FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Community Members

The weeks are flying by and we are nearly half way through Term 1. It is vitally important the children attend every day of the year, as even small absences can impact on their learning.

Japan Foundation School Leader Fellowship Tour

I will be away from the school next week, attending the Japan Foundation School Leader Fellowship Tour. This is the inaugural leadership tour run by the Japan Foundation, where approximately 16 educators from across Australia have been invited to experience the Japanese education system in both Tokyo and Kyoto. I thank the Japan Foundation for including me in the tour and I look forward to sharing some of my experiences through Face Book next week with you. During my absence Mrs Hart will become acting Principal and Mrs Gojkovic will become acting Deputy Principal.

WHSS Face Book

The WHSS Face Book page is a great way to gain information about the school. It is not an interactive page where parents can post questions, the sole purpose of the page is to provide information about the happenings at Wellers Hill State School. The page can be located at: https://www.facebook.com/WellersHillStateSchool

Famous Author and Past Student to Launch Her First Book at WHSS

Past student Sophie Hooper is an accomplished and published author. Sophie’s first book, “BELIEVE”, has recently hit the book shelves at Dymocks. Everyone at school is extremely proud of Sophie, and we have asked her if she would launch her first novel at Wellers Hill State School on a special parade held on Wednesday 23 March 2016. This will be an exciting event where Sophie will talk about her book, and hopefully read a sample from Chapter 1. “BELIEVE” will also be available prior to the day for children and families to purchase. Copies will also be placed in the library.

A short synopsis is outlined below:

Shy, 10 year old Eliza has a lot on her plate. Her father has been missing for two months, so to give her stressed mother some time off; she and her annoying older brother, Jed, have to endure a stay at their strange cousin’s farm. Her friend, Cheddar the mouse, holds a clue about her father’s disappearance which...
requires them to travel through the land of Zell to find him. Secrets about Eliza's past, present and future are unearthed as she faces dangerous trails and ruthless foes. Can she face her destiny?

Have a great week.
Kind regards
John

**SETSUBUN**
On Tuesday 9 February all the children in Years 1 to 3 nervously awaited the arrival of the Oni. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time when the Oni arrived at their classroom. A big thank you to our two wonderful Oni (their identities will remain a secret) who played their parts fantastically.

![SETSUBUN Images]

**P.E. NEWS**

**Biathlon Registration** on Friday 19 February at 8:00am in the school hall, for all students.

The biathlon is an inter-house event (for Year Four to Six) and is for all students. It consists of a swim and run leg and students can compete individually or with a partner in the non-competitive class. The biathlon takes around 10-12 minutes which is not too long at all - EASY! We will have two classes of competition to allow students to compete at a standard which matches their ability. Students will nominate for biathlon next week. The distances are as follows:

- **Class 2** – easier/non-competitive  Class 1 – harder/competitive
- Year Four – Class 2  Year Four – Class 1
- 1 lap – 600m run  3 laps – 600m run
- Year Five – Class 2  Year Five – Class 1
- 3 laps – 600m run  5 laps – 800m run
- Year Six – Class 2  Year Six – Class 1
- 3 laps – 600m run  5 laps – 1000m run

Interschool Sports starts on Friday 26 February

Congratulations to Bella and Luke who have qualified for the Metropolitan Regional Swimming Trails. Well Done
FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Family Fun Night – this FRIDAY NIGHT 5 – 8pm
Family Fun Night, in conjunction with Swim Club’s "Bring a Friend" Night, is a fabulous way to kick off the new school year and this year it will be held this Friday 19 February from 5pm-8pm. This event, organised by the Wellers Hill State School P&C, Teachers and Admin Staff, welcomes new families to Wellers Hill State School and welcomes back school families from last year. It is a fun night so come along and be part of our school community.
If you can volunteer some time on the evening, please contact:
Simone Flint  krisandsimone@optusnet.com.au
Deanne McDonald  sdlcmcdonald@optusnet.com.au or 0422 632 951
Sweet Stall donations can be taken to the school staffroom on Friday from 8.15 – 9.15am and 2.30 – 3.30pm. Please contact Kerry Cox at darkchild1971@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Election Cake Stall Co-ordinator – HELP NEEDED!
In the past, the P & C had held a BBQ and cake stall on the day of the election. We would like these to go ahead on Saturday 19 March for the BCC elections. These are popular with members of the local community coming to vote and they are always eager to buy a sausage or some ‘home-baked’ goods. It is a great opportunity to raise some funds for the P & C and doesn’t involve that much effort. The Music Support Group (MSG) often organises the BBQ.
I am looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate the cake stall. I have done this a number of times in the past and it is not a huge commitment as members of the school community bring in baked goods to sell. We really need someone else to take on this job. It is easy and a fun thing to do. I can give you all the information that you need – you don’t even need to be able to bake! If you are interested please email me as soon as possible narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au

