Wednesday, 13 May 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Community Members

As parents of children in Year 3 and Year 5 would be aware, the ‘main game’ in town this week is NAPLAN. While NAPLAN is an important plank in the overall assessment and reporting system, it is not as frightening as is made out in the media.

I was shocked earlier this week to hear one TV programme indicate that the Year 3 and Year 5 students were about to head in to the most important test of their life. This most definitely is not the case. Even in the Courier Mail Opinion section today, the author does not grasp the context of NAPLAN.

The following are a few thoughts I have on NAPLAN:

• You cannot practice for NAPLAN. You can practice test skills, as these have been shown to improve performance and student confidence with general test taking. However, I firmly believe that it is not possible to practice for NAPLAN. To be successful at NAPLAN students must have a solid grounding in literacy and numeracy skills. This means that if the teachers are teaching the Australian Curriculum, are differentiating and adding a local context to their teaching, then they are not only preparing students for NAPLAN but for life in general.

• NAPLAN is what we call a ‘point in time’ test. However, NAPLAN is not the only assessment used in school. As a school we have an assessment schedule for students from Prep through to Year 6. NAPLAN is just one of the tests found within the schedule. Our schedule includes both formative and summative testing, as well as the collection of work samples and observations. We put all of the data together to gain an overall picture of the child, as no data should be viewed as infallible if used in isolation.

• The Opinion piece indicates that NAPLAN does not look at incremental improvement. This is not correct, as NAPLAN data does indicate relative gain or relative improvement for a student over a two year period, from Year 3 to Year 5 or Year 5 to Year 7. This data is important to us, as it is one of the measure teachers use to identify students who require intervention or support.

• “NAPLAN stresses children.” This is a frequent claim of the media. Granted, some children will be stressed by NAPLAN, however the same children may also be stressed by the Friday spelling test. NAPLAN stresses students if schools create a stressful environment, if children read or watch news...
reports that constantly talk about stressed students, if parents feel stressed, or if teachers are stressed. Students shouldn’t feel stressed as the teachers have fully prepared the students and helped them feel comfortable with NAPLAN.

- “NAPLAN does not measure creativity.” This is true; however, the media should not be confusing this style of testing with the measurement or development of creativity in students. It is up to each school to ensure they offer creative and balanced curriculum, don’t blame a lack of creativity on NAPLAN!

At Wellers Hill we have a saying, “all of the data belongs to all of the teachers”. Teaching is not something that should be done in isolation. NAPLAN results, both the successes and the areas for improvement, belong to everyone as every child, every year, deserves the very best teacher there is. If all of the teachers are providing a quality curriculum, are differentiating, are making quality personal connections with students; then that is all the NAPLAN preparation we need to do.

To all of the Year 3 and Year 5 parents out there, be proud of your students as they have done well this week. To future NAPLAN parents, prepare your children by sending them to school every day, by becoming involved in their general classroom work and activities, give them hugs, and praise them for their achievements. To the teachers, thank you for doing the work you do, the quality of the classroom practice at Wellers Hill is exceptional, and your dedication to improving students and self is highly commendable. Our teachers are the best in the system and I am extremely proud of each and every one of them.

Have a great week and Stay Calm, It’s Only NAPLAN.

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Mother's Day Stall
The Mother’s Day Stall held last week was a great success. There is a much longer list of thanks later in the newsletter. Huge thanks to Deanne McDonald and Fiona Pearce for co-ordinating the stall and the all volunteers who served on the stall providing our kids with presents for their Mums & Grandmas.
Music Night
The first WHSS Music Night for 2014 will be held next Monday 18 May at 6.30pm at Holland Park State High School. The Music Support Group (MSG) works hard behind the scenes to make events such as this a success. They have asked for volunteers to assist. If you can help please email wellershillmusic@gmail.com

Below is some more information about the functions that the MSG perform within the school.

