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## Term 4 Week 10

### Newsletter

Thursday

14 December 2023

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## Upcoming Events

### Thursday 14 December

- K-2 Christmas Concert - 1:30pm
- P&C Meeting - 6:00pm

### Friday 15 December

- Kindergarten Disco  
12:00pm-1:00pm
- Stage 3 Stoney Aqua Park
- Year 2 Fun Day - Taree
- Year 6 Guard of Honour-2:45pm
- Last day of Term 4 for students

### Monday 18 December

- School Development Day -  
Staff only

### Tuesday 19 December

- School Development Day -  
Staff only

### Thursday 21 December

- Woosh Christmas Party

### Saturday 20 January 2024

- Uniform Shop Open  
10:00am - 12:00pm

### Thursday 1 February

- Term 1 commences for students  
in Years 1 to 6

### Friday 2 February

- 3-6 Swimming Carnival

### Thursday 8 February

- Kindergarten commences school



## Year 6 Farewell

### Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

Year 6 students received their graduation certificate and photo yesterday at a very special Year 6 Graduation ceremony. I absolutely loved hearing the Year 6 teachers speak so fondly of their students. The messages from Miss Emmeriks (via Mr Dragos), Ms Laing, Mr Grech, Mr Sallustio and Mr Beard were very special. I thoroughly enjoyed the slide shows looking back at the past seven years. The slide show included their 2017 Kindergarten activities. The boys and girls looked like miniature versions of their current selves. I always love the Kindergarten to Year 6 photos.

### Year 6 Farewell

Last night was great fun. Congratulations to Year 6 for completing Primary School. A chapter in their lives has just been completed. On behalf of every WPS teacher who has taught the Class of 2023 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 as well. If you make the right choices, then you should go well.



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## 2024 Swimming Carnival

The annual swimming carnival will be held on Friday 2 February. Please note this is the second day of the school year.

### School Uniform Shop

Uniforms will be available for purchase on Saturday 20 January 2024 between 10:00am and 12:00pm.

## 2024

Students in Years 1 to 6 will commence the 2024 School Year on Thursday 1 February.

### Uniform Donations

A clever Year 6 student (Eden B) thought it would be a good idea if Year 6 students donated their school hats to the school if they are still in good condition. This could apply for any student if you are purchasing larger sizes, you may consider donating used shirts/uniforms back to the school.

### Kindergarten Best Start Testing

All children starting Kindergarten in 2024 will receive a letter with their child's Best Start assessment date, time, and class. Best Start testing will occur between Thursday 1 February and Wednesday 7 February. Kindergarten children commence school on Thursday 8 February 2024 at staggered times between 9:00am and 11:00am. They are invited to visit the school between 9:30am and 10:30am on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 February.

### K-2 Christmas Concert

We will place some photos of this exciting event on our social media.

### 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....

Thank you to the Year 6 teachers, Mr Jens, Mrs Laing and SLSO's making yesterday and last night so special.

### Year 6 Student Signatures

Year 6 traditionally like to get signatures from their friends. Students have been reminded that they may bring a book, teddy or school shirt to be signed. Clothes that are worn on the day are not to be signed.

### Semester 2 Student Reports

These were sent home on Tuesday 12 December in an envelope addressed to the parents. Please contact the school if you have not received your child's report.

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.

We hope to have student/parent/teacher meetings early in 2024 so you can discuss your child's weaknesses, strengths and any other information that supports your child such as health, wearing glasses, friendship groups etc.

### Let's Celebrate!

A big thank you to the WPS staff who have organised any of the special grade celebrations this week or last week.

I'm sure the Christmas carols this afternoon from 1:30pm will be great fun. We have enjoyed discos, pool parties, graduations, farewells, lunches and fun days. It's been big!

### Year 6 Aboriginal Lunch



Thank you, Auntie Maree, for coordinating this and to Mr Hurrell for cooking. Special thanks to our parent volunteers who have assisted our Aboriginal Year 6 students over the last seven years. We really appreciate your support.



### Day of the Notables



Congratulations to the students in 5/6JE for your fantastic research and multimedia presentation skills on your day of the notables.





Thank you Corey for your generous Lego donation to our school.

Corey Tutt OAM is an Aboriginal Australian STEM professional, author, social entrepreneur and the founder of DeadlyScience, an initiative that provides STEM resources to remote schools throughout Australia. In 2020 he was named the NSW Young Australian of the Year.

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## 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.

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with our wonderful school over the year. A huge thank you to our P&C and to our school staff for all their commitment, dedication and positive attitude.

Every decision we make is for the benefit of the children at our sensational school!

We posted 448 envelopes on Tuesday morning to our WPS families. Hopefully you will receive a nice little surprise in the post soon.

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

## 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.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.

**Cameron Osborne**

## Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service



Our student leaders presented the Westpac Helicopter Service with a donation yesterday.

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## Year 3 Dioramas



## Community News



# PORT UNITED

# 6-A-SIDE

*Pre Season*

# TOURNAMENT

**2ND FEB  
TO  
5TH APR**

Age Groups  
U6 U8 U10 U12 U14

10 Week Tournament

Registrations Opening Soon

Friday Afternoon

Tuffins Lane, Port Macquarie

Registration Per Team **\$625**

For more information, contact Aaron Collier - aaronc05@icloud.com



We must let the Children know about the fun, **FREE** activities this Thursday afternoon

Like the bouncing castle, nerf gun targets, face painting, glitter tattoos & mechanical ponies?

Don't forget the fire trucks, Christmas markets, Girl Guides and SANTA!

## Thursday 14th Dec

## 4-8pm - Wauchope IGA





## Year 6 Graduation





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Dear Parents and Carers,

Below is the suggested list for school equipment and some important reminders re: uniform. These items help us to implement daily classroom activities. We understand that not every child will have a full set of items to begin the year; the school will supply any items a student may not be able to provide. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name where possible.

## Uniform reminders in preparation for next year:

- ✓ Shoes: Black with black laces. Preferably supportive shoes suitable for sports rather than skate shoes / Converse style. This helps ensure your child's feet are supported correctly and helps prevent foot problems later in life.
- ✓ Socks: Navy or black ankle socks.
- ✓ All other uniform items can be purchased from our school canteen. Our price list is attached. The Uniform Shop will be open 20 January 2024 10am-12pm.

These items are NOT part of the WPS uniform: Leggings, bike pants, black shorts or navy shorts with large brand names. Shorts and skorts are to be of a length suitable for active kids in primary school.

## Stationery

	Kindergarten	Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6
4 glue sticks (not runny glue)	✓	✓	✓	✓
4 whiteboard markers – finer tips are better than wider tips (for personal use)	✓	✓	✓	✓
1 roll paper towel	✓	✓	✓	✓
1 box tissues	✓	✓	✓	✓
Headphones-preferably bud style		✓	✓	✓
Pencil case		✓ Y2 only	✓	✓
1 ream A4 paper		✓	✓	✓
4 HB lead pencils – good quality, eg Staedtler		✓	✓	✓
Coloured pencils		✓ Year 2 only	✓	✓
Texas- Try to avoid connectors as these are very distracting.		✓ Year 2 only	✓	✓
2 blue pens			✓ Y4, after getting pen licence	✓ 4 blue pens
2 red pens			✓	✓
30cm ruler (not bendy)			✓	✓
1 thick black marker for Art			✓	✓
Pencil sharpener (barrel type)			✓	✓
Erasers			✓	✓
Scissors			✓	✓
2 highlighters			✓	✓
A4 homework book			✓	✓
Calculator				✓
Geometry set: compass and protractor				✓