WHSS Family Portrait Fundraiser
The P & C is holding a Family Portrait Fundraiser on Saturday 16 April in the library annexe from 9am – 4pm. We did this last year and the families who had photos taken were very pleased with the results. Brett McDonald from BMG photography will provide you with a Family Portrait for only $20 (valued at $80) - choice of colour or black and white mounted print. 100% of this money is retained by WHSS. Please contact Narelle Cooley on 0414 835 359 or narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au to reserve a time. I will be at the Family Fun night with a booking sheet. We need 30 families for this to proceed. The photos only take 10 minutes. Additional photos will be available for purchase at no obligation. These additional photos featuring your Family Portrait & other photos taken on the day.

Regards
Narelle Cooley

CAPTAINS’ CORNER

Welcome back to Captain’s Corner!
Congratulations and well done to those who participated in district swimming and the Drayton Shield Swim and good luck to those competing in the regional swimming trials. Grades 4-6 have the biathlon on Friday the 19th of February- don’t forget your togs! Also that night will be Family Fun Night and swimming club ‘Bring a Friend Night’ for all year levels. Make sure you come because it will be great fun! It has been an excellent start to the year and we can’t wait for what lies ahead.

Kai Braun, Elizabeth Cooper, Hannah Moss, Alec Wills
School Captains
FAMILY STATEMENTS

Family Statements which itemise the excursions/activities for the year will be issued at the end of the next week.

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.

MUSIC NEWS

2016 Ensemble Rehearsal Schedule:

**General**

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**Performance Uniforms**

Please see below the required uniform for the ensembles:

(please note that there have been amendments made since the instrumental handbook was issued)

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Second-hand Uniform Sale
The Music Support Group will be holding a second hand uniform sale on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of March. Please see the Music Support Group’s section in this newsletter for full details.

Choirs
What a wonderful start to the year! With 120 students coming to sing with the Junior Choir!! AND – roughly the same number now in Senior Choir!
I can already tell this will be a fabulous year for choral singing here at Wellers Hill!
Congratulations to new Vocal Group members! We done at your auditions and welcome to the Vocal Group family!
Gillian Kristensen
Classroom Music/Choir Director
gkris11@eq.edu.au

Strings
Intermediate Strings (Grade 3 and 4)
It’s great to see so many people at rehearsal on time each week. To clarify the start time is 8am, but students are asked to arrive at 7:45am to provide enough time for tuning and set-up. Please be aware there may not be supervision prior to this time.

Piano Accompanist wanted!
I am looking for a pianist who would be happy to accompany the Intermediate strings on Wednesday mornings from 8:00am to 8:40am each week. You don’t have to be a concert pianist, just someone willing to play along with relatively easy music. If you think you could help out please email me at; jpric211@eq.edu.au

Band
Instrumental music is off to a great start! Thank you to our parents who have worked hard to ensure students have the correct equipment for lessons and also well done to the many students who have returned enrolment contracts and loan forms ready to start the year.
Just a reminder, students are to leave their class 5 minutes prior to lessons to ensure they are on time.
Year 5 and 6 students in Senior Band are to arrive at 7:30am on Thursday mornings.

Robyn Rosewarne
Experienced Senior Teacher
Rrose42@eq.edu.au

Happy Music Making,
Mrs Kristensen, Mrs Price and Mrs Rosewarne
Japanese Volunteers
We are seeking Wellers Hill parent volunteers to help in our Bilingual Program. If you are highly proficient in reading, writing and speaking Japanese and would like to be a volunteer in our program please contact Mrs Louise Hart via the school office or email lhart10@eq.edu.au.

Japanese volunteers
日本語ボランティア募集
Wellers Hill小学校の保護者の皆様の中から
バイリンガルプログラムのボランティアをなさってくださる方を募集しております。日本語で読み書き、及び会話が問題なくできる方でボランティアに参加してくださる方は教頭のMrs Louise Hartまで
事務所を通じてか、emailでお問い合わせください。その際、ボランティア可能な曜日と時間帯も合わせてお知らせくださると助かります。また行事や調理の日のみのボランティアも可能です。どうぞよろしくお願いいたします。
lhart10@eq.deu.au

TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP - SCHOOL PARKING
Toohey Road – School Side
Between 7am – 9am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm strictly 2 minute zone – NO PARKING. Parents are not to leave their cars during these times.