The Music Support Group is a subcommittee of the WHSS P & C established to support the school instrumental and choral music programs through the following activities:

- Coordinating the distribution and collection of school-owned musical instruments
- Coordinating the maintenance and repair of school-owned musical instruments
- Collection of all levies relating to the school's music program
- Purchasing musical instruments and accessories for the music program, where required
- Coordinating the distribution, collection and cleaning of school-owned blazers and accessories
- Offering administrative support to the music teachers and office staff and general support to parents in relation to the school instrumental and choral programs
- Assisting in transport and set-up of music equipment for performances
- Reporting to the P&C general meetings on upcoming events, music issues and MSG budget
- Record and maintain financial reports in accordance with Education Queensland guidelines
- To fundraise at various events to provide funding for the above activities in support of the school instrumental and choral music programs
- Holding meetings as required and document decisions made.

We are fortunate to have supportive members of the MSG. The new MSG committee are
Chair - Dale Russell
Secretary – Karen Oakley
Treasurer – Diana Stevens
Uniforms – Leanne Zimmerman & Prue Taylor
Levys – Melissa Lassig-Smith & Morgen Williams
Band – Alyssa Sabo & Gayle Moore
Back packs – Gaby Hill & Bronwyn Jones
Entertainment books – Jutta Lituri & Angela Beitz

School Disco
The first of 3 discos for 2015 organised by the Sports Support Group (SSG) will be held on Thursday 28 May starting at 5pm. Details will be sent home with details of this fun night for the kids. The SSG are always looking for new members so if you are interested please let me know and I can put you in touch with Leanne Cleary (SSG chair).

The SSG will need volunteers to assist at the disco from 5 – 9 pm. Think about helping out for half an hour or even an hour while your child is at the Disco. Volunteers are needed to supervise in the hall, escort students to the bathroom, cook kebabs and sausages, sell drinks, glow sticks and lollies. Any support is greatly appreciated.

May P & C Meeting
The May P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 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
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Payments must be deposited in the payment box located in the office. Do not give payments to Class Teachers.

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

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

## CAPTAINS' CORNER

Good luck for NAPLAN Years 3 and 5. We’re sure you’ll all do well and receive very high marks.

On the 18\(^{th}\) of May we have Wellers Music Night with all the ensembles and choirs performing on the night. Arrive at the specified time and in full performance uniform. There will also be a raffle.

Wednesday 20\(^{th}\) is Book Fair Dress up Day and children can come to school in costume. The theme is Kings, Queens and Castles. Premiers Reading Challenge also starts next week so get reading! Have a great week!

Darcy Helmore and Elsie O’Brien
Year 6 School Captains
Thank-you!
A Big Thank-you to Mr Ceri McCoy for his assistance with the ANZAC DAY PARADE choir sound requirements!
Your time, commitment and expertise is very much appreciated!

All Music Students

MUSIC NIGHT!
WHEN: Monday the 18th of May at 6.30pm
WHERE: Holland Park State High School Hall,
Bapaume Road, Holland Park
COST: $4.00 – Adults
      $2.00 – Children and Concessions
WEAR: Performance Uniforms
ARRIVE: Strings players need to arrive at 6.00pm to ensure that Mrs Price is able to tune all the instruments. Strings players on arrival should take their instruments to the area behind the stage for tuning and then take their place in the designated area in the seating on the left of the hall (as one enters). Only strings players will have access to the dressing rooms behind the stage.
Junior and Senior Band members need to arrive at 6.00pm. Band members should leave their instruments in the kitchen area, which is to the right of the main door on entry. Please leave larger instruments just outside the kitchen bench. The performers should then take their seat in the designated area on the left of the hall (as one enters).
Choir members need to arrive by 6.10pm (having warmed-up vocally) and take their seats on the left of the hall in the designated seat Please bring a named water bottle and your best behaviour.

This is an important night to display both your high standards of playing and behaviour. You must be quiet when watching others perform and when moving from the seats to the stage or in the hall. No student is to be outside the hall unsupervised.

