



# Wauchope Public School

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**Term 4 Week 9  
Newsletter  
Thursday  
13 December 2018**

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### **Thursday 13 December**

- ☀ K-2 Christmas Concert - 4:00pm
- ☀ K-2 Disco - 5:00-6:00pm - \$5
- ☀ P&C Meeting - 5:15pm
- ☀ P&C Christmas Dinner - 6:15pm

### **Monday 17 December**

- ☀ Stage 2 Pool Party
- ☀ Stage 1 Movie Day
- ☀ Reports will be sent home

### **Tuesday 18 December**

- ☀ Stage 3 Pool Party
- ☀ Kindergarten Fun Day

### **Wednesday 19 December**

- ☀ Term 4 concludes for students
- 2019**

### **Friday 18 January**

- ☀ Extra Uniform Shop Opening  
Hours 9:00am - 11:00am

### **Saturday 19 January**

- ☀ Extra Uniform Shop Opening  
Hours 9:00am - 11:00am

### **Wednesday 30 January**

- ☀ Term 1 commences for  
students Year 1 - Year 6

### **Wednesday 6 February**

- ☀ Kindergarten Start

## **Merry Christmas**



On behalf of the Wauchope Public School Staff I would like to wish everyone involved with WPS a very Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday period.

It has been another fantastic year at WPS. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with our wonderful school over the year. The children have had tremendous experiences and have all developed socially and academically. A huge thank you to our P&C and to our school staff for all of their commitment, dedication and positive attitude. Every decision we make is for the benefit of the children at our sensational school!

I hope the WPS children have a fantastic holiday and we look forward to seeing them again in the New Year.

## **ANZAC DAY**

In 2015 - 2017, Year 6 students made little wooden crosses at the Australian War Memorial during the Canberra excursion. The students wrote lovely words of thanks and recognition to Australians who have died during war time. I hadn't heard anything about these crosses until I started receiving a few emails during the year from current Australian Servicemen. The servicemen had been visiting grave sights from around the world and found crosses made by Wauchope Public School students. I just think this is incredibly special and have saved it for our last newsletter. I've included some excerpts from those emails.



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## Christmas Concert

I know the K-2 boys and girls have been practising for this fun event which is on this afternoon. I know it is always a very relaxed and fun way to finish the year. The children are very excited and as usual I've noticed above average excitement from the teachers. I'd love to say which ones but don't want to get in trouble. I'll leave it up to you to decide if anyone is over excited. All are welcome to attend. Please keep your children with you. They shouldn't be playing unsupervised.

## K-2 Disco

The K-2 Disco is between 5pm and 6pm this afternoon. The cost is \$5. Please be at the hall at 6pm to pick your child up. Unfortunately, three parents had to be phoned after the Stage 2 Disco and their children were not collected until 6:30pm which is very unfair on the teachers who would have had an extremely big day today with teaching, the concert and then disco. Thanks in advance.

## Pool Parties/Movie Days

I'm sure all children attending these days will have a sensational time. What a fantastic way to finish off the term. If your child is attending a pool party please ensure they have a hat, sensible clothing, a rashie, sunscreen, food and plenty of liquids.

## SRC Fundraiser

The last day of school is an out of uniform day. Please bring a gold coin donation for the privilege. The SRC want to look at purchasing a buddy seat and an SRC noticeboard as a gift to the school.

*"Good morning Wauchope Primary School, My name is Craig Rees and I have served in the Airforce for some 27 years currently based at RAAF Base Williamtown Newcastle. I recently returned from a 7 month deployment on OP Mazurka in the Sinai Desert, Egypt. Whilst on my deployment I was lucky enough to be involved in the Cairo ANZAC Day dawn service at the Commonwealth cemetery in the centre of Cairo. I was Catiplaque Commander for the Australian and New Zealand contingent members and it was an amazing service in a place where it all started some 114 years ago.*

*After the service while I was walking around the cemetery looking through some of the names of the Australians buried there, I was offered a box with some crosses in them that some Australian school children had written on in respect and thanks for the service of some of the fallen Australians. I picked one out of the box, placed it at a grave and said a little prayer of thanks for both myself and Jackson from 6CW Wauchope Primary School."*



*"Recently I travelled to Villers Bretonneux in France for ANZAC Day. Whilst we were there we were given some Crosses which Australian School Children had made. One cross I received was made by Kurt W from Wauchope Public School. I was hoping I could contact Kurt to let him know that we visited Prowse Point Cemetery in Belgium which is at the site of the Christmas Truce whilst we were there. Alan Mather was recently buried in this cemetery after his remains were found in 2008 at the site of Ploegsteert diggings. I have attached the photo of Kurt's cross with the head stone of Alan and also the link with the information of his burial and his military history.*





## Kindergarten Best Start Testing

All children starting Kindergarten in 2019 will receive a letter in January with their child's Best Start assessment date, time and class. Kindergarten children commence school on Wednesday 6 February 2019 at staggered times.

