



# Wauchope Public School

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## Term 1 Week 2 Newsletter Thursday 8 February 2018

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### Thursday 8 February

☀ P&C Meeting - 7.00pm

### Wednesday 14 February

☀ Whole School Photo

☀ Year 6 Photo

### Tuesday 20 February

☀ Parent Information Evening

### Friday 23 February

☀ Hastings/Camden Haven

Carnival - Port Macquarie

### Tuesday 27 February

☀ Lower North Coast Carnival -

Kempsey

### Wednesday 7 March

☀ North Coast Carnival -

Murwillumbah

### Monday 19 March -

### Friday 23 March

☀ Year 6 Canberra Excursion

## Kindergarten



We welcomed 101 Kindergarten children in either our five mainstream classes or our Special Education classes this week. The children all looked fantastic in their new uniforms. The smiles on their faces were priceless. I believe every child went in with a gigantic smile. I came across several extremely confident children which was great to see. Most mums and dads were very brave also!

The boys and girls will be very tired over the next few weeks as each day will be action packed. The children will need to get plenty of sleep and a healthy breakfast so they are as fresh as possible for the excitement of "Big School". For the first few weeks please collect your children from the individual classes.

The Kindergarten teachers are:

Miss Boswell - KBL, Mrs Bailey - KKB, Mrs Barnett - KLB, Mrs Lovett - KJL and Mr Beard - KDB.



I would encourage our new parents to be actively involved in their child's education and work with the WPS staff to enhance and improve their educational and social development. Joining the P&C is a great way to start.



A big thank you to our P&C for coordinating the welcome afternoon tea on Tuesday and for the drink bottle gift for each Kindergarten child and care package for each mum! A lovely touch.



## Health Care Needs

If your child has a serious health condition I would ask that you ensure we have an up to date health care plan.

We also need all parents to continually update contact details if phone numbers or addresses change at any time.

## School Supplies

Please make this small contribution for your child's school supplies at your earliest convenience. The cost is \$20. Thank you in advance. Keep an eye out for invoices in the next few days.

## Infants Lunch reminder

Primary students (3-6) can't visit their infants/Kindergarten siblings during recess and lunch as they have different recess/lunch times. The new Kindergarten children are in very good hands.

## Student Equipment

Please ensure your child has the necessary equipment particularly if they are in Years 3 - 6. Occasionally time is wasted when students can't begin or complete work because they don't have the essentials. Required equipment lists have or are being sent home this week.

## Label Everything Please

Please clearly label everything your child brings to school. This includes items such as HATS, bags, lunch boxes, drink bottles, JUMPERS. EVERYTHING!

## Class Formation

We submitted our numbers to the Department of Education this week. Our School population as of yesterday is 727 students. I am still waiting for official confirmation re our staffing entitlement for 2018. However, we are confident we will be able to maintain our current class structure. The school is using school funding and extra staffing allocations which are actually creating two extra classes to support our students.

Until we receive written confirmation from the Department our classes will still be classified as tentative. Following is a list of Term 1 staff for 2018.

<b>KBL</b>	Miss Lauren Boswell
<b>KJL</b>	Mrs Janet Lovett
<b>KLB</b>	Mrs Lisa Barnett
<b>KKB</b>	Mrs Kathryn Bailey
<b>K/6KD</b>	Ms Karen Davis/ Mrs Danyelle Taylor
<b>K/6RF</b>	Miss Rebecca Faith
<b>K/6AP</b>	Mrs Anne Puchert
<b>1MM</b>	Ms Michelle Millard
<b>1KB</b>	Mrs Kerry Burn
<b>1MT</b>	Miss Michelle Taylor
<b>1PH</b>	Miss Peta Humphries
<b>1/2LF</b>	Mrs Lisa Falk
<b>2HL</b>	Ms Deb Hurrell
<b>2MG</b>	Miss Margaret Gardner

<b>2DW</b>	Mr David Warburton
<b>2/3KN</b>	Mrs Kelly Newell
<b>K/6SR</b>	Mrs Shannon Ramm
<b>K/6JG</b>	Mr James Grech
<b>3KD</b>	Mrs Katrina Daly
<b>3VM</b>	Mrs Vicki Wagg-Muir
<b>3EW</b>	Mrs Ellie Woolnough
<b>3/4AD</b>	Mrs Amanda Darcy
<b>4JS</b>	Mr Jigh Sallustio
<b>4LR</b>	Mrs Lee-a Rock
<b>4VS</b>	Miss Vanessa Hollis
<b>5CG</b>	Mr Chris Geary
<b>5EM</b>	Mrs Erin Moore
<b>5WH</b>	Mrs Wendy Henry
<b>5/6CW</b>	Miss Catherine Whiteoak
<b>6SG</b>	Mrs Sharon Gowan
<b>6HJ</b>	Miss Hannah Jeffery
<b>6MN</b>	Mr Mitchell Nicholson
<b>6JB</b>	Mrs Julie Best