Students and parents are also asked, where possible, to please stay for the entire duration of the Music Evening. The students in the ensembles scheduled for the end of the evening have been working very hard to bring you their best performance, and are very excited and deserving of a full audience to appreciate their talents! Your attendance is very much appreciated

Vocal Group, Senior Band, Camerata Strings

St Paul’s Fete
Event: St Paul’s Anglican Church Fete/Music Festival
Where: 554 Vulture Street, East Brisbane, Qld. 4169
When: Saturday 23rd May 2015

Time: Band students arrive at 11.00am
      Vocal Group and Strings students arrive at 11.10am

Meet/Warm up: Church Hall on site (performance to be in historic church)
Wear: Full performance uniform.

Bring: (where applicable) Instrument; music and folder; neat uniform (black college lace up shoes and black socks as per handbook. Bow ties and neck ribbons according to uniform); spare reeds or mallets/sticks (if required). Stands, chairs and large percussion will all be supplied for us.
We have been allocated a half hour performance time, however it is the nature of such events that acts ahead of us may run over, causing our performance time to change. Please keep this in mind. At the completion of their performance, students may leave immediately if required.

**Choral Fanfare**

**When:** Monday, 25th of May  
**Attire:** Full performance uniform  
**Time:** Meet in the undercover area at 7.20am for a 7.30am departure  
**Where:** Coorparoo Secondary College  
**Transport:** Buses will transport children to and from the competition  
**Cost:** $7 for the bus trip (Children in two choirs only pay once)  
**Attendance:** All choir students are required to attend.

Cost of entry to Fanfare is nil and parents, friends and community members are most welcome to attend (8.30am session), however please leave sufficient time to secure parking.

**Strings**

Strings testing will occur in weeks 5 and 6 this term, so make sure you are preparing!  
**Grade 4 Strings Camp**  
All Grade 4’s will receive information soon about the Grade 4 Strings Day Camp. The dates are 9th – 12th of June. Please put this in your calendar!  
**Grade 3 Strings**  
Grade 3 strings will also need to arrive at school at 8:15am on Friday the 15th of May for a pre-concert rehearsal at the music block. Grade 3 strings will also need to bring their instruments to school on Monday the 18th of May (day of the concert) for a final rehearsal.  
**Grade 2 Strings**  
All Grade 2 string students will be required to bring their instruments to school on Friday the 15th of May for a concert rehearsal. They will need to arrive at school 8:15am for a rehearsal in the instrumental teaching room. An email was sent home regarding this, if you did not receive the email please let Mrs Price know; jpric211@eq.edu.au

Happy Music Making!  
Mrs Kristensen, Mrs Price and Mr Bell

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**GOOD NEWS STORIES**

9 Wellers Hill students competed at Sunnybank Little Athletics during the summer season. At the Presentation Awards on Saturday 18th April all were recognised for their achievements.

Meghan Becker 2nd, Shae Godfrey 3rd and Saoirsa Ireland 4th in U11 girls  
Oliver Scully - 1st place U10 boys  
Caleb Godfrey - 2nd place U9 boys  
Sean Scully 1st & Isaac Bell 3rd in U8 boys  
Daniel Godfrey 2nd U6 boys, Zoe Bell 1st U6 girls
FROM THE CHAPLAIN

MATES

I would like to introduce the new MATES team for 2015

Joseph, Frank, Jordan, Niamh, Matisse, Jasmine, Emma, Imogen, Ashleigh, Elia, Myah, Liv, Eve, Jesna and Sam

“MATES” stands for:
M - Modeling
A - Affirmation
T - Trust
E - Encouragement
S - Support

You will see the MATES team out and about at playtimes, wearing their distinctive yellow vests with the smiley face logo. They are there to be a positive presence in the school, to connect with kids who may need a friend, and to reinforce good behavior and attitudes amongst the students.

They are a wonderfully enthusiastic bunch of kids of whom the school can be very proud.

