



# WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL

## Strive to Succeed



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome to Term 3 at Wellers Hill State School. This is an exciting and busy term. I am pleased to inform parents that the students have settled in well and were actively engaged in learning from Monday morning. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that *Every Day Counts* and that it is important that all students attend every day and that they arrive at school on time.

Have a Great Term.  
Kindest Regards  
John

### The Showcase Awards for Excellence in Global Education



I am extremely proud to announce that Wellers Hill State School received a Regional Showcase Award at the end of last term. Wellers Hill State School received this award in the category of Education Queensland International Showcase Award for Excellence in Global Engagement.

The programme entered was the Wellers Hill State School Japanese Bilingual Programme, with a submission titled Wellers Hill State School, Japanese Bilingual Education: an Alternative Model of Learning.

The Showcase Awards for Excellence programme aims to:

- recognise, celebrate and reward excellent teaching practice in state schools
- foster a learning culture that supports sharing excellent practices
- create professional development opportunities and
- promote public education.

At the introduction of the Japanese Bilingual Programme in 2014, I thanked parents for giving us their trust as we launched an educational programme that for Queensland was highly innovative and ground-breaking. As a school, we have had a great deal of support and encouragement from Senior Officers of DET, and in particular from our Director General Dr Jim Watterston. The Showcase Award is the first major recognition that the programme is viewed as

successful not only at the school level, but at the broader DET (Department of Education & Training) and community level.

The Regional Showcase Award is not owned by any one person. This award is owned by our students and parents, our teachers, our support staff and our volunteers. The teaching commitment is substantial on both the Japanese and English side of the curriculum and I thank the teachers for their dedication and hard work. There is a great deal of behind the scenes effort that goes unseen, developing curriculum and building a programme that is reflective and responsive to the Australian Curriculum. While the Japanese Bilingual Programme is the combined effort of all staff I would like to acknowledge our Deputy Principal, Mrs Louise Hart. Louise is the driving force behind the day to day operation of the programme and without her dedication and commitment the Japanese Bilingual Programme would not be as successful as it currently is.

I am extremely proud of our achievement in winning the Regional Showcase Award and invite you to join with me in celebrating this achievement with all members of our school community.

The next stage is to take that programme to state judging. State judging occurs in October 2016. The full Showcase Awards for Excellence submission can be found on the school web page.

#### **Parents Minding Students Before School:**

Just a reminder to parents to mind only their own children before school. If students, other than Preps, who are not under the care of their parents arrive at any time before 8:40 they need to be in undercover area .

#### **Graduation Meeting:**

For interested Year 6 parents there will be a Graduation meeting next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2:00pm in the staffroom.

## **PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017 – NOW DUE**

This year our Prep Orientation Morning is being held on: **TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**. We will be sending out placement 'offer letters' with full details regarding Orientation **NEXT WEEK**.

We require enrolment forms to be submitted by this Friday 15 July if you have a child commencing Prep in 2017 and have not already submitted an application form. Could you also please pass this information on to any friends/family living in our catchment area who have a child starting Prep next year.

Please note: Orientation Day is only for families who receive a placement offer.

## FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

### Welcome back to Term 3

School is back for yet another busy term. I hope all the students, staff and parents had a relaxing holiday or at least enjoyed a break from the routine of making school lunches and early starts to the day. The July P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 July, starting at 7pm in the library annexe. Why not come along and see what we do!

### Hall renovation

As you would be able to see the hall renovation has started and it is expected that the hall will be handed over to the school sometime during August. We look forward to students being able to utilise the 'new' hall in Semester 2 ready for the art show in September.

### Art Show update

The 2016 Wellers Hill State School 'Celebration of Art' is being held on 10th & 11<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to assist please email one of the committee members.

Sponsorship: Rebecca Sebastian [rj\\_sebastian@hotmail.com](mailto:rj_sebastian@hotmail.com)

Local Artists: Erica Mack - [erica\\_fritz74@yahoo.com.au](mailto:erica_fritz74@yahoo.com.au)

Volunteers: Megan Duffy – [meganduffy09@gmail.com](mailto:meganduffy09@gmail.com)

Regards, Narelle Cooley ([narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au](mailto:narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au))

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# Celebration of Art

10th and 11th September 2016

- Art Competition
- Food and Drinks
- Sale of Art Works (local artists)
- Exhibition showcasing WHSS student artworks and local artists
- Family Gallery and Workshop Day - 11th Sept
- Selection of Musical entertainment
- Cocktail Party - 10th Sept
- Unveiling and dedication of Sculpture
- Guest judges and prizes
- People's Choice Voting

Theme: **CONNECT: How do we connect?**  
Think about the connections within your local community, your school community, your family, your friends, your pets, socially, digitally, environmentally?

