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**Term 4 Week 9
Newsletter
Thursday
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Upcoming Events

Thursday 7 December

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

Friday 8 December

- Year 3 Disco 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Year 4 Disco 1:45pm-2:45pm

Monday 11 December

- Kindergarten Fun Day 9:30am-12:30pm
- Year 5 Disco 1:45pm-2:45pm

Tuesday 12 December

- Year 1 Disco 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Year 2 Disco 1:45pm-2:45pm

Wednesday 13 December

- Year 6 Graduation - 9:30am
- Aboriginal/Year 6 lunch 12:30pm
- Year 6 Farewell 5:30pm

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



School Leaders 2024

Presentation Days

This week we have hosted three very enjoyable Presentation Days. It is one of my favourite times of the year. We love rewarding and acknowledging our talented, hardworking and clever students. It was great to have so many parents and relatives enjoying their child's success. This week we had Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 on Monday, Years 3 and 4 on Tuesday and Years 5 and 6 and Leadership announcements today.

The live YouTube feeds allowed students, parents, families and friends to watch them from the classroom, at home or at work. These links allow families to watch together at a later date or over and over again. I've included the links again so you can make

your Christmas visitors watch the ceremony.

K-2 - <https://youtube.com/live/E-ma0Vda7IE?feature=share>

Stage 2 - https://youtube.com/live/6K9bl_qPu0c?feature=share

Stage 3 - <https://youtube.com/live/cAZyvVk5xKI?feature=share>

Congratulations to all of the award winners and our new leadership team.

I would like to congratulate and farewell our 2023 school leaders. They have all shown excellent leadership skills throughout the year and I anticipate very bright futures for all of them. Well done Captains: Poppy H and Flynn M Vice Captains: Emerson S and Loki A Prefects: Amira G, Eva C, Connor R and Tyson P.



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**DUX****Major Awards****Co-curricular Awards****Sport Awards****Aboriginal Ambassador****Captains Speech**

Congratulations to the 2024 school leaders who were inducted today.

The captains are Jakyi C and Layla C. The Vice Captains are Harry E and Vienne M and the prefects are Angus S, Eloise C, Laikyn B and Milla N.

Other very special awards were:

Award	Awardee
English Award for Stage 3	<i>Maxwell H</i>
Mathematics Award for Stage 3	<i>Jayda D</i>
Attitude & Application Award Stage 3	<i>Eva C</i>
Citizenship Award Stage 3	<i>Flynn M</i>
HSIE Award Stage 3	<i>Tyler B</i>
Science and Technology Award Stage 3	<i>Thomas R</i>
PD/Health and PE Award Stage 3	<i>Isoa N</i>
Creative Arts Award Stage 3	<i>Alee T</i>
Sportswoman of the Year	<i>Shakiylah C</i>
Sportsman of the Year	<i>Peytyn D</i>
Premier Sporting Challenge	<i>Eden B</i>
Premier Sporting Challenge Supported Learning	<i>Flynn S</i>
3-6 Library Award	<i>Violet B</i>
Public Speaking	<i>Amira G</i>

Sport Awards	<i>Loki A, Harry E, Flynn M, Jai H, Emersyn S, Shakiylah C, Peytyn D, Isoa N, Flynn S, Levi T</i>
Sports House Leadership Team	Gordon - <i>Lewis D, Samarli D, Zayden A, Olivia C</i> Kendall - <i>Dominic G-E, Alaska J, Eli H, Kirra G</i> Lawson - <i>Josh M, Kyahni M, Zach M, Emmi L</i> Paterson - <i>Austyn W, Jordyn W, Harry T, Aaliyah W</i>
Outgoing Aboriginal Ambassador	<i>Lailani C</i>
Aboriginal Ambassador 2024	<i>Samarli D</i>
School Leaders 2024	<i>Jakyi C, Layla C, Harry E, Vienne M, Angus S, Eloise C, Laikyn B, Milla N</i>
DUX	<i>Maxwell H</i>
Citizen K-2	<i>Renee H</i>
Citizen Stage 2	<i>Alexis H</i>
Citizen Supported Learning	<i>Brock S</i>
Attitude & Application Stage 1	<i>Jackson S</i>
Attitude and Application Stage 2	<i>Jensen S</i>



Staff Awards



Acknowledgement of Country



Mr Osborne's Speech



Sports Awards



Nanga Mai Award



Sports House Captains 2024

Attitude and Application Supported Learning	<i>Jason B</i>
Excellence in English Stage 1	<i>Oakley B</i>
Excellence in English for Stage 2	<i>Harriett R</i>
Excellence in Mathematics Stage 1	<i>Archie E</i>
Excellence in Mathematics for Stage 2	<i>Indigo R</i>
Apex Public Speaking	<i>Oscar R</i>
Library Award K-2	<i>Parker M</i>

Thank you to the following people for their special contributions that ensured our special days were a success: Mr Lindner (certificates, slide shows, photography, YouTube links, sound), Mrs Buczko, (main organiser, script writer and editor, trophy and medallion engraving), Miss Taylor, Mrs Rock, Mrs Puchert, Mrs Darcy, Mrs Corcoran, Mr Beard, Mr Grech and Mrs Buczko (comperes), and Mrs O'Reilly.