Stephanie Kennedy
(School Chaplain)

From the MATES Captain

Hello, my name is Matisse. I am the Captain of the MATES team. We recently started doing playground duties on the top and bottom ovals each day. We are all enjoying helping other students and watching out for those who need a friend. Our aim is to provide a lending hand, engage with other students and be good role models within the school. The MATES team meets regularly with the chaplain, Stephanie Kennedy, so that we can be a strong team and learn new skills. It has been good to see the younger children not being afraid to come up and tell us any issues they are having in the playground. We have noticed a lot of children doing good deeds and taking turns, which is what Wellers Hill is all about. It is an honour to be MATES Captain for 2015.

I look forward to having a spectacular year with Stephanie Kennedy and the MATES team.
REMINDER - BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair starts next Wednesday 20th May. The theme is "Kings, Queens & Castles". There will be a dress-up day for the whole school on Wednesday. Then from 3.30 - 5.30pm (Wednesday 20th), the Book Fair will be in the Hall. As well as viewing and buying books, there will be activities throughout the afternoon. Some of the activities are -: making crowns and tiaras, colouring in, reading, games, photo booth.

From Thursday afternoon the books will be back in the annex until Tuesday morning 26th May.

The Annex will be opened **Mornings 7.45 - 8.45am** - Friday 22nd May, Monday 25th May, Tuesday 26th May. **Afternoons 3.00 - 4.30pm** Thursday 21st May, Friday 22nd May.

THE ANNEX WON'T BE OPEN MONDAY AFTERNOON 25TH MAY AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED.

As I said in the last Newsletter, parents are very welcome to dress up!! So, looking forward to seeing you all next week.

As well as activities in the Hall, there will be a Sausage Sizzle (500 sausages) at the Book Fair, so dinner will be taken care of!

Cost - $2 each. All proceeds go towards buying books for the Library.

If anyone is able to help with the Sausage Sizzle, can you please let me know? Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Bernadette Hoffman
Teacher in the Library
Kidsmatter provides schools and families with a range of information to help them support children’s mental health and wellbeing.

To assist in supporting children’s mental health and wellbeing, each month a Kidsmatter topic will be included in the school newsletter. The practical information, tips and strategies provided may be beneficial in supporting children in the home environment. This will also be supported through school staff implementing support strategies in the school environment, as needed.

This month the focus topic will be: Friendship Skills

Friendship skills:
Suggestions for families

Parents and carers are children’s first and most important teachers when it comes to relationships. The ways you relate to your children and the guidance you provide help develop children’s social skills. You can help children develop and maintain friendships by modelling effective social skills, providing opportunities for children to practise interacting with others, and offering support when they go through difficulties. Taking the role of a coach helps children learn the skills they need for themselves.
Children who have a wide range of interests are more likely to have something in common with others and so find it easier to make friends and get along.

The following suggestions may be helpful

Make time to play too
Parents and carers can improve their children's social skills by playing with them regularly. Letting children choose and lead the play allows you to be playful with them and encourages them to practise skills for cooperation and negotiation. Making time for play helps strengthen your relationship with them as well as their skills. Avoid enforcing and make it fun!

Allow your child to try all sorts of different activities
Children who have a wide range of interests are more likely to have something in common with others and so find it easier to make friends and get along.

Invite children for play dates
Having friends over to visit helps children to establish friendships and practise their social skills. It also provides an opportunity for you to provide on-the-spot coaching for children as they develop their friendship skills. Providing positive guidance and helping to structure activities (without taking over) can be very important when establishing new friendships.

Child says...
"There's this girl in my class who is really mean to everyone in class, and so we are all mean right back to her."
"Maybe she thinks we don't like her, and so she's being mean to us?"
"Well, I like her when she's not being mean."
"Maybe I could invite her over to play after school?"

Talk with children about what is happening for them with their friends
Find a relaxed time, like the drive home from school or after dinner, to talk about what is happening in your children's friendship group. By doing this, you let them know that you are interested in their wellbeing, and this can also be an opportunity to share some of your experiences and to help them solve any problems they might have.

