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**Term 4 Week 2
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Friday 26 October

☀ National Bandanna Day

Wednesday 31 October

☀ State Athletics Carnival

☀ Schools Out Radio Show

Thursday 1 November

☀ State Athletics Carnival

Friday 2 November

☀ Year 1 Timbertown Excursion

Monday 5 November

☀ School Spectacular Rehearsal

Wednesday 7 November

☀ Leichart PS - School Band

☀ Schools Out Radio Show

Thursday 8 November

☀ P&C Meeting

Friday 9 November

☀ Remembrance Day Assembly

Sunday 11 November

☀ 100 year Wauchope March
Centenary of Armistice

Monday 12 November

☀ Special Swimming Scheme

150th Anniversary Celebrations



Wow! We have had an amazing few days celebrating our sesquicentenary. The students had a great time on Friday dressing up, playing old fashion games, eating free sandwiches with their parents and being filmed by Channel 7 News. Please see our school website for some really good photos of the students.



On Saturday morning we had a brilliant historic photo and memorabilia display in the hall that was very well attended by past students and staff. Special thanks to our P&C volunteers Kylie and Hazel and canteen manger Ruth for the lovely scones. I would like to give a huge thank you to a retired WPS

teacher Marg Barlin who spent hours over many days sorting the photos and albums for the day and bringing in some of her old teaching programs. Marg had some assistance from some previous staff and our most recent principal Di Reynolds who was at WPS for 16 years.



The Gala Dinner was a great success and was enjoyed by all. The Hastings Director of Education, Graham Small, David Gillespie, Melinda Pavey and 140 other guests enjoyed viewing and listening to our schools rich history. A huge thank you to Mr Thomas for being MC and to Mrs Bourke, Mrs Hollis and Mrs Croft for coordinating the evening. Thanks also to Mr Geary and Mr Lindner for their slide shows amongst other jobs and to all WPS staff for their contributions over the few days. We have been planning these events for over a year now and it was wonderful that they were enjoyed by all.



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2019 Class Formations – Please read

The staff at WPS will shortly begin the process of forming classes for 2019. It is crucial that we have as much information as possible when we are forming these proposed classes. If you know your personal circumstances (e.g. possibly work related) have changed and you will no longer have your child attending WPS then please let us know as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2019 or you know families who are in this situation please complete and submit an enrolment form now so your child is placed in a class. The same applies if you know of any new families who are moving to Wauchope over the school holiday period. Student numbers at the commencement of the school year are vital and dictate our level of staffing. If you know your child won't be returning Day 1 2019 (possibly due to holiday, overseas trip or extended stay with grandparents/relatives) but you know they will be returning to WPS then I would request you let us know in writing so we can include your child in our numbers.

I would also invite parents to submit in writing any special requests regarding their child's class placement for 2019 in writing addressed to myself (not the class teacher) before the end of Week 5, 16 November 2018. All requests will be taken into consideration when forming classes. However, there are no guarantees. Staff will be putting a lot of effort and time into ensuring that all classes are as balanced as possible taking into consideration factors such as academic levels, social development, relationships, behaviour, and male/female.

I've included some parts of my speech from the evening.

'Wow, it is hard to believe that Wauchope Public School has been serving the children of our town for 150 years. It really is amazing. I'm sure everyone in this room has many fond memories and stories to tell about their time at WPS. We have loved searching through the historic photos and hearing of past stories. We have enjoyed putting past photos on the Facebook Page and then sitting back and watching people reminisce, often cringing at how their fringe looked or commenting on past uniforms, students wearing no shoes, photos of the swim team in swimmers etc.

Many people in this room would have been students at WPS and are now sending your children to our school. Many of you now have your grandchildren with us also. The corridor outside my office is filled with Year 6 photos for the past 30 years. Visitors often spend time finding themselves in the photos when they visit the school.

Many of the ex-staff who are with us tonight have had large parts of their careers at WPS because it's the sort of place you don't want to leave once you get here. If they have left it is either retirement or moving onto promotions. People have great affection and attachment to our school.

Let me just take us back on a quick history of Wauchope Public School.

Wauchope Public School commenced in 1868 with one room, a hardwood floor, slab walls and a shingled roof on Thomas' Suters land on the south west corner of High and

Cameron Streets. 42 children with the first principal Mr John Hume. He was 67 years of age. People wanted to join Wauchope Public with other small schools such as Redbank, Ennis, and Haytown but the river was deemed too dangerous.

The school closed briefly as attendance was very poor as the children worked with bullock teams.

