Friday, 11 December 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Community Members

The year has just flown past with so much happening in the school and across the wider Wellers Hill / Tarragindi community. Thank you to all of the hard working teachers and support staff, your holiday is well deserved. Thank you to all of our parents and students. You are the core of our wonderful school. On behalf of the staff I would like to wish each and every person a safe and happy Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
John L. Webster
Principal

Year 6 Graduation
What a fantastic graduation we had last Wednesday evening. The students ran the graduation ceremony for the first time. This was highly successful and is a new tradition for future graduation ceremonies at our school.

Recipients of the awards for the evening were:

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School Captains for 2016
Congratulations to the School Captains for 2016.

Kai Braun, Elizabeth Cooper, Hannah Moss and Alec Will.

Staff Movement
Several of our staff are leaving us this year. I would like to thank them for their dedication to their students and to Wellers Hill State School and wish them well for the future. Staff departing are: Fem Castles, Michelle Cartwright, Eleni Zgrajewski, Maria Marentes, Jessica Singh, Jacqui Kirkman, Sue Godwin, Tammy Reed, Andrew Bell, Ricky Pryce, Manefa Borodin and Anna French (SLP).

Teacher Aides leaving us are: Jeannie Osborne, Julia Godfrey, Jack Lukis, Fumie Keeling

I would also like to wish Mr Muntro well, Nathan is taking 6 months leave at the start of 2016.

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

THANK YOU!!!!
This is the last newsletter for 2015. I would like to again take this opportunity to thank the staff at Weller Hill State School. Our children are fortunate to receive a first-rate education and this would not happen without excellent teaching staff, administration and support staff. Wishing all of you a restful break. To the all staff leaving we thank you for your dedication and service to the school community.

Tonight I will be fortunate to speak at the Year 6 graduation and say a few words on behalf of the P & C. Below are some comments from my speech.

No matter what your teachers taught you, I’m sure what they were most concerned about; was helping each one of you to become the best person you could be. Make sure you thank them for the considerable time and effort they have put into your education so far. Here are a few of my tips as you enter high school. Don’t worry the list is short so we won’t be here all night.
1) Work hard. Things may not always come easily to you but what is worth learning is worth the effort.
2) Be courteous and respectful to everyone. Good manners and a respectful attitude will serve you well in life. Don’t forget to say thank you – to your parents, your teachers and anyone who helps you out.
3) Get involved. Find extracurricular activities that you are interested in and participate. Don’t worry if you are the only one of your group of friends interested in trying something new. If it really interests you, give it a go! You could meet new friends and have some fun.
4) Finally, Follow the most important rule – do to others what you would like them to do to you.

As the Year 6 students leave WHSS they will have learnt a lot, but have much more to learn in the years ahead. Be willing to keep on learning – from your teachers, coaches, parents and friends. Keep a positive attitude and a willingness to try new experiences. Best wishes to each of you as you embark on this new challenge in life. Enjoy your time at high school and make the most of all the opportunities presented to you. On behalf of all parents we would like to express our sincere thanks to your teachers. The graduations would not have been possible without the parents who volunteered their time on the committee and who decorated the hall.

Wishing all members of the school community a joyous Christmas and a relaxing holiday. Stay safe if you are travelling and I look forward to seeing you again in 2016 for another fantastic year at Wellers Hill.

Regards
Narelle Cooley narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au
**UNIFORM SHOP – EXTRA OPENING HOURS 2016**

**EXTRA OPENING TIMES FOR UNIFORM SHOP 2016**

Parents please make a note of the extra opening hours of the Uniform Shop in the the new year -

January - Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd 8am to 11am.
First Day of School (Wednesday 27th Jan) 9am to 11am.

**FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

Congratulations to the Jeesop family – winners of the Chaplain’s Christmas Family Raffle and thanks to everyone who supported it. We raised $367, which directly supports the Chaplaincy Service here at WHSS.

_Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas break._

Stephanie Kennedy
(School Chaplain WHSS)

**SACCS**

_Christmas 2015 Vacation Care – Booking for our Christmas 2015 Vacation Care is now closed. Many days are booked out however there are limited places available on the reminding days. Check online for the days available and book now._

**Please note:**

- When booking online and the system indicates that a particular day you need is already booked out, you need to contact SACCS to be placed on the daily wait list.
- All accounts must be paid a week in advance 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. Detailed instructions about this booking process was already e-mailed 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.

_Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a safe and well deserved break_

_Looking forward to see you back in 2016_

**FOR SALE**

Violin for Sale: Ragetti 3/4 size, in good condition. Comes with a case and shoulder rest, no bow. For sale for $120. My contact number is 0423850482 – Kim.