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**Term 4 Week 3
Newsletter
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Upcoming Events

Friday 1 November

- Year 4 Big Banana Excursion

Tuesday 5 November

- Year 6 Group Photo Day
- Boys Prefect Speeches 11:45am
- Multi Sport Day

Wednesday 6 November

- Aboriginal Kinder transition 10:00am-10:45am in community
- University Excursion

Thursday 7 November

- Lifeguard Talk - Year 2 and 4
- Girls Prefect Speeches 11:45am

Friday 8 November

- Year 3 Beach Excursion

Monday 11 November

- Remembrance Day

Wednesday 13 November

- Aboriginal Kinder transition 10:00am -10:45am at WPS

Thursday 14 November

- P&C Meeting - 6:30pm

Friday 15 November

- P&C Major Fundraiser - Obstacle Colour Rush

Wednesday 20 November

- Final student leadership speeches and election
- Aboriginal Kinder transition 10:00am -10:45am in Community

Monday 25 November to Friday 6 December

- Intensive Swimming

Year 2 Glasshouse Excursion - The Gruffalo



Year 6 Group Photo

This photo is being retaken next Tuesday 5 November. I ask that all Year 6 students wear their Year 6 shirts, black shoes and full uniform. The photo will be taken first thing in the morning so please don't be late or you will miss it.

Obstacle Colour Rush

This exciting event is on Friday 15 November. It will be great fun for the students. The funds raised will go into constructing a shade structure over our sandstone garden adjacent to the barbecue area. This year the P&C have tricked several staff

members into being slimed at various stages of this fundraiser. I know the children will love doing and seeing that! Keep an eye on Facebook for updates and ask your children as teachers will be discussing the event. Everyone's first job is to create a profile for their child/ren. Please see the amazing array of prizes in the advertisements. Some of these are individual and some are as a class. Apparently there is a nasty rumour going around that the highest student fundraiser will get to slim yours truly. I cannot begin to explain how excited I am about this prospect. The last time I was slimed was when



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Enrichment Class Testing

Attention parents and carers of Year 4 and Year 5 students: Does your child demonstrate strong academic ability, a commitment to learning and ability to think critically and creatively? You may wish to nominate your child for next year's Stage 3 Enrichment Class. Please check your email for a School Bytes form to nominate your child. Nominations are due 9am Monday 4 November, and testing will be run by Mrs Buczko on Monday during the morning session. If high numbers of students nominate, an additional testing session may be run.

2025 School Leadership

Our student leadership election process is under way. Good luck to all our nominees who will be presenting speeches next week. Please note the first speech is now two minutes long. The very important first set of speeches are on next Tuesday for the boys and Thursday for the girls.

Charles Sturt University

50 of our most interested readers from Years 4, 5 and 6 have been invited to attend Charles Sturt University next week to hear from and work with some talented authors.

Multi-Sport Day

Next week our Supported Learning classes will participate in a fun day of modified sport in Port Macquarie. I know they will have a great day of fun! Sport, fitness and good health are vital for both mind and body for all children.

Year 2 Excursion

Year 2 students loved visiting the Glasshouse to watch The Gruffalo.

I worked with the Ghostbusters. Please remember to think about securing a white shirt for the day. It's going to be huge!

Swimming Scheme

This opportunity is for students in Years 2 and 3 who are unable to swim 25m.

Being able to swim is a lifesaving skill for any child to have. I encourage all parents to have their children taught how to swim. I strongly encourage parents to access extra swimming lessons for your children. I have noticed a dramatic decrease in the number of students who can swim over the past 12 years.

2025 Class Formations

I invite parents to submit in writing any special requests regarding their child's class placement for 2025, addressed to myself (not the class teacher) before Friday 15 November 2024. These requests should be about student relationships both positive and negative. All requests will be taken into consideration when forming classes. However, there are no guarantees. Staff will be putting a lot of effort and time into ensuring that all classes are as balanced as possible taking into consideration factors such as academic levels, social development, relationships, and behaviour. Please note it is not appropriate to request individual teachers.

Year 4 Big Banana Excursion

The Big Banana Bender is on for Year 4 tomorrow. It will be outrageous fun. Thanks in advance to the WPS staff attending this big, long day.

Year 3 Beach Excursion

This incredibly educationally

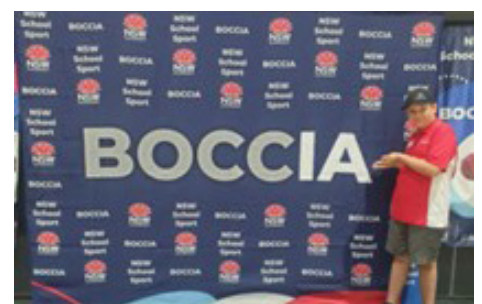
worthwhile excursion is on next Friday. Good luck boys and girls. Please listen closely as you will be taught lifesaving skills and important safety messages. You may remember our end of term board short day fundraiser that turned into a wear warm clothes day. The funds raised from that day have gone towards the purchase of safety equipment for our Lifeguards to use at the beach this summer. Lifeguards will visit our school to pass these same messages on to students in Years 2 and 4 on Thursday.

State Athletics



So proud of the effort of Flynn S who competed in the Multi Class events in Discus and Shotput. Great stuff, mate.

Boccia Tournament



This week Levi T has been invited to compete in the 2024 Representative Boccia Tournament at the Quay Centre Sydney Olympic Park. Levi will participate in a combination of both teams and singles events. We wish Levi the best of luck.