## Release From Face to Face (RFF):

Mr Martin Jenssen, Mrs Rebecca Cole, Miss Stephanie Martin, Miss Nikki Woolner, Mr Mark Dragos, Ms Helen Murray and Mrs Katie Bulley.

## Teacher Librarian:

Mrs Danielle Wheatley and Mrs Jordan Shields.

## Learning and Support Teacher (LAST):

Mrs Karen O'Reilly and Mrs Sharon Randall.

## Literacy/Numeracy Focus Teachers:

Mrs Kate Brace and Mrs Lyn McWhirter.



## Parent Information Evenings

We will trial a new way of coordinating our 'Meet The Teacher' afternoon. This year Years 1-6 will be held on one afternoon instead of over three afternoons as in the past. We are hoping this may be easier for our parents and we may possibly increase the number who attend.

The day will be Tuesday 20 February in Week 4.

Special Education will host their session from 2:15pm.

Kindergarten will hold a gathering later in the Term as the teachers and parents have already touched base during the Best Start Assessments.

The plan is that all parents in a Stage will congregate in the hall and be introduced to the staff on that Stage and listen to staff discuss programs procedures and activities for 2018.

At the conclusion of each session parents will be invited to have a light afternoon tea in the Frangipani Garden and mingle with the teachers and other parents.

**4:00pm – Stage 3**

**4:45pm – Stage 1**

**5:30pm – Stage 2**

Please note all sessions are in the hall.

## School Learning Support Officers (SLSO):

Mrs Sue Hollis, Mrs Nicole Potter, Ms Lisa White, Mr Brad Baxter, Mrs Gayle Fraser, Mrs Tania Williams, Ms Debbie Johnson, Mrs Donna Anthony, Miss Stephanie Ostler, Mrs Elaine Andrews, Mrs Jean Gayed, Mr John Gayed, Mrs Kaela Croft, Mrs Annie Oakley Bull, Ms Rochelle Pritchard and Mrs Toni Foster.

## School Counsellors:

Ms Gemma Illescas and Ms Kasia Hahn

## School Administrative Staff (SAS staff):

Mrs Sue Bourke, Mrs Michelle Kelly, Mrs Kylie Scofield, Mrs Julie Moore and Mr Jens Lindner

## Aboriginal Education Officer:

Aunty Maree Hutchison

## General Assistant:

Mr Mark Hurrell

## Cleaners:

Janice, John and Rhonda

## Assistant Principals:

**Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)**

Mr Darren Beard

**Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)**

Miss Michelle Taylor

**Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4)**

Mrs Amanda Darcy

**Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6)**

Mrs Sharon Gowan

**Special Education (K-6)**

Mrs Anne Puchert

**Curriculum Development**

Mrs Robyn Reeves

## Deputy Principals:

Mr Richard Thomas and Mr John Baker

## Principal:

Mr Cameron Osborne

## Swimming Carnival



This was a sensational day of fun, competition and participation. The ability to swim is massively important and I was impressed with the talents of many of our children.



I do want to congratulate the boys and girls who entered races. It was very impressive to see so many children trying their best. I do want to point out that we did have swimming judges monitoring correct stroke, correct finish etc. However, as we are encouraging participation we don't necessarily tell every child that was disqualified as we are mindful of children's self-esteem. Basically we want our children to be having fun. Whilst we do this we run the risk of a child thinking they won a race and believing they will receive a ribbon.





## Child Safety

Please be reminded there is no crossing supervision on Waugh St in the mornings. WPS staff will supervise the crossing at 3:00pm

Please be extremely careful when arriving or departing school near the taxi entrance on Waugh Street. Use the school gates wherever possible.

Please abide by the parking signs around our school for the safety of our children.

## Healthy Food

Please ensure your child has food and a drink bottle for recess and lunch.

Please ensure your child has had enough to eat before they arrive at school. We have noticed some children accessing sugary snacks before 9am in the playground. This is not an ideal start to the day and doesn't assist with productive learning.

