



WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL

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WHAT'S ON AT WELLERS

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| Prep – Yr 2 Parade on Friday |
| September 3&4 – Prep Pirate Father's Day Celebrations 4-6pm |
| September 4&5 – Father's Day Stall |
| September 8 – Prep 2015 Orientation Day 9-11pm School Tour 8:45 – 9am |
| September 10 – Talent Showcase Holland Park SHS 6:30 – 8:00pm |
| September 12 – Grandparent's Day 9-11am |
| October 13 to 17 - Spellathon |

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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

Congratulations to our wonderful office staff for the great job they do everyday, supporting our children and families.

A special congratulations also to our professional, dedicated teacher aids, who support our children from Prep to Year 7 in numerous ways, both in the classroom and the playground.

Last Friday we had fine weather and our children finally got to participate in interschool sports. Congratulations to all of our sporting teams.

Father's Day

The term is as busy as ever and this week we are delighted to have our fathers join in Prep classrooms this week as part of our Prep Pirate afternoon both today and tomorrow. I look forward to meeting many of our dads and I hope you all have an enjoyable Father's Day this Sunday. Don't forget to remind your children that the Father's Day stall will be open before school tomorrow to purchase a special surprise gift.

Footy Jersey Day

This Friday is a free dress day for footy jersey day. Children may wear their favourite footy jersey – soccer, rugby union, rugby league or AFL.

Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation for the Footy Jersey Day charity which raises valuable funds for kids fighting cancer. Your donations will help provide care, treatment and support to people with leukaemia and other cancers.

<http://www.footycoloursday.com.au/about-us/>

Prep Orientation Morning

Next Monday 8 September from 9 to 11am we hold our Prep orientation for 2015. This is earlier than other years as we need to commence our workforce planning for 2015. We anticipate having six Prep classes. Parents should have received a confirmation letter and invitation to our Prep orientation morning. If you are a new family and would like a school tour, please arrive early at 8.45 for a walk around our school. The orientation morning is a great opportunity to hear about our wonderful academic, sporting, cultural, musical and creative programs across the school but more importantly, to introduce you and your child to our fantastic Prep teachers. Your child will participate in a range of engaging activities while you hear about our Prep Program at Wellers Hill. I look forward to meeting you next week.

Year 1 Bilingual Program 2015

On Monday 1 September we released the Offers of Acceptance for our 2015 Bilingual Program. These have been emailed and sent home in a hard copy. Please return to the front office by Monday 15 September.



Regards Gayle

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Curriculum Discussions

Last week the administration team met with year levels to discuss their teaching and learning programs for this term. Professional discussions were focussed on how teachers can support each child in order to achieve best possible results. The teachers are very happy with how the children of Wellers Hill engage with the work to be covered and also with the level of support each child receives from home. The administration team continue to be impressed with the collegial support within each year level and with the dedication and commitment teachers at Wellers Hill have to their students.

Preparing Preps for Year One

In preparation for our 2014 Preps becoming Year Ones in 2015, the Prep teachers and Administration are changing the morning and afternoon routine of having an adult escort the children to and from the classrooms. From Term Four there will be no need for parents to escort Prep children to and from the classrooms in the mornings or afternoons. If parents wish to continue this practice of course you are still able to do so.

Prep will still officially end at 2:50pm. If parents are going to be collecting children from the classroom, this is still the time to do so. However, if your Prep child will be meeting an older sibling or making their way to one of the pickup zones they will not be released from class until 3:00pm as we need to ensure the safety of all of our students.

If your Prep child will be meeting an older sibling after the bell, it is recommended that you use the remaining two weeks of Term Three to set up a meeting spot and to discuss with your children what to do if when they arrive at their meeting spot and a sibling is not there.

Could you please ensure your child's teacher is aware of your child's afternoon routine for term Four.

Regards Mrs Louise Hart.

Traffic Action Group

The Traffic Action Group had our first meeting last night and looked at the issues, challenges and opportunities that exist around traffic at Wellers Hill State School.

One of the key concerns was around traffic congestion at the **Scout Den carpark** and the **Toohy Road two minute zone** at pick up time in the afternoon. The problem being the number of cars converging at, or around 3:00pm. It was pointed out that we need to work with parents to change attitudes and behaviours, as generally, by 3:15 the congestion has eased and traffic flows much more freely.

