Dear Parents and Community Members

The year has started extremely well at Wellers Hill State School, with 911 students enrolled across Prep to Year 6.

**Air-Conditioning**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P and C Association for providing air-conditioning across the majority of classrooms. Teachers have noticed the difference in children and their ability to concentrate and work when returning to cool classrooms after morning tea or lunch.

**Parent Information Evening**

Thank you as well to all of the parents who attended the Parent Information Evening at school last Tuesday evening. It was great to see so many happy and engaged parents in the school.

**Parade**

A parade will be held on Monday morning in the hall commencing at 09:00am. Parents are always invited to attend parades at the school. On this parade we will be introducing the school student leaders to our student population.

**Family Fun Night**

A group of hardworking parents are toiling behind the scenes in preparation for the Family Fun Night, which will be held on Friday 24 February. This is a great night for both parents and students. Please enter it into your diary of you are free.

**P and C Meeting**

The first P and C Meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 15 February. The meeting will commence at 07:00am in the Library annex. The meetings are fun and informative and all interested parents and community members are invited to attend.
**Staff List**

We have a number of new staff at the school this year. I have included a list of the teaching staff for 2017 and their email contact address below.

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Have a great week.
Kind regards
John

FROM THE P&C PRESIDENT

Welcome to the new school year at Weller Hill State School. There is always a sense of anticipation for students, parents and teachers with the start of school - new classes, new friends, clean uniforms, shiny shoes and making school lunches. To all the new families at WHSS I would like to welcome you on behalf of the school community. To the returning families welcome back to what will be another great year.

The Parents & Citizens’ Association (P & C) at WHSS is strong and works in partnership with the teaching staff, the Principal and School community, in order to give our children the best education possible. In each newsletter there will be an update on what the P & C is doing to keep parents informed. P & C meetings are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The first meeting for 2017 will take place on Wednesday 15th February starting at 7 pm (note change to week 3) in the teacher’s staffroom. It would be wonderful to see new members coming to our meetings. The aim is to have short but effective meetings. If you have not been before why not come along and see what we do and how you can contribute. My children have been part of the WHSS community for the past 10 years and I have been President for the last 5 years. Sadly, it is time for us to move on. My youngest son has just started high school and at the March AGM I will hand over to a new President. The school has dedicated staff, great facilities and a wonderful sense of community. The best way to find out what happens at school is to be involved!

Opportunities to volunteer!
Research has found that parental involvement in schooling was a strong indicator of a child’s success. Children whose parents had high aspirations for their kids, backed up by their involvement in the school community, had a better chance of doing well regardless of wealth, ethnicity or the kind of school they attended.

I understand that not every parent is able to volunteer time during week days (I work full time), but there are always opportunities for parents and grandparents to get involved in the school community. The P & C and their sub committees always welcome fresh ideas, and attending the monthly meetings gives unique insights into the issues facing school and the chance for informal chats with other parents. Helping in the tuckshop or uniform shop, assisting with reading groups, covering books for the library at home, pulling weeds at a working bee or baking cakes for the cake stall are all ways that we can be
involved. Whatever time or knowledge you are able to offer, know that it will be much appreciated – every little bit counts!

**Family Fun Night**

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 on Friday 24th 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. Whilst the event utilises commercial operators to ensure that the Family Fun Night is enjoyed by all, we do require parent volunteers to ensure that the night runs as smoothly as possible. Please, if you’re able to help out for an hour or so on the night it would be really appreciated. Alternatively, if this is not possible due to personal commitments, perhaps you could consider making some sweets or treats to be enjoyed at the evening.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to help out in stalls and to supervise kids’ entertainment. There will generally be 2 shifts that volunteers are required for - Either Shift 1 from 5pm - 6.30pm or Shift 2 from 6.30pm - 8.00pm. 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

**WHSS Family Portrait Fundraiser**

The P & C is holding a Family Portrait Fundraiser on **Saturday 18 March** in the library annexe from 9am – 5.30 pm. The P & C have successfully organised this photo opportunity for a number of years 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.** Each FAMILY photo MUST contain 2 generations ie. Parent/s and child/ren or grandparent/s and child/ren. The photos are not for children only.

