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Term 1 Week 4 Newsletter

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Friday 23 February

☀ Hastings/Camden Haven

Carnival - Port Macquarie

Tuesday 27 February

☀ Lower North Coast Carnival -

Kempsey

Wednesday 28 February

☀ Information Booth - IGA

Wauchope 8:00-8:30am

☀ Aboriginal Personalised

Learning Plans

Wednesday 7 March

☀ North Coast Carnival -

Murwillumbah

Thursday 8 March

☀ P&C AGM - 6:00pm

Monday 19 March -

Friday 23 March

☀ Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Parent Information Afternoon



Thank you to all the parents who took advantage of this opportunity. Special thanks to the Wauchope PS staff for their commitment, effort, teamwork and time. The afternoon appeared to be a great success. I hope people really enjoyed the information sessions and the opportunity to meet and speak with the class teachers during the afternoon teas. After four afternoon teas I went home a little full.

Aboriginal Personalised Learning Plans

An afternoon will be held next Wednesday 28 February where parents/carers of Aboriginal students can informally meet with your child and class teacher to develop learning plans. Aunty Maree will be on hand

for support. All Aboriginal students have received a note. For further information please contact Aunty Maree.

Year 4 and Year 5 Excursions

Please note that due to the popularity of the Taronga Zoo visits across the State, the Year 4 excursion to Sydney and the Year 5 excursion to Lake Keepit will be held during the same week. This is relevant to any of our parents who have children in Year 4 and 5 this year. You will have to be organised with your budgeting. The excursions will be in the week commencing September 3, 2018.

Hastings/Camden Haven Swimming

Good luck to our swim team who will compete tomorrow at the Port Macquarie pool. As you are representing our school please wear school shirt and hat so we look as sensational as usual.

I'll be a time keeper on the day and I may need a few parent helpers throughout the day. If you can assist please let either Mrs Newell know or myself. Thanks in advance.

Canberra Excursion



Our Year 6 students will be visiting Canberra in Week 8 this term. They leave very early on Monday 19 March. The cost this year is \$500. We need all monies outstanding to be finalised now. If you have not paid by now you are placing your child's position on this excursion in jeopardy. If you are having difficulties finalising the payments, you can contact me at school to see if we can assist (please don't leave this contact to the last week though).

Please endeavour to make final payments by the correct date. It really is uncomfortable for school personnel to ring and ask for money. I can promise you we don't like doing it. However, if you know your child is not attending now please let us know ASAP as we still get stuck paying bus prices, some entry fees and accommodation.

Please note all medical notes need to be returned as soon as possible. The logistics of organising this excursion are huge. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Lower North Coast Swimming Carnival



Any swimmer who qualifies for this carnival held at the Kempsey pool next Tuesday 27 February will receive their permission note tomorrow after they have qualified. We need that permission note returned with the money to Mrs Darcy on Monday 26 February. This only gives you one day to be organised.

Friday Swimming Sport

Our children are incredibly lucky we have staff who willingly volunteer to try to improve the children's swimming ability each Friday for sport. This term Year 4 and 5 have this opportunity. Unfortunately, every year we have children who try to avoid this opportunity. Please don't let your child do this as they will never feel comfortable around water if they continue to avoid it.

Please, please, please ensure your child can swim by enrolling them in swimming lessons. The North Coast has had far too many drownings this summer.

Our policy is that if children don't attend these lessons being provided then they are ineligible to attend the end of year Pool Parties in Term 4. This policy has been in place for seven years now.

I wish I had teachers when I was at school who took me to the pool for sport.

Bicycle Safety

Please ensure your child is wearing a helmet when riding to school. It's the law.

Annual School Report

Our 2017 Annual School Report has been uploaded onto the school website and may be found in the School Plans section.

Scripture

Scripture will once again be held on Thursdays. If you do not want your child to participate in Scripture lessons please send in a written note to the class teacher stating this.

Girls Cricket



Good luck to Alivia A and Giavana M who will trial for the LNC cricket team on Monday.

