



WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL

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WHAT'S ON AT WELLERS

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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 Wednesday 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.



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.

Kind Regards
John

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Acting Operations Manager

The P&C Executive is excited to welcome a new member of staff, Sarah Bocquee, who will be Acting Operations Manager, while Melinda McVie is on maternity leave. Sarah's role in the first instance will be to provide a point of contact at the school as well as co-ordinating the activities of the P&C as appropriate.

Sarah is probably well known to many in the Wellers Hill school community having run the front house at Azafran restaurant in Tarragindi for the past 12 years. Prior to that Sarah worked as recruitment officer for a group training hospitality college and brings a HR background to the complement of skills within the P&C. She has a son in year 4, son in year 2, and a daughter who will be starting prep next year. Sarah will be in the P&C office Mondays.

Hall update

The hall renovation is nearly complete. The final stage is the floor and stage which have been installed by Aura Sports. The floor needs to 'cure' and will be finished ready for the Year 6 graduation on Wednesday 7 December. This project began over 3 years ago when the P & C applied for and received a Smart Schools Subsidy (SSS) Grant from the QLD government in the amount of \$184 000. The total project has come in on budget at \$500 000. The remaining \$316 000 was provided by the P & C as a result of ongoing fundraising. The hall includes a new sound system, ventilation, new roof and skylights and the latest addition is a system that will deter the pigeons. The hall committee has done an outstanding job. Huge thanks must go to Wendy Hay (parent and architect) and Chris Savage (P & C vice president) who have spent countless hours working with the project manager David Honeywell throughout the renovation process. This improved facility will benefit the whole school and looks fantastic.



Thank you event

As you are all well aware the WHSS P&C relies on volunteers throughout the year to be part of sub-committees, organise events and oversee projects. The P&C Executive are hosting an event to say thank you and recognise the significant contribution that these volunteers have made to our school community. Invitations were sent out and it will be held on Friday 25 November at 6.30pm on the top level of the Junior Learning Wing. Drinks, appetizers and pizza will be provided. Thanks to Sallie Battist for her work in organising this event. If you received an invitation and have not yet sent an RSVP please contact Sallie ASAP salliebattist@hotmail.com

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au

Regards

Narelle Cooley

DATE CLAIMERS and DUE DATES FOR PAYMENTS

| Year Level | Event | Due Date | Amount |
|------------|--|------------|--------|
| 6 | Graduation Night – 7/12 | | |
| 6 | Wet & Wild – 8/12 | 2 December | \$27 |
| | Last Day of School for 2016 – Friday 9 December | | |
| | First Day of School for 2017 – Monday 23 January | | |

SPORT NEWS

Wellers Hill Sports News

Term 4 – Week 8

Sport Dates

Term Four

Twilight Swimming Carnival > Monday 28th November (Week 9)

Junior Swimming Carnival (Yr 1-3) > Thursday 1st December (Week 9)

Sports Awards > Friday 2nd December (Week 9)

Twilight Swimming Carnival (Age 9-12) – District Qualifying Event

The Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held in Week 9. This carnival serves two purposes:

- To decide age champions from 9-12 years based on total points from 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly.
- To determine the top 2-3 swimmers in each age/gender group by event to attend the district swimming carnival in 2017 (subject to reaching qualifying time).

Only students turning 9-12 in 2016 can enter this event. Attendance is not compulsory however non-swimmers can attend and support. Students will first be timed in PE classes and must achieve the qualifying time before being able to nominate. This is to ensure all students who nominate for the carnival are serious about attending and are able to competently swim the 50m distance for the given stroke.

Date: Monday 28th November 2016 (Week 9)

Time: 6-7:30pm

Nominations: In PE Class (Week 7 & 8)

Junior Swimming Carnival (Years 1 – 3)

This year the 1-3 carnival will be organised by allocated time blocks for each year level. The approximate timetable is as follows:

- 8.50 – 9.55 > Year 1
- 9.55 – 11.00 > Year 2
- 11.45 – 12.50 > Year 3
- 13.00 – 13.10 > Presentation
- 13.10 > 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 is a priority, sunscreen to be applied before school, sun shirts, caps, goggles essential. Year 1 students are asked to wear their swimmers to school.

