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**Term 3 Week 1
Newsletter**

**Thursday
25 July 2019**

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Thursday 25 July

☀ Debating

Friday 26 July

☀ NAIDOC Assembly - 9:30am

☀ PSSA State Cross Country

Monday 29 July

☀ Environmental Visit - Stage 2

Tuesday 30 July - Friday 2 August

☀ Year 5 - Lake Keepit Excursion

Wednesday 31 July

☀ Environmental Visit - Stage 2

Thursday 1 August

☀ Debating

Monday 5 August - Friday 9 August

☀ Education Week - 'Every Student, Every Voice'

Monday 5 August

☀ Hastings Camden Haven Athletics carnival - Blackbutt Oval

Tuesday 6 August

☀ Bago Community of School Education Week awards 4:30pm

Wednesday 7 August

☀ WPS Education Week Open Classrooms K-2-12:30pm-1:00pm, 3-6-1:15pm-1:45pm

Thursday 8 August

☀ Touch Football Gala Day

☀ P&C Meeting - 6:30pm

Welcome Back



It was great to see our WPS students return this week. The WPS staff are looking forward to an enjoyable and busy term. I know your children will enjoy all of the in class and extra-curricular activities the staff have planned for them.

Please make every attempt to send your child/ren in correct school uniform especially school jumper/jacket and hat (Label everything).

As always I would ask that you do a stocktake with your child/ren and ensure they have the necessary and essential equipment required for school.

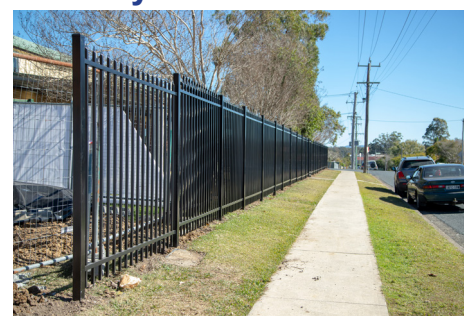
I would also ask that you assist us by reinforcing our three school expectations: Show Respect, Follow Instructions and Be Safe.

A good motto for life could be to continually better oneself. Your child's aim should be to attempt to receive a better report than Semester 1 especially in the effort, application and social skills sections.

Year 5 Lake Keepit Excursion

Good luck to the Year 5 students who are attending Lake Keepit next week. They will have a brilliant time. Thank you Mrs Moore for coordinating and to Mrs Pepperell, Mr Nicholson and Mrs Moore for attending the four day excursion.

Security Fence



We are so happy and relieved to finally have this fence to keep our students safe. The only gate that will be open between 9:15am and 2:55pm will be the front entrance. This is because all adult visitors should present at the front office on arrival so we know what adults are on school grounds. We will no longer have strangers using our school as a short cut. If we have an emergency we can now have a safer Lockdown.

The first part of the security fence has been almost completed. The last section will be at the front



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NAIDOC Celebrations



On Tuesday we commenced our NAIDOC celebrations with a brilliant Flag Raising ceremony. The students are doing fun activities all week. Our NAIDOC assembly is on tomorrow commencing at 9:30am. Parents and special guests are invited for a cuppa from 9am. All children will receive some sort of treat on this day. Congratulations to the Aboriginal committee for organising such a fun and informative week.



and rear of our Special Education play area and the construction site of our new building.

There will be some teething problems and at times some gates will be opened late or locked early. We anticipate it will take time for us all to change our routine. Please be patient and if you have to walk a little further to get it to an open gate just think to yourself that your children are much safer now and you are getting some extra exercise and fresh air. Once we get into a routine we may be able to open a gate during assembly times.

Toilet Refurbishment



Two of our refurbished toilets are opened and they look brilliant. We hope the K-2 toilets will be ready for use by next week. I have asked the students to take care of another fantastic new facility in our school. Toilets are very difficult to supervise for obvious reasons and we have to trust the children to be sensible and use this facility appropriately. Unfortunately, if we have vandalism it usually occurs in the toilets which is disappointing. I thought, having brand new toilets, our students would take care and look after them. Unfortunately, this has not been the case and one student has snapped a toilet seat on day 1. I have warned all students and now all parents that when a student is caught for vandalising or making a mess in our new

toilets there will be serious consequences. I'm sure you can understand our disappointment and dismay and we can expect your support with this stance.