Organising Presentation Days

It is a massive, combined team effort in producing these well organised, smooth and efficient presentations days. It is a process to have everything coordinated across such a large school to ensure these days are successful.

Firstly, the 32 class teachers have to type in their class award winners, each Stage has to decide and agree on the major award winners, nominations and elections occur for Aboriginal Ambassador,

Student Leaders and House Captains, three scripts are written, 256 certificates have to be printed, proofed (corrections reprinted) and signed by class teachers and myself, 149 WPS medallions have to be engraved, 22 plaques and four trophies engraved. Badges for the various leaders are arranged, at least 256 individual letters to parents with the correct YouTube live link are printed and sent home, slideshow created, certificates and medallions sorted and placed in order on stage to match the script, cameras and sound coordinated, photography, markings on stage to assist students, Captains speeches prepared, collection of correct award winners and have seated in order in hall and rehearsals. Let's add dance and choir rehearsals and preparation from our dance groups.

Kindergarten Twilight Tours

This exciting event for our new students and families starts this afternoon at 5:00pm. Meet in Kindergarten rooms

Wauchope Star Awards

This week or next, each Grade has/will have our very special Wauchope Star assemblies to present students who have achieved Wauchope Star status. Every year we present a certain coloured star. The 2023 colour is Gold. Students will be able to wear the star on their shirt. The idea is that if a child receives a Wauchope Star award they could end up with seven different colour stars by the time they leave school! This is our sixth year so some lovely students will be able to wear a blue, red, yellow, silver, navy and a gold star.

Mr Osborne's Long Lunch



Congratulations to our student leaders once again. We dined out at the Wauchope Country Club yesterday. We talked about their ambitions and how much fun 2023 was. We also shared a few Wauchope Wonder memories. The boys and girls have very bright futures indeed!

K-2 Christmas Carols

This event will be on from 1:30pm on Thursday 14 December. Parents are welcome to attend the school hall. If you have any flu like symptoms, please do not attend.

Last Day Mufti Day

Students are invited to wear out of uniform clothes on the last day of school. Children may decide to wear something with a Christmas theme. There is no donation required for this day.

P&C Meeting

Thursday 16 December is the last P&C meeting for the year commencing at 6:00pm. On behalf of everyone at WPS I'd like to thank our P&C members for their continued support.

Discos/Fun Days

Please be aware of when your child's disco or fun day is on so the appropriate clothes are worn, recess, lunch, drink bottle etc.

Year 6 Sausage Sizzle

I'll be shouting every student in Year 6 a BBQ on Wednesday 13 December as a small treat.

2024 School Supplies

We have included a wish list of school supplies within this newsletter for when you go shopping in the sales.

Library Books

Please return all library books. Missing books cost money to replace. We are missing a significant number of books from our library.

WPS Representative Sporting shirts

We are missing a few of our representative shirts which ruins a complete set. Please have a look at home and return any to school for our future sporting champions to wear with pride.

Year 6 Farewell and Graduation assembly

This is the highlight of the year for Year 6 and concludes seven years of Primary education. The Year 6 Farewell is on Wednesday 13 December. The staff are very much looking forward to this evening with a fantastic group of Year 6 students.

Year 6 will also have a Graduation assembly on Wednesday 13 December commencing at 9:30am. We will send out a YouTube link on a letter for this event so parents and family can either join us or watch proceedings.

Year 6 Aboriginal Farewell Lunch

I'm sure the boys and girls will enjoy this little lunch with Aunty Maree and some special guests on Wednesday 13 December.

2024 Student Numbers

Planning is almost complete for 2024. We have a 32 classes plan. However, it all depends

on student numbers at the start of the 2024 school year. 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. Accurate numbers are crucial to our staffing and class structure.

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. If this happens parents will be contacted to bring a replacement outfit.

Semester 2 Student Reports

These will be 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.

Last Day

The last day for students is Friday 15 December.