Encourage positive, relevant strategies
Parents and carers can talk about, and encourage, friendly and cooperative strategies that can help their child develop friendships. For example, encouraging children to negotiate or compromise when trying to solve conflicts with peers is a strategy that is more positively received than aggression or verbal threats.

Take a problem-solving approach
Parents and carers don't need to have the answers to all of their children's problems. You can support your children to think through a problem for themselves by talking with them and asking some useful questions. For example:

Parent/carer asks...
"Why do you think she is being so mean?"
"That could be one reason. Do you like her?"
"So how could you show her that you do like her, and that there's no need for her to be mean?"
Affirms: "That sounds like a great idea to me."

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

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MUSIC NIGHT: Monday, 18th May 2015 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm @ Holland Park State High School

**Volunteers urgently needed**: Our Music Night for Semester 1 is only 1 week away...and we still need at least 10 helpers! Jobs include helping with loading trucks (from midday on the day), set up at Holland Park High (on the day), front of house, backstage, ushering, tuning instruments, and / or unloading the truck the following morning. Please email us at wellershillmusic@gmail.com if you can assist.

Please remember the music night is for our kids - without parental assistance we cannot show case the students as well as they deserve.

All music program students are expected to attend and wear full performance uniforms. The Music Night commences at 6:30 pm and will be finished by 8:30pm. We ask that everyone stay to support all student performances.

**Raffle donations appreciated** MSG fundraisers will run raffles at our music night and donations for prizes are appreciated. Ideas include: children's gifts, non-perishables such as chocolate, wine, vouchers - please drop your donations off at the WHSS office. Thank you!

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase on the night (Monday 18th May). One of the prizes is an Entertainment Book that can be used until end of June 2016.

HARMONIES ON THE HILL / FETE - Please consider volunteering at our school fete (Harmonies) in August. MSG needs volunteers to assist the music students in the hall for 1-2 hour stints either morning or afternoon. Please email us at wellershillmusic@gmail.com if you can assist.

⭐THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU 🌟
We received a great response to our call for volunteer sewers last term. The MSG would like to thank the volunteers who made some fantastic new cummerbunds for our music students: Sue Newton and her mum, Jo Sanders and her mum, Kay Marshall and Shian Miller.

Thank you also to the additional people that volunteered but weren't needed just yet. We will be needing to make some new ties soon, so stay tuned!

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP (MSG) MEETING - Our next meeting is Tuesday 16th June at 7pm in the WHSS Staff Room - All welcome!
Music Support Group (MSG) meetings are generally held 2-3 times per term.
Meetings are held at **7pm** on a Tuesday night in the WHSS staff room.

Our schedule for the next 4 months is:

- Tuesday 5th May - **tonight!!**
- Tuesday 16th June
- Tuesday 14th July
- Tuesday 18th August

All welcome and any help appreciated 🎉

Hello Parents & Carers - please read this important information regarding **performance uniforms required** for the WHSS Music Night on 18 May 2015 (6:30pm at Holland Park State High School). If you have any concerns, please contact the Music Support Group at wellershillmusic@gmail.com

* **Girls Blouses**

Girl’s performance blouses recently purchased from the uniform shop may not have had the concealed buttons **under the collar**. As the return date for these shirts has now expired, **please ensure buttons are sewn under the collar prior to the music night** if a performance tie is required for your daughter (see below).

* **Girls Ties**

*Performance ties are required for girls in Senior Band, Senior Strings, Camerata Strings, Senior Choir and Vocal Group.* Girls ties are available for purchase in the uniform shop.

* **Girls Hair**

Please remember that girls with long hair are required to wear a simple Ponytail with a Ribbon. Ribbons are available for purchase at the WHSS uniform shop and will be available at the front door at the Music Night.