Please contact the P&C office on 3162 1965 or email: melindawhsspc@gmail.com to reserve a time. We need 30 families for this to proceed. The photos only take 10 minutes. Once a time slot has been reserved $20 in a named envelope (Parent and child name and class with booking time) needs to be delivered either to the P & C office or put into the payment slot at the office. This must be done within a couple of days of booking to ensure the time is held. Additional photos will be available for purchase and these photos will also be taken on the day. There is no obligation to purchase extra photos. Please see the attached flyer.

Feel free to email me with questions or feedback on how we can work together for our school community.  

narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au

Regards

Narelle Cooley
FROM THE DEPUTY

Parent Volunteers Wanted!

We are seeking volunteers for the 2017 Japanese Bilingual Programme.

If you are able to support the students in our Japanese classrooms, please contact thash3@eq.edu.au including your name, your child’s name and class and what time/s you are able to help in the classrooms.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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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.

FINANCE

Family Statements

The family statements for all excursions/activities for the year will be sent home by the end of this month to the eldest student in the family.

ICAS Test

Students from Years 3-6 have the option to participate in the ICAS Tests. Nomination forms were sent home this week. These tests are not compulsory. The due date for payment is strictly: Friday 17 February, 2017.

Some parents may have received invoices for the ICAS tests. Please disregard if you do not want your child to participate. High Schools change the method of correspondence to ‘Email’ for their students, which in turn changes the records for any siblings in primary school. Therefore any invoices created will be emailed to the family. Please ring the office on 32491333 if you have any questions.
CAPTAINS’ CORNER

Welcome back everyone to another great year at Wellers Hill. Special welcome to all the Prep students who started this year.

We are the School Captains for 2017 and are looking forward to working with the Year Six School Leaders and all the students at Wellers Hill.

We would like to announce and congratulate that the House Captains for 2017.

Platypus: Eve Houston and Emerson Ryan Uhlich
Emu: Kate Russell and Luke Kirkman
Kangaroo: Carly Oh and Nat Hicks
Koala: Faradai Hopkins and Will Sanders

SPORT NEWS

Term 1 - Week 3 & 4

Sports Dates for Term 1
District Swimming  > Thursday 9th February (week 3)
Biathlon (Years 4, 5 & 6)  > Friday 10th February (week 3)
Cross Country (Years 4, 5 & 6)  > Tuesday 21st March (week 9) (tentative)
Gala Day (Years 4, 5 & 6)  > Tuesday 14th March (week 8)

District Swimming Carnival
The district swimming carnival is being held this week on Thursday 9th February at Hibiscus Mt Gravatt swimming pool. Participating students were given a schedule of events to take home in preparation for the event.
We wish our swimmers all the best.

Biathlon
With a busy sporting term ahead of us, the Biathlon is already on the horizon, this Friday 10th February. 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 with the students competing individually. 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 have nominated for biathlon in class this week. The distances are as follows:

Class 2 – easier/non-competitive
Year Four – Class 2
1 lap – 600m run

Class 1 – harder/competitive
Year Four – Class 1
3 laps – 600m run
We are looking for plenty of parent helpers on the day. **Registration begins in the hall at 8am**, where students receive their number and competitor's transition bag. Students wear their swimmers to school under their school uniform (**sun shirts must be worn throughout the swim and run**).

**AFL Queensland School Cup**
This year we are again competing in AFL Q Cup. This season we will be competing in both the Boys & Girls competition. Squad numbers are restricted due to the Q Cup rules so trials may be held. Both teams are open to any students in Years 4, 5 & 6. If anyone is interested in more information, please contact Mr. Grennan (boys) or Ms. Guy (girls).

**District Sports Trials**
Information regarding district sport trials will be published in the school newsletter as it comes to hand. We are just one school of more than 30 schools in our district so spaces at trials are limited to five students, maximum, per school. As such, not all students who ask to go to district trials can be considered, with preference given to 12 year old’s first (as per district school selection policy) and those with more experience including club representative teams. Please keep an eye on the newsletter to find out what trials are occurring so that you don’t miss out.

**Mt Gravatt District Basketball Trials (Girls & Boys)**
Mt Gravatt District trials for Basketball are coming up this term. If you play basketball at a very high standard, and are born in 2005, 2006 & 2007, 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.

**Years 1-6 Swimming Lessons**
During Term One students from Years One to Six will be participating in a swimming program during PE lessons. Teachers will be liaising with parents over the next few days to ensure there is always parent supervision at each swimming lesson throughout the entire term. With Year One, Two and Three it would be preferred if there was a minimum of three parents at lessons and in the pool with the students. From Year Four and above, a minimum of one parent watching from the pool deck is sufficient.