## P&C Meeting

Tonight is the last P&C meeting for the year. We will meet in the staff room from 5:15pm and then we will celebrate with any P&C volunteers and staff from WOOSH and our canteen. Hope to see everyone who has supported our school this year.

## Last Day

Last day for students is Wednesday 19 December.

## 2019

Students Years 1 to 6 will commence the 2019 School Year on Wednesday 30 January 2019. Kindergarten students will receive a letter in late January notifying them of their Best Start Assessment/Interview time. Kindergarten students will then commence school on Wednesday 6 February 2018.

## Holiday School Security

If you see people trespassing in our school, please contact the local police or ring the School Safety and Security 24 hour line on 1300 880 021.

Records of all the calls are kept. If people keep calling, then maybe our police station may be manned permanently.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.

*I have also sent a copy of the photo to the family and acknowledged Kurt's gift of the cross."*

<http://oa.anu.edu.au/obituary/mather-alan-james-16818>

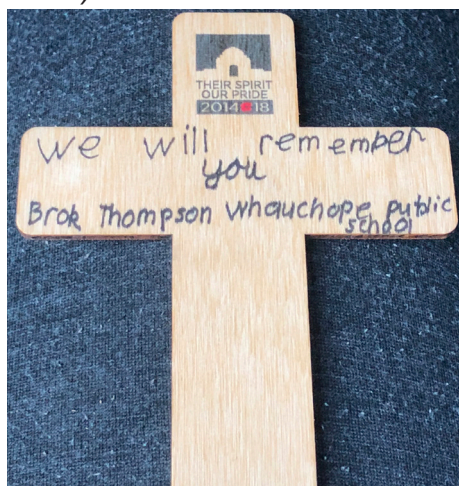
Lindy Dale



*"At the ANZAC Day Dawn service at Villers Bretonneux this year we were handed some wooden crosses that children from Australian schools had sent messages on.*

*As we were visiting many war cemeteries we placed the crosses on Australian soldiers graves. One of the crosses I had was from Brok T from your school. I am attaching photos of his cross and the grave where we left it for him.*

*Regards, Carol Harris (Coolac, NSW)."*



## Student Reports

These will be sent home on Monday 17 December in an envelope addressed to the parents. Please contact the school if you have not received your child's report on Tuesday. Please take time to read these with your child/ren. If you would like to discuss your child's report with the class teacher please arrange a suitably convenient time.

I would also advise making contact with your child's 2019 teacher within the first few school weeks of 2019 to discuss your child's weaknesses, strengths and any other information that supports your child such as health, wearing glasses, friendship groups etc.

## Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday evening was great fun. Congratulations to Year 6 for completing (almost) Primary School. A chapter in their lives has just been completed. On behalf of every WPS teacher who has taught the Class of 2018 over the past seven years, we wish them all the best for their future life.

Boys and girls, you only get one chance at life and receiving a good education is crucial. If you waste your chance, then you will only have yourself to blame. There will be some great times ahead but there will be some difficult times. If you make the right choices, then you should go well.

- ☀ **Believe that you can make a difference ....**
- ☀ **What you do or become will depend on you ....**
- ☀ **How successful you are in life will depend on you ....**
- ☀ **Make the most of all the opportunities that will be offered to you...**

## Christmas Stockings

Please see recommended required equipment lists for the various Stages below. You may ask Santa to include some of these items in Santa Bags.



### Year 1 and 2 Equipment Requirements

Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name and replenished each term

- ✓ tissues
- ✓ lead pencils
- ✓ headphones
- ✓ 1 x packet whiteboard markers
- ✓ ream of white A4 photocopy paper
- ✓ 4 x glue sticks (we use these up quickly!)
- ✓ textas/coloured pencils (Year 2 only)

We encourage that in Year 1 coloured pencils and textas can stay at home for homework.