Cameron Osborne

K-2 Presentation Day Stage 1 Award Winner

Class	Awardee
1JB	Ahzara M, Tylah C, Mya P, Tyler R, Lincoln D, Ava G-G
1KB	Lukas B, Pharrar S, Ruby B, Mia W, Kyson C
1MB	Olivia G, Hazel G, Lilly T, Claire R, Rex N, Heath O
1LF	Wyatt C, Robert D, Layne S, Saylor F, Kaleb B, Amelia C
2MT	Meadow O, Audrey R, Henry M, Lucy P, Addison C, Beadee G, Liam T
2MM	Ivy M, Jackson S, Caleb G, Summer T, Alexis P, Layla P, Chloe C, Hazel B-H
2JC	Jax W, Ivy P, Ijah W, Marlee M, Charlotte B, Marley G, Clark M
2MH	Ruby L, Ronan C, Kaidence C, Archie I, Emily D, Skylar S, Lucious L
K-6AP	Tyson V-R, Brandon T, Domineik C
K-6BC	Hunter J, Courtney G, Frankie E
K-6SR	Matthew S, Travis J, Marlon S
KJL	Matilda H, Isla S, Harris H, Heath G, Luc M
KVW	Reece P, Iylah J, Harper W, Bronx S, Ryder James C
KLR	Charlotte T, Deja A, James B, Oscar C, Isabelle M, Brax R
KSS	Angus N, Ziggy L, Awhina F, Kaidan D, Thia H
Reach for the Stars	Tobias C, Charlie M, Logan C, Tommy C, Kimberley J
K-2 Major Awards	Jackson S, Renee H, Oakley B, Archie E, Parker M



Major Awards



Reach for the Stars



Library Award



**Classes - K-6AP, K-6BC,
K-6SR**



Stage 2/3 Choir



**Kindergarten Dance
Group**



Stage 1 Dance Group



Teacher Awards



Teacher Awards



Class - KJL



Class - KVV



Class - 1JB



Class - 1MB



Class - 2MT



Class - 2JC



Class - KSS



Class - KLR



Class - 1KB



Class - 1LF



Class - 2MM



Class - 2MH

Years 3-4 Presentation Day Stage 2 Award Winner

Class	Awardee
3JH	Addison S, Aiden J, Zalia G, Koby O, Harmony N, Evie G, Emersyn C
3KD	Felix N, Jasper M, Marty G, Kiyarna W, Amy L, Elizabeth B, Toby H, Hunter W
3SS	Bradley M, Kyari A-S D, Hudson S, Ariaiah J, Jukka J, Isla L, Andie P
4AD	Sophie A, Raphael N, Mia B, Levi C, Heath C, Freya S, Alma L
4MH	Melody C, Logan S, Hailie P, Sophie P, Logan P, Jahara W, Jack C, Grace M
4LL	Ava F, Harlow E, Harrison M, Rylan C, Tilly W, Marley R, Katya S
4NW	Jack L, Cohen E, Poppy M, Mackenzie I, Indie D, Urijah N, Tyler G-B, Oliver D
3-6RF	Lena B
3-6RT	Teisha-May B
Stage 2 Major Awards	Jensen S, Alexis H, Indigo R, Harriett R



Major Awards



P&C Award



P&C Award

Years 3-4 Presentation Day



Stage 2/3 Choir



Stage 2 Dance Group



Stage 2 Dance Group



Stage 2 Dance Group



Stage 2 Dance Group



Stage 2 Dance Group



Class - 3JH



Class - 3SS



Class - 4MH



Class - 4NW



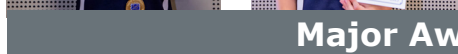
Class - 3-6RT



Class - 4LL



Class - 3KD



Class - 4AD



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Principals Address



Major Award Winner

Years 5-6 Presentation Day

Stage 3 Award Winner

Class	Awardee
5/6JE	Jordyn W, Amira G, Evie P, Felix H, Loki A, Elly C, Flynn M, Jayda D, Maxwell H
5AL	Milla N, Ella G, Mia F, Kyahni M, Vienne M, Ella R, Zachary H
5CG	Jakyi C, Joshua M, Samarli D, Olivia C, Shalayah D-S, Destinee B, Angus A
5CR	Lahni S, Tayla J, Savannah S, Noah S, Vincent P, Kobi W, Ashley B
3-6JG	Asher L, Levi T, Kale R
3-6RF	Kyla B, Lily P
K-6RT	Anna H, Belinda P
6DB	Alee T, Daniel P, Kalarney C, Liam C, Eden B, Conner R, Rowan A, Eli G
6JS	Peytyn D, Mollie A, Poppy H, Myah C, Ruby A, Emerson S, Alli K, Wilson B
6MU	Tully S, Benjamin B, Arizona L, Imogen H, Tyson P, Evie D, Riley M



Class - 5/6JE



Class - 5AL



Class - 5CG



Class - 5CR



Class - 6DB



Class - 6JS



Class - 6MU



Classes - 3-6JG, 3-6RF, K-6RT



Stage 3 Dance Group



Boys Dance Group



Guitar Group



Outgoing School Leaders

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

STUDENTS WILL BE BRINGING HOME FINAL NOTICES FOR OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS THIS WEEK.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE RETURNED ASAP SO WE ARE READY TO GO IN 2024.