Toohey Road – Opposite Side
Between 7am – 9am and 2pm – 4pm strictly 10 minute parking zone. Please observe the yellow lines and do not park past the designated area. As Toohey Road is very busy during these times, parents parking over the yellow lines are making it very difficult for our neighbours to enter and exit their properties.

Scout Den Area
There are designated parallel parking spots and a large gravel/dirt area for parking. Parents are not to park in the circular area of the driveway, one half is no standing and the other is a 2 minute drop off zone between 7am – 9am and 2:30 – 3:30pm. (Signs to be updated by the council). Parents are to drop students only in the 2 minute drop off zone and not in the driveway entry closest to Weller Road.

Chamberlain Street
There are some designated parallel parking spots. Could parents please ensure that they do not park too close to the neighbours’ driveways as this hinders the entry and exit to their properties.
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PARK RUN

Great to see so many 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 “Really Jack you probably shouldn’t.”

Seen recently at Parkrun:
FROM ANNE CHAPMAN – GUIDANCE OFFICER

Promoting students positive mental health and wellbeing is a priority for all at Wellers Hill State School. With a collaborative approach encouraged between home and school for all students.

Kidsmatter is an Australian School Mental Health initiative that provides a wealth of information for parents/carers and the school community, to promote positive mental health for all.

The practical information, tips and strategies provided may be beneficial in supporting children in the home environment.

This month’s focus is: Mental Health Basics - Suggestions for Families

Things can happen in children’s lives that make the risk of developing mental health problems more likely. It is usually not possible to eliminate all the risk factors that affect your children, but there are things you can do to reduce the impact of stress and help them build strengths for effective coping. The following suggestions identify the sorts of things you can do to support children’s resilience in the face of challenging circumstances.

How you can help

• Spend time with children by having fun playing games, going to the park or going somewhere together as a family.
• Try to maintain routines as much as possible. Routines and consistency help children feel secure.
• Build and maintain supportive relationships with family, friends and early childhood staff. Talk with them about how they can best support you and your child during hard times. Tell staff about any concerning behaviour you are noticing at home.
• Try to help children to understand and manage their feelings; this can help them develop coping skills.
• Help children learn to cope with loss and change by providing support and reassurance, honesty and clarity. Help them also to understand that loss and stress are a normal part of life.
• Acknowledge children’s feelings and try to understand and respect them, especially when they are going through a difficult time. Offer support and reassurance by asking questions and letting them talk about their feelings.
• Try to support children in building their internal protective factors (e.g., good communication and problem-solving and social skills) by acknowledging and encouraging their skills when guiding their behaviour.

Listen to children’s concerns

Having a caring adult to turn to when they are troubled, someone who will listen, understand without judging, and help them solve problems, is a critical protective factor for children’s mental health. Listening to children and understanding their concerns lets them know they are important to you. Remember, however, that children may not always be able to explain how they feel. By observing their behaviour and gently inquiring about it, you can often get a clearer picture of how they are feeling.

Provide reassurance

Children often worry that the bad things they experience will happen again or get worse. For example, in a family breakup, when one parent or carer leaves the family, children often become anxious that the remaining parent or carer will also leave them. Similar worries are common when someone dies or is hospitalised. Often, these kinds of fears are expressed through behaviours rather than words, such as becoming clingy, or being fearful about sleeping by themselves. Showing you understand children’s fears and providing reassurance and support is important for helping them cope. Making sure that children know what to do and who to seek help from in case you are unavailable or unwell is also very important – particularly when chronic illness or stress may affect your capacity to provide support.

Provide security

Various kinds of stress and change can be very disruptive to family life. Maintaining regular routines, such as bedtimes and mealtimes, reduces disruptive impacts and helps to provide a sense of stability and security for children. Similarly, children are reassured by knowing that a responsible adult is taking care of them and looking after their needs.

Build children’s strengths – and allow for vulnerabilities

Providing encouragement and positive feedback for children’s developing coping skills helps them to build confidence in their ability to manage difficult situations. Acknowledging and appreciating the help and support that children provide to you during stressful times also helps to build their strengths.

