



# Wauchope Public School

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## Term 2 Week 5 Newsletter

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### Monday 4 June

- ☀ Lower North Coast Cross Country carnival – Kempsey

### Tuesday 5 June

- ☀ School Band and Guitar Instrumental Photos

### Wednesday 6 June

- ☀ Catch Up Photos - 'The School Photographer'

### Monday 11 June

- ☀ Queens Birthday - Public Holiday

### Wednesday 13 June

- ☀ Connecting Kids, Connecting Families - 2:00pm-5:00pm

### Thursday 14 June

- ☀ Kindergarten Pirate Day
- ☀ P&C Meeting - 7:00pm

### Friday 15 June

- ☀ North Coast Cross Country - Nana Glen
- ☀ SRC Mufti Day Fundraiser

### Tuesday 19 June

- ☀ Lower North Coast Dance Festival
- ☀ Stage 2 Dance Group

### Friday 22 June

- ☀ Athletics Carnival - Years 3-6

### Monday 25 June

- ☀ Kindergarten Expo - 9:30am

### Tuesday 3 July

- ☀ Assembly of Excellence K-2 - 9:30am

### Wednesday 4 July

- ☀ Assembly of Excellence Years 3-6 - 9:30am

## Volunteer Morning Tea



We enjoyed a lovely morning tea on Monday morning in the Frangipani Garden. We are all looking forward to a boost in P&C numbers for our wonderful school this year. If you would like to know more information, our new President Sarsha Walker's contact details are on our Facebook site.

## Book Fair



The excitement was at fever pitch in the library during the Book Fair. You couldn't move before school with so many parents and children purchasing books. The

smiles on the children's faces was fantastic. Thank you if you did get the chance to purchase a book. Anything we can do to make children excited and interested in reading is very worthwhile and rewarding for WPS staff to see. Over \$5000 worth of books were sold. WPS is rewarded with close to \$1600 which is brilliant. Thank you Mrs Wheatley and all of those who assisted on the day.

## National Reconciliation Week

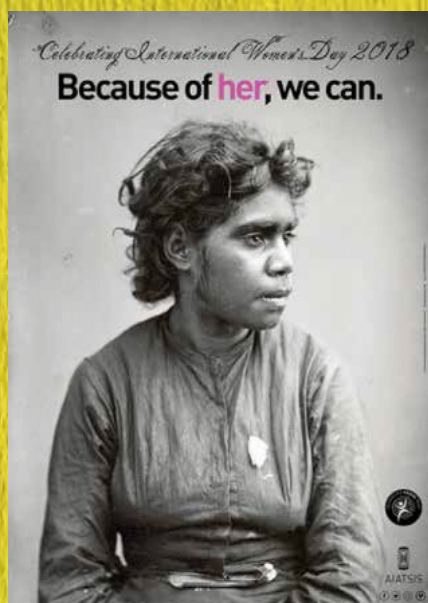


Each year Reconciliation week is celebrated across Australia between 27 May and 3 June.





## Respect Our Women



Children at Wauchope PS will be encouraged to bring in a photo of "one of the most important women in their lives." The woman could be of grandma, an aunty, a grown up sister, a carer, mum or any woman that has helped them to grow up. They will use this photo as a stimulus for writing, poetry and research.

We believe it takes a village to raise a child. We want to focus on the important role women play in all of our lives.

Teachers are happy to photocopy any original photo, or print off a digital photo that any student brings into the school. Important photos will be returned immediately.

Work on the photos will start in just over a week, on 12 June.

We hope all families support this initiative.

We had a special day on Tuesday 29 June. Every student made flags together and we celebrated on the basketball court and back oval. A big thank you and congratulations to our Aboriginal team for coordinating this event.



Reconciliation means coming together. In Australia it means bringing together all Australians, but particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous people.

When different people get to know each other, it helps them to:

- understand why they are different
- discover things they share
- learn about other cultures
- be respectful
- treat each person as an equal.