IF YOU CANNOT LOCATE YOUR CHILD'S BOOKS, PAYMENTS TO REPLACE THEM CAN BE MADE AT THE FRONT OFFICE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR LIBRARY.




Community News

Children as Artists Workshop

Children 3 to 7 years
Come along and be inspired by the Bonny Hills Art Prize Exhibition!

Parents and carers:

Our Artists-in-Residence will guide children to explore a variety of techniques and art media through play-based activities to create artworks, including

- Exploring water with watercolour
- Mixed media
- Collage
- Colour and shapes with acrylics

All art resources provided!

- Plus each child will receive a take-home art pack to continue their creative journey!

Where:

The Francis Retreat,
2 Thompson Pl, Bonny Hills

Saturday 6 Jan or
Sunday 7 Jan
10am to 11.30am

One workshop per child

What to bring:

- A drink
- An old shirt or apron
- Your creativity

Parents and carers need to stay for the 3 - 7 years workshop
You're welcome to join in the fun

Free!

Bookings and more information:
Email: childrenasartists@gmail.com
Places are limited
Please book early to secure your space

Made possible with dedicated volunteers and a community grant from Port Macquarie Hastings Council

Bonny Hills Art Prize Exhibition - 5 to 8 January 2024
The Francis Retreat, 2 Thompson Place, Bonny Hills

Children as Artists Workshop

Children 8 to 12 years
Come along and be inspired by the Bonny Hills Art Prize Exhibition!

Parents and carers:

Our Artists-in-Residence will share their expertise to guide children to explore a variety of techniques and art media through mini art workshops which include

- Self-portrait with a twist
- Adventure in colour and line
- Abstraction from realism
- Expressionist landscapes with colour

All art resources provided!

- Each child will receive a take-home art pack to continue their creative journey!

Where:

The Francis Retreat,
2 Thompson Pl, Bonny Hills

Saturday 6 Jan or
Sunday 7 Jan
1 to 3pm

One workshop per child

What to bring:

- A drink
- An old shirt or apron
- Your creativity

Parents and carers do not need to stay. Please be back to pick up your child at 3pm

Free!

Bookings and more information:
Email: childrenasartists@gmail.com
Places are limited.
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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!



HAVE FUN IN THE SUN THESE SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SUMMER POETRY COMPETITION
Entries open until end of Feb 2024
Poets of all ages are invited to submit a poem that they have written about summer.

POM POM SEA CREATURES
Thurs 18 Jan, 10am @ Wauchope Library
Create a fuzzy friend or two with colourful pom poms. Ages 7 years and up.

FRIENDSHIP BRACELET CRAFT
Tues 9 Jan, 10am @ Wauchope Library
Weave a colourful friendship bracelet for yourself, or your BFF. Ages 7 years and up.

BIRD KITE CRAFT
Mon 15 Jan, 10am @ Port Library
Decorate and make a paper bird kite to fly through the sky this school holiday! Ages 5 years up.

SUNCATCHER CRAFT
Thur 11 Jan, 10am @ Laurieton Library
Add a little happiness to your room with a rainbow suncatcher. Ages 5 years up.

PAPER PINWHEELS
Tues 16 Jan, 10am @ Laurieton Library
Join us to create and decorate your own colourful whirly, twirly pinwheels. Ages 6 years up.

BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION
Entries open until end of Feb 2024
Enter our Bookmark Competition by creating up to 3 beautiful artworks that express your interpretation of summer.

SEEK AND FIND
Wed 3 - Thur 25 Jan @ Port, Laurieton and Wauchope Libraries
Can you discover all of the secrets of the library? Ask a librarian at the front desk for a Seek and Find sheet, then see if you can find all of the hidden clues! Once you have found them all, they will spell out a secret message and you can claim a prize!

KAT LUX AUTHOR EVENT
23 Jan, 10am @ Laurieton Library
24 Jan, 10am @ Port Library
25 Jan, 10am @ Wauchope Library
Join us at the library for a special author visit with local author Kat Lux as she presents her book, *A Blaze in The Bush*. Ages 4 years and up.

SUMMER READING CLUB
1 Dec 2023 - 31 Jan 2024
Explore the Summer Reading Club at your local library. Ages 3-18 years.
Register now at mnclibrary.beanstack.org or collect a log book from library staff.

facebook.com/pmhcilibrary | Bookings essential at mnclibrary.org.au/school-holidays or call 6581 8755 | PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS COUNCIL

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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				✓