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Term 3 Week 5 Newsletter

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Thursday 17 August

☀ SRC Free Dress Day

Friday 18 August

☀ PSSA Soccer vs Narranga PS

Thursday 24 August

☀ Hot Chip Day - Years 3-6

Friday 25 August

☀ Hot Chip Day - K-2

☀ Last Day of Premiers Reading Challenge

☀ K-2 Athletics Carnival

Monday 28 August

☀ Father's Day Stall

Friday 1 September

☀ NC Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 5 September -

Friday 8 September

☀ Year 5 Lake Keepit Excursion

Sunday 10 September -

Tuesday 12 September

☀ Opera House Choral Festival

Monday 11 September -

Friday 15 September

☀ Book Week (Week 9)

Thursday 14 September

☀ Book Fair

Wednesday 20 September

☀ Assembly of Excellence

Friday 22 September

☀ Book Parade K-6

NAPLAN Results

Students in years 3 and 5 will receive their NAPLAN results either today or tomorrow.

NAPLAN School Readiness Testing



Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in online NAPLAN tests during Week 7 of this term. The tests do not measure student achievement nor do we receive performance results back. The purpose of completing the tests is to assess the school's capability to access tests, online, for all Year 3 and Year 5 students over a designated period in preparation for online testing in 2018. One interesting aspect to the new online NAPLAN process is that the tests are tailored to students, depending on their previous answers, with the aim being that they are tested and challenged at an individual level. Students in Year 3 will complete one 40-minute

test only. Students in Year 5 will complete two 40-minute tests.

I have included a two page information brochure with web links if you would like to learn more about this new process.

Major Capital Works

Two weeks prior to the school holidays the Infants playground will be fenced off so preparations can be made to install eight demountables. The demountables will be installed during the September school holidays. Early in Term 4, the following classes will move into the new demountables: 5CG, 4JS, 4PH, 3KD, 3/4LR, 5/6WH and 6FD. 5MN will move into 5/6WH's room.

P&C Legends

Thank you to our lovely P&C for agreeing to purchase two new sets of PSSA sports shirts/singlets. They have also contributed \$5000 towards the purchase of 12 new bookshelves for our library. The shelves have arrived and look smashing. Once we have them in place and filled with books I will put some photos in an upcoming newsletter.

Assembly Awards Kindergarten Week 5

Class	Students
KMM	Jayziah T-C
KJL	Riley K, Billy W & Indiya-Roze C
KJB	Poppy H
K-2AP	Hamish A, Rhys O & Jayson B

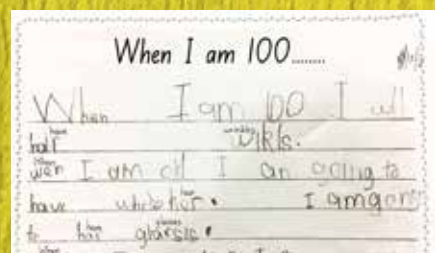
Citizen of the Week

Class	Student
KMM	Cruz H
KJL	Amira L & Noah K
KJB	Oliver B
KLB	Keeley W & Emerson S

Work of the Week Award

Class	Student
KMM	Evelyn B
KJL	Ben N, Wilson B & Jasmyn M
KJB	William A
KLB	Teo M

Work of the Week



K-2 Athletics Calendar



This sensationally fun day will be next Friday 25 August. Parents are welcome to come and see their children in action between 9:30am and 11:00am.

SRC Fundraiser

Today the children had a fun day out of uniform day. Congratulations to the SRC for this initiative, raising money for various Cancer foundations. The ice cream was extremely popular.

Kindergarten 2018

We are currently taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2017. If you have a child who turns 5 by July 31, 2018 then you need to complete an enrolment form. Please feel free to visit our school and collect an information pack including an enrolment form from our friendly office staff. It is helpful for us to receive these completed forms by the end of Term 3 2017 so we can start to plan our 2018 classes and make staffing decisions.

If you have relatives or friends who have a child commencing school next year, please pass on this message. New parents are welcome to contact myself to discuss your child and/or what our wonderful school has to offer.

