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Newsletter
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Upcoming Events

Thursday 11 April

- Years 3-6 Cross Country Carnival - 11:40am
- P&C Meeting - 6:30pm
- State Swimming Carnival

Friday 12 April

- State Swimming Carnival
- SRC Mufti Day Fundraiser - Gold coin donation
- Last day of Term 1

Thursday 25 April

- Town ANZAC March - meet at 10.15am at Thai restaurant

Monday 29 April

- School Development Day

Tuesday 30 April

- All students K-6 commence Term 2

Thursday 2 May

- Preschool Screeners

Friday 3 May

- WPS Anzac Service
- Preschool Screeners
- Rugby League Clinics

Tuesday 7 May

- Lower North Coast Cross Country - Kempsey

Wednesday 8 May

- Stage 3 Glasshouse Excursion
- School Photos - Years 3-6

Thursday 9 May

- School Photos - K-2
- P&C Meeting 6:30pm

Friday 10 May

- Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 14 May

- Mother's Day Breakfast - 7:00am - 8:30am

Wednesday 15 May

- Year 3 Excursion



Years 3-6 Cross Country Winners

Anzac Day Town March

I am inviting Wauchope Public School students to march with Wauchope PS staff at the Wauchope Town Anzac Ceremony march on Thursday 25 April. Please note that this is the Thursday before students return to school on Tuesday 30 April. We ask that all children are in full Wauchope Public School uniform with correct school hat please. I'm always extremely proud of our students marching at such a significant event as are the Wauchope community. Anzac Day is a very special day and is very important in Australia's culture and history. I know the returned servicemen and Wauchope community love

seeing our children participate on this day.

We will meet near the Thai restaurant from 10:15am opposite the RSL car park.

I will once again host a thank you BBQ for those WPS students who participate.

WPS will hold our Anzac Day assembly on Friday 3 May.

Kindergarten 2025

On Tuesday we had a fantastic turn up of children and parents visit our Kindergarten classrooms and tour our wonderful school. People drive past our school and hear positive comments about it but have no idea what an actual adventure wonderland it is for our students to play, learn and



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RSL and Schools Remember ANZAC Commemoration



Recently, senior student Ellie R travelled to Sydney to attend the RSL and Schools Remember ANZAC Commemoration. At the ceremony, Ellie was presented an award recognising her as a finalist in the state-wide art competition. This is a particularly special accolade, as she competed so admirably amongst a dominant Sydney school representation.

The Opening of the Art Award was a very special moment with an address from both His Excellency the Honourable Andrew Bell, Lieutenant-Governor of NSW and RSL President Mick Bainbridge. After the ceremony, Ellie attended an art workshop which was presented by Louise Halpin, exhibition curator and Art Gallery of New South Wales senior programs producer. Ellie conducted herself beautifully and respectfully within the formality and prestige of the occasion. We once again congratulate Ellie on her wonderful artwork and the respectful way in which she represented Wauchope Public School.

develop in. It was a great success and I'd like to acknowledge Mrs Rock, Mrs Schofield, and Mrs Buczko for their preparation for the day.

Explained Absences Reward



Congratulations to the following classes who had all absences explained by their parent. These classes dined out on some of the best sausages in Wauchope – KVW, KNB, K-6SR, K-6RT, 2JB, 3WW and 5/6BB. Please be reminded that if your child is absent, we need an explanation.

School Photos

Years 3-6 classes, the Year 6 group photo and special group photos will be on Wednesday 8 May and K-2 classes will be on Thursday 9 May. Photo envelopes were sent home this week. Please don't misplace these as they are individually named, and bar coded. If you would like a sibling photo, a special form can be collected from the front office early in Term 2. Please return these to school prior to the photo days as coordinating sibling's photos with students across 32 classes is a complicated task. Please make sure you tell your children you have paid for a sibling photo. However, it is so much easier when we have a list prior to the photo days.

Term 1 Snapshots

Students K-6 received a one-page report on Tuesday. As previously mentioned, the Snapshot is designed to communicate to you, your child's level of effort and attitude in Literacy, Numeracy and

Term 2

Staff return to school for a School Development Day on Monday 29 April and students return on Tuesday 30 April. I will be taking some leave next term from Friday 17 May for the remainder of Term 2.



Mrs Buczko will relieve as Principal.



