



# WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL

*Strive to Succeed*

<i>WHAT'S ON AT WELLERS</i>
<b>Whole School Parade this Friday</b>
<b>Family Fun Night</b>
<b>School Photos</b>

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*Deputy Principal: Mrs Louise Hart*

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Community Members

### Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Parent Evening yesterday. I hope that the information provided was informative and interesting. Walking around the school and meeting parents was a pleasure, as I celebrated in the friendly and collegial atmosphere that was evident from parents and teachers. Many thanks as well to the teachers who attended and supported the evening. Please do not hesitate to contact the school or the classroom teacher if you have any specific enquiries or concerns. The email address of all staff can be found on the WHSS web page; [www.wellhillss.eq.edu.au](http://www.wellhillss.eq.edu.au)

### Family Fun Night

The Family Fun Night is shaping up to be an exciting night for young and old. There are lots of things to do for all age groups, and the organisers have ensured there will be lots to eat and drink. A flyer can be found attached to this newsletter. Come along and join in the fun.

### Great Results Guarantee

The school is currently finalising the submission for the Great Results Guarantee. Once finalised the WHSS submission will be uploaded to the web site for parents to read and provide feedback. The funding is "Tied Funding" and can only be used to support literacy and numeracy improvement across Prep to Year 2. The provision of these funds directly to the school provides a fantastic opportunity for us to target literacy and numeracy improvement where research shows it makes the most difference, in the lower school.

### Flashing lights now active at Wellers Hill State School

I am very pleased to announce that flashing school zone safety lights have been installed on Toohey Road. Wellers Hill State School was nominated to receive these new signs as part of a \$10 million Queensland Government commitment to improve school road safety.



You will notice that the new signs look similar to standard school zone signs with the important addition of a red flashing ring around the speed limit as well as two flashing yellow lights at the top of the sign. The installation of flashing light school zone signs is proven to improve visibility of school zones, serving as an active reminder for motorists to slow down.

So next time you're dropping off or picking up your child keep an eye out for the new signs and make sure you stick to the signed speed limit.

The safety sign nearest the Toohey Road / Weller Road intersection is slightly obscured by tree branches. The school has contracted a tree lopper to clear the branches covering the sign.

Regards,

John

## SCHOOL PARKING

### Toohey Road – School Side

Between 7am – 9am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm **strictly 2 minute zone – NO PARKING. Parents are not to leave their cars during these times.**

### Toohey Road – Opposite Side

Between 7am – 9am and 2pm – 4pm strictly 10 minute parking zone. Please observe the yellow lines and do not park past the designated area. As Toohey Road is very busy during these times, parents parking over the yellow lines are making it very difficult for our neighbours to enter and exit their properties.

### Scout Den Area

There are designated parallel parking spots and a large gravel/dirt area for parking. **Parents are not to park in the circular area of the driveway**, one half is no standing and the other is a 2 minute drop off zone between 7am – 9am and 2:30 – 3:30pm. (Signs to be updated by the council). Parents are to drop students only in the 2 minute drop off zone and not in the driveway entry closest to Weller Road.

### Chamberlain Street

There are some designated parallel parking spots. Could parents please ensure that they do not park too close to the neighbours' driveways as this hinders the entry and exit to their properties.

Abiding by the above ensures the safety of all our students.

### Music Rehearsal Parking

In 2013 parents were also dropping students on the crest of Wellers Road near the side gate entry. This is a no parking area and creating considerable risk to students safety.

## FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

### Election Cake Stall

Thanks to Lauren Bannerman and Ruth Griffiths for co-ordinating the Election Day cake stall held last Saturday. At short notice they offered to organise the cake stall and as a result over \$500 was raised for the P & C. Thanks also to Nitika Singh, Natalie Bosschietter and Amanda Sydney who volunteered time on Saturday to serve on the cake stall and to those families who baked food to be sold.

### Fundraising Plan for 2014

Every second year WHSS holds 'Harmonies on the Hill' as our major fundraising event; a fete combined with musical performances. Harmonies was due to be held in 2014 but unfortunately has been postponed until 2015. This was necessary for a number of reasons including [the Year 1 classrooms on the bottom oval, construction of the new Year 1 building to commence later this year and access to the upper oval would be difficult to locate rides for the fete. We know the school community looks forward to Harmonies and it will be back next year. The P & C is looking at a number of other smaller fund-raising events in 2014. If you have any ideas about how we can raise funds or would like to organise an event please contact me ASAP so we can devise a plan for the year at our first P & C meeting to be held on Wednesday 26 February. Some ideas that have been suggested include a Trivia Night, Bush Dance and Raffle. Funds raised by the P & C assist in providing additional facilities and resources for the children at WHSS. Our P & C motto is 'It's All About the Kids'.](#)

### Help needed with Grant Writing and obtaining Quotes

Are you good with words? Can you find some time during the day to get quotes?

