Wednesday 7:30am
Senior Strings (6/7's) – Friday 7:30am

Lesson timetables will be distributed this week so please check what day and time your child's lesson is on.

Also a reminder that students loaning (e.g. beginner students) school instruments must have the loan agreement form signed and returned in order to take the instrument home. Fees need to be paid at the office as well.

If you have any further questions please email me; jpric211@eq.edu.au

I look forward to a fantastic year of music making and learning! Mrs Price

Josephine Price
Instrumental Strings Teacher

ART NEWS

My name is Mrs Carolyn Peisker and this year I will be running Visual Art classes for Years 1 – 5. 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
Old cotton cloths, towels etc for clean-up rags
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

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

CHESS CLUB AT WELLERS HILL

Chess Club will restart on Tuesday of Week Two.

Chess Club runs each Tuesday morning from 7:30am – 8:40 am in the Library Annexe. All students are welcome. The Club is run by Gary Sands of Gardiner Chess. For information on the cost per term contact Gardiner Chess on 55227221 or see Gary next Tuesday.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will commence next **Thursday, 6th February**. Banking books are to be placed in the banking bag held in the classroom.

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.

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

SACCS

Welcome Back! Our SACCS team would like to wish you a very happy and successful 2014.

Fees payment - We would like to remind our new and existing customers that according to SACCS Fees policy, all fees are due one week in advance. Fees for the following week must be received at SACCS by Monday the week before. Please consider that internet banking takes a few days to process money transfers.

CCB and CCR - Please be aware that to claim CCB or CCR for all booked sessions, your children need to be in attendance on their first and last booked days.

Customer Reference Numbers (CRN) – In order to receive your CCB or CCR it is important to provide us with yours and your children's CRN. Make sure that you advise Centrelink should you wish to receive your CCR via SACCS as a fee reduction.

Change of booking - Make sure you complete a Change of booking form. Charges are applicable for changes made with less than one weeks' notice.

Extra enrichment activity – Make sure you complete an Extra Enrichment activities form. Please note: all forms are available on the Wellers Hill SS website. Alternatively hard copies can be obtained from SACCS office.

Active After School Program: our activities this term are as follows:

Tennis - commencing on Tuesday, 04 February. Delivered by QLD Tennis Association

Jump Rope for Heart – commencing on Wednesday, 05 February. Delivered by SACCS

This is an Australian Government funded program run by the Australian Sport Commission to provide SACCS children with a free fun and safe sports program and structured physical activities.

UNIFORM SHOP

We would like to advise that the Uniform Shop hours for Friday morning have now changed. The new hours are **8:00 am to 10:00am**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! If you are able to offer some time to help in the uniform shop it would be greatly appreciated.

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

FOUND ITEMS

- Red Head Band
- Brown head band
- Black head band with bow

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wellers Hill Girl Guides

If you are a girl aged from five years to adult would you like to share in some fun outdoor activities, camping, canoeing, abseiling, and camp cooking? Or are you interested in some less adventurous activities such as craft, ice skating and community activities? Then Wellers Girl Guides (at Tarragindi) and Yeronga Girl Guides would like to welcome you. Wellers Hill Guides meet **SATURDAYS** from 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm at the Guide Hut off Weller Road. Yeronga Guides meet **Tuesday** from 6pm to 8pm at Guide Hut on Villa St. For more information for Wellers Hill phone LOUISE on 3345 9082 or 0404 878 424 and Yeronga phone Glenys 0402 201429.

Intro to Touch Footy for kids

When: Thursday afternoons

Start: Thursday 20th February 2014

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Who: Boys and Girls aged 5-7 years

Cost: \$70 for a 7 week program

Come down to Whites Hill Reserve for a skills and drills session with Brisbane Metro Touch and learn from the best!!



Galaxy Soccer (**For Ages 3.5 - 13 yrs**)

FREE first Session & Sessions from \$ 8.00

NO Rego Fees, Enrol Anytime, Boys & girls

www.galaxysoccer.com.au or Call (07) 31 776 775

SAINTS NETBALL

MacGregor

SIGN ON DAYS 2014 DAY SEASON

Saturday 1st February

8.00am – 10.00am

MacGregor Club House

Granadilla Street

Thursday 6th February

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes School

Shearwin Street



- Saints Netball Club is a local family oriented club emphasising the importance of teaching children to play team sports for fun and fitness;
- Saints focuses on skill development and good sportsmanship as part of learning to play netball;
- We offer friendly and experienced coaches who assist players to develop netball skills, strength, agility, co-ordination and confidence

For further information email: saintsnetballsbank@hotmail.com
www.saints.macgregor.netball.asn.au



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22 JAN 2013

To: _____

Wellers Hill State Primary School
 190 Toobey Road
 WELLERS HILL QLD 4121

On behalf of The Salvation Army I would like to thank you for your willing support to our 2013 Christmas Appeal.

Your support has made a significant contribution to the success of our appeal and has had a lasting impact on those whom we have helped and supported this Christmas.

I can assure you the people who received from your generosity have certainly appreciate your kindness.

Thank you once again for assisting us with our work as we provide for the disadvantage and less fortunate within our community.

Please find enclosed a certificate of appreciation.

May God bless you.

Yours Sincerely,

Gwenda Pratt (Major)
 Divisional Community Support Services Secretary
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