A new Wauchope Public School was erected in 1875 at Andrews Coleraine, west of and adjoining Lilybank. Floods and a measles epidemic marred 1875 and 1876. In 1883, a new Wauchope Public School was built on land donated by Alexander Bain approximately where the swimming pool is today. The school was right next to the bullockies route to the wharves.

In 1905, the school had 95 students. It was one of the first schools in the State to have a P&C association.

In 1914, there were 140 students in just two rooms.

In 1918, 4 acres were cleared on the current site and a new 4-room building was built.

In 1925, electricity was connected. Wauchope was one of the earliest towns to have electricity.

By 1940, 240 students attended the school.

In 1944, the school was classified as a Central school.

In 1954, Wauchope High School was formed and new buildings were built on its present site in 1958.

In 1968, the schools centenary year the population was just below 500 students.

In 1968 the centenary year the school captains were Deborah McLennan and Allan Saye.

Schools Spectacular Rehearsal

Last week we welcomed students from Forster PS and a Schools Spectacular professional dance instructor from Sydney who worked with our dance group all day. I received a very positive email from the dance teacher and have included a few paragraphs from the email. Congratulations to our students and staff!

"On Tuesday I had the pleasure of teaching the primary students from the Mid North Coast region.

I am writing to congratulate your students on their exemplary behaviour, commitment and dance technique. Not only were the students well-mannered and supportive to their peers and other students from around the region, they were also well prepared by their teachers Vanessa and Cathryn who had prepared them for a long and arduous day of learning an entire routine for the 2018 Schools Spectacular.

The students and teachers of your school should be congratulated because they certainly stood out and represented Wauchope Public School with pride. It makes our job so much more enjoyable when students are well prepared and teachers are active in their roles of assisting the students succeed as Vanessa and Cathryn demonstrated."

Thank you for supporting the students to be part of such a wonderful experience and thank you for hosting our rehearsal at your school. It was wonderful to have you come visit our rehearsal and engage with the students as well. Without your support, this opportunity would not be possible.

The sporting house names are still the same Gordon, Lawson, Kendall and Paterson named after Australian poets.

In 1968 the P&C helped purchase a 16mm Film projector, a Gestetner Duplicator, a Bandaflex copying machine and a 27inch Rover Ranger Motor Mower.

From the late 1990's the school has fluctuated around the 700 student mark. Our largest population was achieved in 2017 with 750 students.

Wauchope Public School in 2018 has a population of 725 students with 80 staff. We have 34 classes.

Five of these classes form a Special Education Unit with 35 students. The school has 250 desktop computers, 100 laptops, 200 iPads, every classroom has either an interactive whiteboard or interactive TV. Every room in the school is wireless. We also have two overhead projectors that are never used and less than 10 pieces of chalk. We don't have any encyclopaedias.

We are about to see the construction of an amazing 13 classroom two story building with indoor and outdoor learning areas. The architects have done a brilliant job delivering what we have asked for and Wauchope PS can only go from strength to strength. The Department and Government know Wauchope Public School has a big future. Once again history is repeating itself, Wauchope Public School is leading the way in our region.

I hope you have all seen the short animated clip of what the new building should look like.

I am incredibly proud of what happens every day at our school. Although it is a very large school for a country town it is still a country school and that is one of

its best attributes. The children are fantastic and that's a credit to their parents and the town of Wauchope. It is a one Public school town and the majority of Wauchope students attend our inclusive school. We take all comers. We do not pick, choose or segregate. In 2018 voluntary school fees are still just \$25. Pretty good value for money.

Being a one town school makes us all very parochial. Our students play netball, cricket, rugby league, rugby union, soccer etc for Wauchope. Playing for the town and then playing for the school makes all our sporting teams very competitive. We have won, come runners up or made the top 8 finals teams in several State PSSA sports such as soccer, rugby league and netball. When Wauchope enter a playing arena the opposition know they have a tough game on their hands. I often see the fear in our opponent's eyes.

Our students represent Wauchope every day. We are proud that every student has Wauchope emblazoned across their back. Everywhere we go people know that we are from Wauchope and we are proud of it. People recognise us all over the State and the ACT. Dr Gillespie spots us at Parliament House a mile off, this year we have been acknowledged at the Opera House, at Taronga Zoo and soon at the Schools Spectacular. I know the community love seeing our students around town. They love it when we have our Easter Hat parade and book Week march through the streets. One of my highlights is when we average over 150 students and 20 staff marching proudly on ANZAC day along High Street. I believe this is very special and I

Congratulations Mr Sallustio



Mr Sallustio has been selected in the Indigenous Australia Mens 35's team to compete at the International League Tag

World Cup in Coffs Harbour next week. His team has been drawn to play games against New Zealand, Samoa, Tonga, Italy and Lebanon. If successful, a finals game versus Australia could eventuate. Good luck!