## DATE CLAIMERS and DUE DATES FOR PAYMENTS

Year Level	Event	Due Date	Amount
4	LOTE Cube		
Prep, 1, 2 & 3	Artslink – Funky Chicken on 9 August	Fri 5 Aug	\$8
3	Reverse Garbage on 11 & 12 August	Fri 5 Aug	\$9
6	Maths Workshop on 12 August	Fri 5 Aug	\$8
1	Starlab on 14 September	Fri 9 Sept	\$7

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



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

Welcome back for Term 3, we hope everyone had a relaxing holiday.

Trials will begin soon for Interschool Sport.

We are looking forward to another exciting term.

## FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

### Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;

- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

- Department's website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>
- Australian Government Department of Education website: <http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact Anne Chapman – Guidance Officer on 3249 1333.

## NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

The year is half over but the best is yet to come!

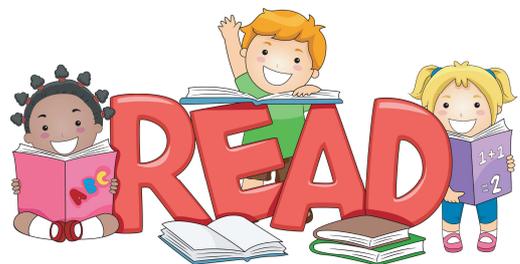
Our focus in the art room this term is on the element of colour and its associated principles. Students will be learning about primary and secondary colours, warm and cool colours, complementary or opposite colours and how to use colour in their artworks. These elements and principles will be incorporated into artworks using topics drawn from the curriculum for each year level.

Not long till the Art Show now! The dedicated art show committee have been working extremely hard behind the scenes to get everything in order. Don't forget to help your child fill in the entry form for the art competition. Details and entry forms are available from the office. We look forward to a busy yet productive term 3!

Warmest regards,  
Carolyn Peisker

## LIBRARY NEWS

I'm needing someone to be the Co-ordinator for Book Club. This requires sorting the books either once or twice a term – it's not hard or if you bring a few friends it doesn't take long. If we don't have a Co-ordinator then we won't be able to do Club for the rest of the year. Please come see me if you are interested.



Bernadette Hoffman  
Librarian

## SPORT NEWS

Term 3 – Week 1

### Sport Dates

Term Three

Junior Sports Day (Prep - Year 3) > TBC

Interschool Sport > Every Friday for 5 weeks from 19<sup>th</sup> August (Week 6)

### Upper School Athletics Carnival (Years 4-6)

Congratulations to all involved with the Upper School Athletics Carnival. It was a great two days where plenty of talent was on show and fun was had. Koala house took out the win this year.

The full list of Age Champions is below:

Placings		1st	2nd	3rd
9 Years	Girls	Jasmine B	Isabel K Sara B	Isabel H Mia B
	Boys	Sean S	Finn McK	Ethan C
10 Years	Girls	Farradai H	Lillian T Bella W	Tara M Carly O
	Boys	Luke K Aiden W	-	Noah C
11 Years	Girls	Lucy B	Aiko C	Kate N
	Boys	Jackson C	Oliver S	Elijah G
12 Years	Girls	Meghan B	Kasey M	Chloe T
	Boys	Kai B	Harris K Oscar BB	Lachlan H

### District Athletics

Following the upper school athletics carnival last term, all students who have qualified for the district carnival will be notified and receive a letter with the details and the timetable of the two day event. It is due to take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August (Week 5).

### Junior Sports Day (Prep to Year 3)

The date for the Junior Sports Day is yet to be confirmed.

So you can be prepared, students should wear their house shirt, hat, sun screen and have a water bottle with them for the day. It promises to be a great day and family members are welcome to come up to the top oval to watch! The timetable for the day will be released after a date has been selected.

### Mt Gravatt District Sport Trials

District Trials have nearly concluded for this year. We have had a number of students selected to trial and more selected to trial for upcoming sports. Students will be informed if they are to be nominated to trial for districts. Any student nominated to trial will be given the required paperwork to return so that they are eligible to trial. Each school is restricted to the number of students that can trial for each sport so unfortunately not all students can trial for districts.

### Mt Gravatt District Girls Cricket Trials

Mt Gravatt District trials for Girls Cricket are on very soon. If you play cricket at a high standard, and are born in 2004, 2005 or 2006, please see Mr Grennan this week (Week 1) for more information. Please note that school nominations are limited with preference given to students turning twelve as per Mt Gravatt District Sport policy.

## **Mt Gravatt District Boys Cricket Trials**

Mt Gravatt District trials for Boys Cricket are coming up this term. If you play cricket at a very high standard, and are born in 2004, 2005 or 2006, please see Mr Grennan for more information. Please note that school nominations are limited with preference given to students turning twelve as per Mt Gravatt District Sport policy.

