



# Wauchope Public School

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## Term 4 Week 6 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### Monday 13 November - Friday 24 November

- Intensive Swimming Years 2 and 3

### Tuesday 21 November

- Year 6 Charles Sturt University Excursion

### Wednesday 22 November

- Sporting House Captain Speeches and elections
- AECG Meeting

### Thursday 23 November

- Attendance Reward Barbecue

### Friday 24 November

- Year 6 Cool at School Day

### Tuesday 28 November

- Year 6 Public Schools Orientation day

### Thursday 30 November

- Kindergarten Orientation Day 9:30-10:30am
- Uniform Shop open 2:00pm-5:30pm

### Friday 1 December

- Kindergarten Orientation Day 9:30-10:30am

### Monday 4 December

- K-2 Presentation Day - 9:30am

### Tuesday 5 December

- Stage 2 Presentation Day - 9:30am
- Year 1 Fun Day 9:30-12:30

### Wednesday 6 December

- Student Leaders Lunch
- Day of the Notables

### Thursday 7 December

- Stage 3 Presentation Day - 9:30am
- Kindergarten Twilight Evening 5:00pm - 6:30pm
- Uniform Shop open



## 2024 Kindergarten Twilight Evening

Our new students and parents are invited to attend a twilight evening at our school on Thursday 7 December between 5:00pm and 6:30pm.

## Student Leadership Speeches

Sixteen boys and girls delivered their leadership speeches yesterday. Year 4, 5 and very proud parents formed a live audience and other grades, and family members could view the speeches on our live link. Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and staff then voted to produce our final eight student leaders that will include two school captains, two vice captains and four prefects.

It is a great honour to be a student leader at our school. Congratulations to all candidates for taking the risk or chance to put themselves forward for this role.

One of our candidates pointed out that 2018 was the first year we presented the Wauchope Star when the current Year 5 were in Kindergarten.

Most of our candidates have achieved a star every year since and will be aiming for seven in 2024.

I'm sure successful candidates accept victory graciously and those who don't quite get the votes, also accept the decision well! This sort of empathy and



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## Remembrance Day



Congratulations to our student leaders for leading this ceremony last week. Thank you to all of the boys and girls who made poppies for special class wreaths that were laid. Thank you, Mrs Smithwick, for coordinating the ceremony and Mr Nicholson's art group for their fantastic chalk drawing.



resilience sets excellent leaders apart from the rest.

I will endeavour to send a letter home to each of the 16 candidates' parents tomorrow. The actual eight roles will be announced at the 5/6 Presentation Day on Thursday 7 December.

### House Captains

Once we know who our eight student leaders are we will then have our House Captain election next Wednesday. Please note if a student is voted into one of the eight leadership roles, they are not eligible to participate in the House Captains election.

### Year 6 Cool at School Day

This is a fun fundraiser Year 6 lead where they organise fun games or challenges with small prizes. They are raising money for their Year 6 gift to the school. The note went out on Monday. The cost is \$5 for three activities. If you want your child to have more tickets, please send in \$5 cash to the class teacher. The day is on Friday 24 November.

### Kindergarten Orientation Days



All pre-schoolers are invited to attend big school between 9:30am and 10:30am on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 November.

### Presentation Days

Please see the dates and times below.

9:30am Monday 4 December - Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 class awards

9:30am Tuesday 5 December - Years 3 and 4 class awards

9:30am Thursday 7 December - Years 5 and 6, class awards and leadership announcement

### P&C Uniform Shop

Ruth will open the uniform shop for two extra afternoons for extended hours. The dates are Thursday 30 November and Thursday 7 December between 2:00pm and 5:30pm. The P&C will also open the uniform shop on Saturday 20 January between 10:00am and 12:00pm for any last-minute purchases.

### Student Numbers for 2024

I am requesting that if you know your child won't be returning to school in the first few days (possibly an extended holiday or stay at the grandparents) to notify me in writing that your child/ren will be returning to Wauchope Public School (with date if known). This is so we can include them in our student numbers. These numbers are vitally important as once I have submitted them, staffing confirm the allocation of teachers and office staff we will have for 2024. Sometimes one or two children can give us an extra class and teacher or alternatively we could lose a class/staff member.

It is also vitally important that you notify the school if your child won't be attending WPS in 2024 for the same reasons as above. Thank you in advance.

### Enrichment Classes

Recently students in Years 4 and 5 have undertaken a series of tests to assist us with decisions re placement in our Year 5/6



## Rotary Garden Expo Art Competition



Congratulations are extended to the two award recipients in the Rotary Garden Expo art competition. Well done to Tyler B who was awarded overall winner and to William A who received a highly commended. Thank you to Wauchope Rotary for making a donation to our school library in acknowledgement of our two wonderful Wauchope winners.

## Essential Energy Art Competition



During Term 3, students at Wauchope Public School were given the opportunity to participate in an art competition run by Essential Energy. Several students from Kindergarten to Year 6 created wonderful pieces of art which also carried an important electrical safety message.

Congratulations are extended to Tyler B and Thomas R, who were awarded runners up in the Stage 3 comic competition. Wauchope Public School was also awarded the participation prize in this competition, earning our school \$500.

enrichment class. There were many students participating and as a result some children who have sat the tests have been unsuccessful. I would ask that you talk with your child about how competitive this process is, how clever they are just for getting to sit the test and that we always need to look at the positives if we miss out on anything in life. For example, some students perform better in a mainstream class where they are at the top of the class, achieving success, feeling good about themselves compared to possibly just scraping into an enrichment class and not feeling that they are being successful.

## Attendance Reward Barbecue



The next reward attendance barbecue is on Thursday 23 November. Make sure if your child is absent an explanation note is sent to school.

## Intensive Swimming

The students are enjoying these sessions at the pool. I encourage all parents to access swimming lessons outside school. Swimming is a life saving skill.

## Year 6 Charles Sturt University

Good luck to Year 6 attending this excursion next week. I hope it gives them inspiration leading into High School.

**Cameron Osborne**

## Stage 1 Assembly Awards Term 4 Week 5

Class	Student
1JB	Caitlin M, Myah C
1KB	Allison H, Amelia S, Briona J
1MB	Chase F, Leo G
1LF	Lauren S, Willow J, Saxon S
2MT	Audrey R, Addi C
2MM	Amaya B, Ivy F
2JC	Harley McD, Nayra C
2MH	Noah N, Leyland T
K-6BC	Dominic W, Beau H
K-6AP	Dominic C, Lincoln B
Citizen of the week	Eloise B, Aria N, Billy T, Brooklyn R, Rheagan C









## K-2 Families

You're invited to our 2023

# K-2 Christmas Concert and Singalong!

**When:** 1.30pm Thursday 14 December

**Where:** WPS school hall

Students can wear their best festive outfits!

K-2 students and staff hope you can join us to celebrate the festive season!



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*Christmas*

**SALE DAYS**

**NOV 23, 24 & 25**

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  \* Excludes Akubra, food, electrical and already marked down items.