* **Blazers**

*Blazers for Senior Strings will be issued this term, prior to the music night.*

*Students in Senior Band, Vocal Group and Camerata Strings have already been issued with blazers.*

* **Boys bow-ties and cummerbunds**

*All boys to be issued with a blazer will also be issued with a bow-tie and cummerbund. These will be in the pocket of the blazer.*

*All boys in Junior Band, Beginner Strings and Intermediate Strings will be issued prior to Music Night.*

*Boys in all choirs have already been issued with bow ties and cummerbunds.*

Reminders:

* Helpers for the Music Night are needed and appreciated - please contact us.*

* Raffle donations are appreciated - please drop these at the WHSS Office - thank you :)*
Next Music Support Group meeting is tomorrow night (Tues 6th May) in the WHSS Staff Room at 7pm - all welcome!

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**Entertainment Book Brisbane**
Very Limited Stock available this year
The Entertainment Book is your special invitation to many of the best restaurants, arts, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more. It is filled with hundreds of valuable offers including up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers! For just AU $65.00 and you'll receive over AU $15,000.00 in valuable offers. And best of all, a portion of the sale of this 2015 Brisbane, Sunshine Coast Entertainment Book will go towards raising much needed funds for the WELLERS HILL MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP.

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

SIZE 2 UNIFORM ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE UNIFORM SHOP
After several students being in need of smaller sizing this year in prep, the Uniform Shop has now ordered royal polo shirts, house polo shirts, winter jackets, and girls’ culottes and skorts in size 2 - one size smaller than our previous smallest size - being size 4.

Any parents who have had to purchase size 4 which is too big for their child, and would still like to have a smaller fit, please come in and see us.

Orders for Track Pants and Girls Tights - are delayed - we apologise - track pants and girl's tights on order will not be available at the shop this week. The Uniform Shop will notify anyone who has an order when they arrive, but they are expected to arrive by Friday of next week (week 5).

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

FOUND ITEMS

- Girls blue ribbon on hair clip
- Toy blue watch
- Car key remote (without key) Susuki
- Mothers Day presents lost prior to Mothers Day : Red picture frame, silver necklace
- Trash Pack tin with toys
SACCS
POLICY REVIEWS

Reviewing SACCS current policies and procedures is an ongoing process. The current policy under review would be made available to all our shareholders – P&C, Management Committee, Parents/Care providers, staff and children. Each policy would be made available either by an e-mail or as a hard copy. Your responses play an important role in the running of the service and for devising policies and programs that are meaningful and in the best interest of SACCS children.

Staff team has recently reviewed our current philosophy statement. We identified a few areas of our program and practices that are not reflected in the statement. These areas are underlined for your convenience.

Please have a hard look at our suggested philosophy. Does it reflect our current practices?

Please use the dot system on the community board to acknowledge your agreement/disagreement. Or send us a short e-mail indicating your opinion.

Your comments and suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

A STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
WELLERS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE SERVICE

Wellers Hill School Age Child Care Service believes that each child has the right to be an active member of the community in which they live, to express their opinions and have their views considered in any decision that may affect them. We believe that the best interests of the children and their right to play as well as learn and develop in a safe and nurturing environment is the primary consideration in all decision making at the service. It is visible in SACCS actions, interactions and daily work with the children. We believe that all children are active learners from birth and through rich, engaging and stimulating environments and meaningful interactions we can build a foundation for successful lifelong learning. We support children education to become socially, environmentally and sustainably responsible citizens of this land and of the world.

We acknowledge that parents and families are the child’s primary nurturers and those respectful, collaborative relationships between SACCS and the families and the diverse communities strengthen our joint capacity to support children and promote their health and wellbeing. We believe that the fundamental worth of all children and their families, their strengths and their right to equitable access and participation in our diverse community is clearly visible in all aspects of service delivery.

Wellers Hill School Age Child Care Service team believes that by continuing working on improving our professional knowledge and skill, continuing with the ongoing culture of professional inquiry and critical reflection on our practices and providing a positive working environment we will excel in our strive to achieve the best outcomes for the children in our care.

