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Term 1 Week 6 Newsletter

**Thursday
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Thursday 8 March

- ☀ Pink and Purple Day
- ☀ P&C AGM - 6:00pm
- ☀ P&C Meeting 7:00pm
- ☀ International Women's Day

Friday 9 March

- ☀ Playground Reward Day

Monday 12 March

- ☀ Young Leaders Conference - Sydney
- ☀ Commonwealth Day

Wednesday 14 March

- ☀ Maths Mania

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

New Whole School Reward System

We are experimenting with a Reward Level System this year. It involves students earning a stamp each week for following our School Expectations:

Follow Instructions Show Respect and Be Safe

All students are expected to engage in learning, display positive behaviour and attend school regularly. We want to reward positive attitude and behaviour.

The Student Reward System is designed to progress during the year with students attaining levels of achievement.

Students will be rewarded with special events and presented with certificates of achievement at various stages of the year.

Once a student has earned 10 stamps (one per week) they will receive a Bronze Certificate. Some children may take more than ten weeks to earn this certificate. Once they have achieved Bronze they then

work towards Silver, Gold and then Diamond.

As a bonus incentive all students who achieve Bronze in Term 1 will go into a draw for over \$600 worth of Rebel Sports Vouchers.

P&C AGM and General Meeting

The AGM is on this evening at 6:00pm in the staffroom followed by a General meeting at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

I'd liketotakethisopportunity to thank everyone involved with the P&C and particularly thank and congratulate the P&C Executive for all of their hard work, time, efforts and achievements.

Thank you: President - Deb Hill, Treasurer - Stacy Hill, Secretary - Janet Lovett, Vice President K-2 - Simone Lyon, Vice President 3-6 - Rosemary Spradbrow, Publicity Officer - Kaela Croft and Canteen Officer - Deb Hill, WOOSH Officer - Kim Balderston.

Special thanks to Ruth Thompson who does a brilliant job running the school canteen and to Alex Madden who does an



Pink and Purple Day



Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 have been celebrating the Wauchope Lasiandra Festival today. They have been having a Pink and Purple Day. I know they have been enjoying lots of fun activities.



excellent job coordinating our WOOSH centre.

Good luck to all of the parents who are willing to either continue in the above positions or be nominated to take on one of these important roles.

Year 6 Canberra Excursion



The last day to complete final payment for this excursion is tomorrow 9 March. If for some reason you can't make the final payment please contact the school to discuss options. Please let the school know if you have decided not to send your child to Canberra.

Seven families have not returned their child's medical note. This is an extremely important document that we must have before your child can attend.

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy

The National Assessments for students in Years 3 and 5 will be completed online this year. The assessments will occur during a nine day window between 15 May and 25 May. More information about this new process will be sent home in the future.

Year 3 and 5 students will sit a practice test between 20 and 22 March this term.

Young Leaders Day



Good luck to our student leaders who will attend a leadership conference in Sydney on Monday 12 March. We look forward to hearing about their experience. Mr Baker will look after the children at the conference. A huge thank you to Mr Baker for volunteering to drive to Sydney.

International Women's Day

This day is celebrated on 8 March each year. It is a day to celebrate the contribution women have made across the world to their communities and the progress that has been made for equality. It is a time to raise awareness about the unjust treatment that many women and children are still facing around the world and in Australia.

International Women's Day was first declared in 1910 with the first event held in 1911.

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

Playground Reward Day

If your child has been following the school expectations in the playground during the first five weeks they will receive some extra play time this Friday. My figures show that 684 WPS students will enjoy this day. A great start to the year boys and girls. Keep it up.

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 -

the front office. Any child who makes a donation receives a free ticket in the raffle. Thank you in advance.

PSSA Sport

Good luck to the girl's cricket team for their game against Port Macquarie PS tomorrow. Congratulations to Giavanna M who has been selected in the Lower North Coast cricket team and will attempt to be selected in the North Coast team in the near future.

North Coast Swimming

Congratulations once again to Nathaniel W, Axel P, William N and Toby N for competing at this carnival. A brilliant achievement.

Commonwealth Day

Commonwealth Day is celebrated every year by 53 Commonwealth countries on the second Monday in March. This year it falls on Monday 12 March. The aim of commemorating Commonwealth Day is to promote understanding of global issues, international co-operation and the work of the Commonwealth of Nations to improve the lives of its citizens.

I'm very much looking forward to the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane.

School Supplies and Voluntary Fees



Please make these payments promptly. All families should have received invoices recently. While the School Fees are voluntary contributions we would love to have as many families as possible pay these fees. The P&C collect the voluntary fees and the school collects the School Supplies fees. If children pay the School Supplies fees in Term 1 then they will receive a WPS Gift as a gesture of thanks. The P&C are giving away a prize in a lucky draw for those who pay their School Contributions.

