



# Wauchope Public School

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## Term 1 Week 5 Newsletter

**Thursday  
1 March 2018**

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### Friday 2 March

- ☀ Clean Up Australia Day

### Monday 5 March

- ☀ Stage 3 Assembly  
2:15-3:00pm

### Tuesday 6 March

- ☀ School Band Beginner Rehearsal - 8:00am
- ☀ Stage 1 Assembly  
2:30-3:00pm

### Wednesday 7 March

- ☀ North Coast Carnival - Murwillumbah
- ☀ Kindergarten Assembly  
2:15-3:00pm
- ☀ National P&C Recognition Day

### Thursday 8 March

- ☀ P&C AGM - 6:00pm
- ☀ P&C Meeting 7:00pm

### Friday 9 March

- ☀ Pink and Purple Day - Kindergarten

### Monday 12 March

- ☀ Young Leaders Conference - Sydney

### Wednesday 14 March

- ☀ Maths Mania

### Friday 16 March

- ☀ International Womens Day

### Monday 19 March

- ☀ Stage 3 Assembly  
2:15-3:00pm

### Tuesday 20 March -

### Thursday 22 March

- ☀ NAPLAN Online Practice Test

### Monday 19 March -

### Friday 23 March

- ☀ Year 6 Canberra Excursion

## Complimentary Kindergarten Photos

I'm sure our Kindergarten parents will love receiving the complimentary photos of their children tonight and tomorrow. We have negotiated this bonus with our photography company.

## P&C Easter Raffle



The P&C are hoping to be in a position to make as many Easter Raffle prizes as possible so more of our children have a chance to win. Please consider donating some sort of Easter treat to the front office. Any child who makes a donation receives a free ticket in the raffle. Thank you in advance. I'm looking forward to eating some Hot Cross Buns at Easter time. It has been extremely difficult walking past them in the shops since the day after Boxing Day!

## P&C Meeting and AGM

The AGM will commence at 6pm next Thursday 8 March in the school staffroom. This will be followed by the monthly General Meeting starting at 7pm. We really need some more parents to join the P&C. If you can spare the time we actually have fun.

## Lower North Coast Swimming



Congratulations to our small team who represented at this carnival on Tuesday. The boys all swam brilliantly and they all qualified for the North Coast swimming carnival. A brilliant result! The five boys did enough to put Wauchope PS in 5th position overall on the day. Congratulations to Axle P who won the Junior Boys Champion trophy. I loved seeing the junior relay team qualify. Congratulations: Axle P, Zac L, Nathaniel W, Toby N and Will N.



## 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.

## Playground Equipment

At school we do everything we can to ensure children's safety. The Department has a rule that if children are on the fixed playground equipment we must have a teacher within two metres of the equipment supervising.

We currently have a large number of children who play on the equipment unsupervised after 3:00pm. We are very concerned that an accident will occur. Please talk to your child about going straight home after school so we don't have any unnecessary accidents. However, if you are with your child who is on the equipment please stand close and supervise them so we can avoid any injuries. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with the safety of our children.

## Aboriginal Planning Afternoon

Thank you to the parents who attended this afternoon yesterday who worked with your child/ren and WPS staff on setting goals for 2018. Our main mission is closing the gap and this year we have put in place the majority of our resources focussing on Literacy and Numeracy.

The other main focus for all children is on social skills that include manners, respect, trying your best, not giving up and work ethic. If we can instil these values in our children then we are giving them every chance of success. This obviously needs to be a combined effort between home and school.

If you missed yesterday's opportunity please make contact with your child's class teacher so you can develop these goals.

## Winter Sport



Hopefully, as many families as possible have registered their children for a Winter sport such as netball, soccer, union or league. Sport is not only great for a healthy lifestyle but it assists children's development with social skills on so many levels. It is of massive benefit.

## Clean Up Australia Day



The date for Clean Up Australia Day for schools is tomorrow. We may have various classes tidy up parts of our playground so we can promote this great initiative of keeping our Country beautiful with our students.

## Debating Workshops

We have 12 students participating in a full day workshop on debating today. I'm sure they will enjoy the experience and we look forward to finding and hearing their new talents. Thank you Miss Whiteoak, Mrs Darcy and Mr Baker for supporting the students.