Our service believes that children have the right to have their individual and cultural identity recognised and respected. We value Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures as a core part of the nation’s history, present and future. We acknowledge Jagera and Turrubal people as the traditional owners of the land our service is located, the long history of the land and we recognise the care they gave the land before us.

Children need and want to take risks when they play. Wellers Hill School Age Child Care Service aims to respond to these needs and wishes by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, Wellers Hill School Age Child Care Service aims to manage the risks so that children gain benefits from the experiences but are not exposed to unacceptable risk.

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**TUCKSHOP**

**State of Origin Meal Deal – ORDER NOW BEFORE THE CUT-OFF DATE**
It’s back!! This year we will have Meal Deals on SOO Game 1 (27 May) and Game 2 (17 June)

Meal Deal 1 - Meat Lovers Pizza, Twisties, Tropical LOL and an iced cupcake.
Meal Deal 2 – Pie, sauce, Honey Soy chips, Tropical LOL and an iced cupcake.

Both deals are $8 each. You can order one or both by tearing off the payment section below and returning to the tuckshop before the cutoff date. Both orders will also appear on Flexischools after the Easter holidays. Don’t miss out – orders **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** after the cutoff dates.

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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.

22) $8.00(Meat Lovers Pizza, Twisties, Tropical LOL and an iced cupcake.)

STATE OF ORIGIN MEAL DEAL 1 – MAY 27 (Cut off for order Friday May

22)

STATE OF ORIGIN MEAL DEAL 2 – JUNE 17 (Cut off for order Friday June 12) $8.00

Meal Deal 2 – Pie, sauce, Honey Soy chips, Tropical LOL and an iced cupcake

(Please place tear-off section and payment in an envelope and return to the tuckshop before Friday May 22)
COMMUNITY NEWS

One of our parents has advised that the Woolworths Brand - Fruit Bites which were initially dairy free NOW contain whey powder.

Woolworths are now relabelling the product to advise consumers of the change in ingredients.

Mothers Day Stall Thank-You

Many hands make light work! This was certainly the case for those parents that volunteered their precious time to wrap gifts and help serve at the Mothers Day Stall held last Wednesday & Thursday.

Thank-you so much as buying, wrapping & selling over 2,000 gifts to students wouldn’t be possible without this help as it involves 8 mornings of wrapping, setting up and then running the stall for more than 8 hours over 2 days.

Kim George, Michelle Botha, Michelle Cartwright, Sue Newton, Sophie, Megan Schlieb, Lucy Russell, Helen Stuart, Kerry Henderson, Gail Kirkman, Simone Flint, Rosie Payne, Bri Braddock, Libby, Mel, Kerry Cox & Alison Blaikie – these lovely ladies helped package, price and wrap over 2,000 gifts for the children to buy at the stall. Thank-you so much.

Thanks also to those that helped to set-up and/or serve at the stall – Kim George, Michelle Botha, Prue Jay, Gayle Tallmoore, Leanne Alder, Madonna Stewart, Tracy Wilson, Tracey Baddiley, Julie Hardeman, Janet Evans, Kerry Cox, Gail Kirkman, Natalie Bosschieter & Ellis Marshall. There were other helpers, including students, which also lent a hand to serve at the stall, so thank-you very much.

Thanks to Kerry Cox for hand-made gifts donated by her Mum & to Sue & Paul Newton for making 6 trays of fudge which were a real winner. We’d also like to acknowledge and thank:
- SACCS for the use of their room for wrapping
- Jerry, Debbie & Lisa for cleaning up the storeroom for storage of the gifts
- the admin team, teachers and parents for supporting the stall again this year

It’s lovely to see the look on children’s faces when they’re deciding on what to buy for Mum & Grandma from the wide range of gifts available. Let’s hope that all the Mums and Grandmas enjoyed a special Mother’s Day.

Fiona Pearce & Deanne McDonald
Mothers Day Stall Coordinators
The fete will be held on Sunday 2 August – pencil it into your diaries now and don’t forget to invite family and friends!

