Wednesday 25 November, 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Community Members

With only two weeks to go until the end of term, the school is becoming busier and busier. Last night was the final P & C Meeting for the year. Thank you to the executive for your efforts during the year and the decisions that you have made that support students, teachers and families in the school.

P & C / School Decisions
The P & C Association last night ratified a decision to air condition an additional seven classroom spaces in the school. The demountable buildings that are located behind SACCS will have air conditioning installed prior to the commencement of the 2016 school year. This is a decision I sincerely thank the P & C for making as these rooms are often hot and stuffy due to lack of air circulation.

The school will also fund air conditioning for the library. The library is an area that is used by a significant number of students and the benefit will be substantial in terms of learning and lunch time enjoyment.

Tonight the school celebrates the musical talents of our students at Music Awards Evening. This celebration of music is one of the most enjoyable school functions of the year.

I look forward to joining students and families at Music Awards Evening 2015.

Wellers Hill School Christmas Appeal
Wellers Hill State School traditionally participate in a Christmas Donation Appeal for the Salvation Army. We are participating in this appeal once again for Christmas 2015. Donations, large or small, can be left at the school office until Wednesday 9 December. Items requested are non-perishable food items and toys (unwrapped). Many thanks for the generosity of those families who have already contributed.

Regards,
John
FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

THANK YOU!!!!

As a busy year comes to a close I have many people to thank. Firstly, to the staff at Wellers Hill – the time and effort you put in to educating our children is often unrecognised and is much appreciated. On behalf of the P & C and all of the school community I would like to express our sincere thanks to all the teachers, administration and support staff.

To the other members of the P & C executive – Sallie Battist, John Holm and Mark Molesworth - thank you for your support this year.

As the Year 6’s graduate we have a number of loyal and active sub-committee members who will be leaving the school. Your service to the school over many years has been much appreciated and you will be missed.

We are losing some long standing and valuable volunteers.

Music Support Group (MSG)
Jutta Lituri, Melissa Lassig-Smith, Alyssa Sabo
All these parents have made significant contributions to the Music Program over a number of years and will be greatly missed.

Sports Support Group (SSG)
Robyn Helmore, Julia Godfrey, Esperanza Martinez, Leanne Cleary (Chair)

Swim Club (ASC)
Georgia Megahey, Kym McDonald and Andrew Helmore (Chair)
All have been active members of the Swimming Club committee for many years. Georgia was Secretary and Kym was Carnival Coordinator and her husband Sean ran the BBQ for several years.

Services (Tuckshop and Uniform Shop)
Maria Wolff and Louise Carius
Louise Carius (also Services Committee), Michelle Naumann (Services), Linda Collingwood (Services), Kym MacDonald, Jenny O’Brien and Julie Basham
Thanks to all the Year 6 parents who have volunteered time over the many years their children have been at WHSS and are leaving as their children leave the school.
We need people willing to take on a role or just give an hour or so of their time in the year to come. Please think about your interests and how you can contribute in 2016 so that the children at Wellers Hill continue to have many opportunities made available to them.

Spellathon money – not too late to return
Thanks to Kathy Bird and Esperanza Martinez for co-ordinating the Spellathon and counting all the money. Please encourage your children to return sponsorship money ASAP. At the P & C meeting last night it was decided that the P & C will donate $40 000 to the school to air condition the demountable classrooms that are located on the way up to the top oval. This should be completed in time for classes to return in January 2016. Part of the money to fund this project will come from Spellathon funds. It would be great to see as many students as possible bring back their forms and money raised. All fund raised benefit the students at WHSS.

Robotics competition and club
On the weekend 20 WHSS students competed at the First Lego League competition at QUT. It is wonderful that the students were encouraged and trained by the dedicated teachers at WHSS. The P & C have donated $3800 to provide 5 new sets of robotics equipment to be used next year by the robotics club that will be established. Thanks to Mr Pryce, Ms Cav and Mr Raciti for giving up their time and their interest in developing this further in the future.

Family Fun Night – put the date in your calendar 19 February 2016
The Family Fun Night is a great start to the school year and much anticipated by the families of WHSS. Deanne McDonald and Simone Flint have once again offered to co-ordinate the night. Food, drinks, rides will be incorporated.
It has been a busy and successful year at WHSS – lots of projects completed and some underway. A full report will be given at the AGM in March.