NB: It is a school rule that white-out is not to be used at school. Please do not bring white-out to school.

The above items are important to the learning of your child. We understand that not every child will have a full-set of new items to begin the year and as such the school does have equipment available for students to borrow if needed. The school provides students with all writing books necessary for school work as well as dictionaries and atlases for research.



### Stage 2 Equipment Requirements

Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name and replenished each term

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 blue pens - Year 4 only, when you have been given your Pen Licence   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 thin black marker         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 red pens - Year 4 only, when you have been given your Pen Licence  | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 thick black marker        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 HB lead pencils (Staedler or equivalent please. The cheap ones continually break and will not sharpen properly.) | <input type="checkbox"/> pencil sharpener            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30cm ruler (not bendy)   | <input type="checkbox"/> erasers                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 glue sticks (not runny glue please)  | <input type="checkbox"/> scissors                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> colouring pencils/crayons  | <input type="checkbox"/> highlighters                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> coloured textas  | <input type="checkbox"/> homework book (A4 book)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 whiteboard markers (personal use)  | <input type="checkbox"/> pencil case with name on it |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> one box of tissues          |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> one roll of paper towel     |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> one ream of paper           |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> calculator is OPTIONAL      |

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### Stage 3 Equipment Requirements

Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| ✓ 4 blue pens                           | ✓ scissors                              |
| ✓ 2 red pens                            | ✓ geometry set (compass and protractor) |
| ✓ 4 lead pencils (HB)                   | ✓ highlighters                          |
| ✓ 30cm ruler (not bendy)                | ✓ homework book (A4 book)               |
| ✓ 4 glue sticks (not runny glue please) | ✓ pencil case with name on it           |
| ✓ colouring pencils/crayons             | ✓ one box of tissues                    |
| ✓ 1 thin black mapping pen              | ✓ one roll of paper towel               |
| ✓ pencil sharpener                      | ✓ one ream of paper                     |
| ✓ erasers                               | ✓ whiteboard markers (personal use)     |
| ✓ USB Labelled                          | ✓ coloured textas                       |
| ✓ calculator                            | ✓ diary (optional)                      |

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A huge thank you to Mrs Gowan for coordinating the evening, to Kaela/Jens for their photography/place cards and to mums Sarscha Walker, Mel Tichy and Kaela Croft, for set up/ decorations and assisting with Year 5 disco.

Year 6 students received their graduation certificate and photo yesterday at a very special Year 6 Graduation ceremony. One of the highlights were the slide shows looking back at their three main excursions. I also loved listening to the teachers speaking about their classes.

## National Your Health Link Photographic Competition



One of our 2019 Kindergarten students, Jahara W has won third prize in the Primary School category of the National Your Health Link Photographic competition.

<http://www.yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au/>

As a result, our school has also won \$1500 in prize money funding to be used towards our healthy school canteen program. Fantastic Jahara. Well done!

## 2019 Student Numbers

Planning for 2019 is almost complete. We are prepared for a 33 class model and a 34 class model. The decision is totally

dictated by student numbers. Please ensure you notify the school if you are moving away from the area and your child will no longer be enrolled at WPS. This will greatly assist with our class formations.

On Wednesday 29 January students will be placed in temporary classes. Once we are confident of our student numbers and therefore staffing allocation, we will move into our official 2019 classes.

## Library Books

Please return all library books. Missing books cost money to replace.

## Remembrance Day

I received a lovely letter from the Wauchope RSL Sub Branch thanking our students for making hundreds of poppies and for marching at this very significant historical occasion.

## Mr Cameron Osborne

## NSW Premier's Reading Challenge



Congratulations to Paris, Isabella and Jacob who received a Gold Award for completing four consecutive years of the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. This is a wonderful achievement and shows the commitment these students have to reading and learning. Well done! The Premier's will start again in March 2019 for any interested students.

Danielle Wheatley.



## Free Dress Day

On Wednesday 19/12/2018, the SRC will be having a Free Dress Day K – 6 to raise money for a present from our group to the school. We have decided on a Buddy Bench for the Primary area and an SRC noticeboard. We would appreciate a gold coin donation.

Our theme this term is 'Summer Christmas Holidays', maybe some students could even dress as a Christmas present. Teachers will collect the money in the morning in their classroom and send it to the office.