Wauchope Public School

Excellence, Opportunity and Success

PSSA Soccer/Football



The boys have an almighty game tomorrow in Coffs Harbour. We wish them all the best.

Newcastle Jets



On Tuesday we were visited by members of the Newcastle Jets football team. Our two soccer teams enjoyed a talk, some question time and a fun clinic. Thank you Mr Freeman-Duffy for coordinating this.

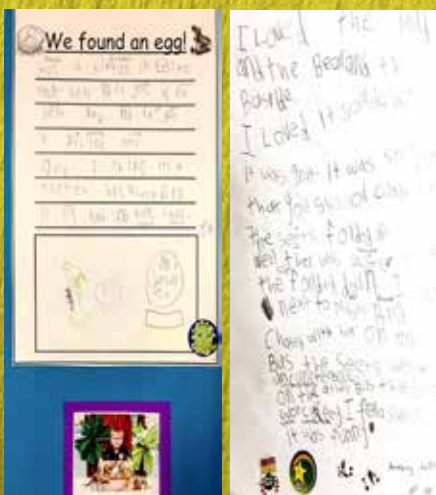
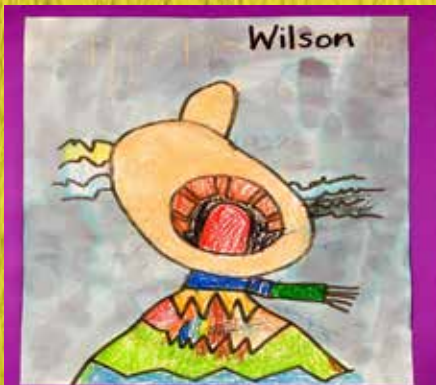
Father's Day Stall

Our P&C are holding a Father's Day stall on Monday 28 September. It will be held in the school hall. Thank you in advance to any of our lovely Mums who may be able to assist on the day.

P&C/Lions Club Fundraiser

Next Thursday (3-6) and Friday (K-2) we will enjoy hot chip days.

Cameron Osborne



Choir Rehearsal



Just a taste of what's to come.....

Last week our Opera House choir members had the opportunity to join with students from Tacking Point and Westport Public whilst attending a 'Cluster Rehearsal' for the Festival of Choral Music.

Over a series of four concerts, each school will join many other schools from throughout the state to sing at the Opera House in Sydney.

Our conductor for the rehearsal, Jacqui Shaw, travelled up from Sydney for a day of hard work, a lot of high notes and quite a few laughs.

Mrs Brassey and Mrs Dignum were so proud of our WPS children. They are looking forward to taking them all to Sydney on September 10 to perform in the Argyle Concert at the Opera House.

K-2 Athletics Carnival

Next Friday, 25 August, Kindergarten to Year 2 will be participating in our Athletics Carnival at school. All children must wear sunscreen, appropriate footwear and a hat, but are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day (ribbons, shirt, zinc, socks, etc)

Parents are invited to

be spectators during the morning session only, where we will have age races over 80m and 100m, before participating in rotational athletics activities.

We hope you can join us!

Lisa Barnett

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all of our wonderful students who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. There is still plenty of time for students to complete the challenge, the final day to log books is August 25. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 need to read 30 books from the PRC list and students in Years 3-6 need to read 20 books.

Book Week



Each year across Australia, The CBCA brings children and books together celebrating CBCA Children's Book Week. During this time schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian children's literature. Book Week at Wauchope Public School will be celebrated in Week 9, 11 - 15 of September with students participating in a variety of activities at school. We will be holding a Bookfair on Thursday 14 September as part our Book Week celebrations. We will be selling books before school from 8am - 9am and after school from 3pm - 3.30pm, please note this will be a cash only Bookfair and no orders can be taken.

* Mini hamburgers * Juice & Fruit pops
* Frozen milk & yoghurt cups



Monday



Tuesday

* Spiral puff dogs * Flower pot cups
* Traffic light fruit sticks
* Cheesy garlic bread * Fruit sticks
* Sandwich cubes



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday

* Yoghurt pops * Potato nugget cups
* Fairy bread & strilla swirls

Book Parade

Will be taking place in Week 10, Friday 22 September for all students K - 6. Students will parade around Wauchope with prizes given out to some of the lucky student's who participate. The theme for the book parade and Book Week this year is 'Escape to Everywhere!'

