



WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL

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WHAT'S ON AT WELLERS

Whole School Parade due to Chappy Week

Chappy Week 19 – 23 May

School Disco – Thursday 29 May

Principal: Mr John Webster

Deputy Principal: Mr Jack White

Deputy Principal: Mrs Louise Hart

Yr 7 School Captains : Connor Helmore, Alice Herley

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to another week at Wellers Hill State School. NAPLAN is now behind us. I would like to congratulate all of the students on their mature approach to the tests, and the feeling of calm that permeated the school over the three days of testing. We will all eagerly anticipate the arrival of the results in Term 3.

WHSS strings Programme and how IPS Impacts on Future Student Intake

Last week the Senior Strings performed on parade. It was a magnificent performance, with the students performing two pieces, "Ghost Ship" and "Clumsy Sailor". Mrs Josie Fitzgerald has enriched our strings programme with her skills, enthusiasm, and connection she has with the students. The Senior Strings have also been invited to perform at the Queensland Association of State School Principals Conference in August. They will be performing in front of between 350 and 400 state, national, and international Principals.

As excellent as our Strings Programme is, with Year 7 moving to high school at the end of this year, if we maintain the strings programme, with the current intake at Year 3, we will have difficulty in developing the depth of performance ability and talent prior to the children departing at the end of Year 6. To overcome this, it is my intention to commence the strings programme in Year 2, commencing in 2015. **This will only be possible due to our ability as an IPS school to flexibly use allocated staffing that non-IPS school do not receive.** This is a significant benefit for our school.

Changes to Staffing to Improve Student Learning Outcomes

As the previous article indicated, IPS schools are allocated additional staffing that is not available to non-IPS schools. Staffing changes have been made across the school, using the additional staffing to better support students and teachers.

Research shows that performance improves if an individual or group has a professional coach. Using this research as a basis for improvement, a group of high performing teachers have been identified and are currently undertaking a professional coaching course through the Queensland Educational Leadership Institute. The teachers undertaking the course are Mrs Cassie Mutimer, Ms Jo Smith, Ms Catherine Ilett, Mrs Sue Webster, Mrs Anna Gojokovic, and Mrs Louise Hart.

Following the course, Mrs Cassie Mutimer, Ms Jo Smith, Ms Catherine Ilett, will be released one day a week to support and coach teachers in their pedagogical practice. Their title on the release days will be Pedagogical Phase Coaches.

The classroom intervention and support from the Support Teacher: Literacy and Numeracy (ST:L&N) has also been modified across the school. An additional ST:L&N position has been created, and Mrs Sue Webster has been appointed to this position. This position has a major focus on the Prep to Year 2 phase of the school, however, it will also impact on the Year 3 – Year 7 area. Mrs Webster has been appointed to this position due to her high skill level and experience working with infant students. This appointment is in line with the Great Results Guarantee, and the expectations that students in the infant years will be better supported in their learning needs.

Mrs Gojokovic's position as ST:L&N has also been refocussed on to the Year 3 – Year 7 area of the school. Mrs Gojokovic is highly skilled and the tighter focus will bring about improved outcomes across this area of the school for all students.

The above changes to the ST:L&N positions, and the appointment and weekly release of the Pedagogical Phase Coaches, is only possible due to the use of flexible staffing that is only available to IPS schools.

Parent support for the move to IPS last year is greatly appreciated by the administration and staff of the school. Being an IPS school has provided a range of resources that are not available to non-IPS schools; resources that we use to enhance and support student learning across the school.

Bike Riding in the School Grounds

Students were spoken to on parade last week about riding their bikes and other wheeled forms of transport through the school. Students are not permitted to ride their bikes once they are in the grounds. The bikes must be wheeled to and from the bike cage, morning and afternoon. For safety reasons, we also request that parents entering the school with bikes also push them once on the grounds. We also have the same expectation for staff who ride bikes to school.

Chaplaincy Week

Welcome to Chaplaincy Week. What a fantastic fun week we have had raising the profile and raising funds for our Chaplaincy Service this week. We have had many activities, discos, jellybean counting and of course for the class that raises the most money, a pizza party and a chance to challenge the teachers in, *“Are You Smarter Than The Average Schoolkid?”* – I think the teachers could be in trouble because one of the deputies (and it's not Mrs Hart) thinks Mooloolabah is the capital of Queensland. I would particularly like to thank parents, local businesses, and especially our students for donating money. Thank you also to Narelle Cooley (P&C President) for making this amazing cake to celebrate Chappy Week.