## Debating



Congratulations to our two debating teams who received

very positive feedback from their adjudicator.

The topic of Friday's debate was "Should all Primary Schools Ban Testing?".

Well done: Tiana D, Natasha G, Alex S, Hailey R, Saloni K, Mikayla H, Jack D, and Dani P.

## Welcome

Mrs Cheree Risson and Mr James Hinchcliffe are studying to be Social Workers. They will be working in a wide variety of classrooms whilst at WPS.

Next week we welcome an American teacher, Miss Nicki Pramut. She will be with us for four weeks and be working mainly with 2/3KN.

## Billabong Excursion



Oh my goodness Kindergarten had a very exciting experience yesterday at Billabong Zoo. It was a close call on what was the most exciting part, the animals or the bus trip! Thank you Mr Beard for coordinating this event.

## Lower North Coast Cross Country

Good luck to the following children who will be competing at this carnival in Kempsey on Monday 4 June. Students need to be there at 10.30am for 11am start. They need to meet Mrs Daly at the Wauchope school tent to sign in on arrival and sign





This show was sensational fun. I know the boys and girls loved the experience. Thank you Mrs Gowan for coordinating the seven shows.



out on departure. We have 33 talented representatives. Good luck: Grace D, Airlie W, Lacie M, Bella W, Madi T, Lily B, Andrei P, Kaylee D, Alivia A, Evie G, Tiana D, Brianna B, Amarlie E, Trinity D, Mia S, Lilly T, Flynn D, Axl P, Kaden D, Toby N, Zac L, Tyler J, Jacob H, Dylan D, Will N, Max C, Preston O, Brock C, Elisha S, Jack T, Conna J, Jake N and Jai J.

Please wear school uniform and school hat. Mrs Daley will distribute the representative shirts on the day and collect them before children leave.

### Opera House Choir

Good luck to the following children who will attend Tacking Point PS next Tuesday for an Opera House rehearsal. Thank you Miss Taylor.

### GRIP Leadership

All the best to the 20 students who will attend this leadership conference next week. Thank you Mrs Gowan for coordinating and to the parent volunteer drivers. Miss Whiteoak will supervise the students.

### Sport

Good luck to the PSSA girls basketball team who play Hastings PS next Thursday.

### Cameron Osborne

### School Band Photos

School band and guitar instrumental photos will be taken next Tuesday 5 June at the end or before school rehearsal. Please send your child in complete school uniform which includes navy socks and black shoes. Thank you in advance. Amanda O'Brien - Bluegum2 music

### P&C News

#### We Want Your Ideas!!

Do you have a fundraising idea for our school??

OR is there something in particular you would like to see our P&C fundraise for??

Please text or call P&C president Sarsha Walker on 0400 535 842 or email sarshawalker5@gmail.com

The P&C really values the input of all of our family and community members. We want to strive to advance our school so if there is something you would like to see at our school, something you feel your child needs at school to develop further or if you have an idea to unite our school community or a new fundraising idea, please let us know, no matter how big or small we would love to hear from you!

#### P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 14 June in the school staff room commencing at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend and share some fresh ideas with fundraising and how we can continue to provide for our school.

#### The Hub

The P&C contributed to a new program within the school by donating \$1000 to purchase resources for 'The Hub'.

#### Thank You

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend our morning tea on Monday morning.

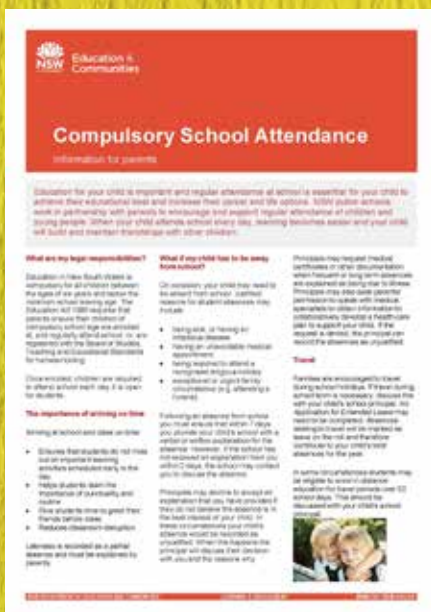
Unfortunately, due to work commitments it is hard to find a day and time that is suitable for everyone. We appreciate all our volunteers on the P&C and thank you for giving up your time.