At the same time, it is important to give children permission to not always have to be strong. Children who take on significant caring roles when parents or carers are struggling often hide their vulnerabilities. Their desire to avoid burdening parents and carers can cause additional hardship for these children, who need to know that support is available to them as well.

Talk to school staff

School staff can provide more effective support for children at school when they understand some of the pressures they may be facing in other parts of their lives. It is often very reassuring for children as well as for parents and carers to know that teachers or other school staff understand their difficulties and are ready to provide support. Staff at your child’s school may also be able to provide you with support and advice, or help you find support services that can assist you and your children.

Seek additional help

If your child shows signs of emotional or behavioural difficulties, it is important to seek professional help early, so that problems can be addressed before they get worse. Getting support for yourself, through family and friendship networks, your child’s school, or mental health or community services, is also very important.

Getting support helps to build your own resilience so you can provide more effective care for your children. For more have a look at our information about knowing when to get help.
SACCS

**Attendances** – SACCS staff need to be advised about your child/children intended absences – it is very stressful and time consuming for us to locate children who have not arrived as expected to ensure they are safely cared for away from SACCS. For ASC, not advising us before 3 pm will incur extra charges.

**Sign in/out** – Children need to be signed into BSC (drop off on the Digital Kiosk) on their arrival, and out of ASC (pick up on the Digital Kiosk) on their departure. Make sure that you bring your children with you when you sign them into BSC and advise the staff if you are escorting them directly to their classroom (children must be sighted and signed on the Digital Kiosk for attendance to be recorded). Absent days need to be confirmed on the Digital Kiosk. Please note: People collecting the children need to be 18 years old or over.

**Fee payment** – all fees need to be paid one week in advance. All payments are due in SACCS account on Monday morning. Please allow 2-3 days for the banks to process your payment.

**Booking changes** - any changes to your children booking days need to be done online via your QK account.

**Enrolment Forms**: As legally required documents completed and signed Enrolments forms are condition for enrolment. Please complete and return the signed forms by 19 February to confirm your children enrolment in SACCS.

**Immunization**: Please print and provide SACCS with your children immunization records. Records can be obtained free of charge, at any time:
- Through Medicare Online Services, visit www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/
- services/medicare/medicare-online-accounts
- Through the Medicare Express App, available for download from Google Play and iTunes stores
- By emailing acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au supplying the child’s full name, date of birth and Medicare number
- By calling the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809
- In person at a local Medicare Service Centre. To find your nearest office, visit http://humanservices.findnearest.com.au

**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

**INTER SCHOOL SPORT UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE** -

- Netball Visors $8
- Rugby Shorts $20
- Rugby/Soccer Long Socks $8
- Sports Drawstring Bag (for kids to carry all their shoes/gear in) $5

All these items are WHSS colours and preferred for students to wear when playing interschool sport.
Welcome back to another exciting year at WHSS. We look forward to seeing you at the exciting performances throughout the year.

* Performance Uniforms
All students in the music program (bands, strings, and choir ensembles) will need a performance uniform. These should be purchased early in the year to ensure students are prepared for their first performance. New uniforms can be bought at the WHSS Uniform Shop, or second hand from the Music Support Group second hand performance uniform sale (details below).

* Second hand performance uniform sale
The Music Support Group will be holding a sale of second hand performance uniforms in week 6:

Date: Wednesday 2 March 2016
Time: 2.00-3.30pm
Location: Outside the WHSS Uniform Shop
Prices: boys shirts $10, girls blouse $15, boys and girls pants $15. Cash only sale. Get in early as stock is limited.

Donations will be gratefully accepted, so if you have any music uniforms no longer needed (including girls ties), please consider donating them for the sale. Donated items can be dropped in at the Uniform Shop or office. Thank you!

* Blazers, ties and cummerbunds
If required, blazers, cummerbunds and ties will be provided on loan by the Music Support Group. These will be issued prior to the first music performance of the year and must be returned at the end of the year.

There are still some bow ties and cummerbunds outstanding from last year. Please check at home - if you still have a bow tie or cummerbund please return them as soon as possible to the office or music room. Even if your child is continuing in the music program this year, we need all items returned for a stocktake before we can issue them for this year. Thank you for your assistance.

🎵🎵🎵Remember, if you would like to lend a hand, we would love to hear from you! Please contact us at wellershillmusic@gmail.com 🎵🎵🎵

MSG typically meets once a month during term and everyone is welcome. Watch this space for our next meeting date in March

* Election Day BBQ *
MSG will be running a fundraising BBQ at WHSS on the upcoming local government election day (Sat, 19 March 2016).