Graffiti in School Grounds

A significant amount of offensive graffiti was found in the school grounds this morning. If parents or students have any information on the vandals who sprayed the graffiti, please contact the school office. The police have been informed of the graffiti and photographs have been uploaded to the official graffiti web site used for identification of graffiti vandals. Finger prints have also been taken by police. Hopefully, with the range of identification processes used by police and the school, we will be able to identify and prosecute the vandals.

Have a great week.

John

EATING & PLAY TIME CHANGES

Changes to Eating/Play Times:

As you will be aware, we will be changing the structure and times of our eating and play to accommodate construction of the new Early Years Learning Centre.

Starting Monday 26th May, we will move to two 40 minute breaks at 11:00am – 11:40am and 1:10pm – 1:50pm. The 40 minute breaks will involve 20 minutes of eating time and 20 minutes of play time. Prep – Year 3 will eat first at both breaks and play during the second 20 minutes while the Years 4 to 7 will play first then eat during the second 20 minutes. The tuckshop will operate as normal and will offer hot food only at first break (11:00 – 11:40) as usual. We will be purchasing sealed plastic tubs for each class to put lunch boxes in to protect them. These will be clearly marked with the class name but we do ask that children's lunch boxes are marked with names and classes in case they end up in the wrong box.

These changes will impact on a range of extra curricular activities including, instrumental music and sport. We will be working through these issues to minimise the impact on students.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we go through this transition.

SUPPORTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Rule Reminder:

Be Safe

A timely reminder given that we have had the ambulance at school three times in the last two weeks. Remember, we are not only responsible for our own safety but the safety of others.

From Anne Chapman (Guidance Officer)

Behaviour is Communication: Part 1

Much in the same way that a smile can communicate pleasure or happiness and a frown can communicate sadness or displeasure, behaviour is a powerful means of communication. Often when children don't understand what they are feeling or don't know how to express themselves in words, behaviour is their language. Behaviour is a way of expressing what's happening on the inside. According to family therapist and Therapy Coordinator at Protect All Children Today Peter Marrington, there are some effective ways of responding to and changing behaviour. In order to respond appropriately to inappropriate behaviour we need to realise that:

- **We are all different and we all respond differently. Behaviour depends on the the meaning we give an event.**
- **Behaviours are illustrations of distress.**
- **The underlying causes of the behaviour need to be assessed.**

Children may "act out" or "act in" (in the form of depression, self harm, or withdrawal), but both forms of behaviour have one thing in common: confusion. The child may be as unaware as the parent of the meaning of the behaviour. This is why asking a child why they have done something is often futile. The child's explanation may have no connection with the behaviour, so the answer "I don't know" is often true!

Dr. Marrington suggests that parents use the Principles for Effective Parenting model which incorporates seven principles:

1. **Parents need to be consistent.**
2. **Parents need to be united and have one set of rules.**
3. **Parents need to be in charge.**

4. **Parents need to be appropriately involved in children's growth (the right balance between hanging on and letting go).**
5. **Parents need to balance different roles (social, work, family activities).**
6. **Parents need to have realistic (age appropriate) expectations.**
7. **Parents need to give encouragement and permission to fail.**

Next week's newsletter will contain a more detailed explanation of these principles.

(Written by Nancy Grand, Guidance Officer, Robina State High School)

