



# Wauchope Public School

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Newsletter**

**Wednesday  
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## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday 18 December

- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Fun Day
- Out of Uniform Day
- Year 6 Guard of Honour
- Last Day of school

### Monday 6 January

- Woosh Re-opens 6:30am

### Saturday 18 January

- Uniform Shop open  
10:00am - 1:00pm

### Friday 31 January -

### Wednesday 5 February

- School Development Day

### Thursday 6 February

- Term 1 commences for all students K-6
- Kindergarten Start

### Friday 7 February

- 3-6 Swimming Carnival



**Year 6 Farewell**

## 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.

It has been an amazing year filled with education and fun. A huge thank you to our entire community for your support. We have all worked together as a team to support your children, our students. A huge thank you to our P&C and to our school staff for all of their commitment, dedication and positive attitude.

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

I hope the WPS children have a fantastic holiday, and we look

forward to seeing them again in the New Year.

## 2025 Students Return

Students Years K to 6 will commence the 2025 School Year on Thursday 6 February. Year 1 – 6 students are to arrive from 8:30am onwards. Years 1-3 go to infants silver seat area whilst Years 4 - 6 go to the primary silver seats.

We ask that new students in Years 1 to 6 arrive from 9:30am so we can take you straight to the classrooms, so you have the best start possible.

Kindergarten will receive an email with a staggered time between 10:00am and 11:00am so we ease our newest WPS students into our school.



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## Farewell Mrs Sue



After 25 years it is finally time to say goodbye to Wauchope PS. How blessed was I to work at such a fabulous school. The many staff I have worked with over that time have been incredible. In saying this, the greatest joy I have had has been working with and supporting so many wonderful children. I have loved my 25 years but the last 11 have been my most rewarding as I worked in Supported Learning and this is where I found my passion. Thank you to our wonderful SL team. It has been a joy and honour working with you all.

I wish each and everyone a most joyous Christmas and a fabulous New Year

Mrs Sue Hollis

### Farewell

A final farewell to our lovely Year 6 students and to two long serving staff members who are retiring: Aunty Maree and Mrs Sue Hollis. We wish you all the best for the future. Year 6 will walk through an archway formed by the rest of the school at 2:40pm.

## School Supplies – 2025

We have included suggested school supplies. We will also send this via School Bytes. Pretty please when buying replacement school shoes over the break purchase all black shoes. If you don't there will obviously not be any punishment. That would be ridiculous but on the other hand your child won't be rewarded. You may consider having these as Christmas gifts or pounce during the Boxing Day sales.

## Swimming Carnival

Please note this event is on the second day of school Friday 7 February. Please return the School Bytes permission note this year if you are in Year 2, 3, 4 or 5.

## Year 6 Farewell

Monday evening 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 2024 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. There will be some great times ahead but there will be some difficult times. If you make the right choices, then you should go well.

- **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**

A huge thank you to Ms Laing for

coordinating the evening, to Jens for his photography and several staff members who assisted with decorations and balloons.

## Semester 2 Student Reports

These were sent home on Monday 16 December in an envelope addressed to the parents. Please contact the school if you have not received your child's report. We will attempt to send a parent survey home so we can gain feedback on our new report format.

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 2025 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.

## K-2 Fun Days

Everyone is having a great time at these special celebrations today. Thank you, teachers, for making the days so fun.

## 3-6 Water Adventures

Students in Years 3-6 enjoyed either the pool or Stoney Aqua Park. Thank you to the organising teachers for organising such great end of year days.

## Day of the Notables

Congratulations to the students in 5/6BB for a very informative and entertaining day last Friday.

## School Uniform Shop

Uniforms will be available for purchase on Saturday 18 January 2025 between 10:00am and 1:00pm. It will then be open on Wednesday 5 February

### From the P&C

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets in the P&C Mega Christmas Raffle! Congratulations to the winners:

Wheelie Safe Kids Bike (K-2) & Hamper: Ruby S

Mega Toy Pack & Lego Hamper: Tracey H

Men's Hamper: Kathleen B

Ladies Hamper: Diane S

Toy Pack & Lego Hamper: Troy C

Kitchen Hamper: Nicara D

Thank you to our amazing local donators to P&C Christmas Raffle

- ★ Newtons Shutters, Blinds and Awnings
- ★ Dark Alley Coffee
- ★ WKT
- ★ Lewies Quality Butchery
- ★ Hilberts General Hardware
- ★ Turtle Meats
- ★ Wauchope RSL
- ★ Wauchope Pharmacy
- ★ Eco Wild

### Important dates:

WOOSH Operating hours over the Christmas holidays.

Closes 6:00pm on 20 December 2024.

Re-opening 6:30am 6 January 2025.

The Uniform Shop will be open Saturday 18 January 10am to 1pm and 5 February 1pm to 3pm. No online orders will be available over the School holiday period.

The P&C Association extends heartfelt thanks for your support this year.

We wish all our students, school and P&C staff, volunteers, and our fabulous hard working Association members, and their families a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy, and healthy New Year!

Come and join us in 2025!

Kindest regards, Kerry Lopresti  
- President Wauchope Public School P&C Association

between 1:00pm and 3:00pm

### Kindergarten Best Start Testing

This will occur during the first five weeks of school unlike previous years when the students were tested prior to starting school.

### School Development Days

Staff will return to school on Friday 31 January for four days of intensive training. I'm planning a Boot Camp Army style of training much like the Manly Sea Eagles NRL team. I'll have them all in tip

top shape prior to the student's return.