School Development Day

On Monday part of our professional training was listening to a presentation on being safe on social media. It was actually quite scary how many creeps are online and how dangerous and unsafe some of these Apps and platforms are. Some tips that I thought were excellent are:

Teach young people not to say or repeat anything that they wouldn't say if the person were standing right in front of them.

Have a charging dock or space in the kitchen or family room so children do not have access to their devices after 8:30pm in their bedroom.

Talk to children about online privacy issues, making sure they know never to identify personal information such as their full name, address and age.

Learn how to recognise a scam.

Make sure the apps your children use are age appropriate.

Everyone get off TikTok. It's unsafe!

Stay positive. If you see something you disagree with – don't engage.

Silver Assemblies

Silver awards will be presented at the first Stage assemblies of the term. Please see times on Page 3. This is the next level in our merit award system. If your child displays satisfactory behaviour in and out of the classroom then they receive a tick or stamp. After 10 ticks they are awarded a Bronze certificate.

Kindergarten 2020



We are currently taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2020. If you have a child who turns 5 by July 31, 2020 then you need to complete an enrolment form. Please feel free to visit our school and collect an information pack including an enrolment form from our friendly office staff. It is helpful for us to receive these completed forms by the end of Term 3 2019 so we can start to plan our 2020 classes and make staffing decisions.

If you have relatives or friends who have a child commencing school next year, please pass on this message. New parents are welcome to contact myself to discuss your child and/or what our wonderful school has to offer.

Our Kinder Start program where children come to school each morning for a week will commence on Monday 9 September. This will commence with our famous Monday Funday and morning tea for parents.

All Pre Schools have information about our planned Kindergarten 2020 orientation activities.



After the next 10 ticks they earn a Silver award. Children then work towards a Gold award. If your child is receiving a Silver you should receive a notification letter in your child's bag. Any future awards are presented at the following Stage assembly.

Monday 29 July

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) 2:15pm

Tuesday 30 July

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) 2:20pm

Friday 2 August

Kindergarten 9:30am

Friday 2 August

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) 12:00pm

Education Week - 'Every Student, Every Voice'

This celebration of education at Wauchope Public School will be held during Week 3 this term.

On Wednesday 7 August we will have our Education Week Open Classrooms. This is an opportunity for parents and grandparents to visit their child's room. Having two separate play times for K-2 and 3-6 has complicated this year's open classrooms. The classrooms will be open for visitors between 12:30pm and 1:00pm for K-2 classes and between 1:15pm and 1:45pm for 3-6 classes. K-2 visitors can stay for lunch with their child from 1:00pm onwards and 3-6 parents can enjoy the afternoon break from 1:45pm. You may like to put in a canteen order and act like you were in Primary School again.

BAGO Community of Schools

As part of our Education Week celebrations we will participate in our local schools Education Week award ceremony.

Eight fantastic people from our school will receive special

awards on Tuesday 6 August. Students from our 3/4 and 5/6 Choir will also perform with other students from our local schools.



The celebrations commence with an afternoon tea from 4:30pm in the hall at Wauchope High School with the awards ceremony starting at 5:00pm.

I won't reveal our award winners but I can spark interest by saying three students, two community members, one School Administration Officer and two teachers will receive awards.

Debating

Good luck to our talented debaters who are competing today and also next Thursday. Thank you Miss Whiteoak for training and coordinating the team.

Community Grant

We are in the running to win a \$100,00 grant to assist with refurbishing Block 4. Only people in the Wauchope area can vote. Please follow the link and instructions to vote for our WPS project.

[Vote here and follow the on screen instructions.](#)

Sport

A huge congratulations to the girls PSSA soccer team who defeated Bellingen PS at the end of Term 2. Brilliant girls!

Mr Cameron Osborne

Library News



This year Wauchope Public School will be celebrating Book Week, Term 3, Week 5 August 19 - August 23. The theme for this year's book week and book parade will be 'Reading is my Secret Power'. This will be a huge week with students participating in many exciting activities. These will include:

- Pop up libraries where younger students' will enjoy being read to outside by our senior students'
- Scholastics Book Fair Thursday 22 August 8:00am – 3.30pm
- Book Week Parade Wednesday 21 August and a,
- Variety of book related activities.