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Chaplaincy Week

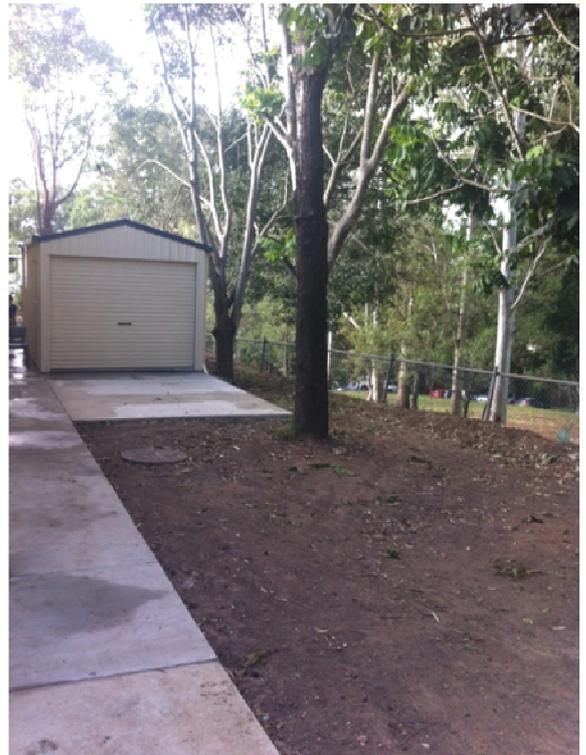
This week is Chappy Week at WHSS. I am sure you would all agree that our Chaplain, Stephanie Kennedy is a wonderful asset to the school community. Stephanie is actively involved in so many areas of the school. She runs the BBQ at the school disco, works tirelessly at working bees, attends countless school events including acting as nurse on school camps, attends P & C meetings and reports on pastoral care within the school. Her regular reports are emailed to those on the P & C email list. Please support the Chappy week activities and donate generously to support chaplaincy. THANK YOU Stephanie for everything you do at WHSS.

SACCS storage shed and redevelopment behind the hall

You may have noticed the recent changes behind the hall. The SACCS sub-committee has funded the redevelopment at the back of the hall including laying of concrete slab and pathways, building the retaining wall to make the area level, installation and filling of four raised garden beds and construction of colour bond storage shed. The total cost for the project was \$22,400.

The School Age Child Care Service (SACCS) sub-committee is an important part of the school community. The primary roles are:

- Determine operational policy regarding the Wellers Hill School Age Child Care Service, specifically - Before and After School Care, Vacation Care Programs
- Recruit and oversee the management of SACCS Centre staff (permanent and casual)
- Provide advice to the P&C on: Key strategic and operational policy issues, Financial management, Quality assurance (National Childcare Accreditation Council), Child care benefits (Federal Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs) and Licensing requirements (Queensland Department of Communities)
- Report to the P&C General Meetings on emergent issues, upcoming events and budget
- Receive reports from the Centre Coordinator on key operational and licensing issues, and action as appropriate
- Record and maintain financial reports in accordance with Education Queensland guidelines



SACCS committee members are:

Fiona McCormack (chair), Bronwyn Moss (assistant chair), Sarah Page (treasurer), John Holm (secretary), Lindsay Walker, Stacey Shields, Kirsty Elmslie, Tyson Boguslawski, Donna Wilson, Dana Hobbs, George Robinson and Lisa Chesterfield. Because each of these members are working parents it's not always easy to attend every meeting so we encourage part time members to come along whenever they're able to. This gives SACCS access to a wide range of skills to call upon when the need arises or when a specific task is identified. Meetings are held second Tues of every month from 6 - 7.30pm in the SACCS rooms

Working Bee change of date

Please note there has been a change of date for the scheduled working bee. This will now be held on Sunday 1 June from 9 – 11 am. We would like parents and students from Years 2 & 7 to assist with a number of projects around the school. Details of these will be in the newsletter next week. Kids are very welcome and can even be helpful. Please bring gardening tools, gloves and wear closed shoes.

Special P & C Meeting

The special P & C meeting to vote on the adoption on the IPS School Council Model Constitution will be held on Wednesday 4 June at 6.30pm in the library annexe. Please note the earlier start time. Everyone is welcome.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au

Regards
Narelle

DATE CLAIMERS and DUE DATES FOR PAYMENTS

Date	Event	Due Date	Amount
27 May	Year 3 Planetarium	23 May	\$17
29 May	School Disco	Pay on entry	
5 & 6 June	Year 1 CSIRO	30 May	\$9
10-13 June	Junior Strings Music Camp @ Marshall Rd SS	23 May	\$40
11 June	Senior Strings & Senior Concert Band @ Fanfare	6 June	\$11
Term 3	Year 4 Japanese Photo Cube	20 June	\$7
Term 3	Year 5 Japanese Place Mat	20 June	\$5
Term 3	Year 7 Japanese Clock	20 June	\$11

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 Herley and Connor Helmore
Year 7 School Captains

This week it's Chappy Week! Donate some money to our chaplain, Mrs Stephanie Kennedy, and your class could be rewarded with a 'Pizza Party'. The class that donates the most money receives this prize and will be the envy of the rest of the school! There will also be a jelly-bean counting competition, and two daytime discos.