### 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.

**Mr Cameron Osborne**

Principal

### Year 6 Graduation





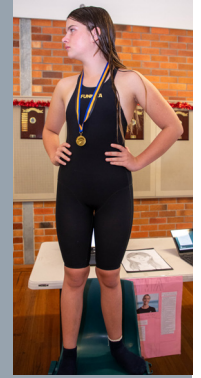
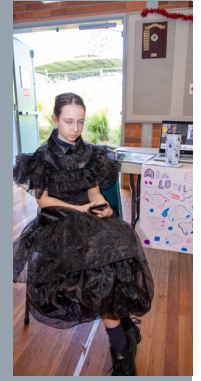
Year 6 Farewell







### 5-6BB Day of the Notables





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## UNIFORM



Cap with school logo



Bucket hat with school logo



School shirt  
Available in size 4-16



Dress  
Available in size 4-16



Microfibre jacket  
Available in size 4-16



Zip front jacket  
Available in size 4-16



Boy's shorts  
Available in size 4-16



Girl's shorts  
Available in size 4-16



Skorts  
Available in size 4-L14



Microfibre track pants  
Available in most sizes



Socks  
Navy blue or black



Shoes  
Black with black laces  
Black runners are recommended

## Jewellery and accessories

Students may wear a watch, and studs or sleepers for pierced ears.  
No leggings, tights or bike pants unless under dress, shorts or skort.



## General Information for the start of 2025



To help prepare for next year, we have outlined the suggested list for stationery (Year 3-6 only) and some general information. Students in K-2 will be supplied with all resources in the classroom.

Students will need a library bag – these are gifted to our Kinder students upon enrolment and all students should already have one. Remember a lunch box with an ice brick / gel pack and a drink bottle. Consider including as much fresh, non-processed foods as possible when packing lunches, and encourage your child to pack their own bags and lunches as much as possible. Donations of boxes of tissues, wet wipes and paper towel are always appreciated!

### Stationery – for personal use, packed in small-medium sized pencil case.

	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6
Glue stick (not runny glue)	✓	✓
2 whiteboard markers – finer tips are best	✓	✓
2 HB lead pencils – good quality, eg Staedtler	✓	✓
Coloured pencils	✓	✓
Textas- Avoid connectors as these are very distracting.	✓	✓
Pens: 2 blue, 2 red	✓ Year 4, after getting pen licence	✓ 4 blue pens
30cm ruler (not bendy)	✓	✓
Pencil sharpener (barrel type)	✓	✓
Eraser	✓	✓
Scissors	✓	✓
2 highlighters	✓	✓


### Uniform reminders in preparation for next year:

- ✓ Shoes: **All black with black laces**, preferably supportive shoes suitable for sports rather than skate shoes. This helps ensure your child's feet are supported.

- ✓ Socks: **Plain navy or black ankle socks.**

All other uniform items can be purchased from our school canteen. The Uniform Shop will be open Saturday 18 January 10am-1pm and Wednesday 5 February 1pm-3pm.

#### These items are NOT part of the WPS uniform:

 Bike pants, leggings (unless under a dress), heavy boots, skate shoes, hoodies, shoes that are not all black.



## First Day of 2025: Thursday 6 February

- **Kinder students first day:** Thursday 6 February, staggered start with 1pm departure. Friday 7 February 9am-1pm. From Monday 10 February, Kinder students can arrive from 8:30am and will stay the whole day. Kinder families will be receiving further details around their first day.
- **Year 1 – Year 3 first day:** Year 1 – Year 3 are to go to the infants' silver seats when they arrive in the morning. One of our friendly staff will gather the Year 3 students at 9am and walk them over to the Primary silver seats.
- **New Students in Year 1 – Year 6:** New students are asked to arrive between 9:30am and 9:50am. This will allow us to show you to your rooms before our Kindergarten students arrive.
- **Year 4-Year 6** go to the primary area as usual.

## School hours

- **Supervision commences at 8:30am** and the school day ends at 3:00pm. Our Supported Learning families collect their children from 2:45pm at the Supported Learning kiss and drop on Campbell St.
- **Please avoid sending your child prior to 8:30am.**
- **Students must arrive at school no later than 9am.** Students arriving after this time are required to sign in at the office with a reason for their lateness **provided by the parent / carer.**

## Daily Departure

- **Kinder pick up** is from the Kindergarten classrooms at 3:00pm. Please be patient as we are mindful of ensuring every kinder child leaves with their parent / carer. This can take a few moments to coordinate.
- **Year 1 and Year 2 pick-up:** from 3pm at infants' silver seats (Mackay St gate). Any Year 1 or Year 2 students not collected by 3:10pm will be taken to the office. Students going to WOOSH or catching a bus will be walked to these locations by WPS staff.
- **Students in Year 3-Year 6** are to make their own way to the bus stop or off school grounds.

Please note, only Kinder parents / carers should be on school grounds. Other parents / carers need to sign in at the office to access our school grounds, including the uniform shop.

## Mobile Phones

Please be aware that no student is to use a mobile phone in a NSW Public School, other than for a medical reason, ie to monitor blood sugar levels for students who have diabetes.

Ensuring your child knows the organisation for the day should mean they do not need a mobile phone. If your child needs to contact home for any reason throughout the day or at home time, their class teacher or the office can assist with making a call. If a student brings a phone to school, they must submit this to the office on arrival and retrieve it at 3pm. Phones are not to be used at all at bus lines. Thank you for your support with this.

## Parking and Safe Driving

Please note, we often see Police and Council Rangers patrolling the streets directly surrounding the school to ensure the community is driving and parking safely. Please adhere to all speed limits and parking signs, for the safety of our students and to avoid costly fines.

## Staying up to Date

Read our newsletter, follow our Facebook page for handy reminders and lots of photos, be sure to monitor your emails and ensure you have the most updated version of the SchoolBytes app on your phone. We are a big and busy school with lots of great things happening. Stay in the loop to make sure you don't miss a thing.

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