We would like to advise parents that due to the main grandstand in the pool being closed there will be limited seating for parents in the shade. All students will need to be seated in the small grandstand in the shade.

Sports Photos

If there are any parents that have taken photos at various school sporting events throughout 2016, can you please send them to school with your child on a USB to give to me for a possible photo slideshow at the Sports Awards. Once I remove the photos from the USB it will be returned immediately. The photos can be from school carnivals, interschool sport and district sporting events. Any photos at all would be appreciated, whether it's one or 100!

Swimming in Term Four

PE lessons have moved back into the pool this term so here are a few reminders of how swimming lessons work and what you need to be prepared. Students must have swimmers, sun shirt, cap, towel and a bag to put it all in. Goggles are recommended as well as they will prevent sore eyes and help you swim in a straight line. All of this gear must be named and it is advisable to wear sunscreen on the day of your lesson. Lessons for all years will start in week one except for Preps who will start in week two.

For parents: find out what day and time your child's swimming lesson is on to see if you can help out on the day and most importantly remind them to pack their swimmers for that day. For prep classes it would be ideal to have four parents in the water and a couple out of the pool. I prefer with years 1-3 that there are a minimum of three parents at a lesson with at least two being in the water to assist. With the upper school one-two parents on the pool deck is sufficient. I understand that parents are extremely busy but even if you make it to one lesson in a term I am sure your child will appreciate that you went to watch them swim and it will help share the load around the rest of the parent group.

It is important that students make an effort to be swimming at every lesson as it is a short and busy term and new skills are learnt every week. Remember to bring your swimmers and even if you aren't feeling 100% to at least try to get in the pool and swim because you will feel much better for giving it a go. Students are reminded that three "no swims" without a valid reason may result in an RT visit.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION – THANK YOU

We would like to thank IGA at Greenslopes for sponsoring the Year 6 Graduation.



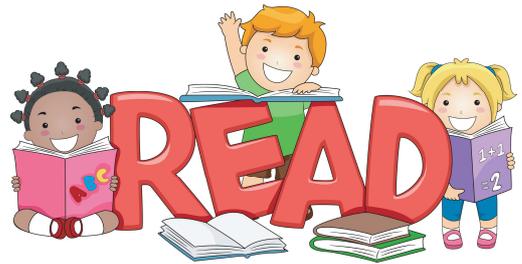
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LOST PROPERTY

Could parents please check the pool area for any lost property. There is a huge amount of towels and clothing. The swimming lost property is located near the tables.

Also please check the lost property box located near SACCS.

Thank You.



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

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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

EXTRA OPENING TIMES FOR UNIFORM SHOP FOR JANUARY 2017

FRIDAY 20th JANUARY 9am to 4pm
MONDAY 23rd JANUARY (first day of school) 2pm to 4pm

Please purchase or order your uniforms before the end of term this year to secure your order.
The shop does run out of stock!

PLEASE NOTE:

The Uniform Shop is CLOSED last day of school (Friday 9th Dec).

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP 🎵

contact us: wellershillmusic@gmail.com

* Return of music uniform items

Thank you to all families who have returned music performance uniform items on loan from the Music Support Group. Close to 90% of blazers were returned last week - a tremendous response! However, there is still a number of ties and cummerbunds outstanding.

If you still have a blazer, tie or cummerbund at home, please return these as soon as possible. Even if your child is continuing in the music program next year, these items still need to be returned for stocktake and cleaning.

If your child is leaving WHSS and/or you have any performance items no longer needed (shirts, black pants, ties), please consider donating these for our second hand uniform sale at the start of next year.

Returns and donations can be left at the strings/band rehearsal room in the music block or the school office.

Talent show photos

Some fantastic photos were taken in the photo-booth and of the performances at the Talent Showcase held recently. If your child performed or you had photos taken on the night and you would like to view these photos, please email Kristensen Photography at jankristensen1978@hotmail.com

A link to a drop-box containing the images in low-resolution and watermarked will be available for you to view. When you have chosen and paid for your images they will be sent to you in the highest quality resolution. 50% of proceeds go to the Music Support Group.