Students must wear a cap and sun shirt in the pool at all times. All items that are brought to school for swimming lessons such as school clothes, goggles and towels, should be clearly marked with the students name and class.

If a student is unable to swim on any given day, they need to bring a signed letter from their parents or medical professional explaining why. If students forget their swimmers or do not bring them on three occasions or more (without an acceptable reason) during a school term they will have to attend a restitution session in their own lunchtime.

**Gala Day**
Planning for the upcoming Gala day is well underway. We will be participating with UMGSS across both campuses and competing in five sports. Our school will be split into the four houses and teams will be multi age and mixed.
A full description of the sports, both traditional and non-traditional, will be provided in the next newsletter. More details to follow!!

Looking forward to your support of Wellers Hill Sports in 2017.
LIBRARY NEWS
Hi Everyone,
Welcome back to a new year.

Book Club closes **Friday 10th. February.**

**Please note that we do not accept cash or cheque. On-line orders for Book Club.**

If you have any spare plastic bags, I would love to have them to use when children have forgotten their Library bags - many thanks.

Kind Regards,
Bernadette

MUSIC NEWS

Welcome back everyone, to what is sure to be another year of fantastic music making!

**Music Group Rehearsals & Strings/Band Lessons**
Please see attached Rehearsal Schedule for 2017 Rehearsals for all music groups.
Please see the music notice board weekly for strings/band lesson times.

**Choirs:**

**Choir Rehearsal Changes for this week:**
Please note that **Senior Choir** will be held this week at 7.15am – 8am. (arrive 7.10 for a 7.15am start)
The following week **Senior Choir** will return to the usual time of 7.30am – 8am on Friday.
Please note that a **Vocal Group** make-up rehearsal is scheduled for this **Monday the 13th of February 7.30-8.30am.**

**Vocal Group:**

Students who auditioned for the Vocal Group - please check the music notice board for a list of those who were successful – congratulations! We will see you at the next rehearsal - **Monday the 13th of February 7.30-8.30am.** Please note that the **Wednesday 15th February** rehearsal will go ahead as usual.

**Junior Choir:**

A reminder that the next rehearsal (Tuesday the 14th of February) is the 3rd rehearsal for year, and therefore the end of the trial period for year two students. Please advise Mrs Kristensen on gkris11@eq.edu.au if your child is on the role but has decided not to join for the year. Your child will receive a Choral Handbook at this rehearsal outlining the expectations of being involved in the choir.

**Band Essential Elements Interactive**
The Essential Elements Interactive App is a fantastic resource for our music students. It allows students to play along with a recording as well as being able to record their own performances for feedback. All Year 4 students should now have access to the Essential Elements Interactive App on the school iPads using their student email address. Please contact Mrs Rosewarne if there are any problems with your app and logging on.

Happy Music Making,
Mrs Kristensen, Mrs Price and Mrs Rosewarne
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CAMELATA STRINGS 2ND BREAK – 1.10PM
*Beginner Strings*
*(Please note – rehearsal runs 3 Weeks Prior to Concert Only)*
Mrs Price

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back to School Banking for 2017. I hope you all had a wonderful break and your children are enjoying being back at school.

Would you like your child to become one of our School Bankers? Here’s how!
Youthsaver accounts can now be opened online by parents who bank with Commonwealth Bank as well as those who don’t. Accounts can be opened from a mobile, tablet or desktop device – http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. For all new accounts opened online, where you select to participate in School Banking, a School Banking welcome pack will be mailed to your home address, which will include your child’s Dollarmite deposit wallet and book.

Or
Open an account at any Commonwealth Bank branch. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for school banking. You will need to take in identification for you and your child (such as driver’s license for you and birth certificate for your child). Our local branch is at Greenslopes Mall, near Coles.

Or
Come along to our account opening morning on Thursday, 16th February, 8.15am – 9.15am. Staff from the Commonwealth Bank will be present to guide you through the account opening process on your phone and answer any questions you may have.

Or
If your child already has a Youthsaver account with the Commonwealth Bank they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring in their yellow deposit wallet with a small deposit each Thursday and give it to their class teacher before school.

Our school receives great commission through the Commonwealth Bank for School Banking with $5 commission for every new account opened via the program and 5% commission for each deposit made through the program.