Teaching Awards for WPS Staff



I would like to congratulate two of our staff members. Mrs Lisa Barnett and Mr Richard Thomas who will be receiving a World Teachers Day award from the Mid North Coast Region of The Australian College of Educators on the 26 October 2018.

Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards



Congratulations to Mrs Sue Bourke and Mrs Sue Hollis who will be presented with the Pride of Workmanship award at a special Rotary dinner on Tuesday 30 October.

know the Community does also. Our school is Wauchope! It's funny when you go to a school or your children go to a school that's it for that period of your life. The school is the centre of the universe for that family. If you have two or three kids it could mean up to 15 years living and breathing Wauchope Public School.

However, when you leave it means a new chapter and your primary school becomes happy memories. And they are happy memories.

I feel that the local businesses especially the Credit Union and the local clubs such as Lions and Rotary support Wauchope Public School to the hilt. The reason they do this is because our school is catering for the children of our town. We are making the future citizens of Wauchope. The local Public school always has and always should be a major priority and focal point for any county town community. The school gives so much to our students and it's nice to have the community value and appreciate the opportunities and experiences we give to our next generation.

On behalf of everyone here tonight I'd like to propose a toast: To congratulate everyone who has ever been involved with Wauchope Public School and wish everyone the best for the next 150 years of Wauchope Public School's existence.'

150th Anniversary Memorabilia

Key rings are available from the front office for \$4.

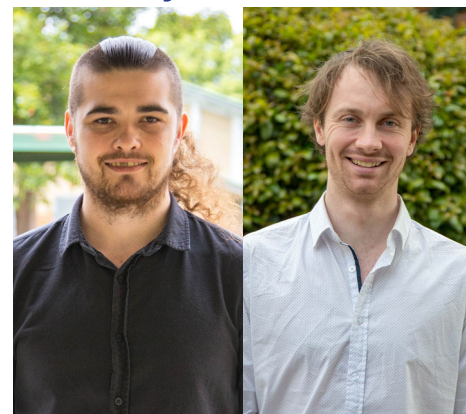
Glasses are available for \$10 each or six for \$50.

Apparently, WPS Port is on sale at the RSL Club for people over the age of 18.

Year 6 Note

I have sent a note home to every Year 6 student today about behaviour and attitude expectations for their final term of primary school. Please take time to read through the letter and discuss it with your child. My hope is that every Year 6 student finishes their primary school years at WPS in a positive manner. We all know they are capable of it. In some instances it takes some extra time and effort from the teachers and cooperation and support from parents and caregivers. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Please return the tear off acknowledgment slip to your child's class teacher by tomorrow morning please. Thank you in advance.

University Students



We welcome Mr Timothy Benson and Mr Connor Klaassen who will be working with 2MG and 2HL for the next five weeks. We know they will love their time at WPS.

Disco

We hope everyone who attended the disco yesterday had a great time. Thank you Miss Hollis and Miss Whiteoak for coordinating and to the WPS staff and P&C for supporting. Any profits raised are going to assist our Schools Spectacular excursion.

Supervision Before School

We don't have teacher supervision on duty before 8:30am. Please don't send your child to school before that time. Teachers start supervision at 8:30am. Prior to that they are in meetings or classrooms preparing for the day.

Selective High School Applications

Applications for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2019 open on Tuesday 9 October 2018 and close on Monday 12 November 2018.

There is more information at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The Selective High School Placement Test is on Thursday 14 March 2019.

Enrichment Class Testing

Please see the details for the enrichment class testing on page 6.

P&C Meeting

There is a P&C meeting next week on Thursday 8 November in the staffroom commencing at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Bandanna Day

The P&C have been running Bandanna Week from the canteen. The last day to purchase a bandanna is tomorrow for \$5.

Wauchope Lions Club

A huge thank you to the Lions Club who recently presented the P&C with a cheque for \$2050 for our school. The money was raised over the three athletics carnivals that they served hot chips and BBQ. We are very grateful for their continued support.

School Uniform and School Supplies

Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform especially either the school cap or school wide brimmed hat. The start of every term is the chance to check all pencil cases are well stocked.

Swimming Scheme

I'd like to alert you with early notice that we will be participating in the Learn to Swim Scheme in Weeks 5 and 6.

Student Leadership Opportunities - 2019

Please keep an eye out for information on this great opportunity for Year 5 students in this week's newsletter.

State Athletics

Good luck to the highly talented Junior Boys relay team and Jai J who are competing at Homebush in Sydney at the State PSSA Athletics carnival next week. We look forward to seeing how you go and wish you and your family safe travels.

