Welcome to the 2014 school year!

This is our first newsletter for the year. Our newsletters are uploaded to our website fortnightly on a Thursday. We only send hard copies home to families on request. We are always looking for feedback for our newsletters. Please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Term One is ten weeks and ends on Friday, 4th April. School resumes for Term 2 on Tuesday, 22nd April.

I would like to welcome back our students and families from last year and make a special welcome to our new Charlton families and also to our Prep families and families transferring from other schools. To these families and their students, we hope you enjoy your association with the Wellcamp State School Community.

Lots of new faces in this year, please take the time to say hello so we can all get to know each other.

Our staff include:

Principal: Kym Stansbie
Teaching Staff: Robyn Cahill, Karen Dowe, Kerrianne Richter, Kym Stansbie, Janelle Trenaman, Cherie McDonald
Specialist Teachers: Jodie May (PE), Bev Warner (German), Jill Field (The Arts), Kristy Aitken (Learning Support)
Teacher Aides: Debbie Castles, Lee Missingham, Kylie Russell
Admin: Lee-Anne Parish
Cleaning Staff: Mick Castles
Since mid 2005, parents have been supporting our Healthy Schools Program by participating in our weekly, combined Fresh Fruit & Veggie Morning Tea each Friday. The P&C Committee buy all the fruit & veggies each week to ensure high quality and variety and ask parents to contribute $1 per child each week towards the cost.

We support the P&C in this fantastic endeavour and ask parents to send along the $9 per student for Term 1 (will start 7th Feb).

Parents requiring their children to arrive late or depart school early, are required by law to sign their children in and out at the school office, in the Late Arrivals/Early Departure Register. This register is maintained so that in an emergency, we know exactly who is and isn’t on the premises.

When leaving early during the school day, for any reason, parents will need to report to the office in the first instance and complete the signout book. Children are to be collected from the classroom and NOT the front gate.

Permissions

That time of year again.........

We will not be sending out new forms for internet approval. If you would like to change your child's permission, please call in to the office for new forms.

Education Queensland now has new forms for media consent. Forms have been sent home to all students—we apologise for those students that have already completed it. Please complete and return as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding the form, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Also, if your family details have changed, the school needs to be aware of this. Particularly contact numbers, in case of emergencies. Please let us know of any change of address, contact numbers, emergency contacts, medical details etc. as soon as possible. If you have advised the school that your child has asthma, please remember that we require an Asthma Action Plan in consultation with your doctor.

We have also sent home the Voluntary Contribution Scheme form. This year the price has remained at $20 per student for the year. This works out be only $5 / term. This money is used to enhance learning by providing photocopies of student worksheets and other educational material and also includes your child's participation in the CWA International Day Morning Tea in Term 2 and special activities like cooking.

The students will participate in a number of school excursions throughout the year. If there is a cost, the P&C often offer to subsidise part of the cost to parents. A permission note and details of the excursion are usually provided to parents about two weeks before the excursion. Please note that we understand times are hard for families financially, and we offer early part payments. We now have BPay set up with Education Queensland. If you would like to set it up so a small amount is deducted each pay, please see the office. We currently have families that utilise this arrangement, and this works out fantastically for both the school and the families. Please see the office if you would like more information.

Parents are expected to notify the school of their child's absences preferably on the day the child is absent by phone call. A brief note addressed to your child's teacher on their return is also suitable.
Parent Meeting

P-1 ; 1-2 ; 3-5 classes—Thursday 6th February

Karen, Kerryanne and Robyn would like to invite new or interested parents to a meeting next Thursday (6th February) from 8.30am in the community room, to answer any queries you may have and to discuss homework, home reading and the class routine in general.

All welcome!

A letter will be sent home to Year 5-7 parents explaining homework. Please feel free to talk to Janelle or Kym if you would like clarification.

Student Free Day

Our staff have been very busy getting ready for the new year. The new building is up and running and the toilets will be here soon.

Staff also attended several professional development days and were lucky enough to hear Wayne Bennett speak about the importance of team work.

We are all now fully motivated for an exciting 2014.

Library Days

Please remember to bring your library bag if you would like to borrow books

- Prep (Miss Dowe) - Monday
- 1 (Miss Dowe) - Tuesday
- 3-5 (Mrs Cahill) - Tuesday
- 5 (Mrs S) - Wednesday
- 1-2 (Mrs Richter) - Thursday
- 6-7 (Mrs S) - Thursday

School Sports Trials

Inner Downs Primary School Tennis trials, for boys and girls born 2002 or later, will be held on Thursday, 13th March, 2014 at the Millmerran Tennis Courts. Please see the office for further information and nomination forms.

Inner Downs Primary School Cricket trials, for boys born 2002 or later, will be held on Thursday, 6th February, 2014 from 3.15pm at Harris-town State High School. Please see the office for further information and nomination forms.

Please remember to identify every article of clothing. Please also label bags and lunch boxes.
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Uniform Clearance Sale

Old stock—priced to clear

$10 each

Spray Jackets
Matching Track Pants
Old Style Polo Shirts

(limited sizes)

Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 4th February from 8am to 9am. Or please call Christal on 0426 101 083 to arrange an alternate time.

The wearing of our school uniform is encouraged and will help new students feel they are part of our school. It looks neat, wears well, is sunsafe and shows school pride.

Please ensure your children wear their uniform with pride.