What we are introducing for the start of Term Four, is that parents time their journey to meet the following schedule, with times **dependent on the eldest child in the family**. (For example: If you have children in Prep, Year 3 and Year 6 they will be collected at 3:15)

Schedule: (For both Toohey Road and Scout Den)

Prep – 2 3:05

Years 3 – 4 3:10

Years 5 – 7 3:15

Younger children will be accompanied by their older siblings to the pick up zones and will be supervised by teachers on duty and parent marshalls.

To aid the collection process, we are asking that the family surname is displayed on the on the dashboard or back of the passenger side interior sunvisor which can be put down as the approaches to assist us to have the children ready to get into cars as they approach. The name cards will be printed by the school and can be collected from school administration

We are also seeking volunteers to assist as marshalls and information will be distributed via the parent representatives next week. Training for the marshalls will be provided.

Regards Mr Jack White.

SUPPORTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Rule Reminder: *Sticks and Stones*

Sticks, stones, berries, sand etc belong in a safe place:

- If you see a rock or a stick and it is in the way please place it in a safe place
- If you throw a rock or a stick – once it leaves your hand you have no control over what happens but you are responsible.
- If you see someone with a rock or a stick ask them to place it in a safe place

FROM Anne Chapman, GUIDANCE OFFICER

**EVERY CHILD has the right to be loved and cared for
and to feel safe in and out of the home environment.**



From the time they are born children need to know they are loved, and that people will care for them. Healthy food, warm clothes and a comfortable home are very important to help children grow – but they are not enough in themselves.

It is important to help make ALL children feel SAFE and secure. This is a very important part of caring. All children need to be treated as individuals in their own right. We should respect their feelings and encourage children to talk about them. We need to be aware that the way they feel may be different to the way we feel. We also need to set good examples to children in our everyday lives – as they grow, children learn from adults how to behave.

Some Good Examples

- ☺ *Adults who show respect for others and for children in their care have set sensible limits that are in line with the child's age and stage of development.*
- ☺ *Talking with children and listening to their joy and problems is a good way to show children we care.*

- ☺ *Parents showing affection for each other provides a good lesson in living.*
- ☺ *Sharing our thoughts with our children makes them feel needed, but be cautious of exposing your school –aged children to your problems - they do not necessarily have the capacity nor resources to cope with another’s problems.*
- ☺ *All children love to have their say – sharing meals at the table is a great way to encourage discussion. (Turn the T.V. off)*
- ☺ *Supporting children in their chosen sport or activity shows we care.*

Children GROW with LOVE and CARE

Source: NAPCAN FOUNDATION www.napcan.org.au

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Fathers’ Day Stall

Come along to buy Dad and Grandad a special present for Fathers’ Day. There are lots of fantastic gifts to choose from and something for everyone. Gifts range in price from \$1 to \$9 with the average price being \$5. Details are as follows:

DATE Thursday 4th September

TIME 8am to 2.50pm

- Classroom visits from 9am

- The stall will also be open on Friday 5th September from 8.15am to 8.45am

PLACE Alcove behind Tuckshop

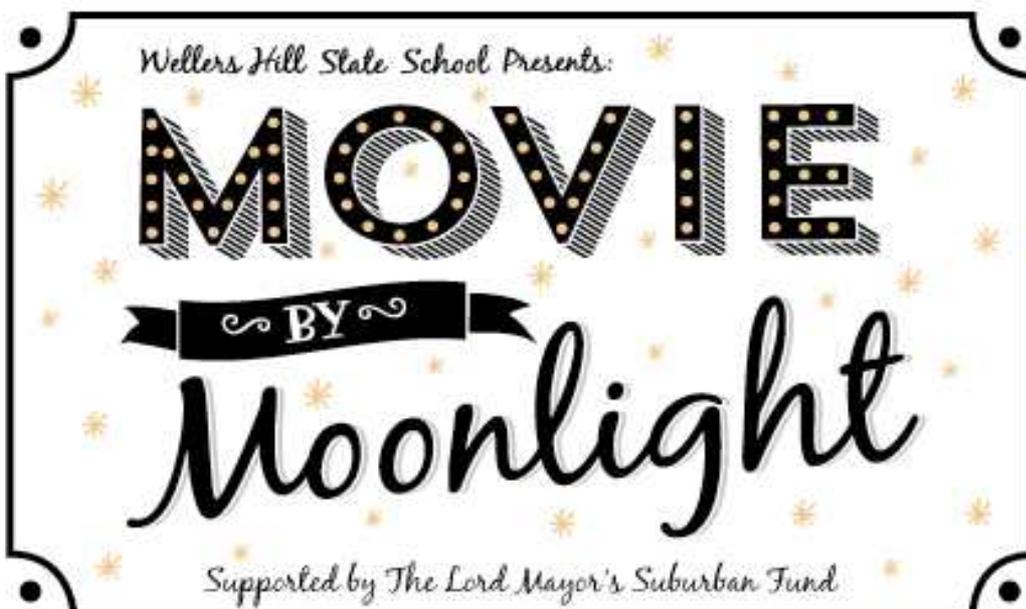
Prep, 1, 2 and 3 students are encouraged to wait until their classroom visits due to the high number of senior students attending the stall before school.

Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 students are encouraged to go to the stall before school and during playtime, although limited time has been allocated for year level visits after second break.

Please be assured that great gifts will be available regardless of the time students visit the stall.

Huge thanks to Deanne McDonald and her helpers for organising the Fathers’ Day Stall

Movie Night Volunteers



The Movie by Moonlight preparations are underway and we need your help!!
 Movie night- Saturday 11th October 2014. Are you able to assist with the following?

- Games co-ordinator / Convener: entertainment for 1.5hrs prior to when the movie commences, eg. simple organised play & win games such as "coin toss" etc.
- Helpers for Face Painting- 2 more helpers
- Ice Cream Convener: Ice creams will be sourced and purchased, we are hoping to have the seniors involved by selling ice-creams on the night. We require a Parent/Adult to co-ordinate and guide the students with the sales.
- Raffle ticket sellers – on the day – 2 Volunteers.
- Helpers to set up and pack up Marquees etc (Arrive Saturday Morning)
- Security and ticket booth check and purchase at both entry points
- Money Collection on the night – 2 Volunteers.
- Electrician or someone with Electrical Experience
- Hot Chips Convener – Co-ordinate and operate the stall

If you are able to volunteer your time to assist with the set-up, Food & Beverage Sales, prior and on the day, please email; pip@lumen-8.com.au .

Don't forget you can pre-purchase tickets this term.

Thanks to Pip Katsanevas for all the work she is doing to make the Movie Night a great success.

REMINDER – please complete the P & C survey

The survey closes next Monday 8 September and should only take 5 minutes.

Please click on this link to begin the survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WHSS_PandC_Survey

The survey will give the P&C Executive input from the broader school community about priorities. Our motto is "It's all about the kids" and we want to know what's important to you in delivering that objective. We look forward to your ideas and opinions!!

Assistant Treasurer

At the P & C meeting last week we appointed an assistant treasurer. Thanks to Bec Thomson for volunteering to take on this important role. We welcome Bec to the P & C executive and look forward to her valuable contribution.

Harmonies 2015 - 2 Volunteers still needed for committee

Thanks to those people who have volunteered to form the 2015 Harmonies committee – see the table below. **We still need 2 more members – someone to organise equipment and someone to act as treasurer.** Please email me ASAP if you can help as planning needs to start NOW!

| Role | Volunteer |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Food Stalls | Fern Castles |
| Equipment | ? |
| Treasurer | ? |
| Secretary | Kate Firth |
| Sponsorship | Rosemary Payne |
| Marketing | Brigitte Braddock |
| Rides/Entertainment | Chris Hennessy |

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

President: Narelle Cooley (narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au)
 Secretary: Rob Beaumont 3161 7909
 Email: wellershillpandc@gmail.com

DATE CLAIMERS and DUE DATES FOR PAYMENTS

| Date | Event | Due Date | Amount |
|-------------------|---|------------|--------------|
| Sept 12 | Grandparents & Special Friends Day 9-11am | | |
| | Interschool Sport | 12/09/2014 | \$36 or \$18 |
| Sept 15 & 16 | Reverse Garbage Workshop [Year 3] | 12/09/2014 | \$9 |
| Term 4 [10 weeks] | Dance Fever [Years Prep & 2] | 12/09/2014 | \$20 |

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 Herley and Connor Helmore
Year 7 School Captains

This week have lots of things going on. Today there was Strings, Band and Choir photos. Years 6 and 7 also had their senior photos taken. Thursday and Friday morning the Father's day stall will be held at the alcove behind the tuckshop. Make sure you get a Father's day gift for your dad. Congratulations to all the children who got into the Talent show case. The Talent show will be at Holland Park State High on the 10th of September from 6:30pm - 8pm. Have a great week. Alice and Connor.