## P&C

The first P&C meeting for 2017 will be tonight, Thursday 8 February in the school staffroom commencing at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend. Hopefully many of our new Kindergarten parents can attend.

## Grade Planning Days

Over the next few weeks every grade will have a planning day to prepare activities, programs, assessments and undertake professional learning. I'm alerting parents to this so you know why casual teachers may be on your child's class for a day.

Congratulations to the following age champions and runners up. You are very talented!

Jnr Boys – Axl P

Jnr Boys Runner Up- Toby N

11yr Boys – Will N

11yr Boys Runner Up- Xavier L

Snr Boys- Ben B

Snr Boys Runner Up- Brock Q

Jnr Girls – Emmalee P

Jnr Girls Runner Up- Lilyan B

11yrs Girls – Tiana D

11yrs Girls Runner Up- Alivia A

Snr Girls- Regan E

Snr Girls Runner Up- Isabel D



Thank you to the parent volunteers and the WPS staff for all their efforts. Special congratulations go to Mrs Gowan for her excellent organisation. Thank you Mr Freeman-Duffy who volunteered his time to assist whilst being on leave. Good luck to the swimming team who will compete at the Hastings/Camden Haven carnival on Friday 23 February at the Port Macquarie pool.

Our representative team includes: Axl P, Toby N, Nathaniel W, Zac L, Will N, Xavier L, Max C, Conna J, Lachlan K, Ethan S, Darcy B, Ben B, Brock Q, Zoey S, Lilyan B, Mia P, Abby H, Alivia A, Tiana D, Isabel D, Regan E, Rachel P, Kelly W, Brianna B, Emmalee P, Lily S, Yasmin A, Lacie M and Rashaylia L-L.

## Canberra Excursion

Year 6 students set off for their fantastic Canberra excursion on March 19. Please complete any required paper work as soon as possible so we are prepared well in advance e.g. medical forms. Please be mindful of the due dates for excursion payments also. We have to pay for most items prior to the excursion so we need parents to complete their payments as soon as possible.

Please make small payments whenever you can until you have paid in full. Please don't leave it until the last minute and then decide you can't afford it.

## Band

Learning an instrument is a fantastic talent. We do have musical instrument tuition on Tuesday mornings. Please contact the school office if you require further information.

## School Website

There is a tremendous amount of information on our website and Mr Lindner does a brilliant job uploading photos, newsletters and the calendar regularly. The web address is [www.wauchope-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.wauchope-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

We will continue to upload any Grade permission notes for your convenience so you can always access a note if it is lost, damaged or does not make it home.

You can access newsletters on the school website or the Wauchope Public School Skoolbag App.



## Road Works Schedule

09/02/2018

Trimming and Spray Sealing works at the Campbell St / Waugh St / Young St Intersection. Spray Sealing planned in afternoon.

10/02/2018

Planned Asphalt Placement to Young St and above Intersection adjacent to the School. Works completed on Saturday to take advantage of low traffic day due to non-school day.

12/02/2018 – 16/02/2018

Grader Trimming of road and final rolling works ready for seal – Waugh / Johnston/ Mackay / Cowdery Streets.

16/02/2018

Planned Spray Sealing Day for Waugh / Johnston/ Mackay Streets.

19/02/2018 – 20/02/2018

Grader Trimming of road and final rolling works ready for seal – Graham / Cowdery/ Webb Streets.

21/02/2018

Planned Spray Sealing Day for Graham / Cowdery / Webb Streets.

## WITHOUT THEIR FRIENDS?

In 13 plus years of education, your child will eventually find themselves in a class without their close friends. It's normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it? Tempting as it may be to request a class swap (which can be a logistical nightmare for schools and not always possible), here are some important things to consider first.

☀ Don't rob your child of this opportunity to develop social skills.

School is a place where our kids learn important social skills as well as academic ones. Finding their place and making friends in a new group is a vital skill to develop and one they'll rely on their entire lives. The classroom is one of the gentlest places to start learning this because:

☀ Teachers turn a "bunch of kids" into a team every year. They keep an eye out for students who aren't mixing in, and create opportunities to pair them up with different children.

☀ There's still recess, lunch and sport time to play with their mates. It's also a great opportunity for them to learn about separating social time and work time.

☀ Lots of their classmates are in the same boat. Everyone is starting a new year, with a new teacher and a new classroom and many will be looking for new friendships too. Some kids choose a new "best friend" in every class

they have, which builds a rich network of friendships over the years.