Speaking of discos, dust off your dancing shoes as the school disco is coming up. Thursday the 29th is the date – mark it in your diaries. Also, the Senior Strings and the Senior Band are playing at the St Paul's Anglican Church Fete on the 24th. If you have no plans for that day, come along and show your support. This week will be very busy, so get ready WHSS.

BOOK CLUB

New brochures are now out for issue 4 of book club. Return order forms to the office **no later than 3rd June**. This date allows all order to be organised and submitted to scholastic by the due date. Get your orders in early to avoid disappointment. No late orders will be accepted.

Orders from multiple brochures can be combined when ordering, however 1 payment per child is preferable as ordering is done in classes. Payment is to be done as per instructions on the brochures: online payment or cheque. No cash orders will be accepted.

This issue will be the last book club until Term 4 as Book Fair by Carnival Books will be taking place in Term 3.



SPORT NEWS

Term 2 - Week 5

Sports Dates for Semester One

Term Two

4-7 Athletics

> Wednesday 18th June (wk 9)

> Thursday 19th June (wk 9)

Junior X-Country Results - Correction

Joshua P – 3rd Place Year 1 Boys tied with Michael W

Met East Selections!

Congratulations to Shellbee W on her selection in the Met East X-Country team. All the best at the State Championships!

Games This Week

Rugby League – Carina JRL – U12 1:45PM, U11 1pm, U10-1 1PM, U10-2 1:45PM

Netball – Wembley Park, Coorparoo

Soccer – A Boys v MR @ HPSHS, B Boys v MR @ MRSS, Snr Girls v each other @ WHSS, Jnr Girls 1&2 v MR @ Esher St, Jnr Girls 3&4 v WE @ Davies Park

Rec Activities Program

Rotations left for this term.

TEACHER/GROUP	23/5	30/5
Mrs Edwards (1)	Bowls	School
Ms Ilett (2)	School	Bowls
Mrs Lutterall (3)	Park	School
Mrs Muller (4)	Park	Park
Mrs Low (5)	School	Park

Parents who are able to assist, we require additional supervision for the walking to and from the park and lawn bowls. Please advise your student's teacher if you are able to supervise on any of the dates set above.

CHAPPY WEEK

What a great week we are having - if you have been up at the school this week, you will have seen the coloured class buckets all set out in the undercover area, in readiness to receive donations for chaplaincy. The class that has donated the most by 8am this Friday will be rewarded with their very own **Pizza Party!** Still plenty of time to make your donation if you have not yet done so.

As usual, the **Jelly Bean Counting Competition** has been fast and furious as desperate hopefuls do their calculations and attack their piggy banks in the hope of taking home the prize – a huge jar of jelly beans! Winner also to be announced at parade this Friday.

Yesterday's Prep-3 **Outdoor Disco** was a winner, and today the Years 4-7 will be polishing their moves for their own **Disco** in the hall.

On Friday morning at parade, we will be posing the question....."**Are YOU smarter than a schoolkid?**" with students pitted against teachers in the quest for self-respect and glory! Come along and enjoy the fun.

Thank you Wellers Hill for your support so far during Chappy Week. Have a great week and perhaps I'll see you hanging out wistfully near the Jelly Bean Jar!

Stephanie Kennedy (School Chaplain)



WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION Sub-Committees

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

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SACCS

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.

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's 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

June/July Vacation Care – SACCS is currently working on the program for the upcoming June/July holiday. We would appreciate any community input – your suggestions, comments, involvements or ideas for activities would be greatly appreciated.

The program will be released on 02.06.2014 and the booking will commence immediately. Early bird booking will close at 6pm on Friday 13.06.14. We accept children from our school and our local school communities. Please note: Submitting your Vacation Care Registration form does not always secure a spot. On days that have popular activities planned (especially excursion days), we quickly reach capacity so please submit your registration form as soon as possible.

TUCKSHOP

STATE OF ORIGIN MEAL DEAL

This is the last week to order!!

Yes! It's back! We will have a State of Origin Meal Deal on Wednesday 28th May. It will consist of a meat pie, sauce, spoon, Tropical LOL, Red Rock Honey Soy Chips and an iced cupcake. You can place your order now on Flexischools or fill in the tear-off section in the newsletter and bring it with your payment to the tuckshop. You can also place it in an envelope and drop it in the payment box at the office. Cost is \$7 and orders **must be received by Friday 23 May**.

