Welcome to the 2015 school year!

This is our first newsletter for the year. Our newsletters are uploaded to our website fortightly 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.

There are 194 days of school in the year, please help your child to make the most of them all. Term One is ten weeks and ends on Thursday, 2nd April. School resumes for Term 2 on Monday, 20th April.

I would like to welcome back our students and families from last year and make a special welcome to our new 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.

All members of our school community are welcome to attend our weekly school assemblies on Monday of each week. They are conducted from our Hall and commence at 8.45am.

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: Karen Dowe, Kerryanne Richter, Jess Duncan, Kym Stansbie, Janelle Trenaman, Alice O’Leary
Specialist Teachers: Chantelle Manteufel (PE), Bev Warner (German), Kerryanne Richter (The Arts)
Teacher Aides: Debbie Castles, Lee Missingham, Kylie Russell
Admin: Lee-Anne Parish
Cleaning Staff: Mick Castles
That time of year again……

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

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.

Wellcamp State School is committed to providing safe and supporting learning environments for all students.

We expect that every child of compulsory school age who is enrolled, attends every school day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse. There are 194 school days and 171 non-school days, so please keep your appointments and vacations to the school holidays to give your child the best chance of achieving their potential.

Wellcamp’s attendance policy aims to support parents to provide the best possible educational outcomes for their child and give them the best head start possible for the future.

“EVERYDAY COUNTS!”

Punctuality and regularity in attendance are essential. Those children who do not attend regularly are placed at a disadvantage throughout their school life.

When a child is absent through illness or other causes, parents can call our student absence line on 4698 6366—24 hours a day. A note sent to the child’s teacher is also suitable.

If we are going to assist students to reach their full potential whether academically, socially or emotionally, then we much work together to achieve this goal.

Newsletters will continue to be published to our website on Thursdays on a fortnightly basis. In a push to reduce our carbon footprint, we encourage families to access our newsletters online. If this is not possible, please let us know so we can issue a hard copy.

Please take the time to download the free QSchools app. This app will help keep you to date with calendar events, news events and also the newsletter. Please ensure you have enabled push notifications.

P-1 and Year 2 classes—Tuesday 3rd February
Karen and Kerryanne would like to invite new or interested parents to an information session next Tuesday (3rd 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!

3-4 class—Tuesday 3rd February
Jess would like to invite new or interested parents to an information session next Tuesday (3rd February) straight after school, in her classroom, to answer any queries you may have and to discuss homework, home reading and the class routine in general. All welcome!

5-6 class—Students have already been given a class letter.

Library Days
Please remember to bring your library bag if you would like to borrow books
Prep-1 (Miss Dowe) - Monday
2 (Mrs Richter) - Thursday
3-4 (Mrs Duncan) - Wednesday
5 (Mrs S) - Tuesday
6 (Mrs Trenaman) - Thursday

Birthday Celebrations
We love celebrating birthdays with our students, so please feel free to send along cupcakes (instead of a cake). This makes it easier to share around and also this is more hygienic. Thank you for your support.
Monday, 2nd February
All welcome!
Investiture Parade from 8:45am
P&C Meeting from 7:00pm

Tuesday, 3rd February
All welcome!
P-2 classes info session from 8:30am
3-4 class info session from 3:00pm

Tuesday, 10th February
Years 3-6
Free Hockey Program at Wellcamp SS

Tuesday, 17th February
Years 3-6
Free Hockey Program at Wellcamp SS

Tuesday, 24th February
Years 3-6
Free Hockey Program at Wellcamp SS

We would like to invite you to our special Investiture Parade which will be held on Monday, 2nd February from 8.45am.

At this time we will be welcoming our 2015 Prep students to our school community.

Our school leaders for the year, Year 6 students, will also be inducted.

We look forward to your attendance.

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.

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Dean's Tennis
Dean’s Tennis will be offering before school and lunchtime Tennis Coaching starting next week. The times and costs are;
- Grades 1-3 Thursday 7:45am-8:40am $72 for 8 week term
- Grades 4-6 Tuesday lunchtime $72 for 8 week term

Deans Tennis is offering a tennis program for mums called Cardio Tennis. Which is a fun tennis workout to music. It is a Tennis Australia program which is a great way to improve your tennis skills along with improving your fitness in a fun way. Cardio Tennis Wednesday 9-10am cost is $10 per session

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