☀ Children learn different skills from different classmates. These days there are lots of opportunities for group work in class, when students team up and work through tasks together. Unlikely pairings can produce excellent workmates, who share a common language of learning and help each other along.

## Road Works

I have requested the remaining program dates from the Contractor completing the works around our school – SPA (Stabilised Pavements Australia). If weather permits please see side column on left of page.

The spray seal planned will be the final coats of bitumen sealing for these roads – so a further follow up visit will not be required in this instance.

Final line marking works will not take place until approx. 4 weeks after final seal dates – to allow the bitumen seal to cure before lines are placed to ensure the longevity of the linemarking.

During the works – the SPA team has been in contact with the bus companies to ensure that bus access through the works is maintained at all times. Additionally care has been taken to ensure that parent access to the school during the peak morning and afternoon periods has been maintained.

**Cameron Osborne**

## P&C News

### Advance Notice

The P&C AGM will be held on Thursday 8 March in the school staffroom at 6.00pm.

All positions will be declared vacant—including, President, Vice President K-2, Vice President 3-6, Secretary and Treasurer. All parents are welcome to join. If you would like to know more about any of these positions, please email [wauchopepsandc@gmail.com](mailto:wauchopepsandc@gmail.com) or contact Deb on 0418 160 192.

### P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 8 February in the school staffroom. All parents are welcome.

The meeting will commence at 7:00pm.

## Canteen News

Please note that Year 3-6 recess orders and food will be available from the canteen in the morning break 11.00-11.45am and 3-6 lunch orders will be ready during the afternoon break at 1.45pm

Icy pole time is 11.10-11.35am.

Anyone with allergies or gluten free must order on red lunch bags. These orders must be collected by the child at the canteen at recess and lunch. They will not go out in lunch tubs. Please see Ruth at the canteen for red bags.

Monday 5 February 2018



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

We look forward to another year of learning and developing. In order for students to be organised, the teachers have prepared a checklist of things that each child will need to ensure they get the most out of their learning. Please have these items at school ready for use as soon as possible.

**Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name**

Where multiple items are required, they will be collected and stored so they are available as soon as your child needs them.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 blue pens – Year 4 only, when you have been given your Pen Licence   | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 whiteboard markers (personal use) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 red pens – Year 4 only, when you have been given your Pen Licence  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 thin black marker                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 HB lead pencils (Staedler or equivalent please. The cheap ones continually break and will not sharpen properly.) | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 thick black marker                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30cm ruler (not bendy)   | <input type="checkbox"/> pencil sharpener                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 glue sticks (not runny glue please)  | <input type="checkbox"/> erasers                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> colouring pencils/crayons  | <input type="checkbox"/> scissors                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> coloured textas  | <input type="checkbox"/> highlighters                        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> homework book (A4 book)             |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> pencil case with name on it         |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> one box of tissues                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> one roll of paper towel             |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> one ream of paper                   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> calculator is OPTIONAL              |

NB: It is a school rule that white-out is not to be used at school. Please do not bring white-out to school.

The above items are important to the learning of your child. We understand that not every child will have a full-set of new items to begin the year and as such the school does have equipment available for students to borrow if needed. The school provides students with all writing books necessary for school work (as part of book pack) as well as dictionaries and atlases for research.

We endeavour to create a quality learning environment for our students and to have a wonderful and fun learning year. Thank you in advance for helping to make this a reality.

Regards,  
Stage 2 Team

Monday, February 5, 2018



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Welcome back to another exciting year in your child's primary education. We look forward to another year of learning and developing. In order for students to be organised, the teachers have prepared a checklist of things that each child will need to ensure they get the most out of their learning. Please have these items at school ready for use as soon as possible.

**Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name**

Where multiple items are required, they will be collected and stored so they are available as soon as your child needs them.

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 blue pens                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> scissors                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 red pens                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> geometry set (compass and protractor) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 lead pencils (HB)                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> highlighters                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30cm ruler (not bendy)                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> homework book (A4 book)               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 glue sticks (not runny glue please) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pencil case with name on it           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> colouring pencils/crayons             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one box of tissues                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 thin black mapping pen              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one roll of paper towel               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pencil sharpener                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one ream of paper                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> erasers                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> whiteboard markers (personal use)     |

Optional extras:  
☒ calculator  
☒ coloured textas  
☒ diary to keep track of important dates

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We endeavour to create a quality learning environment for our students and to have a wonderful and fun learning year. Thank you in advance for helping to make this a reality.