The P & C have identified 2 big projects we would like complete

1. Finish the hall so it can be used for music nights and other events such as graduation. This involves lining the wall with special acoustic material, installation of a stage, curtains and other modifications. If we can finish the hall there would be no need to travel to Holland Park SHS for our music nights.
2. Install artificial grass or surface under the large covered area near administration. The current surface is rough bitumen and drainage is an issue. Having this area resurfaced would be great for our kids. Ideally it would be similar to the area near the Prep and Year 6/7 building.
- 3.

These projects require more money than we currently have available. One way to fund these projects is to successfully apply for grants. The Senior Playground installed last year was funded by a Gaming Benefit Grant of nearly \$35 000.

We need extra funds to complete these large projects and applying for grants is one way we source money. Currently the fundraising/ grant committee consists of 3 parents but they need help. Training can be provided and examples of successful grants are available to assist. To apply for a grant we need 3 quotes for each part of the project – this can be done during the day and if you have some time and are willing to do this we would really like to hear from you. Writing grants can be done anytime and these are usually submitted online. If you are good with words or have experience with writing we would also really appreciate any time you can offer. Each month we receive an email detailing the hundreds of grants on offer and we could potentially apply for many of these. The only thing preventing this from happening is finding the right people with some time who can do the 'legwork'. Please think about helping out. If you are interested please contact me [narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au](mailto:narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au)

### Family Fun Night

The 'Welcome Back to School' Family Fun Night is being held on Friday 21 February. The newsletter has details of this exciting 'night' and indicates how you might be able to help. There will be food, drink, fun activities including a jumping castle and the chance to meet with families in our school community. We are fortunate to have Deanne McDonald and Simone Flint co-ordinating this great event! Contact Simone [krisandsimone@optusnet.com.au](mailto:krisandsimone@optusnet.com.au) OR

Deanne [sdlcmcdonald@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sdlcmcdonald@optusnet.com.au) 0422 632 951 if you are able to assist.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Regards

Narelle Cooley

## DATE CLAIMERS and DUE DATES FOR PAYMENTS

Event Date	Event	Payment Due Date	Amount
	<b>ICAS Competitions</b>	<b>17 Feb</b>	<b>Various</b>
<b>19 Feb</b>	<b>Year 2 – Speech and Drama (6 weeks)</b>	<b>17 Feb</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>21 Feb</b>	<b>Biathlon</b>		
<b>21 Feb</b>	<b>Year 4 – Living History Australia</b>	<b>20 Feb</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>26 Feb</b>	<b>Class and Individual Photos</b>	<b>26 Feb</b>	<b>Various</b>
<b>3 -14 March</b>	<b>Prep Chicken Hatching Programme</b>	<b>28 Feb</b>	<b>\$7</b>
<b>11-14 March</b>	<b>Year 6 &amp; 7 Camp</b>	<b>7 March</b>	<b>\$365</b>
<b>27 March</b>	<b>Year 4-7 Cross Country</b>		

Payments must be deposited in the payment box located in the office. Do not give payments to Class Teachers.

Multiple excursions/activities can be paid with one cheque or EFTPOS transaction (located at office). Cash is also acceptable.

On each excursion letter will be a **DUE DATE** for payment. **No monies will be accepted after the due date.** Therefore, unfortunately, students will not be able to attend the excursion/activity.

## CAPTAINS' CORNER



Alice and Connor  
Year 7 School Captains

Welcome to 2014 at Wellers Hill State School. We would like to welcome the new Preps. We would also like to say welcome to the new teachers and welcome back to returning teachers. Congratulations to the students who qualified for the District Swimming Carnival and good luck!

We are excited about the new Year 1 Bilingual Japanese program. The biathlon is coming up for the students in Year 4-7.

We hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday and are looking forward to a great year at Wellers Hill.



William and Charlotte  
Year 6 School Captains

We would like to mention that the Tuckshop would love more volunteers. Also a little less chaos, when students are lining up for food would be great – a few pleases and thank you's would also go a long way.

We love our tuckshop – Thank you to all who help!

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS



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

## SPORT NEWS

Term 1 - Week 3

### Sports Dates for Semester One

Term One

- District Swimming > Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February (wk 3)
- Biathlon > Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February (wk 4)
- Yr 4-7 Cross Country > Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March (wk 9)

Term Two

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

### Biathlon

The Biathlon is on next Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Students are reminded to get to school from 8am to be registered in the hall. I would ask that students wear their swimmers to school under their clothes to save changing at school before the race. Students must bring a plastic bag with them for the transition area. The order of races will be year seven, followed by year six, year five, and finally year four. Unfortunately there is no such timetable for the events other than a planned 9am start for year seven and all events will hopefully be over by 11am.

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

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

### District Sports Trials

Information regarding district sport trials will be published in the school newsletter as it comes to hand each week. Only students born in 2002 or 2003 can trial for district teams, except for cross country, athletics and swimming, where students born in 2004 can trial. We make up just one school of 30 odd 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 be considered, with preference given to 12 year olds first (as per district school selection policy) and those with more experience including club representative teams. Please keep an eye on the newsletter each week to find out what trials are occurring so that you don't miss out. You can also check out all of the district sport dates on the following link <http://meteast.com.au/primary-sport-mt-gravatt-dates.html>.