Regards Narelle Cooley narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au
DATE CLAIMERS and DUE DATES FOR PAYMENTS

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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

As we are fast nearing the end of the term the last parade of the year is on this Friday the 27th of November and the last day of school is on the 11th of December.

We hope everyone has had a great year and enjoys the last 2 and a half weeks of the term. All the Year 6 students have Graduation on Wednesday the 9th of December and there will be professional photographers so make sure to get your photo taken with your mates.

Good luck to Saoirsa Ireland who is competing in the National Championships for Synchronised Skating.

Darcy Helmore and Elsie O'Brien
Year 6 School Captains

FOUND ITEMS

- XBoxOne Video game
- Girl’s green wallet
- Blue World's Greatest Wallet/purse
- Girl’s pink/purple watch
- Silver ring with large stone
- Glasses case – Airlight Ballina Optometry

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Please ensure the school has up-to-date information regarding emergency contacts so that you can be contacted promptly if required.
What a busy and action-packed term!

Four Wellers Hill State School students have had their artwork selected for inclusion in the visual arts resources for Schools of Distance Education across Queensland, known as the eTEACH project. An example of how these artworks will be included in the resources is shown below:

Congratulations to Harmoni 2M, Eliza 2T, Pearl 2T and Annika 5L. Well done on your achievements!

A teacher’s workshop was hosted at our school during the term on figure drawing which proved to be very interesting. It was presented by a team of art specialists and attended by teachers from all over Brisbane.

The Art Show committee for the 2016 Art Show met for the first time this term and got off to a dynamic start. If you are interested in joining the committee or helping out, you are very welcome to join in! Please drop by or send me a message and I’ll pass your information on to the committee.

If you are looking for activities to do during the holidays, GOMA has some interesting programmes. QAGOMA’s Children’s Art Centre works with artists to create exciting activities, books and programmes just for kids. The website address for the Children’s Art Centre is http://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/learn/kids/home.

Art folios will be coming home from school in the next few weeks. It would be greatly appreciated if you could empty the folio and store it over the holidays, then send it back to school at the beginning of next year. Thank you!

Happy Christmas to everyone, I hope that you have a wonderful time and a relaxing break. As always I am indebted to all of those wonderful people who support the arts in this school, both with their time and with materials. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Warmest Regards,
Carolyn (Peisker)
Brisbane parents have been warned they could be photographed if they park illegally while dropping off or picking up their children at school.

Councillor Adrian Schrinner said high-visibility Brisbane City Council enforcement vehicles will patrol 23 schools for the remainder of the school year to target parents parking in school zones. "This is all about the safety of school children coming and going from school," he said. "School traffic and parking can be absolutely chaotic and we're encouraging motorists to do the right thing, to park legally and responsibly to keep our children safe."

Offences such as parking on yellow lines, in no-stopping zones and clearways would be targeted. Cr Schrinner said more than 2100 drivers had been caught parking illegally in school zones since the start of the school year.

The council's lifestyle chairman, Krista Adams, said the 23 schools were chosen because of the high levels of complaint from parents and teachers. "The 23 schools are our proactive program, but that does not mean that all the other schools get a bit of time off this term," she said.

"We have reactive complaints that we go to, but we also go past the other schools in our travels as well." A feature of the enforcement would be the high-visibility council vehicles, which were equipped with dash cameras. "One of the things that came out of the parking taskforce was that parents weren't aware if the council officers were nearby and they felt like it was a bit of an undercover operation," Cr Adams said. "We're making it very clear that we're out and about." Fines would be sent to motorists in the mail, although Cr Adams said some could still receive on-the-spot fines.

Council officers will target the following Brisbane schools during the final term of 2015:
- Calamvale Community College
- Bulimba State School
- Durack State School, Inala
- Sunnybank Hills State Primary School
- Mt Gravatt East State School
- Somerville House, South Brisbane
- Coorparoo State School
- Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School, Coorparoo
- Loreto College, Coorparoo
- **Wellers Hill State School, Tarragindi**
- Windsor State School
- St Laurence's College, South Brisbane
- St Ignatius Catholic School, Toowong
- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary, Sunnybank
- Grand Avenue State School, Forest Lake
- Sts Peter & Paul's Catholic School, Bulimba
- Marist College, Ashgrove
- Kenmore South State School
- Upper Mt Gravatt State School
- Nundah State School
- Indooroopilly State High School
- Brigidine College, Indooroopilly
- West End State School
- St Ita's Catholic School, Dutton Park

**Parkrun:**
There is a large contingent of Wellers Hill families both past and present who participate in Parkrun at Stones Corner and we would love to see you there. It is as simple as registering via the link below then
turning up. The people who run it do a great job and everyone is made to feel very welcome. I will guarantee that there will be someone there that you know.