🎵🎸🎹 Thank you for a wonderful year of music. We look forward to seeing you in 2017! 🎵🎸🎹

🌟🌟 Happy Christmas from MSG 🌟🌟

TUCKSHOP

LAST SPECIAL OF THE YEAR

Next week (Nov 28 to Dec 2) we will be running a "Brekky at Lunch" special. Why? Why not! It can be ordered on Flexischools or over the counter for the 11am break every day of that week. No pre-ordering required. You have the choice of the Egg and Bacon (English muffin with egg, bacon, cheese and BBQ sauce; hash brown and OJ) or the BLT (English muffin with bacon, lettuce, tomato, cheese and mayo; hash brown and OJ). Each special is \$6.

THEY'RE BACK

Christmas Tree Cupcakes \$1.20. Available from Monday 28 Nov to Wed 7 Dec. Purchase over the counter in the play period of each break.

LAST DAY FOR TUCKSHOP

Please note that our last day of tuckshop service for the year is Wednesday 7th December. We will shut at 12pm so will not be open in the second break.

THANK YOU

As this will probably be our last news item for the year we would like to wish all of our WHSS families a safe and Happy Christmas and a terrific New Year.

We would like to thank all of the families who have supported us throughout the year. Many thanks to the wonderful WHSS staff – teachers, teacher aides, admin – thanks for your support and good-humour, we are a lucky school to have you. Thanks so much to our fantastic cleaner, Chrissie – she makes the tuckshop look shiny and new every day.

Thanks to the Services Committee and John Holm from the P&C Exec – as employees it's reassuring to know we have your support. A huge thumbs up to the other P&C staff – Melinda, Deb, Valya, Shannon, Kylie, Sue and all of the SACCS and Swim staff – we are at school every day and see first-hand what a great job you all do (and congratulations to Shannon on hitting the 10 year milestone – you're a champ and funny too!)

A huge thanks to our wonderful volunteers – we say it constantly but it's true – we simply couldn't run the tuckshop without you. It has been a frantic year and we truly appreciate your efforts (Foods of the World comes to mind!). This year we farewell 2 of our long-term volunteers – Marni Burkhardt and Gina Garcia. Marni has been with us all of the 7 years she has been at WHSS. Good luck and thanks so much to both of you.

Finally, thanks to the kids of WHSS. You make our job the best in the world. You're funny and smart and very well-behaved. We love coming to work every day just to see you! Goodbye and good luck to our Year 6s – we will miss you. Come back to WHSS to see us some time.

Merry Christmas everyone! – Carolyn, Ros and Kimberley

| DAY | 9am to 11.30am | 1pm to 2pm |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Thurs 24 Nov | Mika | HELP NEEDED |
| Fri 25 Nov | Pauline T Nicole R | Kim N |
| Mon 28 Nov | Ally B | Natalie B |
| Tues 29 Nov | Kim N | HELP NEEDED |
| Wed 30 Nov | Hayley J Seva K | HELP NEEDED |
| Thurs 1 Dec | Seva K | Gina G |
| Fri 2 Dec | Vanessa C Wendy K | Stacey S |
| Mon 5 Dec | Bec R | Jana |
| Tues 6 Dec | Kim N | HELP NEEDED |
| Wed 7 Dec | Laura W | CLOSED |

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.

SCHOOL BANKING



The final day for school banking is **Thursday 24th November**. The rewards will be processed on this day and should be distributed to the children by the end of week 9.

It has been a fabulous year for School Banking at Wellers Hill State School in 2016. 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 2017 so don't forget to keep your tokens in a safe place over the school holidays. Your token tally will carry over to 2017.

Congratulations to all of our gold certificate bankers for the year, we have certainly exceeded all expectations and 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 2017, 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 2017 will begin in the 2nd week of term 1.

There will be an account opening morning on Thursday, 16th 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,
Caroline and Laura
School Banking Team

EMERGENCY CONTACTS



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

PARKRUN

Wellers Hill Kids RUN Parkrun

Students from Wellers Hill will take over the running (pun intended) of the Stones Corner Parkrun this Saturday 26th November and we would love to see as many of our families attend as possible. It is a great family activity and you can do what I do – go for bacon and eggs when you finish. Totally guilt free!!!!

Details:

Where: Hanlon Park Corner of Junction St and O'Keefe St Stones Corner

When: Saturday at 7:00am

Cost: Free

Fitness Level: What's fitness??

Link: <http://www.parkrun.com.au/stonescorner/>