The book parade will be here before we know it so start thinking about your costumes. The Book Fair is the libraries major fundraiser; please support our Book Fair if you are able to.

P&C News

SAVE THE DATE!!!



You won't want to miss our next major P&C fundraiser!!! October 24 2019 will be our first ever Obstacle-a-thon! Notes and more info as it gets closer!

Uni Students



Welcome to our Uni students:

Elise Baedell - 5/6CG, Jessica Kershaw - 5EM, Brittany Goodsell - 5/6CW and Nat Fullbrock - 6SG.

Class 3KD - Homework



The students in class 3KD made home made musical instruments from recycled materials. Very clever.

Author and Illustrator Visit



Illustrator - Donna Rawlins



Author - Simon French

This week Stage 3 have been lucky enough to have an author and illustrator visit Wauchope Public School. Simon French and Donna Rawlins conducted writing and visual literacy

workshops with students in Years 5 and 6. Our students were incredibly fortunate to be able to work with these two talented people and have learnt many tips for improving their writing and art work.

Class 5EM - Programming



Kindergarten Drop, Kiss and Go Approach

Kindergarten have had a successful first two terms learning class and school routines, and now they are experts! In order to continue this positive progress, in Term 3 teachers will be strongly encouraging parents and carers to utilise the Drop, Kiss and Go approach (drop your children off, say goodbye and then leave the school grounds) in the mornings. Please appreciate that with extra people in the playground (parents, carers, toddlers, and older siblings) teachers are very mindful of safety issues and our duty of care to our students. By using the Drop, Kiss and Go strategy we are promoting friendships and learning social skills with our peers, building our independence and resilience, and getting ready for the next big step ... Year 1 !

Thanking you in advance,
Kindergarten Teachers

Community News



Social Media - Top Tips for Parents

- Talk to children about online privacy issues, making sure they know to never to identify personal information such as their full name, address, age, school and don't ever post photos in school uniform.
- Teach your children to respect people's privacy and don't share anyone else's personal information online without permission.
- Don't tag photos of your children at their school if your accounts are not set to completely private. This is a child safety issue as anyone driving past can search the school on Instagram and see all of the photos that have been tagged at the school, often by parents who have not set their account to private on Instagram. If your account is not completely private, anyone can see your photos of your child, their name, the name of the cat, where you go on holiday, what your family does on weekends, when birthdays were and other information about your family and your life. Therefore a complete stranger could make up a story that could be very convincing to your child by using the information you have shared in a public forum of more than 500million users.
- If you are going to post anything with a significant fact, check it first.
- Teach your children to understand the importance of passwords, keeping them private and changing regularly.
- Learn how to recognise a scam. If it is too good to be true, it probably is.
- Make sure the apps you allow your kids to use are age appropriate.
- Don't be patronising or insulting to anyone. This kind of behaviour validates bad behaviour in children as they often see it if you are connected to young people on social media.

- Ban devices from the bedroom from as young as possible. Set boundaries around use.
- Share pictures and videos only with consent. And respect the privacy of others.
- Keep your love-life and arguments off social media.
- Stay positive. If you see something you disagree with - don't engage.
- Consider the fact that children in the background of photos or videos you take at your child's school may be on "no public" lists. Some children are in protective custody or witness protection and an innocent photo posted on social media could be disastrous.
- Teach young people not to say, or repeat anything that they wouldn't say if the person were standing right in front of them.
- Recognise that other people's opinions may be different to their own and that does not give them permission to attack those opinions online.
- Remember that even an emoji can be taken out of context by someone reading it.
- Use your head and your heart and don't let emotion be the only thing driving you to post.
- Make sure you respect classification on games, they are there for a reason.
- Make sure the young people in your care know that under no circumstances they should go and meet up with anyone they meet online. Stranger Danger rules apply because they are now literally on digital steroids and 24/7.

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Who: Under 8's (4:15pm - 5:15pm)
Under 10's (5:15pm - 6:15pm)

Where: Port Macquarie Sports Stadium
1 Hibbard Dr, Port Macquarie

Dates: Term 3 & 4 (14 weeks)
15th August - 5th December

Cost: New participants \$120.00
Returning participants \$100.00

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