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Term 1 Week 10
Newsletter
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Upcoming Events

Thursday 3 April

- Students with Additional Needs Information - Library 5:00pm

Thursday 3 April - Friday 4 April

- Lions Club Eye Tests

Monday 7 April

- Years 3-6 Cross Country

Tuesday 8 April

- Stage 3 Glasshouse Excursion - Junklandia
- Term 1 Snapshots distributed

Wednesday 9 April

- PSSA Boys Cricket vs Tacking Point PS (TBC)
- Stage 1 Silent Disco

Thursday 10 April

- Stage 2 and 3 Public Speaking Finals
- P&C Meeting 6:30pm

Friday 11 April

- Easter Hat Parade
- Easter Raffle Draw
- Easter Egg Guessing Competition
- Last Day of Term 1

Friday 25 April

- Anzac Day March - 10:15am

Monday 28 - Tuesday 29 April

- School Development Days

Wednesday 30 April

- Term 2 commences for all students
- Bronze Assemblies (Weeks 1 and 2)

Thursday 1 May

- PSSA Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day



Debating Workshop

Public Speaking Finals

Congratulations to all the Stage finalists who will present their speech at the Stage final next week. You have already done well by being selected to represent your class. Congratulations to the following finalists:

Stage 2 - Lily T, Eloise B, Hazel G, Pharrah S, Mya P, Caitlin M, Hazel B-H, Lachlan H, Ijah W, Addison C, Zachary M, Justin M, Emily D and Lucy P

Stage 3 - Harper H, Ella T, Zoe S, Jukka J, Hunter W, Libby B, Ava F, Melody C, Sophie P, Laekyn B, Alma L, Freya S, Jahara W and Grace M

Snapshots

Students K-6 will receive a one-page report on Tuesday 8 April. It will be addressed to the parent/caregiver. The Snapshot is designed to communicate to you, your child's level of effort and

attitude in Literacy, Numeracy and 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.

3-6 Cross Country

This event has been postponed until next Monday. Good luck to all students for Monday's Cross Country carnival. Students in years 3-6 may wear their house colours.

Stage 3 Glasshouse Excursion

I'm sure Stage 3 students will love the live show Junklandia next Tuesday.

Stage 1 Silent Disco

All students in Years 1 and 2 will have a Silent disco next Wednesday. Mrs Newell has organised headphones for every student to enjoy some music



Like us on Facebook

Easter Hat Parade

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 will participate in the Easter Hat parade around Wauchope on Friday 11 April. Please ensure you have completed the online permission note to avoid disappointment.

P&C Easter Raffle

Please sell/buy as many tickets as possible to give your child/family a chance to win a lovely Easter hamper treat. Please see link on Facebook, newsletter and on a School Bytes notification.

SRC Easter Egg Guessing Competition

The SRC have three containers filled with Easter Eggs. Only Ms Laing knows how many eggs are in each one. The SRC have been and will be selling guesses until next week.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held in the staffroom on Thursday 10 April commencing at 6:30pm.

Tacking Point Lions Club Eye Tests



A big thank you to the Lions Club for once again visiting WPS. They tested the eyesight of Kindergarten students today. A great initiative.

Students with Additional Needs Information Session

Mr Grech will be leading this information session for our 2026 enrolments with additional needs commencing at 5:00pm in the library.

and dancing. It sounds like a cool experience for the students. Stage 2 will have their turn at the end of Term 2, Stage 3 in Term 3 and Kindergarten at the end of Term 4.

Anzac Day Town March

I am inviting Wauchope Public School students to march with WPS staff at the Wauchope Town Anzac Ceremony march on Friday 25 April. Please note that this is the Friday before students return to school on Wednesday 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 2 May.

Sport

Congratulations to Tyrone D who has been selected in the North Coast rugby league team and Amelia H who has been selected in the North Coast hockey team. Fantastic achievements!

Turning Battles into Stepping Stones

Let's face it, parenting can be a rollercoaster! There will be moments when even the most patient parent reaches their

limit. But before you raise your voice, take a deep breath, and remember: the goal is to raise kind, capable individuals, not just win every battle.

Think of it this way: is your child learning valuable life skills when you react in anger? While immediate compliance might feel like a victory, in the long run, it might teach them that anger solves problems – a lesson we probably don't want them to carry forward.