There are also great reward items on offer for those bankers who make 10 deposits with school banking. The theme for 2017 is “Future Savers”. The two new reward items for Term 1, 2017 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers.

Banking Day is every Thursday.
WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL
PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Sub-Committees

President: Narelle Cooley
  (narelle@cooleyfamily.com.au)
  Email: wellershillpandc@gmail.com

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.

**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.

**Payment received** – we have received two payments made on 28.12 and on 02.02. The payees’ names were not recorded and we are unable to allocate the payments to the correct accounts. Please check your statements and advise us if a payment made by you does not appear on your statement.

MUSIC SUPPORT GROUP

Contact us: wellershillmusic@gmail.com

Welcome back to another year of wonderful music making in WHSS.

*Do we have your email address?*
If you want to stay up-to-date with all things music program related, please remember to send us your email address so you are included in the MSG mailing list. You can also email us at this address for any queries you may have regarding levy payments, uniforms, volunteering etc.

*Student attendance*
Please remember that any messages regarding student absence from performances or rehearsals must be sent directly to the music teacher.

*Reminder - levies*
Music Levy payments for choir, strings and band are now overdue. Thank you to all families who have organised payment.

*Why not join MSG?*
Do you have a child (or more) in choir, strings or band? Please consider joining the small and dedicated group of volunteer parents to help behind the scenes and make the music program a success.

*Second hand performance uniform sale*
The Music Support Group will be holding a sale of second hand performance uniforms on Friday 3 March 2017, 8.00-9.30am, outside the WHSS Uniform Shop. (We recommend you get in early as second hand stock is limited!)

Prices: boys shirt - $10; girls blouse - $15; boys and girls black pants - $15. Cash only sale.

Donations gratefully accepted, or we will swap outgrown uniforms for a larger size (if available), so please consider bringing along any music uniform items you no longer need!
*Ties and cummerbunds*

If you still have a tie or cummerbund at home from music performances last year, please return to the office as soon as possible. We need to do a stocktake and clean items before reallocating for this year.

Our first meeting this year is **Tuesday 21st February 2017** - 7pm in the WHSS staff room. We’d love to see you there!

Thank you

 Crawling Owls

Remember, if you would like to be involved with MSG - or any music or fundraising activities - we would love to hear from you! Please contact us at wellershillmusic@gmail.com

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**Cello for sale**

Arco 3/4 size cello includes brand new bow and soft case.
Purchased new January 2014 from Animato Strings.
Cost $650 negotiable.
Contact Melissa M: 0411 547 637 or E; spscontact@yahoo.com.au

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**SWIM CLUB**

**SWIM CLUB – Friday Nights**

Friday Night Swim Club is back in full swing. Thank you to all the parent helpers who make it happen. Come along and try a FREE trial at our Friday night swim club. It is a fun night with club races against the clock and team mates. There is a BBQ and canteen.

Arrive at 6 pm for a 6.30 pm start. Registration for events closes at 6.15 pm. Half laps are held for new swimmers who aren’t confident to swim the full length of the pool. These races commence at 6.15 pm.

Remember to like us on Facebook – Wellers Hill Water Ratz so you can register for racing events on-line, see the swimming results and keep up to date with news.

NOTE – you can’t register on-line until you have attended 1 night and had your details entered into the computer.

Payment - New swimmers (Half season – Term 1): $50 per child - includes Club shirt and swim cap. Family discount for 3+ swimmers. Payment can be made via Flexischools, bank transfer or cash on Friday night.

Cost: $2 entry per family each club night

It’s a friendly and welcome atmosphere so please feel free to come along and see for yourself 😊

**CHANGE OF DATE** – Club Championships NOW Friday 24 MARCH 2017

The season will end with the Wellers Hill 2016/17 Club Championships on Friday 24 March 2017. Warm up will start at 5.30 pm with racing to start at 6.00 pm.
A break up party/presentation day will be held on Saturday 25 March from 4.00 pm – 6 pm at the pool. This change has been made due to the current closure of the grandstand.

To be eligible for Club Championships, swimmers must be full financial and registered members and must have swum according to the following criteria:

If joined in first half of season -
- In freestyle - more than 50% of club season
- Other strokes - at least four swims

If joined in second half of season –
- A minimum of 75% of nights in freestyle.
- Other strokes - at least two swims.