**Details:**
Where: Hanlon Park Corner of Junction St and O'Keefe St Stones Corner
When: (Almost) Every Saturday at 7:00am
Cost: Free
Fitness Level: Very fit to “Are you serious?”
WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL DRESS CODE
We have had several queries about uniforms for 2016. Just a reminder that Wellers Hill State School is a uniform school, with an endorsed uniform policy from the P. & C. Association. Children are expected to wear the Wellers Hill State School uniform correctly at all times.

Wellers Hill State School plays an important role in our community. Student dress codes should promote the good image of the school within the community, and should encourage students to uphold and enhance that image. The wearing of the correct school uniform encourages pride in both school and self.

Parents are requested to ensure that their child has the appropriate uniform to wear, namely the following:

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**Footwear:**
Flat, closed in shoes (joggers / black shoes) and socks (as specified above) **must be worn so as not to inhibit students from participating in educational activities.**

**Please note:** Thongs, slides, heels, loose fashion sandals or open footwear are not permitted.

Prep: **The uniform is the same as the rest of the school but with a yellow school hat.**

****Shirts must be worn tucked into shorts / culottes****

**Footwear**
- Winter: All black closed in shoes and white / grey socks
- Summer: All black closed in shoes and white / grey socks
- Sports Runners (or “joggers”) all black only

**Please note:** Thongs are not permitted

**Winter Uniform**
The usual school uniform for boys and girls as described above is worn all year round, but in winter we stock zip-front jackets. They are made from a royal blue fleecy fabric. Hoodies are not part of the winter school uniform.
ICAS MATHEMATICS RESULTS

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**RACQ Digital team**

A big thank you to the RACQ Digital team for donating five iPads to be used across the school and as part of the FLTp programme. They will certainly be put to great use.
**MUSIC AWARDS NIGHT**

**Music Awards Night**

Music Awards Night is on tonight at 6.30pm at the Holland Park High School Hall! All music students are expected to attend, so see you there tonight!

**WHEN:** Tonight - Wednesday the 25th of November at 6.30pm

**WHERE:** Holland Park State High School Hall, Bapaume Road, Holland Park

**ADMISSION:**
- $4.00 – Adults
- $2.00 – Children and Concessions

**WHAT TO WEAR:** Performance Uniforms (Please see table for more information overleaf)

**WHEN TO ARRIVE:**

Strings players need to arrive at **5.45pm** 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.

Choir members, Junior and Senior Band members need to arrive at **6.10pm**.

Choir members please arrive having warmed up your voices with the exercises you know from choir rehearsals.

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).

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**Students are to wear full performance uniform (see below).**

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**Choirs**

*Both Junior and Senior Choirs will be performing this Friday on Parade! Please come along to support them!* 

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**Rehearsals**

All Choir rehearsals finish this week.

Senior Choir has finished for the year.

Junior Choir’s last rehearsal is tomorrow (Thursday the 26th of November)

Vocal Group’s last rehearsal will be this Friday the 27th of November.
**Strings**

**Rehearsals/lessons**
Week 8 (this week) – No rehearsals after music night (no rehearsal for Intermediate Strings this Friday morning)
Lessons on Friday for Grade 4 – final lesson – cello players to return instruments

Lessons on Friday for Grade 3 – they must return their instruments & this is the final lesson

Week 9 (next week) –
Monday – Lessons for Grade 2’s and they must return their instrument

Wednesday – No Senior Strings rehearsal before school

-Grade 5 and 6 students return their music on Wednesday during normal lesson time

Friday – no rehearsals or lessons

Week 10 – no lessons or rehearsals.

Camerata Strings Auditions
Will be held in week 9 during strings lessons.

**Band**

**Rehearsals/lessons**
All band rehearsals and lessons are finished for the year.
Mr Bell will continue at the school on different days so any messages will reach him via his pigeon hole at the office.

**Instrument/music return**
Please return band instruments on Friday morning to the MSG at the music block.
Any music not returned on music night please also return on Friday morning.