## 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

## Year 7 2019 Enrolment Forms

All Year 6 students received their 2019 enrolment forms this week. Please complete and return to our front office as soon as possible or by Friday 16 March at the very latest. Please return these forms even if you intend to send your child to an Independent High School. Thanks in advance for the speedy return for our 116 Year 6 students.

**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 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 -

## School Band



The beginner band rehearsals will commence next Tuesday, 6 March (Week 6) at 8.00am. This is for everyone except 6 string guitars. It is most important that students attend, as this is when all performance music is prepared (you can only try!).

Ann Hamilton

## 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](mailto: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

## Community News

### WELCOME TO GO4FUN

**Go4Fun**  
Healthy Active Happy Kids

Dear parent,  
Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years, who are above a healthy weight. Best of all it's **absolutely FREE**.

#### WHEN DOES GO4FUN RUN?

Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks after school during the school term, and children attend a fun filled 2 hour session each week with their parent or carer.

#### WHAT DO WE DO AT GO4FUN?

Every week the children will be involved in fun and interactive games and activities to get their heart rates up and enjoying being active.

Each week you and your child will learn about healthy eating, setting goals, portion sizes, label reading and more. The program also includes a supermarket tour where you get to put everything you've learnt into practice.

#### START UP PACK

Your child will receive a start-up pack including a:

- Go4Fun backpack,
- Go4Fun t-shirt,
- Go4Fun water bottle, ball and wristbands.

Your child will also earn up to **3 bonus attendance rewards** over the ten Go4Fun sessions.

Parents receive a \$15 fresh fruit and vegetable voucher for each session you attend, plus a folder full of weekly session information, activities, recipes and more. Plus you will receive a practical Meal Mole cup to help with portion sizes and a Detective Card to help decipher nutrition information on food packaging. Parents receive a report on their child's progress and health improvements following Go4Fun.



## Seasons for Growth

9—10 yrs (Yr3—Yr4) & 11—12 yrs (Yr5—Yr6)

This is an eight-week program for children aged 6 to 12 years that have experienced grief and loss in their lives due to a significant change such as death, separation of parents or a natural disaster.

#### Children will learn:

- to understand and talk about the normal range of emotions experienced during major change, grief and loss
- how to build positive relationships with family and friends
- how they can participate in a caring and confidential network of peers and adults
- about resiliency
- how to plan for a realistic and hope-filled future

Thursday 3:45pm – 4:45pm

8 Mar | 15 Mar | 22 Mar | 29 Mar | 5 Apr | 12 Apr

3 May | 10 May | 17 May 2018 (Celebration Day)

Total Cost: \$15

Venue: Interrelate Port Macquarie

Address: 5/1-5 Merrymen Way



Bookings essential — phone 5525 3200

Note: This program is developed by David Grief and facilitated by Interrelate



### FREE COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS



Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre is holding fortnightly information sessions for community members to learn more about services available in the Hastings.

Information sessions.....about children, young people, families and our community. Everyone is welcome. Please register your interest to participate.

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Our guest speaker this week is:

Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service

WHEN: TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 2018

WHERE: Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre, 3 Waugh Street, Wauchope

TIME: 10am - 11.00am (morning tea provided)

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](#)

## Canteen News

**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.

## Easter Raffle Donations

The P&C are asking for donations of all things Easter!

Please donate to our Easter raffle and you will receive a free ticket in the raffle to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade. Please drop your donations to the front office and the lovely office ladies will write your name down for a free ticket.

Thank you to all our WPS families for supporting another favourite P&C fundraiser.

Last year we had over 35 Easter hampers and lots of happy winners. Let's see if we can beat that this year.

Raffle tickets will be sent home in the coming few days.

## Community News Baseball

Hastings Baseball Association including Hastings Junior Baseball Association are getting ready to kick off season 2018.

We are inviting players from 5 years to Seniors 16years & up to play baseball.

We are registered with Active Kids so children will be able to use their vouchers.

More information may be obtained by going to FaceBook Hastings Baseball Association or Hastings Junior Baseball Association. [info@hastingsbaseball.com.au](mailto:info@hastingsbaseball.com.au) or Phone 0265852076 or 0418279954.