Swim Club BRING A FRIEND Night – FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY
Swim Club is holding a “Bring a Friend” Night in conjunction with Family Fun Night on Friday 24 March. Don’t forget to come and check out the Zorb Water Balls in action at the pool from 5pm – 6.30 pm. Races will start at 7 pm.

POOL UPDATE
Calling all volunteers!! The P and C has received a grant of $35,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) to upgrade the pool canteen and change rooms. We are seeking several members of the school community who are able to volunteer their time and expertise to manage this project. If you are confident managing tradespeople and have some spare time to work in a small team of willing volunteers, could you please contact us on admin@wellersratz.com.

We wish to say thank you to Patrick Taylor for volunteering to manage the grandstand repair project. Comparative quotes have been sought for design and repairs to the grandstand and we’re looking forward to the work commencing in the off season.

The pool will have some minor repairs and repainting carried out in the off season. This project will be managed by the Department of Education Regional Facilities Office. Thanks for everyone’s patience during the season and we should be up and running with a fresh new pool area for the 2017/18 season.

SWIM SCHOOL
Thank you to all of the returning families who have re-enrolled into Squad training and Learn to Swim lessons for Term 1. It’s great to see lots of new families joining us this term too. Remember to check in at the pool canteen when you arrive for every swimming lesson. Let Tonia know you’re at the pool and she will mark your name off the roll, she loves to see your smiling faces!!

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook – Wellers Hill Water Ratz
The Uniform Shop is currently out of stock of the following items -

Royal Polo Shirts size 4,6,8,&10
Girls Skorts size 4,6 & 10.
Library Satchels

If you wish to order these items, the best way would be to order via the FLEXISCHOOLS website, and you will be contacted once the items are delivered (up to 5 weeks possibly), or simply just send an email to the shop with your order.

Thank you for your patience. It is very difficult to predict how many of any one item is going to be in demand and the school can not hold huge amounts of all items that are needed due to lack of storage space. Please keep track of your child’s uniform needs, and particularly for the start of the year, ordering items in term 4 will ensure we will have the items you need in stock ready for the start of school.

Performance Uniforms are in stock. If you need items, please attend the shop sooner than later to ensure we don't run out of the size you need, and we have sufficient time to order if need be before the first performance.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED - For Friday mornings. The shop opens from 8am to 10am, but gets busy around 8:15 to 9:00am. If you feel you can pop in over this time and assist with customers - let us know! Send an email to uniformshopwhss@gmail.com.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Hi everyone and welcome back to a new school year. My name is Stephanie Kennedy and it has been my privilege to serve this school community as chaplain for 11 years, providing pastoral care for students, staff and families. For those who may be new to the school, my home base is the demountable next to the Uniform Shop. (affectionately known as the “Sticker Shop”) as I have open house most days at playtime and give out stickers. I work Mon-Wed and a half-day on Fridays, so if you are passing by, please feel welcome to pop in and say Hi!

Second-hand swimming gear wanted
One of the ways I support the students is to provide spare hats and swimming gear to those who may have forgotten theirs. I have a fair collection of gear but am running a little low in the smaller sizes, so if you have any spares at home that your kids may have outgrown, I would be delighted to receive donations of togs, rashies and boardies.

Hope your kids are off to a good start. Looking forward to another great year together.

Stephanie Kennedy
Proactive Strategy

Welcome to 2017 with Raising Children Network!

When parents want to change child or teenage behaviour, a positive approach is often best. This means giving children praise and attention for good behaviour. Clear rules, consistency and warm relationships are important too. And if children behave in challenging ways, it helps to have a range of behaviour management strategies ready.

Toddler Behaviour Toolkit
By the toddler years, many children start to control urges, change behaviour and do as parents ask – some of the time, at least! Here are ideas to bring out the best in toddlers.

Preschoolers Behaviour Toolkit
Preschoolers need limits and routines to guide them as they explore their environments. They’re curious and easily distracted. Parents can try our preschooler behaviour options.

School-age Behaviour Toolkit
School children are learning to follow rules at home and at school. School days can be long and tiring for them, which might lead to some grumpy behaviour. These strategies can help.

Teenage behaviour: 20 top tips
How can parents encourage good behaviour in teenagers? They can start by listening actively, being role models, taking teens seriously and picking their battles. Get more tips.