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

**FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FOR CHAPLAINCY**

*Over the next week and a half you can buy tickets in our special Family Christmas Raffle. It contains :*  A quality “Penny” brand Skateboard
Men’s “Beckham” brand Hair and Body Wash
A Ladies “JAG” purse

*WHAT A GREAT FAMILY PRIZE!*  

*Tickets are $1 each and will be sold outside Admin each day.*  
*Proceeds to support our Chaplaincy Service here at WHSS.*

*Raffle will be now be drawn on Sunday 6 December.*
## P-2 Parade Certificates

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SPORT NEWS

Sports Awards
The Sports Awards will be held this Friday November 27 in the school hall from 2-3pm. Grades 4-6 will attend. All parents of students in years 4-6 are welcome and those students especially those receiving an award.

Swimming Carnival
As most of you would be aware by now, the twilight swimming carnival on Monday night was postponed after 30 minutes due to the electrical storm. Plans have been made to catch this event up – all of the details are at the bottom of this email. Thank you to all of the parents and families who attended. A special thanks to the parents who cooked the BBQ and volunteered to be in the canteen, timekeep, operate the timing system and start races. It is very much appreciated and such a shame that the night was interrupted when it was going so well!

Well done to the Preps on a great day last week for their swimming fun day. Thank you to Mrs Ottoway and the students of 6O for running the activities.

Good luck to the Year 1, 2 and 3 students for next week. Details are as below:

1-3 Carnival- Tuesday 1st December
This year the 1-3 carnival will be organised by allocated time blocks for each year level. As below:
8:50 – 9:55 - Year 1
9:55 – 11:00 - Year 2
11:45 – 12:50 - Year 3
1:00 – 1:10 - Presentation
1:10pm - Finish

There are no nominations for events; students simply choose whether they will swim across pool or full length for each individual stroke. Students cannot do both and should swim at their standard – no experienced swimmers across pool. There will be races for freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. No butterfly. First, second and third place get ribbons and points for each race. Sun safety a priority, all parent/family spectators should be seated in the Western stand, students in the Eastern, sunscreen to be applied before school, sun shirts, caps, goggles essential. Year 1 students are asked to wear their swimmers to school.

50m Events Catch-Up
Date: Friday 4/12
Times: 11:40-1:10 & 1:50-3pm (2nd session only if required)
Events:
50m freestyle (11 years boys, 12 years girls & boys – all others completed)
50m backstroke
50m breaststroke
50m butterfly
Who: Only students who qualified and nominated for 50m events. All other students will remain in class. If you are unsure if you are nominated, please check with Mr Munro. Parents are welcome and any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

25m Events Catch-up
Date: Monday 7/12
Time: 8:50-11am
Events:
25m freestyle
25m backstroke
25m breaststroke
Who: All students from years 4-6.

Interschool Sport Jerseys
Please return these to your coach ASAP!!!!
Last Saturday 20 students (2 teams of ten) along with 38 other teams from around the state, attended the First Lego League Challenge at QUT Gardens Point. Each team had to design, create, build and program a Lego Mindstorms robot to achieve certain missions within a 2 and a half-minute time frame. The theme for this year was ‘Trash Trek – recycling’. Some of the missions had the robot ‘saving Lego octopi, placing a Lego windshield in a car’ and ‘composting old rubbish’.

This is the first year that we have had a team in the First Lego League Robotics Competition and it was an incredible day for those who attended, watching students from primary schools through to senior high schools different approaches to each of the robotic challenges. Even though our students did not ‘win’ a prize for their robotics demonstrations, the students learnt how to design, program, problem solve and work as a team to achieve their missions. Apart from the amazing robotic feats of the day, the students also had to present research on area of recycling in a fun and interesting way and take part in a spontaneous team challenge to demonstrate their knowledge and effectiveness as a team.

Congratulations to all the students who attended and were part of the Robotics team. A large thank-you must go to parents who ferried students back and forth for the last two weeks on Saturday’s and weekdays until 6pm. We would also like to thank the generous support of the P and C and our volunteers who spend their time creating our new robotics tables.

Here are some pictures from the day.

Mrs Cav, Mr Pryce, Mr Raciti and Mr Batistra.
LIBRARY NEWS

Any parents that are able to assist re-shelving books to be ready for next year would be greatly appreciated. We will be doing this starting from Monday 30 November from 9:00am, Monday to Thursday, until the end of term.