William Ellerton and Charlotte Cooper
Year 6 School Captains

SCIENCE FAIR NEWS

ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO!

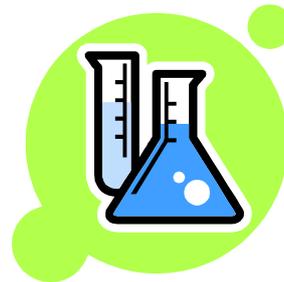
There is still time to choose a topic and create your entry in the Wellers Hill SS Science Fair. Some investigations only take a few weeks to complete and write up so it is possible for everyone to enter!

Please encourage your child/children to enter the Wellers Hill State School 2014 Science Fair. The science fair will be held on the 9th – 11th September in week 9. The students will bring in their work on Tuesday the 9th, judging will take place on Wednesday 10th and open for viewing on Thursday 11th.

The students will need to pose an investigation question for their project, use the fair test and keep a science journal of their experiment journey.

The 4 categories in each year level are:

- Biology and Microbiology
- Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Physics, Engineering and Technology
- Environment and Earth Science



Entries will be judged in each year level P – 7

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Highly Commended certificates
- Participation certificates

If you have a scientific background and would love to volunteer to help judge the investigations on Wednesday 10th September please contact either Louise Hart. (lhart10@eq.edu.au), Suzette Edwards (sedwa17@eq.edu.au) or Jimelle Woodland (jwood466@eq.edu.au).

Students are invited to make a simple but fun Science Investigation outside Mrs Woodland's room during Science Fair week!

So come along on either Tuesday or Wednesday (first play break) and create a helicopter, straw glider or pinwheel demonstrating push-pull forces!

See you there!

Mrs Woodland and Mrs Edwards

GOOD NEWS STORY

Shellbee from Year 6 is running in the Bridge to Brisbane (everyday Hero) to raise money for the Brainchild Foundation. This non-profit organisation does amazing things for children with brain and spinal cancer. If you would like to support Shellbee in her fundraising, donations can be made via the following link:

<http://everydayhero.com.au>

For more information on Brainchild Foundation go to : www.brainchild.org.au/

SPORTS NEWS

Interschool Sports

We finally made a start on Friday! Thank you to the coaches and students for a great first day. Students are reminded to wear their student uniform to school and change into any jerseys at EATING TIME at morning tea. Students should be prepared before departing with all sporting equipment required, hat and water bottle. If you are taking any belongings to sport on the bus with you, pack them in a small bag, not a backpack. NO HAT NO BUS!!

Games this week played between 1-2:30pm:

Teeball/Softball – All teams except teeball teams 1&3 at Yeronga Park. Team 1&3 at school!

AFL – Yandina Fields, Wecker Road, Mansfield.

Touch Football – Whites Hill Reserve, Boundary Road, Whites Hill.

REC SPORTS

| TEACHER/GROUP | 22/08 | 29/08 | 5/9 | 12/9 | 19/9 |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Mrs Edwards (1) | School | Park | School | School | Silat |
| Ms Ilett (2) | Silat | School | Park | School | School |
| Mrs Lutterall (3) | School | Silat | School | Park | School |
| Mrs Muller (4) | School | School | Silat | School | Park |
| Miss Smith (5) | Park | School | School | Silat | School |
| TEACHER/GROUP | 10/10 | 17/10 | 24/10 | 31/10 | 7/11 |
| Mrs Edwards (1) | Pool | Park | School | School | Pool |
| Ms Ilett (2) | Silat | Pool | Park | School | School |
| Mrs Lutterall (3) | School | Pool | Pool | Park | School |
| Mrs Muller (4) | School | School | Pool | Pool | Park |
| Miss Smith (5) | Park | School | School | Pool | Pool |

Students

Term Four Sports Dates

Prep Swimming Fun Day – Monday 24th November – 9-11am

Year 1-3 Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 25th November – 9am-1pm

Year 4-7 Swimming Carnival – Thursday 27th November – 9am-3pm

Sports Awards – Friday 5th December 2-3pm

SCHOOL BANKING

Congratulations to our school banker of the week.

