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Term 1 Week 9 Newsletter

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Thursday 29 March

- ☀ Easter Hat Parade
- ☀ 50cent Tuck Shop
- ☀ P&C Easter Raffle

Friday 6 April

- ☀ Term 1 Snapshots sent home

Monday 9 April

- ☀ Teddy Bears Picnic - Kindergarten

Tuesday 10 April

- ☀ Public Speaking Finals

Thursday 12 April

- ☀ P&C Meeting

Friday 13 April

- ☀ Last Day of Term 1

Wednesday 25 April

- ☀ ANZAC Day - Town March

Monday 30 April

- ☀ School Development Day

Tuesday 1 May

- ☀ All Students commence Term 2

Friday 4 May

- ☀ Wauchope PS ANZAC Service

Canberra Excursion



The children had a brilliant experience visiting our Nation's capital last week. I loved seeing the photos on Facebook. A massive thank you to Mrs Gowan who did another brilliant job coordinating the excursion. It takes hours upon hours to coordinate an event as large as this. Special thanks to Ms Best, Miss Whiteoak, Mrs Puchert, Mr Nicholson and Mrs Gowan for making the excursion possible for our students. I have received extremely positive feedback from several Year 6 parents.



Easter Hat Parade



The children looked wonderful this morning and I can tell the boys and girls are extremely excited about Easter and the possibility of finding some Easter eggs. On behalf of all WPS staff we wish everyone a Happy Easter. I hope you spend as much time as possible with your children, friends and family over the weekend.



Australian Government assistance for National Capital Excursion

Year 6 students from our school have recently returned from an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy as well as scientific and sporting activities.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30.00 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. Some of the activities enjoyed by the students included Questacon, New Parliament House, Old Parliament House, Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, Dinosaur Museum, the Botanical Gardens, Film and Sound Archives, CSIRO and the Deep Space Telecommunications Centre.

Students who attended were a credit to their school showing outstanding co-operation and behaviour at all the venues we visited. They thoroughly enjoyed the activities and gained a vast array of knowledge about our democratic system, our national capital and a plethora of other exciting topics.

- Sharon Gowan - Year 6
Excursion Organising Teacher

Easter Raffle



The P&C made over 25 prizes for the Easter Raffle. Thank you to our fantastic community for donating Easter Eggs for these prizes. The raffle will be drawn today after the morning breaks. Can you imagine being a child again and winning an Easter raffle. They will be beside themselves. Thanks again for your support.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the very popular 50 cent Tuck Shop. You are wonderful!

Thanks to the lovely volunteers who served at the two Tuck Shops.

Snapshots

Students K-6 will receive a one-page report on Friday 6 April. It will be addressed to the parent/caregiver. The Snapshot is designed to communicate to you, your child's level of effort and attitude in Literacy, Numeracy and with important social skills.

School Photo Envelopes

All children received School Photo envelopes yesterday. The Photo days will be held in Week 2 next Term. 3-6 and special photos will be held on Wednesday 9 May and K-2 and Special Education will be held on Thursday 10 May. Family photos, if ordered, will occur during recess and lunch over the two days.

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2019 High School Enrolment Forms

These have been entered onto the computer system by Mrs Gowan. We are still missing 12 students forms. Please complete these and hand to Mrs Gowan ASAP so your child's High School can make preparations for the 2019 school year and your child.

Sport

Congratulations to the Boys cricket team who defeated Beechwood PS yesterday. Thanks Mr Geary for taking the team.

Good luck to the children trialling for representative selection in rugby league today, touch football next Wednesday and hockey next Thursday.

Three of our teachers are selecting these teams which is a special honour for them. Good luck.

Tell Them From Me



We are delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

Community News

School Holiday Futsal Clinic

April 18 and 19. Have Fun and meet new friends.

Fully supervised, professional english coach, Age Groups 5 to 7 yrs and 8 to 13 yrs.

Cost per 3 hr Session is \$45.

Westport High School Campus

Call Alison 0412 191 923 or Email alison@midcoastfutsal

School Holiday Library Fun!

Are you interested in manga, anime, art, virtual reality, 3D printing, Makey Makeys, Raspberry Pi or even bees (yes actual bees)?

The libraries in Wauchope AND Port Macquarie have got you covered with loads of great fun activities during the holidays. All the activities are FREE (except Glasshouse Sprouts). Visit www.mnclibrary.org.au for more information or grab an information flyer from the school library.

Breast Screen

"It is important to know that most women diagnosed with breast cancer do not have a family history of breast cancer.

Regular breast x-rays (mammograms) can detect breast cancer in its early stages and early detection is the key to successful treatment.

A FREE mammogram every two years could save your life.

Breast Screen provides free mammograms for women aged over 40 years.