Donations for the Nearly New Stall
The great clothing collection will be starting soon for our Harmonies Nearly New Stall - clothing, accessories, shoes, jewellery - clean out your cupboards and help make our Nearly New Clothing Stall a great success! We have organized a bright yellow and blue wheelie bin for the collection of your pre-loved clothes and will confirm soon where they will be located. Thank you for your help!

Second Hand Book Donations
Are your bookshelves sagging? Are your cupboards bulging? Well, now is the time to think about collecting the books you wish to donate to the second hand book stall. We’d love any book, don’t throw it out, donate it!
Arrangements for donation of books will be made at a later date, so please hold onto your books for now. Thank you!

Raffle Prizes & Auction Items Wanted
For even more excitement at the fete, we are planning to hold a live auction and are looking for some great items to auction off. Please consider becoming a sponsor & providing an item for the auction or simply donate an item for the auction without a sponsorship arrangement.

A raffle isn’t a great raffle without great prizes. Please consider becoming a sponsor & providing a raffle prize or simply donate a raffle prize for this stall without a sponsorship arrangement. Please contact Rosie at rosemary.stead@gmail.com should you wish to become a sponsor or donate a raffle prize or auction item.
STALL CONVENERS

First up a HUGE THANK YOU to all the parents who came forward after our last parent rep email and put their hand up to be a stall convener. There are only a couple of stalls left now, so we are well on the way to make this another very successful school fete.

WANTED! Raffles Convener - The convener of this stall will coordinate parents of their class to organise the distribution and collection of the tickets to the school community before the fete. They will also sell raffle tickets on the day and any help in sourcing some prizes is very welcome!

Please contact Femke Castles, our stalls co-ordinator as soon as possible per email femkeboer@icloud.com or phone 0450 907 571 if you are able to convene one of these stalls. She will be happy to explain in more detail what is involved and to where possible get you in touch with previous conveners who are a source of knowledge and happy to pass this on.

WANTED! Pre-loved Kids Toys Stall Convener – Do you love seeing the sparkle in the kids’ eyes when they hunt through the treasure at the Pre-loved Kids Toys Stall and find that special piece for a bargain price? Then this stall is for you! You will organise donations from the school community and helpers to sort through the pre-loved goods, making them ready to sell at the fete. Feel free to make this your own stall – you could even add other second hand treasure items (e.g. CDs, DVDs) for sale at this stall.

ANNOUNCING……
Free Dress Day coming soon!

Get your kids excited now and tell them about the upcoming Free Dress Day. We would ask each child in free dress to bring in a gold coin donation that will go towards purchasing the many required goods for our food stalls so we can cook up a storm of deliciousness! Watch this space – the date of the Free Dress Day will be announced shortly!
Thank You To Our Sponsors

THANK YOU to many businesses and families who have offered donations and sponsorship for the fete. Our fete is as much about 'FUNraising as it is Fundraising. Thanks to the following businesses that are supporting Harmonies through sponsorship. Please remember to support the businesses that support the school community!

Stephen Dibbs Jewellery at Holland Park (http://www.sdj.com.au) has donated a beautiful piece of jewellery for the raffle.

Local artist Megan Schliebs (http://meganschliebs.com/) has donated a very special piece of artwork for the auction.

Lollipop’s Playland & Café at Cannon Hill has donated a fun kids party for up to 10 kids.

Discount Drugstore at Moorooka has donated a lovely gift basket for our raffle.

Bunnings at Rocklea will be donating a selection of beautiful plants, pots and soil to our plant stall.

Aussie World has donated 2 adult passes for unlimited rides.

Guardian Pharmacy at Wellers Hill has donated a beautiful gift basket.

Bo Tree Therapies in Salisbury has donated 1 x 6 week kids yoga pass and 1 x 5 weeks adult pass.

A special Thank You to real estate agent Place - our Diamond Sponsors - for their contribution.