Oscar N 1T



Gold Bankers for the week:-

Dion L 4JW, Phoebe H 1N, Nicholas L 2HA, Dylan M 6HL

Congratulations on making 30 deposits with the school banking program.

School Banking News:-

The penguin keyring is now in short supply. If you order one of these prizes, every effort will be made to secure you one. If they are no longer available, you will receive a shark keyring instead.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Wellers Hill.

Banking day is **Thursday**.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS



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

TUCKSHOP

| DAY | 9am to 11.30am | 1pm to 2pm |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Thursday 4 Sept | Linda C | HELP NEEDED |
| Friday 5 Sept | Susan R Denise W | Jenny O |
| Monday 8 Sept | Tracy W | CLOSED |
| Tuesday 9 Sept | HELP NEEDED | CLOSED |
| Wednesday 10 Sept | Peter M | Bec P |
| Thursday 11 Sept | Scott M | Danielle W |
| Friday 12 Sept | Tracey N Caroline S | Jane M |

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.

SACCS

September/October Vacation Care –SACCS is currently accepting booking for September/October Vacation Care. The Early Birds closing date will be at 6 PM on Friday, 05 September 2014. Bookings from all school age children (up to 14 years old) from Wellers Hill School and from the localschool communities are welcome. The form is available for download from Wellers Hill SS website or alternatively a hard copy can be collected from SACCS office.

Please note:

- Booking for Vacation care does not depend on your children's bookings in the other components of SACCS.
- 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.
- All accounts must be paid up to date before confirming your children' Vacation bookings.

Payments: Please ensure that when you do an electronic money transfer you specify your account name. SACCS received two payments that due to lack of payee's identifications cannot be allocated to the correct accounts. Both payments were made in August. Please check your statements and advise us if a payment made by you in that time frame had not been allocated to your account.

Nature Play initiative –Bringing indoors outdoor! Nature plays philosophy is all about encouraging children to not only be physically active but being outside, challenging themselves, learning their abilities and being inspired to be creative and imaginative with nature resources that can lead to hours of fun.

We will be utilising many great resources that children use at SACCS but this can also be extended and used at home as a whole family initiative. Our aim is to encourage children and families in a fun way to be active and enjoy the outdoors and complete fun challenges in different environments that some children may have never seen. For more information visit <http://www.natureplayqld.org.au/> for more information and free downloads.

Christmas Closing Dates: SACCS will be closed from 6pm on Tuesday, 23 December 2014 until the 7am on Wednesday, 07 January 2015.

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

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

ANNERLEY & DISTRICTS BLUE LIGHT DANCE PARTY

Next Dance: Friday 5th September 2014

AGES : 7yrs. – 15yrs

TIME: 7pm-9.30pm

COST: \$10.00

PLACE: Marymac Community Centre (616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley)

CONTACT : Senior Constable Lisa VOYSEY or Constable Rachel CUCKSON

Annerley Police Station Ph: 3892 8222

Supervised by Police & Community members

No smoking, no alcohol, no drugs, no objectionable behaviour.

**Thank you for your continued support for Blue Light in your area.
Annerley Blue Light Branch.**

Redbacks Netball Club is now accepting registrations for the 2015 netball season - Under 7 (born 2008) to opens. Full details from club website: www.redbacksnetsball.org
Registrations close on 30 November 2014 for 2015 season.



Fathers Day Stall



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***Time:* 8am to 2.50pm**

Classroom visits from 9am

***Place:* Alcove behind the Tuckshop**

(The stall will also be open on Friday 5th September from 8.15am to 8.45am)

Can you volunteer?

Volunteers to help serve at the stall are wanted & very much appreciated. Please contact Deanne McDonald on 0422 632 951 or email sdlcmcdonald@optusnet.com.au. Thank-you!