There are still plenty of books to be covered if anyone has some spare time. They can be taken home to do.

Book Club orders are on their way and will be distributed once they arrive.

YEAR 3 STORY

Underwater

“Wow”! I shouted in amazement. I saw the jaw of the mega toothed shark. I was on excursion with my class 3B. We were at Underwater World. We were about to enter the sea life tunnel.

We walked into the sea life tunnel. The sea life tunnel is a tunnel under water with marine life in it. In the tunnel me and Peter saw a butterfly fish. It swam crazily fast and it bumped into a wall but it was all right. Later our class saw a stingray on the top of the tunnel, it was huge! We made our way out of the tunnel and went to see something else.

We went to see the touch pool where you can touch red and blue sea stars. I touched a blue sea star, it was very smooth. I wanted to touch the sea star at the bottom of the tank so I did and my arm got soaking wet. It was awesome. After that I patted a red sea star. Later I went to see the red sea star again and he had moved some were else! It was time to see something different.

After the touch pool we went through a door to the fresh water zone! The first animal we saw was an archer fish. I put my hand over...the archer fish spat at me and Jack! It was awesome. Later our class saw a crocodile. It was sun a baking and it did not move a bit. Also we saw this fish called a lump headed Marie bass.

The excursion was over and we were hot and tired. I want to go back next year.

By Jake C. 3B Wellers Hill State School.
MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

contact us: wellershillmusic@gmail.com

** Uniform return day ** - Please return all music uniform items on loan from MSG (blazers, cummerbunds and bow ties) this Thursday 26 November, 8-8.45am (the morning after Music Night) to the music block so we can mark your items as returned. If you miss this return day, please leave them in the band store room (in a bag clearly labelled with your name) before the end of term.

** Uniform donations ** - If your child has outgrown their music uniform, or is leaving WHSS, please consider donating the uniform (including girls ties) to the Music Support Group. Donations can be dropped off with loaned items at the uniform return, details above. At the start of each year we hold a second hand uniform sale to raise funds for the music program.

** Raffle Donations** - MSG will again run the much loved raffle throughout the evening and your donations (eg Christmas items, children's gifts, vouchers, chocolate, wine and other non-perishables) are appreciated!! All donations will help raise much needed funds to support our music program. Thank you those who have already donated! Please drop your raffle donations at the WHSS office. Tickets will be available for purchase on the night.

*DON'T FORGET* - Music Night -Wednesday 25 November - 6:30pm at Holland Park State High School*

Thank you to our volunteers! Please consider helping unpack the truck at WHSS from 7:30am the following morning if you have 20min free.

♫♩♩♩ looking forward to seeing you at Music Night ♩♩♩♩

Thank you ♩

SPELL-A-THON

The Spell-a-thon words have been tested and I’m sure the kids blitzed it!

Could all sponsorship forms and money please come to the office no later than **FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER.**

Thank you to everyone for your participation.

Kath Bird
kathandsteve2@optusnet.com.au
**SCHOOL BANKING**

**Important :-** School Banking will finish for 2015 in Week 9. The last day for claiming prizes for this year is Thursday 5th December.

It has been a fabulous year for School Banking at Wellers Hill State School in 2015 and we now have 459 bankers at our school. We have seen lots of new and existing Super Savers bring in their deposits each week and they have been earning some great rewards. There will be new and exciting reward items coming in 2016 so don’t forget to keep your tokens in a safe place over the school holidays. Your token tally will carry over to 2016.

Congratulations to all of our gold certificate bankers for the year, we have certainly exceeded all expectations and our all of our school bankers should be congratulated for their consistent and regular saving.

To our Year 6 school bankers, our very best wishes to you all as you head off to high school next year. Remember to continue your regular saving! To all who are returning in 2016, please write your new class name on the front of your deposit book next year. This will be a huge help to us at the beginning of the year.

**School Banking for 2016 will begin in the 2nd week of term 1.**

There will be an account opening morning on Thursday, 18th Feb from 8.15-9am. More details will follow next year.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at our school. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday break!

Kind Regards,
Kym, Caroline, Laura and Michelle
School Banking Team

**UNIFORM SHOP**

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**EXTRA OPENING TIMES FOR UNIFORM SHOP 2016**

Parents please make a note of the extra opening hours of the Uniform Shop in the new year - January - Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd 8am to 11am.

First Day of School (Wednesday 27th Jan) 9am to 11am.

THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE **CLOSED LAST DAY OF TERM** - FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER.
TOMMASO D’ORSOGNA SWIM CLINIC – WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL –
SATURDAY DEC 5TH 2015 - 10.30 am – 1.00 pm

Last chance!! Nominations close on Friday 27 November 2015. This is a great opportunity for our squad swimmers to learn from an Australian swim champion. Price $60. Email rosemary@gooodemanagement.com.au to register.

LEARN TO SWIM SIGN ON DAY FOR TERM 1 2016 - SATURDAY DEC 5TH 2015
8-10 am School Hall

Registration Forms for Term 1 2016 and the Pre-Screening Questionnaire (if you haven’t already completed it) will be available on the website www.wellersratz.com prior to sign on.

Junior/Senior Squad swimmers do not need to attend sign on. These swimmers can make payment as per the details on the Registration Form and email to admin@wellersratz.com.

All other swimmers will receive written notification prior to sign on day on the level their child is in for Term 1 2016.

IMPORTANT DATES:
- Last day of Learn to Swim lessons for Term 4 - Saturday 12th of December 2015.
- Last Club Night for this term - Friday 4 December. This is a fun night with relay events so come along and check out the action.
- SQUAD SWIMMERS ONLY Christmas party - Thursday 10th of December 2015 at 3.30 pm. If you want to come along you must book your name in on the invite list at the pool so we can cater for to swimmers.

HOLIDAY BLOCK – LEARN TO SWIM LESSONS
These are a great way to fast track your little swimmers development in the water. Block weeks are half hour lessons in the mornings between 8 am and 10 am daily Monday to Friday.

- Week 1 - 14th – 18th December 2015
- Week 2 - 11th – 15th January 2016
- Week 3 - 18th – 22nd January 2016

Please email admin@wellersratz.com if you are interested in attending. Cost is $60 per child per block with bookings and payment on sign on day or via internet payment to WHSSASC, BSB 064101, Acc # 00901025, Child’s surname and week as reference. Payment must be made with the booking to secure your place.

SQUAD HOLIDAY TRAINING
Squad holiday training will be on during the same weeks as learn to swim in the mornings from 7 am till 8.30 am. Cost is $60 per child per block with bookings and payment on sign on day or via internet payment to WHSSASC, BSB 064101, Acc # 00901025, Child’s surname and week as reference. Payment must be made with the booking to secure your place.
Remember you can’t afford to lose swim fitness by taking the holidays off!!!!

SOUTHSIDE FRIENDLY

Details below for those swimmers who have nominated for the Southside Friendly:

Saturday 28 November 2015 at Camp Hill State School Swim Club, Old Cleveland Road, Camp Hill

Warm Up: 2.00 pm

Racing Commences: 2.30 pm

Remember to wear your WaterRatz club shirt and don’t forget your swimming cap and goggles.

The BBQ and canteen will operate during the carnival.

There will also be a Parents 50 m Freestyle Relay so remember your swimmers.

TERM 2 SWIMMING

Due to the success of this year’s trial of Winter Swimming, Squad Training will continue during Term 2 in 2016. We will also trial running LTS lessons during Term 2 to see if there is enough interest.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook – Wellers Hill Water Ratz

TUCKSHOP

Please note that the last day for tuckshop for the year is WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER.

If you have a reusable tuckshop bag – could you please check that they are clean and empty when they are dropped off to the tuckshop. Thanks!

THANKS!

Up until last Friday 20 Nov we had filled 14,852 lunch orders for the year - with still nearly 3 weeks to go! We couldn’t have kept up the pace and delivered those lunches without the support of all of our wonderful volunteers. We truly appreciate the time you give us and the laughs we have – your company makes our job easier and so much fun! Thank you, thank you.

We say goodbye this year to volunteers leaving Wellers Hill – Louise Carius, Linda Collingwood, Michelle Naumann, Kym MacDonald, Jenny O’Brien, Julie Basham and Julia Godfrey – thanks for your support over the years. You’re always welcome to come back and volunteer anytime 😊

Many thanks to the Services Committee who manage the Tuckshop and Uniform Shop – Deb Love, Nicole Roe, Louise Carius, Linda Collingwood, Michelle Naumann, Tracey Nelson and Susan Rothmann – chocolate and laughs keep a committee going!