Danielle Wheatley

P&C News

Dates To Remember

3-6 Hot Chip Day - 24 August

K-2 Hot Chip Day - 25 August

Father's Day Stall - 28 August

Thank you to all our volunteers in the canteen for completing their working with children check requirements in the office.

Hot Chip Day

The P&C along with the Lions Club of Wauchope will be holding the very popular hot chip days on 24 August for students in 3-6 and 25 August for students in K-2.

The children will need to order their hot chips before Monday 21 August. Orders can be handed in at the canteen on a lunch order bag clearly marked with the students name and class.

Father's Day Stall

If you are someone who would like to assist with our Father's Day stall on Monday 28 August please contact Kaela on 0427 250 395. To volunteer you will need to have a current working with children check or complete 100 point check at the school office.

Canteen Roster

Week 6

Mon 21	Meg & Helen
Tue 22	Kristy & Hannah
Wed 23	Hazel & Michelle Costigan
Thu 24	Melissa Ashley & Auntie Jo
Fri 25	Lee Ann, Simone H & Meg

Week 7

Mon 28	Sam Purdy
Tue 29	Kristy & Leigh Ann Gearing
Wed 30	Mum & Jan
Thu 31	Cindy
Fri 1	Lee Ann, Ann Marie & Meg

WOOSH News

Sept/Oct Vacation Care

2017 dates are as follows:

Sept/Oct Vacation Care

Monday 25 September to Friday 6 October


NO Pupil Free Day

These are on the board in the Woosh room now. Please come into the centre and place your child's name on the list with the required days clearly ticked or alternatively give Alex a ring at the centre. The closing date for registration is Friday 1 September 2017. As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Miss Alex on 0412 852 441 at the centre for availability after Tuesday 5 September 2017.

- P&C -

REMEMBER TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR SCHOOL.

Community News



Tuning in to Teens™

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

Tuning in to Teens™ shows parents how to help teens develop emotional intelligence. It is a six-session program for parents of adolescents aged from 10 to 17 years.

Our Free sessions will help you learn how to:

- be better at talking with your teen
- be better at understanding your teen
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen
- teach your teen to deal with conflict

Where: Wauchope Library 11 High St, Wauchope
When: Wednesday 24 August - 28 Sept 2017
 Time: 10:00-12:30
Get in Touch:
 Michelle Adams
 0487 371 119
tuningin.org

Uniting



The simplest way

...to pack a lunch box.

With the kids back to school for Term 3, here are a few tips to make packing and eating lunches easy for you and your child.

- Allocate a drawer or area of the kitchen where lunch boxes and containers are kept, so you can streamline packing.
- If you get food coming home uneaten, ask your child why, as there might be a simple reason, like it's getting soggy in the lunch box, it takes too long to eat or you are packing a little too much for them.
- Remember to include a fork or spoon when needed.
- Prevent soggy sandwiches – pack fillings such as tomatoes and cucumber slices separately to be added to bread at lunch time, or pat slices dry with paper towel at home before adding to a sandwich.
- For small appetites or younger children, packing smaller serves can help, like cutting sandwiches into quarters and chopping up fruit.
- Open tinned food like corn, baked beans and tuna at home and send in the lunchbox in a plastic container. Tins can be hard to open at school and are sharp on little fingers.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

Eat It To Beat It

Wauchope Public School P&C

Father's Day Stall

Monday 28 August

The Wauchope Public School P&C is holding it's very popular Father's Day Stall again this year on Monday 28 August.

Children can bring in money to purchase items, on this day only.

Items will vary in price ranging from \$1.00 to \$15.00

Your child's classroom teacher will escort your children to the hall to do their shopping, this will happen class by class so that children are not all shopping at once. Each class will be allocated a time slot on the day so there is no need for parents to come and assist their children with their purchases.


Children love the opportunity to buy something special for their Dad, Pop or carer.



Thank you for your continued support.

WPS P&C Association

NAPLAN Online Fact Sheets



Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to take their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions, which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>

NAPLAN Online – Fact sheet for parents and carers



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

* Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.

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