We appreciate your support in our endeavours and are continually amazed at the wonderful efforts made by our students. We look forward to a colourful day where students engage in our three expectations, Show Respect, Follow Instructions and Be Safe.

Wauchope PS S.R.C. and Ms Henry

## Junior Primary Choir



Mrs Brassey has been teaching our junior primary choir this year and they performed the song 'Electricity' at last weeks Presentation Day.

## School Band Forms

Please return the school band forms for 2019 ASAP.

## Year 6 Graduates

6JG



6MN



6CW



6BC



6SG



6JB



## Patrick White - Young Indigenous Writing Competition



The fabulous students in 1MT collaboratively wrote an entry about all of the local places we like to go swimming and entered the 'Patrick White' writing competition! We were lucky to win an Encouragement Award and \$100 to spend in 2019.

## HUB Activities



Our school psychologist, Miss Gemma, made a very traditional spanish paella for our students in the HUB. Thank you Gemma!



## Aboriginal Kindergarten Transition Program



Our 2019 Aboriginal Kindergarten children participated in a transition program for six weeks in Term 4. The program named 'Hands Up For School' was delivered with the parents in attendance. Parents worked with their child and supported them with the activities. This gave the parents assistance in further developing skills at home.



The focus of the program is for readiness and writing, working on posture stability, hand strength, hand dominants and using fingers prewriting. The social environment for both the children as well as the parents is invaluable. The program was successful with over half of our Aboriginal students in attendance throughout the six weeks. We look forward to 2019 when they start Kindergarten. A big thank you to Mrs Cindy Dignum who delivered the program and to Stacey Ritchie and Aunty Maree who assisted.

## BroSpeak Program



Our Year 5/6 Aboriginal boys, in Term 4, participated in the 'BroSpeak program'. This Program is designed to help the boys be strong in their Aboriginal Identity and smart in their approach to achieving their goals. BroSpeak links Aboriginal boys with local Aboriginal male role models.



Utilising the knowledge and support from male elders within our community. The boys worked on topics such as; Connecting to Country, Relationships, Conflict Resolution, Career and Leadership. As part of the program the boys participated in a cultural activity of their choice and they decided to learn the process of picking and making their own Clapsticks.



Overall the program has been successful in engaging with the boys in the group and the school has seen improved behaviours and attendance at school from the delivery of this program. Big thank you to Mr Jigh Sallustio and Jamie Donovan for their time and sharing their knowledge.





## BEFORE SCHOOL CARE?

Do you need before school care for 2019?

WOOSH is considering opening before school care starting Term 1 next year! We are currently taking expressions of interest from all families who would consider using a before school care service in the safety of our school grounds with highly trained educators. We are considering opening 6:30am - 8:30am with a basic breakfast provided for just \$15 per day.

Call Alex now to register your interest on 0412 852 441.

## Vacation Care

WOOSH is once again offering care Thursday 20 December and Friday 21 December 2018.

WOOSH will then be closed for two weeks. Re-opening Monday 7 January 2019 and runs through until Friday 25 January.

We are offering a Pupil Free Day on Monday 28 January 2019.

Closing Date - 3 December 2018.

If you would like your child to attend After School Care 2019 please come into the centre and place their name on the list with the required days. Please note that due to priority of places, we cannot guarantee a place for your child but we will try to accommodate all families.

Anybody using care for 2019 will need to complete an enrolment form with accompanying documents/information. Closing date for bookings is Thursday 10 January 2019.

## Registrations Now Being Taken For 2019!!

We are currently taking registrations for 2019! Get in quick as positions are filling fast!! Vacation care will be running throughout the school holidays and isn't just for working families! If you would like to send your child in for a special excursion day or just some extra stimulation with friends keeping active and having fun, call Alex now to book in your spot before we book out!

Remember all children enrolled to start Kindergarten in 2019 are also eligible to attend vacation care this school holidays! For more information or to book a place for after school or vacation care, please call Alex on 0412 852 441.

## Vice President Position Vacant

If you have been thinking about getting involved in our school a little more, why not consider taking on a position with the P&C? Become a part of our new look P&C committee! We have great new ideas and would love to welcome some new members!!

It's a great role to ease into and learn more about our great school and the important role our P&C plays. The bonus is you can be involved as little or as much as possible and your child will love seeing you around the school!

Our last meeting for the year is the 13 December at 5.15pm in the staffroom (please note change of time due to Christmas celebrations).

For further information on the role please don't hesitate to contact Sarsha on 0400 535 842.

## Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets and notes have all gone out now!

The P&C have worked extremely hard to create such a great Raffle with every prize donated to our great school.

If you missed out on raffle tickets, or would like more to sell, please collect from the front office and please return all sold and unsold tickets to the front office.

This is our major fundraiser for 2018 so let's work together and sell as many tickets as possible!

## Wauchope Public School P&C Association

### GIGANTIC CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

It's our biggest and best raffle yet!!

Amazing prizes and tickets are just \$2.00 each!!

**1st Prize:** Return flights for two people, Port Macquarie to Brisbane with Alliance Airlines two adult cruise tickets with River City Cruises Brisbane, Cassegrain Wine twin pack, \$100 Gift card at the Good Guys and one all day pass at Stoney Aqua Park.

**2nd Prize:** One night at Opal Cove resort for two adults & two children, two Big Banana fun passes, tickets to Tree Tops Adventure Park and a \$50 Kmart voucher.

**3rd Prize:** JK Design & Media \$150 family photo shoot, Majestic Cinema Family Pass and the Landmark Resort Nelson Bay Voucher for \$89 discount for three nights

**4th Prize:** Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights family pass and 5kg meat pack from Meltique Beef.

**5th Prize:** Two adult passes to Taronga Zoo and 5kg meat pack from Meltique Beef.

**6th Prize:** Beautiful Samantha Wills Jewellery Set & Aqua Vitae Day Spa Hot Stone Massage Voucher.

**7th Prize:** Cassegrain Wine twin pack and Your Discount Chemist Perfume Gift Pack and two for one movie pass.

**8th Prize:** Two games of golf with cart hire at Wauchope Country Club, \$25 voucher at 24 King Restaurant at Wauchope Country Club and two for one movie pass.

**9th Prize:** \$25 Hastings Fresh Meat Voucher and two x two for one movie passes.

**10th Prize:** Port Macquarie Panthers Vouchers and two for one movie pass.

**11-15th:** Two for one movie passes at Majestic Cinemas

All prizes have been generously donated to our P&C to ensure the maximum fundraising for our great school.

Let's work together and sell as many tickets as possible as every dollar counts!

PLEASE RETURN ALL  
UNSOLD TICKETS TO THE  
FRONT OFFICE



#### TICKETS \$2.00 each

Extra tickets available at the School Office

All tickets must be returned by  
11.00am Wednesday 12 December 2018.

Raffle will be drawn at the K-2

Christmas Concert on Thursday 13

December 2018 between 4.00pm and 5.00pm.

All prize winners will be notified by a

member of the P&C. Prizes must be

collected by a parent / carer.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS FUNDRAISER





## Wauchope Netball Club

### Registrations /Information and Uniforms Days

Online Registrations open 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019

Dates: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 9am to 1pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 5pm till 8pm

Where: Wauchope RSL - Corner of Cameron and Young Street, Wauchope

Information available:

- Information and registrations for all new players, Birth Certificate required
- Assistance for anyone having difficulty registering online
- If attending to register please bring a device with data and we will assist with the online registration process.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU BRING A COPY OF YOUR ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

- Information regarding the **NEW Active Kids Voucher ...\$100.00**
- Grading day flyer
- Coaches needed
- Umpires needed

**Uniforms will be available for sale**

**Age Groups:**

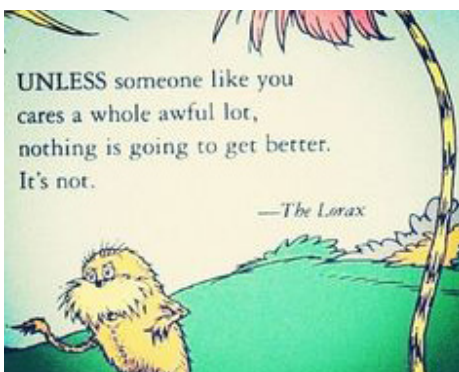
**Netta-Turning 5 to 9 years**

**Saturday Comp Players-Turning 10 years & over**

**Senior's-Monday nights -14 years and over eligible to play**

Please contact:

Kim Thompson-0408861898 for more information



## Year 6 Farewell



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WHS and Bago Community of Schools present

*A progressive theatrical extravaganza with delightful delicacies and entertaining*



**Postponed to Term 1 2019**

...an, friendship and fireworks! An interactive night for young and old.