### District Netball Trials

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

### District Basketball Trials

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



### **District AFL Trials**

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

### **X-Country Training**

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

### **Interschool Sport**

Interschool sports begins on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February and runs for ten weeks (terms 1 & 2). Interschool Sport trials have begun. Once teams have been selected, students will be invoiced for their participation in the Interschool Sport Programme.

## **GOOD NEWS STORIES**

Congratulations to Oliver S. who will be competing at the Little Athletics State Championships next month for 60m Hurdles and 70m. Oliver made the finals for all his events including 200m, 100m, 70m and Hurdles at the South East Regional Championships at QEII, representing Sunnybank Little Athletics club.

Good luck in March Oliver!

## **LOST PROPERTY**


*Lost Property is held in the school hall at the back left hand corner. Separate bins have been provided for the various items found. Mrs Deanne McDonald has generously volunteered to sort and clear the lost property boxes each month.*

***It is important for ALL items sent to school to be clearly marked with your child's name and class .***

*Items clearly named will be returned to the students, unnamed items will be donated where possible.*

## **SCHOOL BANKING**

### **Open a Youthsaver account at School next Thursday!**

***When: Thursday, 20th Feb*** 

***Time: 8.00am-9.00am***

***Where: Outside the school office***

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

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



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

# ***WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION Sub-Committees***

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

Secretary: Rob Beaumont 3161 7909 AH Treasurer: Tamara Cummings([tamaracummings@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tamaracummings@optusnet.com.au))

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## TUCKSHOP

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

### **GLUTEN FREE NUGGETS**

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

DAY	9am to 11.30am	1pm to 2pm
Thursday 13 Feb	Scott McD	Danielle W
Friday 14 Feb	Tracey N Carolyn C	Jane M
Monday 17 Feb	Tracy W	HELP NEEDED
Tuesday 18 Feb	Nicole R	HELP NEEDED
Wednesday 19 Feb	Femke C	Bec P
Thursday 20 Feb	Vanessa C	Gina G
Friday 21 Feb	Michelle N Denise W	Julia G

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](mailto:whsstuckshop@gmail.com).

## SACCS

**Job vacancies** – URGENT! SACCS is currently looking for at least 4 more educators who are available to work Mondays and Tuesdays for ASC. If you are available on these afternoons or you know somebody who is – please call SACCS on 3892 6344.

**Extra enrichment activity** – Please be aware that SACCS cannot escort your children to the top oval where the Auskick extra enrichment activities will be conducted. It is families' responsibilities to negotiate with the activity's facilitator to collect the children from SACCS, sign them out and to sign them in on their return.

**Attendances** – Please make sure that you advise SACCS of your child/children intended absences – it is very stressful and time consuming for us to locate children who have not arrived as expected to ensure they are safely cared for away from SACCS. For ASC, not advising us before 3 pm will incur extra charges. Bags placement – Please remember that the school bags of Prep and grade one children need to be placed on or under the racks at the covered walkway. It will speed up the process of taking children to their respective class room at the end of each BSC session.

**Clothing Donations** – accidents sometimes happen! With so many prep and grade one children currently enrolled we can run out of spare clothes. Please remember to pack spare clothes for younger children.

**Missing signatures** – please check the names listed on the front cover of the 'Missing signatures' folder. If your name is listed there please complete the missing signatures in your children' sign in sheets  
Fee payments – remember that all fees are due a week in advance. Casual attendances need to be paid on the day of attendance

## 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](mailto:uniformshopwhss@gmail.com)

## TENNIS COURTS

Night Tennis Court Hire is now available

Court Hire cost is:

\$7 per hour – day hire

\$15 per hour – night hire ***New contact number for Tennis Courts: Ph 3892 7460***



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**JAFFA CLUB 2014** - GOOD NEWS! Jaffa Club is now accepting children from Years 1 to 6! (Previously started in Year 2). JAFFA recommences **Thursday 20th Feb** at the Wellers Hill-Tarragindi Uniting Church, 3.15 – 5pm

**SIGN-ON DAY - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb outside the Library at WHSS from 2.30 – 3.30pm**

**\$4 per child per week.** Registration Forms were sent home last week. Spares available from the office.

ENQUIRIES : 0419 781906

## FOR SALE

Half sized violin. Arco Violin (original purchase price \$299) with shoulder rest, bow and case. Recently restrung with quality strings. \$100. Phone: Emmah on 0432901340



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



# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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

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

## Sweets Stall

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

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

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

## Family Fun Night Contact Details

Simone Flint

Deanne McDonald

[krisandsimone@optusnet.com.au](mailto:krisandsimone@optusnet.com.au)

[sdlcmcdonald@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sdlcmcdonald@optusnet.com.au) or 0422632951





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.....

Packaging will be available from the tuckshop in the mornings from Monday 17th or you are very welcome to use your own packaging. I am also more than happy to do the packaging for you.

Please bring your wonderful creations to the school staffroom on Thursday and Friday 20/21<sup>st</sup> February 8.30 – 9.30am and 2.30 – 3.30pm.

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