We’d also like to thank Melinda McVie for making the transition to the new management model so easy. Thanks to Valya and Shannon and all of the fantastic SACCS staff – the P&C is lucky to have such a great bunch working for them. Thanks to Chrissie the cleaner who looks after the tuckshop – you do an amazing job keeping up with our mess!

Thanks to the school staff for your support, particularly our regulars Maree, Bernadette, Ros, Jo, Michaela and Stephanie – it’s an honour to keep you fuelled during the teaching day. Thanks to Jack White for keeping us in the loop with school matters, particularly the lunch breaks before, during and after the building of the Year One Block. Many thanks to the 3 amigos in the office – Robyn, Rae and Lexie – you guys do such a wonderful job the school should name a building after you!
Finally, thanks to the kids of Wellers Hill – you are all terrific and the reason we enjoy our job so much.

Goodbye to our Year 6 students – we wish you all the best for high school and will miss you heaps 😊.

Have a safe and Happy Christmas and we will see you next year. Carolyn and Ros.

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

Christmas 2015 Vacation Care – Booking for our Christmas 2015 Vacation Care had commenced on Monday, 16 November. The Early Birds closing date will be at 6 PM on Friday, 27th November 2015. Bookings from all school age children (up to 14 years old) from Wellers Hill School and from the local school 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.

This year, bookings will be submitted using the newly introduced online booking system. Please follow the instructions provided on the program. Remember: Due to legislative requirements you need to sign the appropriate daily permissions listed in the VC program and return them to SACCS ASAP to have your booking finalised.

Please note: On days that have popular activities planned (especially excursion days), we quickly reach our approved capacity so please submit your booking as soon as possible. When booking online and the system indicates that a particular day you need is already booked out, you need to email SACCS to be placed on the daily wait list.

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

People Free Day - 25 January 2016 is a People Free Day. If you would like to book your children to attend on the day you need to do it Via our newly introduced online booking system Please ensure you select the room as 'New Pupil Free Day', as selecting anything else will not provide the required booking. We have e-mailed detailed instructions about this booking process to all our customers.
Christmas closing dates – SACCS will be closed from 6pm on Wednesday, 23.11.15 until 7am on Thursday, 07 January 2016.

2016 Re-enrolment: The Reenrolment process for 2016 is now closed. Please note: Remember that (as per legislative’s requirement) you need to provide SACCS with a printed and signed copy of your 2016 Reenrolment Form.

Waiting list: We worked very hard to finalise the booking of our existing customers to establish the places available for our Waiting list customers. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Currently there are still places available in our Before School Care Service.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CALLING ALL SINGERS/MUSICIANS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SING OR PLAY IN OUR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER.

If you can sing or play an instrument you are welcome to join us.

Rehearsals:
Sat 21st Nov – 2- 3.30pm at Pope St Uniting Church
Sat 28th Nov – 2 - 3.30pm at Pope St Uniting Church
Sat 5th Dec - 3.30 – 5pm at WHSS Hall

If you are interested please contact Lesley on Mob: 0417 721 008 so that she can prepare the music for your instrument.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Sunday 6th December
7pm
Wellers Hill School Hall

It’s that time of year again, and our annual Community Christmas Carols celebration is almost here! Come and join us for a fantastic family night of Caroling and enjoy this year’s Christmas Pageant entitled “A King for Everyone”. Bring the kids and enjoy the Christmas story as seen through the eyes of someone ….. quite unexpected!

Music, dance, drama and laughter, and free refreshments afterwards. Bring the family, and invite your friends and neighbours to this lovely community event here in the School Hall. Always a great family-friendly night.

(During the evening, a freewill offering will be taken up for the “Operation Smile” Foundation – a voluntary organisation which helps children in Third World countries with facial deformities, to regain their dignity and quality of life)
BECOME A STAR

COME AND TRY FOR FREE

The Southern Stars Ice Hockey Club Inc. is a non-profit organisation linking teams in the Fraser Coast sport of Ice Hockey. Our home rink is in Hervey Bay, on the Fraser Coast, where all the fun happens!

This program is suited for both junior and senior beginners wanting to try out hockey for the first time.
- All equipment and change rooms provided.
- Each session varies from:
  - wheelchair and visually impaired
  - sensor and certified
- Brothers and Sisters Coaching.
- Have fun and develop your skills!

Dates for the 4-week program:
December 13th
January 20th
January 30th

Contact:
come-and-try@starsichockey.com.au

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