Regards,  
Stage 3 Team



## Lions Club Donation



A massive thank you to the Wauchope Lions Club who have kindly donated a commercial dishwasher to our school canteen.

The canteen is a very busy place and this kind donation is going to save us so much time and make our staff & volunteers work a lot easier. I'd like to thank a beautiful lady Hazel who volunteers in the canteen every fortnight and is also a member of the Lions Club. Your dedication to the Lions Club and the school is exceptional.

## WOOSH News

April Vacation Care, Term 2 Pupil Free day 2018 dates are as follows:

### April Vacation Care

*Monday 16 to Friday 27 April*

### Pupil Free Day

*Monday 30 April*

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 Monday 26 March 2017. As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Miss Alex on 0412 852 441 at the centre for availability after Thursday 29 March 2017.

## Community News

**NSW Education**

**Wauchope Public School**  
New learning spaces

The NSW Department of Education is planning a major capital works upgrade at Wauchope Public School which will replace existing demountables with permanent classrooms.

Information booths will be held in the Wauchope area throughout the project, providing an opportunity for the local community to offer feedback to the project team. Please see below for details on the next information booth.

**Information Booth**  
**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**8:00am-8:30am**  
**IGA Wauchope**  
**42 Hastings Rd, Wauchope**

**PLAY OR REFEREE FOOTBALL**

EST 2005  
**FOOTBALL MID NORTH COAST**

**\*\*\* 2018 REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW \*\*\***  
[www.footballmidnorthcoast.com/2018-registrations/](http://www.footballmidnorthcoast.com/2018-registrations/)  
*Find all information about the NSW Government \$1.00 Active Kids Rebate at above web address*

Opportunities to play and referee at varying levels exist. There are also competitions to suit everyone from a beginner to an experienced player or match official. Competitions also cater for those able to travel or for those who'd like to be involved locally.

Links - <http://footballmidnorthcoast.com/news-links/>  
Find a club that suits your needs at the above link.

For more information, please contact the FMNC Office on 0285 890 350.  
Community Football Competitions - [info@footballmidnorthcoast.com](mailto:info@footballmidnorthcoast.com)  
High Performance Sports - [larry@footballmidnorthcoast.com](mailto:larry@footballmidnorthcoast.com)

Get Paid to officiate on matches at all levels within the zone!

FMNC are looking for more referees (beginners or experienced).  
There are courses to suit all levels coming up in March.

Please contact Club and Referee Development Officer Justin McIntyre.  
[jmcintyre@footballmidnorthcoast.com](mailto:jmcintyre@footballmidnorthcoast.com) or in the office 0285 890 351.

**DUNKIN' SAYS JUMP INTO IT!**

**REGISTER NOW AT AUSSIEHOOPS.COM.AU**  
ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

"Learn to play" beginner basketball program designed for 6 and 7 year old children.

- Thursday afternoons from 4:15pm - 5:15pm at the Indoor Stadium 1 Hibbards Dr, Port Macquarie
- Age appropriate program designed for Children turning six or seven in 2018.
- The program will run for 10 weeks over 2 school terms, commencing on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February with a break over school holidays and finishing on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of June.
- \$120 for new players, which includes a participants backpack, basketball and singlet.
- \$100 for returning players from previous Aussie Hoops Programs.
- Nationally accredited coaches with experienced junior representative assistant coaches.
- Provides fantastic preparation for participation in our under 15's 30/30.
- Register now at [aussiehoops.com.au](http://aussiehoops.com.au) and this on our Facebook at "Aussie Hoops Port Macquarie".
- PMBA contract: Shannon Winkler-JAGGIE on 0437 980 511

## Comboyne Show

**Saturday and Sunday 24 and 25 February from 9am**

Entry \$5 each adults - Children 16 and under free  
Experience our 'Back to Agriculture' focus for the Show

- ☀ Amusements for the kids and face painting
- ☀ Churn your own ice cream (and eat it!)
- ☀ Agricultural displays
- ☀ Heavy horse, stock horse and equestrian events all day both days
- ☀ Fermented Food Expo and demonstrations
- ☀ Farmers Markets with wine and beer
- ☀ Huge displays in the Art and Produce pavilions
- ☀ Much, much more.....

See our Comboyne Show Facebook page and website for more details.

## Cricket T20 Blast

The program advertised in the brochures that went home this week is also on in Wauchope at St Andrews Park on the same day. Please see website: <http://playcricket.com.au/learn/t20-blast/program-details>  
Thursday 15 February 4:00-5:30pm.