Feature videos: behaviour tips in action
See how to encourage good behaviour with role-modelling, praise and clear instructions. And find out how to handle challenging behaviour with distraction, empathy and consequences.
Cooperative behaviour

Limits, instructions and choices can help kids with ASD cooperate. Find out more.

Challenging behaviour

The first step to managing challenging behaviour can be spotting its triggers.

Discipline strategies

Find out how to adapt praise, rules and consequences for kids with ASD.

Talking to Teens

Our Talking to Teens interactive guide takes parents through some difficult teenage behaviour issues, like sibling fighting, disrespect, rule-breaking and talking about tricky topics. Parents can see how different approaches to these situations get different results, and hear experts explain why.

We're now regularly adding parenting info to Facebook. You can also interact directly with the Raising Children Network team. So become a fan today! Find us on Facebook

Unsubscribe from this newsletter. To change your details (such as email address or HTML/plain text preference), edit your profile at the Raising Children website. Tell us what you think of the website by taking a seven-minute survey.

Supporting children to return to School

https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/enewsletter

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all items sent to school are clearly marked with your child’s name.

- Swimming items
- Lunch boxes
- Drink bottles
- Hats
- Uniform

Unless named the items cannot be returned to the students.

The lost property box (looks like a large treasure chest) is located near the walk way beside SACCS.
Wellers Hill State School P&C, Teachers and Staff invite you to

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

This is a school community event, held in conjunction with Swimming Club’s “Bring a Friend Night”, to welcome new families to the school and to welcome back school families from last year.

**Date**
Friday 24 February

**Time**
5pm to 8pm

**Place**
Undercover Area, Hall, Lower Oval & Swimming Pool

Rides & Entertainment are 2 for $5 and include Super Slide, Giant Jumping Castle, Mega Swings, Water Balls, Mini Golf, Gladiator Duel, Face Tattoos, Roving Balloon Artist, Mechanical Surfboard and Laughing Clowns.

Food & Drinks are available from just $2 and include Poolside BBQ, Turkish Pizzas, Potatoes on a Stick, Japanese Curry, Sweets, Ice Creams, Drinks & Bar.

Whilst the event utilises commercial operators to ensure that the Family Fun Night is enjoyed by all, we do require parent volunteers to ensure that the night runs as smoothly as possible. Please, if you’re able to help out for an hour or so on the night, it would be really appreciated. Alternatively, if this is not possible due to personal commitments, perhaps you could consider making some sweets or treats to be enjoyed at the evening.

**Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help out in stalls and to supervise kids’ entertainment. There will generally be 2 shifts that volunteers are required for - Either Shift 1 from 5pm - 6.30pm or Shift 2 from 6.45pm - 8.00pm. If you can volunteer some time on the evening, please contact:

- Simone Flint
  krisandsimone@hotmail.com
- Deanne McDonald
  sdlcmcdonald@optusnet.com.au or 0422 632 951

**Sweets & Treats Donations**

Fudge, toffee, coconut ice, cupcakes and small delicious treats that the kids would love such as lolly necklaces, popcorn cups, tiny teddy cars and teacup biscuits are desired for our Family Fun Night Sweets Stall.

Please bring your wonderful creations to the staffroom in the Admin block on Friday 24 February from 8.30am - 9.00am and 2.30pm - 3.00pm. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

**Swimming Club’s BRING A FRIEND Night**

Swimming Club is holding a “Bring a Friend Night” on Family Fun Night to show families what Swimming Club is all about. Don’t forget to come and check out the Zorb Water Balls in action at the pool from 5pm - 6.30pm. Swimming Club kicks off at 7:00pm with free entry for all. There is no need to be a member, so come along, bring your swimming bag and race for fun. No registration required.
COMMUNITY NEWS

**JAFFA Club** (Jesus A Friend For All), commences next Thursday 9th February from 3.15 – 5pm at the Uniting Church in Pope St, Tarragindi. Children from Yrs 1- 5 are welcome to come along and enjoy the weekly activities, including craft, games, music, Bible stories and more. Afternoon tea included. Cost is $5 per child/week. Registration Forms available at the Office .

Enquiries : 0419 781 906

**GO SPORTS**

Join us for all the fun!!Term 1 Sports :
CRICKET : Grades Prep-4 (P-1,2-4) Wednesday 7.50-8.35am commencing 8th February
NETBALL : Grades 2-4 Wednesday 7.50-8.35am commencing 8th February

To Register go to **www.gosports.com.au** and click on register online