Mrs Darcy will relieve as Deputy Principal.



Mrs Welch will relieve as Stage 2 Assistant Principal.



Mr Ovington will be teaching 4AD for that time.

Some exciting activities to look forward to next term are school photos, Mother's Day stall and breakfast, athletics carnivals, excursions for Stage 3, Year 3, Year 1 and Kindergarten, athletics carnivals, Reconciliation Week, a whole school incursion, Kindergarten Expo, PSSA knockout games and our six amazing dance groups at the dance festival.

with important social skills. If it is obvious your child is not displaying a very good effort or attitude, please do whatever you can to support your child and the class teacher.

Cross Country Carnival

Years 3 – 6 students enjoyed sunshine, fresh air and a lot of huffing and puffing today. Thank you, Mr Sallustio, for coordinating. The Lower North Coast carnival is on Tuesday 7 May in Kempsey.

Lockdown Drill

We had a practice lockdown drill at 2:00pm on Monday. This was just a routine practice.

Happy Holidays

On behalf of everyone at Wauchope PS I'd like to wish all of our families a relaxing and safe school holiday period. Kindergarten have completed one term of schooling already. It only feels like yesterday that they commenced their educational journey. They have made a great start!

Other Term 1 highlights have been the swimming carnivals, Kindergarten photos, Aboriginal Planning afternoon, Three Way meetings, NAPLAN, Lasiandra Festival, Harmony Day, Teddy Bears Picnic, PSSA Sport, Clean Up Australia Day, Public Speaking Finals, Glasshouse excursions, Police presentations, Easter Hat Parade, Easter raffle, Wauchope Show and Cross-Country carnivals.

Black Shoes reminder

If you have to buy new black school shoes over the holidays please remember they have to be all black (no other colour anywhere). They will not achieve their level certificates in 2024.

Message from Headspace

As we move into the holiday period we want to raise awareness of the supports that are available to your child when they are not at school. Changes to routine can be hard and your child may experience times when they feel a range of challenging emotions such as boredom, frustration or loneliness.

During the holidays we encourage you to check in/yarn with your child. It can be helpful to let them know that you are available to speak with them if they ever need. You may also like to encourage them to stay connected with friends and family, look after their physical health and engage in the activities that they enjoy.

A useful website for parents/carers is <https://raisingchildren.net.au/> as it contains information on things like sleep difficulties in children, behaviour tips/strategies or low-cost play ideas for children. For parents/carers of teenagers, then visit <https://au.reachout.com/#parents-carers> for some useful supports.

If you notice that your child may benefit from chatting with someone if you are unavailable, we encourage you to make them aware and support them to access services. This may be engaging with Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800). To help guide your support, you can also call Parentline (1300 1300 52).

School Holiday Security

If you see anyone in our school grounds acting suspiciously, can you, please contact the police. We will have cleaners on site in the second week.

Cameron Osborne

From the P&C

Our next P&C General meeting is tonight at 6:30pm in the Staff room if you would like to attend via zoom please request via wauchopepsandc@gmail.com

Thank you to those families who completed the Wauchope Public School P&C Fundraising Suggestions 2024 survey, your feedback will help us make important decisions around future events and spending! The P&C will be handing out zipper doopers to those who had their name entered in the survey Friday lunchtime from the Canteen!

The P&C would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holidays, see you in Term 2!




 Presents the Annual:
Mother's Day Stall
 Save the Date:
Friday 10 May 2024
 There will be wonderful items to purchase on the day!
 Gifts from \$1 each



Mother's Day Breakfast

Food available to order:

- Coffee
- Pancakes
- Egg and Bacon Rolls
- Ham & Cheese Croissants
- Fruit Muffins
- Fruit Salad & Yogurt
- Toast & Spreads
- Juice

GF options will be available

Order link coming soon

Save the Date:

Tuesday 14 May 2024
from 7am







Health and development checks are coming to Wauchope Public School.

This check can help you see how your child's health and development is tracking before they start school.

Health professionals will check how your child plays, learns, speaks, acts and moves. No vaccinations are given.

You will be with your child during the check.

Sign the consent form to make sure your child gets their free check.

This free service is coming to our school on: **2nd and 3rd May**. Please contact the school to book a time - ph 6585 2277.



Scan the QR code to learn more about the program
health.nsw.gov.au/ECECchecks