## **Interschool Sport in 2016**

The Summer Interschool Sport season will begin at the end of week six (19<sup>th</sup> August). At this stage the district office has not yet confirmed the sports that will be played.

Once the sports are confirmed, students will be informed in school and it will also be placed in the next school newsletter. Trials for the selected sports will begin in week three or four.

Students will be notified in class when trials are occurring. If students are unavailable to trial due to illness or other commitments they must let the organising teacher know in advance where possible. The cost involved with participating in interschool sports is usually around the \$60-\$70 range which covers bus transportation, field hire, jerseys, equipment and first aid requirements for the ten week season.

## **Recreational Activities**

Students who are not participating in interschool sport will be doing recreational activities here at school this term. Students do not stay with the same teacher through all of the activities, but always meet with them at 12:30pm each week. They will be directed to who will take them to their activity each week by their normal rec teacher.

# **MUSIC NEWS**

## **General**

### **Talent Showcase:**

All students in years 3-6 who would like to show off their talent, please start practicing now for the Talent Showcase! Your Talent does not need to be music based and all talent is welcome! (for safety reasons sorry no gymnastics). Acts can be solo, duo or groups. The Talent Showcase will likely be held at the end of term three, date to be advised.

## **Choirs**

**Reminder:** All Choirs will resume as usual in Week 1 of this term. All students who are involved in the choirs are expected to gain access to the learning place Choir Album. (See Mrs Kristensen for a note if you do not have one.) Each student has an individual login and password they will need to use. (please ask your classroom teacher)

**Vocal Group - St Paul's Fete:** The St Paul's Fete, which was postponed last term due to inclement weather, will now go ahead on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of August in the morning. Vocal Group students please save this date. Full attendance at this event would be much appreciated, however if attendance is not possible due to prior commitments please let Mrs Kristensen know via note/email.

Happy Music Making,  
Mrs Kristensen, Mrs Price and Mrs Rosewarne

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

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## **SACCS**

### **Welcome back to term 3**

June/July Vacation Care: Another successful Vacation Care!! We had a great Vacation Care that was extremely well attended (there were hardly any vacancies available!). Children enjoyed the many activities, incursions and excursions provided and they had a hard time rating their favourite among so many.

Our September Vacation Care Program is already in the planning stages. We have some new and exciting ideas to explore, however we are always open to any suggestions from children and their families. If you have recently visited a new location or done something new as a family that might be suitable as a Vacation Care activity or destination, please share it with us. We have your children best interests in mind and we appreciate your help in designing an exciting program that keeps them engaged and having fun.

**Online Children profiles:** SACCS is excited to announce that we have recently purchased a software program for recording online children's profiles and documenting their learning and development progress throughout the course of their enrolment at SACCS. This software includes an app that will enable all families to access their children's profiles and learning stories from their electronic devices. We will provide you with further information when and how to access the software. For more information check the link below:

<https://wellershillsaccs.childcarers.com.au/centre/index#/home>

## **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](mailto:uniformshopwhss@gmail.com)

### **FAULTY BACKPACKS**

Parents - A note for those parents who still may not be aware that the school has had a batch of faulty backpacks, so if you have purchased a backpack for your child within the last 2 years and you have a zip that won't catch, or back straps pulled away from the lining - please attend the shop - you may be entitled to a replacement.

Back in term 2, a new batch of backpacks were issued to quite a few parents to replace the faulty ones. So far, we have had only 1 of this new batch returned for the same reasons. So fingers crossed, but if you were issued a replacement backpack and you are having the same issues, again, please come in and see us.

We are trying to work through this issue, which may result in a change of supplier, but it is a lengthy process. Thank you to parents for being patient and understanding about the matter.

**TRAKPANTS & TIGHTS AVAILABLE** Remember the Uniform Shop sells track pants and girls tights for winter. Track pants are navy in colour, good quality @ \$28. Girls tights are dark navy

@ \$12. Students can attend the shop second break on a Wednesday or before school on a Friday to purchase, and can bring cash with them, or parents pay online prior through Flexischools Website.

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS



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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### TENNIS HOT SHOTS - ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 3

**ENROL ONLINE at [www.tennisforkids.com.au](http://www.tennisforkids.com.au) (spaces are limited so get in fast)**

Places are currently available at Tuesday lunchtime for HOT SHOTS tennis coaching in Term 3!

Should you have any questions or would like to enrol in group or private coaching please call Tennis For Kids on 0408 187 741.

NEW CHILDREN, ENROLLING IN TERM 3 WILL RECEIVE A FREE JUNIOR TENNIS RACQUET!