It is a sign of the times when we have to provide incentives for people to pay for things for their children. I think children are our most precious people in our lives. Average sporting team fees are just over \$150, one packet of cigarettes is probably over \$25, one take away meal would be over \$40 etc.

Our two sets of fees are \$20 and \$25.

High School Forms reminder

Please return all High School forms to our front office by Friday 16 March.

Selective High School Test

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on 15 March 2018 from 9.00am to 1.30pm.

Unless parents have made special arrangements with the High Performing Students Unit to attend an individually allocated test

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

centre, candidates from this school have been sent to: Kempsey High School, Broughton St, KEMPSEY NSW 2440

Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/the-test> to find:

- Test centre allocations by public school.
- A map of test centre addresses under the heading 'The test'.
- The bulletin, Test information for parents and students. The bulletin contains very important information about the test and should be read carefully.

Cameron Osborne

Sean Choolburra



Our Year 6 Aboriginal students joined Year 7 Students at Wauchope High School to see a Traditional Cultural Show with Sean Choolburra. Sean shared cultural dreamtime stories and dance, as well as sharing some modern dance moves. Our students had time after the show to have a laugh and yarn with Sean, as well as morning tea. We would like to thank Mel Jones (AEW) and Mr Glen Sawle (Principal) for their kind invitation.

- Aunty Maree Hutchison -

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 wauchopepsandc@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](#)

Community News

PLAY OR REFEREE FOOTBALL IN SEASON 2018

EST 2005
FOOTBALL MID NORTH COAST

***** 2018 REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW *****

www.footballmidnorthcoast.com/2018-registrations/

Get all information about the 2018 Season on \$100. Action Kids Register 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.

PLAY FOOTBALL

REFEREES WANTED

Info - <http://footballmidnorthcoast.com/free-info/>
Find a club that suits your needs at the above link.

For more information, please contact the Field Office on 0800 800 351.
Community Football Competitions - admin@footballmidnorthcoast.com
High Performance Sports - sports@footballmidnorthcoast.com

Get Paid to officiate as matches at all levels within the code!

EMHC 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 Zoltan Alkonyi:
zoltan@footballmidnorthcoast.com or in the office 0800 800 351.

Growing Bundaleer FUNDRAISING APPEAL

The growing Johnson Street facility of 53 beds has been the backbone of Bundaleer for decades, but, with the support of the Commonwealth Government, we are on the cusp of building a new Residential Aged Care Facility at Johnson Street. This exceptionally designed facility will offer more than just a new home to the 140 residents who will call Bundaleer home, but the opportunity to live in the future.

Our Fundraising Appeal allows you to make a contribution to furnishing our new building. Every gift helps create the comforts of home - from the smallest of soft furnishings, through to the much-needed equipment to provide our residents with the very best care and comfort.

Below is a great selection of some of the specific items needed to get the new building up and running. 140 beds to truly make these residents a home for residents.

The new building amazing individual donations, as well as support from community groups and for that we are extremely grateful. Every donation - no matter how big or small helps! A \$50 donation to purchase one of 140 common comfort for the new building is as meaningful as a \$2,500 donation for one of 140 common care beds required.

If you or your organisation would like to discuss how you can contribute to our shared goals, or would like to talk about a specific donation you intend, we would be happy to talk about it and get through our plans with you. Please feel free to contact Beth Stitt-Hatton, Executive Assistant at Bundaleer Care Services on 02 4585 2811 or at beth.stitt-hatton@bundaleer.com.au.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, you can donate via our website www.bundaleer.org.au/donations, or in person at our Administration Office at 142A Cameron Street.

Our Fundraising Appeal will run through until 2020 and we greatly appreciate the amazing support of our community.

Every donation makes a difference. Every person in our care will benefit directly by your donation. Let this be your gift to our community.



Bundaleer Fundraisers

"Bundaleer Care Services Fundraisers welcome new members to join their group of 4 members to assist in the raising of funds towards the comfort and care of residents at Bundaleer Care Services Ltd.

A volunteer meeting will be held on Monday 12 March 2018 at 11:00am at Administration Office, Bundaleer Care Services, 142a Cameron Street Wauchope.

Please contact Beth Stitt-Hatton Bundaleer Executive Assistant - 6585 2811 if unable to attend but am able to become a member of the group".

Verna Wallace

Bundaleer Fundraisers

Easter Raffle



Thank you to Lakewood Woolworths for their generous donation of Easter goodies to go towards our P&C Easter raffle. We were delighted to receive such a wonderful contribution.

Don't forget that we are asking for donations towards the raffle so we can make as many hampers as possible to give everyone a greater chance to win a bundle of chocolates to enjoy over Easter. Everyone that makes a donation will have a free ticket into the raffle.

Canteen News



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.

