Staff from Harristown State High School will be visiting our school on Wednesday, 28th May from 2pm to chat to the students in Years 5-7 and any interested parents regarding transition to the High School. Please remember this is the last year we will have Year 7 students. At the end of 2014 both our Year 7 and Year 6 students will be required to commence high school. We have sent home information from Harristown State High School to all students in Mrs S’ class. Please note: this is highly recommended for all families that are considering sending their children to Harristown.

Due to increasing enrolment numbers, we are unable to heat up students lunches any longer. If you would like to send soup etc., please send in a thermos. Thank you for support.

The Importance of Reading to Young Children.
Melbourne University has recently published an article on the importance of reading to toddlers and young children. They found that reading to children at a young age has a direct effect on their schooling outcomes. Please find attached an extract from the report. The full report is available at [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/research/readtoyoungchild.pdf](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/research/readtoyoungchild.pdf)

Kym’s Korner
Last Friday’s I attended the Director General’s Forum. The theme was ‘Every school is a great school and we make a difference together’. Staff at Wellcamp certainly strive to make a difference to your child’s education. All of our teachers recently attended the Good to Great training with Anita Archer and are busily putting into practice the skills they learned. On Tuesday the teachers all began a 20 hour course in Dyslexia and reading difficulties. We are also working on providing more feedback to parents so you may notice learning logs and student folders coming home regularly. As always please feel free to talk to the class teacher about your child’s progress.

Please also remember to let the school know of any student absences. School commences at 8.45am, if your child arrives later than 8.45am, please remember to sign them in at the office.

Behaviour Management Meeting
We would like to invite interested parents along to our behaviour management meeting. We are looking for input and/or feedback regarding our behaviour policies and management. The meeting will be held after school on Monday (12th May) from 3.30pm. If you are unable to attend, but have input/feedback you would like considered, please put your suggestions into the red school box in the office before Monday afternoon. Thank you.
I thought the robotics work was amazing creating and building the robots. I had a great time moving the robots in the maze. Hayley B

At the robotics workshop I learnt heaps of things. I thought it was so cool how they worked. Jeanie

Thanks for taking us as a class for robots. We loved having you as our teachers. Taylah B

I thought that building the robot and understanding how it works gave me a good experience in technology and I enjoyed it a lot. Thanks. Maddy S

I learn lots of things and it was fun building the robots. It was amazing. I hope we can do it again. Chloe

I think the robotics workshop was amazing and I enjoying creating the robots. Alex
Religious Instruction (in School Hours)
RI commences this Friday. Thank you to all parents who have returned their forms. Please note: we still have quite a number of forms not returned. If no form is returned for your child, they are not eligible to attend RI therefore will remain in the Buddies class. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding RI. Preps are not permitted to participate in RI. Please note: students should still wear their house shirts on Fridays.

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

Cross Country Congratulations
Well done to Shauna, Kaylah, Taylah B, Sophie and Presten for representing Wellcamp at the recent Interschool Cross Country Carnival. Sophie and Taylah B were chosen to compete at the next level. Special mention must also go to Shauna who won her age division. Great job everyone!

Student Permissions
Please contact the office for new permission forms if you would like to change any approvals eg. internet access, media etc. Please remember to let us know of any change of medical details, addresses, phone number, emergency contacts etc. Thank you.

Taylah B and Sophie have represented us very proudly at the recent Inner Downs Cross Country Trials. Well done girls!

Fruit
Our last Fresh Fruit Friday will be tomorrow. However, due to the late morning tea break on Thursdays (11am), we are introducing a fruit break for the two younger classes. Please make sure you send a piece of fruit for your child. Thank you.

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- Home Baking: Choc Caramel Slice (Paula N)
- Special: Spaghetti Bolognaise - $4.00

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**Star Kids**

Leo - For a fantastic effort!

Maddy R - For completing all of her work in class.

Ebony - For being good in class and a hard worker.

Shauna - For being a good leader and helping others.

60 nights Reading ..............
Ashley, Katrina

30 nights Reading ..............
Congratulations to Blake, Lachlan, Regan, Cameron, Isabella, Georgia J, Jarred, Hamish

Great job!
Reading to Young Children: A Head-Start in Life

The research sets out to explore the connections between parents reading to their young children and their child’s later reading and other cognitive skills.

Key Findings

The frequency of reading to children at a young age has a direct causal effect on their schooling outcomes regardless of their family background and home environment.

- Reading to children at age 4-5 every day has a significant positive effect on their reading skills and cognitive skills (i.e., language and literacy, numeracy and cognition) later in life.
  - Reading to children 3-5 days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on the child’s reading skills at age 4-5 as being six months older.
  - Reading to them 6-7 days per week has the same effect as being almost 12 months older.

- Children read to more frequently at age 4-5 achieve higher scores on the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for both Reading and Numeracy in Year 3 (age 8 to 9).

- These differences in reading and cognitive skills are not related to the child’s family background or home environment but are the direct result of how frequently they have been read to prior to starting school.

This research is a result of a partnership arrangement between the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research.
**Wellcamp State School P&C Association Newsletter**

**8th May, 2014**

**All welcome!**

Next Meeting
7pm
Monday, 2nd June
Community Room

You are invited to the annual

**Welcome BBQ**

followed by

**Afternoon tennis**

to welcome our new families
and
celebrate the opening of the new tennis court

on

**Saturday, 21st June**

We look forward to seeing you all there!

**Ice blocks for sale**

$1 each - every Friday afternoon!

**Friday Fruit & Veg Morning Tea**

At the previous meeting options were discussed to renew interest in this long standing initiative of the P&C Association.

It has been decided to cancel the weekly morning tea for the remainder of the year.

Fruit and Vege money that has been paid, will be refunded. Please see Brenda.

Our sincere thanks to all the mothers who have volunteered their time over the years to purchase and prepare this weekly morning tea for the students.

**Thank you all for your support!**

**Thank You**

Mrs S & Mrs Missingham for taking the beautiful school photos of our children and collating the very special photo books!

**Uniform Sales**

Please contact Christal (0437 928 189)

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**Tuckshop**

Thank you to all the volunteers!

Next tuckshop
Wednesday, 14th May

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