HELP NEEDED

Unfortunately a few of our fantastic volunteers have taken up study or work positions over the break so we have a few days where we have no volunteers – Tuesday and Wednesday. If you can spare a few hours once a month (9-11.30) on a Tuesday or Wednesday place come and see us in the tuckshop or email Carolyn at whsstuckshop@gmail.com. Thanks.

DAY	9am to 11.30am	1pm to 2pm
Thursday 22 May	Jo S	Tim V
Friday 23 May	Pauline T Kimberley L	Stacey S
Monday 26 May	Tara S Marni B	Claire
Tuesday 27 May	HELP NEEDED	Alison B
Wednesday 28 May	Rebecca	Bec
Thursday 29 May	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED
Friday 30 May	Stacey S HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED

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.

STATE OF ORIGIN MEAL DEAL (Wednesday 28 May) - \$7

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____



All orders to be received no later than Friday 23 May

UNIFORM SHOP

Performance Uniform / Girl's Blouse

The Uniform Shop is expecting the delivery of ordered Girl's Performance Blouse on Thursday. The Shop will be open Thursday afternoon from 3:00pm to 3:30pm extra for anyone who needs to collect Performance Uniform items. The Shop will also be opened at its usual time Friday morning from 8am-10am.

As mentioned last newsletter, black Performance pants and boys performance shirts are already in stock for those who ordered/need these items too.

Wednesday 1:30 to 3.30 p.m.
Friday 8.00 to 10.00 a.m.
Deb Love Telephone 3249 1361 School
uniformshopwhss@gmail.com

EMERGENCY CONTACTS



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

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

HOLIDAY CLUB

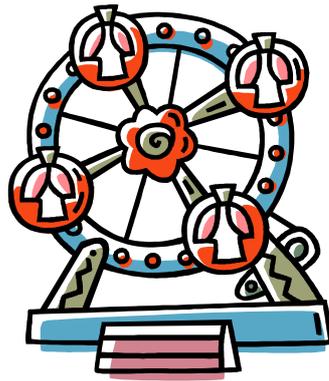
Holiday Club is on again, during the first week of the school holidays! This year the theme is “Pyramid Rock” and there will be heaps of fun and loads of activities for children from Prep to Year 7. Held at the Uniting Church in Pope St, from 9am – 12.30pm Mon-Fri during that week. This is always an enormously popular event so get in early to avoid disappointment as numbers are limited. Registration Forms will be distributed this week.

LOST PROPERTY

- Recorder
- Pink watch with printed band
- RayBan Sunglasses

Please ensure all clothing and items sent to school are clearly named. Lost property is located in the school hall.

Tarragindi War



Memorial Kindergarten



FETE

Sunday 25th May 2014

10am to 2pm

*Climbing Wall - Kids Rides - Balloons
Jumping Castle - 26' Screamer Slide - Pony Rides
Hamburgers & Sausage Sizzle - Jams & Pickles
Market Stalls - Face Painting - Raffles
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Wellers Hill State School Music Support Group

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 2-for-1	 Up to \$25 value	 2-for-1	 2-for-1	 2-for-1
 5% off Wish Gift Cards	 Up to 25% off	 5% off Virgin Gift Vouchers	 15% off	 10% off Gift Cards

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Thank you for your support.

DISCO



WHEN: Thursday 29th May, 2014

WHERE: Wellers Hill School Hall

**** All students must be collected from inside Hall ****

TIMES: 5.00pm – 5.55pm Prep, Yr 1 and 2

6.00pm – 7.00pm Yr 3 and 4

7.10pm – 8.50pm Yr 5, 6 and 7

COSTS: \$3 Year Prep - 4 PAY ON THE NIGHT

\$4 Year 5 - 7 PAY ON THE NIGHT

RSVP: Monday 26th May, 2014 (Reply box in office)

HELPERS: Yes please! – provide contact details below

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Return RSVP slip to the office by 26th May, 2014

Students Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Student's Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Students Name: _____ Year Level: _____

Yes, I will be able to help (Name) _____

BBQ Drink & Lollies In the hall Glow sticks

Time slot available: _____

Contact Nos: Phone _____ Mobile _____



Email: _____

For catering purposes, could you please indicate if you will be purchasing from the Bar-B-Que. There will be chicken kebabs and sausages in bread.

Bar-B-Que: Yes, we would purchase BBQ kebabs sausage in bread

No, we won't purchase BBQ (approx. numbers)