We are looking for someone keen to coordinate the BBQ and a number of helpers to sell, cook & serve sausages and cold drinks on the day (just an hour of your time on the day will be appreciated!). Please contact us at wellershillmusic@gmail.com if you can help.

When voting at WHSS, please show your support for MSG and buy a sausage!
**TUCKSHOP**

**CHANGES TO FOOD AND DRINK STRATEGY FOR SCHOOL TUCKSHOPS**

After a review of the strategy, the government has released new guidelines for school tuckshops. It will have major ramifications for our current menu. Some items that we sell are no longer allowed to be sold – these include chips, Krazy Lemon, jelly and the choc chip muffin. Other items must have modifications made – these include hotdogs and nuggets which now must be served with a salad. Implementation of the new strategy is Term 2.

Over the next few weeks we will be re-writing the menu. We will have to devise a menu that complies but is also logistically possible to deliver – time restraints and falling volunteer numbers will factor heavily. Now is the time for you to have a say in what you would like to see offered in the tuckshop. Please email your suggestions to whsstuckshop@gmail.com. Please contact us if you have any suggestions. Volunteering one morning per month (9am to 11.30am) will also help us to provide a more extensive menu.

We only have 5 weeks left in this term. Some items will not be available towards the end of the term as we run down any remaining stock.

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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.

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

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

School Banking account opening morning this Thursday the 18th February

Come along to our account opening morning this Thursday, 18th February, 8.15am – 9.15am. Staff from the Commonwealth Bank will be present to open accounts on the spot. All you need to bring is your child’s birth certificate and a form of ID (driver’s licence etc.).

New School Banking Competition

This year, School Banking is running a wild Grand Prize competition. A chance to win a family trip to Australia Zoo where you’ll get to meet Bindi and Robert Irwin, plus:

- Enjoy a full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you’ll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every amazing moment.
- Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast, QLD, 4 nights’ accommodation, 5 days’ car hire and $1,000 spending money.

Simply make 15 or more school banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 and you’ll automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.

Find out more at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

FOR SALE

3/4 Violin for Sale
New in 2013 used 2 years Excellent condition
Com with a bow (cleaned), a shoulder rest, a new set of Clarendon Gold Strings and violin case.
$650
Sanae MacPhail 0421184112

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all items sent to school are clearly marked with your child’s name.
Please do not use initials only.

Lost property is located in bins in the school hall.
COMMUNITY NEWS

TENNIS HOT SHOTS - ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR TERM 1 2016
ENROL ONLINE at www.tennisforkids.com.au  (spaces are limited so get in fast)
Additional places have been made available for HOT SHOTS tennis coaching in Term 1!
Should you have any questions or would like to enrol in private coaching please call Anthony White on 0408 187 741.
ANY NEW CHILDREN, ENROLLING IN TERM 1 2016 HOT SHOTS BEFORE THE END OF TERM 4 WILL RECEIVE A FREE JUNIOR TENNIS RACQUET!

HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC AT WELLERS HILL PRIMARY THESE COMING HOLIDAYS!
ENROL ONLINE at www.tennisforkids.com.au  (go the the “Holiday Clinics” page)

WHEN:
CLINIC 1 OPTION:
MONDAY 14th DECEMBER & TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER,
CLINIC 2 OPTION:
WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER & THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER

WHAT TIME:
2PM-5PM EACH DAY
Oxley Futsal will be holding sign on’s online at www.australianfutsal.com for our upcoming Junior Winter Season at Oxley (98 Factory Road Oxley) starting the 11th April. To try out futsal or learn more about it email oxley@australianfutsal.com

The season runs April to August for boys and girls from ages 6 and up.

For more information go to QLD Futsal or contact Raewyn at oxley@australianfutsal.com or phone on 0417 703 597

Wellers Hill Girl Guides welcomes girls from 5½ -6 to 18 years of age to join us in fun, fellowship and adventure. Your daughter will belong to a world wide organisation where membership is open to all. Through a wide range of challenging activities, girls are encouraged to develop as individuals and as caring and responsible members of our community. We meet at the Guide Hut, 138 Wellers Rd Tarragindi (behind the Wellers Hill State School) on a Saturday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm Opportunities for adult leadership also exist and all enquiries can be directed to Eleanor Pollock ph. 34200406 Nell194@bigpond.net.au