Cameron Osborne

School Vision Screening for Year 2

School Vision Screening is being offered to all Year 2 students at Wauchope PS. The screening looks at basic visual abilities, such as clarity of vision, the ability to coordinate both eyes as a team and eye movement proficiency. The screening will follow a protocol developed by the Optometrists Association of Australia. Screening will be

Tender Opportunity

We have purchased a new lawn mower and ride on mower for the school.

I have included details of the two second hand mowers for your consideration within this newsletter. I recommend that if you are interested in purchasing you organise to view the mowers as they are several years old and are not in mint condition.

If you would like to put in a bid you need to write your name, contact details, which mower and your offer and place it in a sealed envelope and send in to me (Cameron Osborne) by Close of Business Thursday 22 March. Our office manager, Mrs Sue Bourke and myself will then open the envelopes on Friday 23 March and contact the highest bidder.



Husqvarna Ride on mower
Model: LTH1742T
Year: 2009
Engine: Kawasaki
Hours: 924



Push Mower with catcher
Model: Rover Combat
Year: 2006
Engine: Briggs & Stratton

available at the school on March 6 and March 20 and is provided as a goodwill community service by a local independent optometrist who have expertise in children's vision at no cost to parents or the school. If you would like your child to participate in this vision screening program, please complete the permission note that will be sent home shortly. - Miss Taylor -

Years 1 and 2 Assembly Awards

Merit Awards

Class	Students
1MT	Keeley W, Violet B, Ben N, Brandon L
1PH	Laura B, William A, Poppy H
1KB	Mollie A, Vivienne M, Billy W
1MM	Thomas R, Wilson B, Mavrik K
1/2LF	Peter M, Alana W, Nevaeh D-S
2DW	Sarah M, Zane S, Candice C
2HL	Elliana D, Marc C, Cassidy L
2MG	Tye M, Archer A, Matilda A
2/3KN	Sophie H, Tia S

Citizen of the Week

Class	Students
1KB	Tyler B
1/2LF	Savannah R

P&C News

AGM Thursday 8 March

Come along to a P&C meeting – be a bigger part of your child's school experience.

The P&C AGM will be held Thursday 8 March in the school staffroom at 6pm. All positions will become available, including President, Vice-President K-2, Vice President 3-6, Treasurer and Secretary. Come along to hear what has been achieved in the last 12 months by the P&C. For more information, email wauchopepspandc@gmail.com or contact Deb on 0418160192.

Volunteer Register

Can you spare a little time to help volunteer at the school? Getting involved is a great way to meet new people and learn new skills. If meetings aren't your cup of tea, you can help in other ways like working on the Mother's or Father's Day stall or volunteering in the canteen. Complete our volunteer registration form, so we can contact you when we need help. Registration also ensures that you come under our P&C insurance when you volunteer with us.

When you volunteer for an organisation that deals with children you are also required to make a volunteer declaration that you are not a person who is prohibited from working with children. This is done at the school front office.

Thanks for clicking on the link:

[P&C Volunteer Register Form](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Please call up and see Ruth in the canteen if you are interested in offering a few days a term to volunteer in our school canteen. It's a busy little place but we always have a great laugh and an awesome lunch! It's a great way to meet new people & the children love to see you in there.

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

Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 4 March

Clean Up Australia Day is an opportunity for all Australians to bring family, friends, neighbours and colleagues together to take action to protect their local environment by removing rubbish before it damages our precious parks, bushland, waterways and oceans. "Signing up for 2018 Clean Up Australia Day is the ideal way for every Australian to take a positive position - lots of small actions like picking up local rubbish can help reduce the 8 million tonnes of plastic entering oceans worldwide each year," said Ian Kiernan AO, Chairman and founder of Clean Up Australia. Visit www.cleanup.org.au to find a clean-up site near you, or to register your own site.

Reinforcing Safety in School Zones



Seven new school zone offences were enforced from 1 February 2018.

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic offences with new fines.

None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but now in a school zone they each come with two points.

The changes are:

- 1. Stopping in intersection** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
- 2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights)** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
- 3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights)** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
- 4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
- 5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.
- 6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.
- 7. Parallel park close to dividing line** - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.

Share these changes with your school community encouraging safer driving and parking behaviours.