Appointments are free and take only 20 minutes. No referral is required. Breast Screen is at Port Macquarie Hospital. Free parking onsite.

The phone number is 13 20 50 to book a free appointment.

See also www.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au"

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 4 April and 13 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

If you do not want your child or children to participate, please contact your child's class teacher prior to April 4, 2018.

Cameron Osborne

Aboriginal Campfire Mat



1MM was very excited to receive our new Aboriginal Campfire Mat. We were able to purchase the mat with Prize money that KMM won last year in the Patrick White Writing Competition. The mat was designed by local artist Angela Marr-Grogan. Angela also donated a pair of cushion covers to go with our mat. A huge thank you to Angela! We love our new mat! It's an awesome space to work and play!

- Miss Millard -

P&C News

P&C Position Vacant

The P&C committee held the AGM meeting last Thursday night and the position of President is yet to be filled.

Please consider if you have the skills and time to fill this role. The P&C has made significant contributions to the school and this is only made possible by the dedication of the members of the P&C. If you would like any further information please email wauchopepsandc@gmail.com You can also find information about the role on the P&C Federation website on the FAQ page.

Appreciation

Thank you to the families that have already paid their voluntary contribution fees – you have been entered into the draw to win a canteen/uniform voucher. Any other families that make their contribution before the end of the term will also be entered into the raffle, to be drawn on Friday 13th April.

Thank you also to those who have registered as a volunteer, [P&C Volunteer Register Form](#) You will be contacted soon as we look for volunteers for the upcoming 50c Tuck Shop and Mother's Day Stall.

Paver Project

As the major capital works project has been delayed, the personalised engraved paver scheme offered to families last year has also been delayed. When the new classroom building moves ahead, we will offer the personalised pavers to the school community again, in case there is any one else who wishes to purchase an engraved paver for \$30.



Frequently Asked Questions: Parents

INSTAGRAM

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What is Instagram?

Instagram is a photo-sharing app which allows users to take photos, apply a filter and share content with either followers or the general public. Users are able to 'like' and comment on photos as well as send these images directly to individual followers. Instagram also allows users to post short videos.

What is the age classification for Instagram?

Instagram is recommended for users aged 13 years and above, however there are many underage users.

How are young people using Instagram?

Instagram is being used by young people to share photos, occasions and situations with their friends. The ability to like and comment on photos provides a useful communication function for young people as they explore and express their personality.

Should I be worried if my child is using Instagram?

Any application when used incorrectly, has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you openly communicate with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. They also need to be aware the dangers of communicating with people they don't know via any mobile application.

What are the privacy settings on Instagram?

Accounts on Instagram can be shared with anyone, or with those you approve as followers only. This can be done via the Instagram app on your mobile device. First select the **Profile** option on the lower right-hand side of the screen. In the **Edit Your Profile** section scroll to the bottom of the screen and ensure **Photos Are Private** is in the **On** position and select **Save**.

What could be revealed through an image?

A concern with photos which are taken and shared via a mobile device is that they may contain geolocation information. Geotagging refers to the embedding of location data, such as GPS coordinates, in images taken on smartphones and some digital cameras. When these images are shared online, the location data is often also shared. This may allow others who have access to the file to determine where the image was created, potentially revealing your home address.

How can my child limit geolocation information?

It is important for your child and you to know how to disable the geolocation function for the camera on the smartphone or mobile device your child utilises. For iOS devices, this can be disabled by accessing **Settings>Privacy>Locations** and disabling for Camera. On Android devices, users need to open the Camera app, access **Settings** and disable **GPS tagging**. If you are unsure how to do this on your device, please access the online user guide for the model of device.

It is also useful to discourage children and young people from using the Photo Map function on Instagram. This capability plots users' photos on an interactive map and could reveal sensitive location information.

What are the potential problems with Instagram?

It is important that young people only allow people they know and trust to access their photos and learn how to block and report inappropriate users. You can block users via the Instagram app on your mobile device. Open the profile page of the offensive user and select the **Further Options** icon on the upper right-hand side of the screen. Select the **Block User** option and when prompted by the dialog box, select **Yes, I'm sure**.

Sharing images that are rude, offensive or sexualised can see young people in breach of State and Commonwealth legislation that carry serious legal consequences. Ethically, young people need to be aware of the impact that their online behaviour has on others as well as their own reputation.

How can I delete my child's account?

If after talking with your child about the ethical use of Instagram and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete the Instagram account.

To delete an Instagram account log into the account at instagram.com, click the account username in the top right and select **Edit Profile**, click **id like to delete my account** in the bottom right.

Note: Accounts can not be reactivated and photos may be lost. Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child's usage underground where there are fewer opportunities for you to support them.

For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au

B screened

9 in 10
women diagnosed
with breast cancer
do not have a
family history

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