Mr Cameron Osborne
Principal

Stage 1 Assembly Awards Term 4 Week 3

Class	Awardee
1MB	Arlo L, Javannah S, Reece P
1LF	Hunter H, Alera L
1MH	Lucien M, Bronx S, Lydia C
2JB	Ava G-G, Saylor F, Kaiden D
2MM	Briona J, Dylan M
2JC	Tom E, Ivy L, Ryder C
K-6BC	Courtney G



Stage 1 Citizenship Awards

Class	Awardee
1MB	Kaiden D
1LF	Noah P
1MH	Braxton R
2JB	Avah L
2MM	Lauren S



Community News



<https://www.sydneyswans.com.au/news/1237137/swans-first-nation-academy>

Free workshop

Turning the tide on ocean plastic

Every year, millions of tonnes of plastic end up in our oceans, threatening marine life and ecosystems. Join us for an educational and interactive workshop to learn how we can protect our natural resources.

In this workshop, you'll:

- Learn about the impact of the plastic pollution cycle on our oceans and environment
- Discover practical steps to reduce your plastic use
- Get hands-on with a real-life plastics recycling circular solution

A family-friendly initiative ideal for children 8+ and adults

When: Tuesday, 12 November, 4-5:30pm **Where:** MakerSpace Port Macquarie

Register now and help turn the tide on ocean plastic pollution.

Rural and regional school travel

Apply online for free school travel for rural and regional NSW. You only need to complete one form, even for journeys using more than one operator.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for free school travel, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school.

Years K-2 (Infants)
There is no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)
More than 15km straight line distance or at least 2.5km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)
More than 20km straight line distance or at least 2.5km walking.

Who needs to apply

You only need to apply if the student has never been approved for free school travel before. Students in a shared parental responsibility situation (ie. split custody) should submit a separate application for both addresses.

How to update your details

You need to update student details online if the student is changing their name, address, school or campus, or their Transport operator. You can update them at transport.nsw.gov.au/esta-update

Frequently asked questions

Does the approved free travel include travel outside school hours?

Approved free school travel is only for travel to and from school. It can't be used after school hours, on weekends or for holidays.

What if there's no public transport in my area?

In areas where there is no public transport, you may be able to be granted approval for private transport to school. For details, visit transport.nsw.gov.au/esta-update

How do I apply if the student needs to travel from two addresses because the parents live separately?

Each parent for the student if split custody, needs to apply separately for each address. The same minimum distance apply.

How to apply for free travel for the next year

Step 1
Once you have enrolled your child at the new school, apply online for giving your home address and details of the school that the student needs to travel with between home and school. You can apply online at transport.nsw.gov.au/school-students

Step 2
The school then confirms to us that your details are correct.

Step 3
We will then send you your application. You will get an email confirming if the student is approved for free travel. If so, we will tell your local bus company who may send a school travel pass (if needed) to your school or, in some cases, the bus company will contact you directly about travel arrangements.

A parent or guardian must apply for students aged 16 years and under. Students who are 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

What my card will look like

Want to know more?

For more information, visit transport.nsw.gov.au/school-students or for help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.

From the P&C

This year's Grandparents Day Morning Tea was a fantastic success! I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the P&C team, including Sonia, Mandy, Amber, Sue, Barbie, and our amazing staff from Woosh, especially Lacey and Katie. Special thanks to our fabulous canteen staff, Ruth and Lauren, and our P&C friends, Justin, for your help, and to Kristy, who always creates the most incredible photobooths!

We also had a wonderful group of Year 6 students who helped serve, set up, and pack up. And, of course, thank you to the incredible WPS staff who cooked delicious sausage sandwiches, poured juice, made signs and vouchers, took photos, directed, answered questions, played every role needed, and presented their classes beautifully on the day!

Grandparents are the perfect blend of love, laughter, and happy memories. We should celebrate them always! I hope you all enjoyed the day!

Kindest regards

Kerry Lopresti

President - Wauchope Public School P&C Association

Upcoming P&C Events

- 15 November – Obstacle Colour Rush- Who will you slime?
- P&C Christmas Raffle



OBSTACLE COLOUR RUSH 2024 NOVEMBER 15



SCAN THE CODE TO ENTER OR VISIT
[HTTPS://WWW.MYCAUSE.COM.AU/EVENTS/
WPSOBSTACLECOLOURRUSH2024](https://www.mycause.com.au/events/wpsobstaclecolourrush2024)

HOW TO ADD YOUR CHILD TO A CLASS

STEP 1 - Find your child's class and click "Join Class" on the page. Log in with your email and your name*

STEP 2 - Add the child's name - email is not required

STEP 3 - For a second or subsequent child - Go back to the main event and find your second child's class

STEP 4 - Click "Join Class" and add your child's name - email is not required

*You will only need to log in one time. Logging in protects mycause and protects you, so that we know only legitimate users are accessing the event and the class pages

Spread the word! share our campaign!

TEACHER SLIMING TARGETS- WHO WOULD YOU SLIME?

1ST WEEK: CLASS WITH MOST PROFILES

2ND WEEK: FIRST STUDENT TO RAISE \$250

3RD WEEK: FIRST TO REACH FINAL FUNDRAISING TARGET
AND MORE SLIMING TO COME!

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR DRAW TIMES AND MORE!

Over 30 prizes to be won!!

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