## School Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Please follow to links below for more information.



**Compulsory School Attendance**  
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and improve their future opportunities. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and strengthen knowledge with other students.

**What are my legal responsibilities?**  
Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and twelve years, including school leaving age. The Education Act 1988 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, in accordance with the Director of Education's requirements.

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On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Parents have a responsibility to ensure that their child's absence is justified and that they provide a written explanation to the school.

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**The importance of writing on time**  
Writing on time is essential for your child's learning and development. It helps them to learn the importance of punctuality and to develop their writing skills. It also helps them to learn to write in a clear and concise way, which is essential for their future learning and development.



**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

**My child won't go to school. What should I do?**  
You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and see how they can help. It is important to have regular communication with the school to ensure your child's attendance is monitored and supported.

**What might happen if my child continues to have unexcused absences?**  
It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may take action to ensure your child's attendance is monitored and supported. This may include contacting the school to discuss the issue and see how they can help.

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## The role of the Anti-Racism Contact Officer Information for parents and carers

The NSW Department of Education rejects all forms of racism and is committed to the elimination of racial discrimination.

As part of the department's commitment to anti-racism each school has an Anti-Racism Contact Officer (ARCO). The role of the ARCO is to:

1. receive the suggestion, complaint or allegation regarding racism
2. assist the complainant to write the complaint, if required
3. advise the complainant of their rights and the process to be followed in lodging a complaint
4. refer the complaint to a member of the school executive who will be responsible for resolving the complaint.

### Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need an interpreter to assist you to speak to the ARCO on the telephone or to make an appointment for a meeting with the ARCO, ring the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you would like to ring and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to help you with your conversation. This service will be free of charge to you.

### Further information

Learning and Teaching Directorate  
Equity and Multicultural Education  
Contact: Multicultural Education Advisor  
Telephone: 9266 8238  
[www.racismnoway.com.au](http://www.racismnoway.com.au)

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## Community News

### Hastings Landcare Farm Gate Tour

The fantastic Hastings Landcare FARM GATE TOUR is happening over the June long weekend - 9,10,11 June.

12 farms opening for the self-drive tour some of which are excellent for young families to visit.

Farm opening / tour times and a map overview are provided in a booklet / ticket, available for purchase from the Port Macquarie Information Centre at the Glasshouse, Port Macquarie as well as online at [www.hastingslandcare.com.au](http://www.hastingslandcare.com.au) and in Wauchope at the Hastings Landcare Inc Office and Ecowild Organic Shop.

\$30 for one booklet per carload/family.

[www.facebook.com/HastingsFarmGateTour](http://www.facebook.com/HastingsFarmGateTour)



**Orienteering is coming to Port Macquarie AND IT'S FREE!**  
Suitable for all fitness levels, ages and abilities. Everyone welcome!

**Try the original adventure sport**

DATE	SUBURB	ASSEMBLY AREA	START ANY TIME FROM
1. Sat 9th Jun	Tooking Point	Surf Lifeaving Club, Mathew Finders Dr	1-3 pm
2. Sun 10th Jun	CBD	Nethall Courts, Grant Street	10 am - 12 pm
3. Mon 11th Jun	Lake Cattle	Community Centre Mulletway Rd	9-11 am

This 'Amazing Race' style of activity is great for families, bushwalkers, runners, athletes looking for some cross training... everyone!

The events are designed for a maximum duration of 45 minutes.

\* \$10 refundable deposit required for electronic timing chip hire.

For more information: Ian Jessup 0416 940 135 or visit [www.orsw.asn.au](http://www.orsw.asn.au)

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