Important Dates

Please keep an eye on the newsletter calendar and on our website so you are aware of upcoming events for your diaries.

Mr Cameron Osborne

Playground Duty



WPS staff are now wearing vests to help students more easily identify us during playtimes and excursions. Mrs Muir is modelling our vest and is looking resplendent! Thank you to the P&C who contributed \$1000 towards the vests.

Leadership 2019

Nominations are currently open to Year 5 students for School Leadership positions in 2019.

Interested students must return a Leaders' Criteria form to their class teacher by Friday 2 November 2018.

Each child who nominates will be given the opportunity to present a one minute speech at a Year 5 leadership assembly.

This will take place on Thursday 15/11/18 at 9:10am for the girls and Friday 16/11/18 at 9:10am for the boys.

Year 5 will then vote on the final 16 candidates. The final 16 candidates will present a two minute speech to the primary school in Week 7. This will be on Wednesday 28/11/18 at 9:10am. Students from Year 3 to Year 5 will vote immediately after the speeches. The selected, "Prefects, Vice Captains and Captains" will be announced at the end of year Presentation Day Assembly. This is a wonderful opportunity and all Year 5 students are strongly encouraged to apply.

P&C News

Canteen News

National Bandanna Day - Friday 26 October.

Children can wear the Bandannas all week. Bandannas will be on sale from Monday 22 - Friday 26 October at the canteen for \$5 each.

Community News

Wauchope Gazette

Would you like your child's birthday on the 2018 Community Calendar?

It's as easy as calling into the Gazette office between 8.30am and 3pm to let us know. It only costs \$1 per child and all money goes to the Save the Children Fund. For more information please contact:

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Tuning in to Kids Program

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UNDERSTAND AND MANAGE EMOTIONS TO IMPROVE PARENT-CHILD CONNECTION
Family Support Network



Tuning in to Kids consists of six interactive group sessions for parents and is designed for all families with children aged 3-11 years.

The program teaches simple emotion coaching skills so parents can recognise, understand and respond to children's emotions in an accepting, supportive way.

This approach helps promote emotional and social competence in children.

Would you like to:

- help your child manage anger and other strong emotions?
- be better at understanding and talking with your child?
- help to prevent problem behaviours?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Program details: 2018

Tuning in to Kids program meets weekly for six weeks: 06 Nov - 11 Dec
Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Cost: FREE (limited places, registration essential)

Venue: Centacare Level 1, 10-12 Short Street, Port Macquarie



For more information or to register
Contact: Regen Hintz
Family Support Network
Phone: 6581 6800

ENRICHMENT CLASSES FOR 2019

In 2019 there will be two enrichment classes. There is a 3/4 and a 5/6 enrichment class which will draw students who are currently in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 to form these groups. All students in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be given the opportunity to apply and be considered for the enrichment classes. All students who are currently in the 2018 Enrichment classes will automatically be considered for testing. After the testing process has been completed the school panel will meet and determine which students are the best applicants for the two classes.

Application for the class will be either:

- class teacher nomination
- parent nomination

Students will be selected for the class on the basis of:

- exhibiting superior skills in Key Learning Areas, particularly Literacy and Numeracy
- teacher recommendation based on student performance
- current achievement aligned to stage outcomes
- achievement levels in NAPLAN Testing (if appropriate)
- results from standardised aptitude testing

All students will complete the OLSAT standardised test under the supervision Mrs Kate Buczko. A committee will make the final decision about the students in the class. You will receive a letter if your child has been nominated by a teacher for an enrichment class and you will need to sign it acknowledging the nomination of your child so as to give permission for he/she to be included in the testing process for the 2019 classes. It is very important that you adhere to the dates and information provided.

If you believe that your child should be considered for placement in the enrichment class for 2019, please discuss this option with your child's class teacher. Then complete the form below and return it to Mrs Buczko by Thursday 1 November 2018.

If you have any questions about the enrichment program for 2019 please contact Mrs Buczko by making an appointment through the school office.

Enrichment Classes 2019

I would like to nominate my child _____ of class _____ to be considered for placement in the enrichment class for 2019. I have discussed this with my child's teacher and we agree that my child is to participate in testing for their chance at a placement in the class.

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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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 practise.

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 Mate 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.



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Registration for Term 4, 2018 is open with limited places in the free Wauchope Go4Fun which runs Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm to 5.30pm starting October 17th at Wauchope Public School. All welcome.

Register at Freecall 1800 780 900 or at www.go4fun.com.au

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Frequently asked questions

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Reading aloud and talking about what we're reading sharpens children's brains. It helps develop their ability to concentrate at length, to solve problems logically, and to express themselves more easily and clearly.

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