Here's the good news: even when you feel your patience wearing thin, you can steer things back on track. By keeping the **big picture** in mind – raising a well-rounded person – you can naturally gravitate towards **patience, resilience, and love**.

Here are some tips:

Take a time-out: Feeling overwhelmed? Step away from the situation for a minute to collect yourself.

Focus on solutions: Instead of dwelling on the negative behaviour, work together to find a solution that works for everyone.

Positive reinforcement: Catch your child being good! Acknowledge and praise positive behaviour to encourage more of it.

Remember, we're all human. There will be times when frustration gets the best of us. But by focusing on the long-term goal, we can turn those frustrating moments into valuable learning experiences for both us and our children. Let's work together to raise kind, responsible individuals, one patient step at a time!

Mr Cameron Osborne
Principal

Debating Workshop

On Monday, eight enthusiastic students from Wauchope Public School embarked on an exciting learning experience at Laurieton Public School, attending a full-day debating workshop run by the Performing Arts Unit.

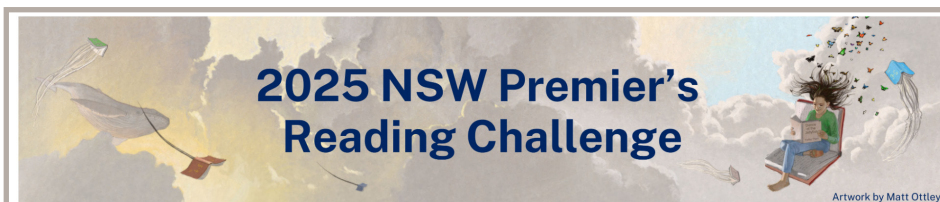
The workshop introduced students to the fundamentals of debating through engaging activities, interactive games and hands-on practice. A highlight of the day was the opportunity for students to participate in a mini debate. Each student was assigned to either the affirmative or negative team and given just ten minutes to prepare an argument on the topic: School uniforms should be banned.

Throughout the debate, students not only presented their points but also had to think quickly on their feet, responding to the opposition's arguments with well-reasoned rebuttals. This challenged them to develop their critical thinking, persuasive speaking and teamwork skills in a dynamic setting.

Mrs. Shields was incredibly proud of all the students who took part, commending their courage and enthusiasm. They represented Wauchope Public School beautifully, embracing the challenge of debating with confidence and determination. Congratulations to Freya S, Claire S, Grace M, Jensen S, Indigo R, Jahara W, Alma L and Amy L for their outstanding effort and willingness to step outside their comfort zones. We look forward to seeing their debating skills continue to grow!



Class	Awardee
1KB	Bobby-George C, Jackson N, Aubrey G, Millie C
1LF	Alma L, Riley H, Keira H
1MH	Chayton F, Noah M, Sonny W, Oliver T
1/2MM	Florence S, Jarrod C, Stephan B, Amahli-Rose S
2JB	Lillyana S, Charlotte T, Ender M, Isla S
2JC	Grace C, Angus N, Hunter W, Hailey M
2KB	Braxton R, Matilda H, Jimmy B, Elise C
K-6RT	Tobias C, Mason S



2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Artwork by Matt Ottley

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Wauchope Public School is excited to be participating!

What is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

The PRC is a statewide Challenge that encourages students to develop a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and enables them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to encourage each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

All students who complete the challenge and have their reading record validated by the school's PRC coordinator will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.

How many books do students need to read?

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are challenged to read or experience 30 books. 20 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books. Books can be read with a parent, carer, teacher or another student.

Students in Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 20 books independently. At least 10 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books.

Books must be added to a student's online reading record by Friday 22 August 2025 in order for their reading record to be validated and receive a certificate.

How do students log their reading?

Students can access the PRC's Student Experience site using their DoE username and password, or can log into the site via the Student Portal. A video guide explaining how to use the Student Experience site can be found here. If your child is not sure of their username and password please contact me for assistance.

Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Shields

IMPORTANT LIBRARY DATES

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE -
24 FEB - 22 AUG

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME - 12PM, WEDNESDAY 21 MAY

BOOK WEEK - 25 - 29 AUG
THEME - BOOK AN ADVENTURE

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - 26 AUG
BOOK PARADE - 29 AUG

A huge congratulations to our incredible team at WOOSH! Your hard work and dedication have earned us a fantastic new rating with the NSW Department of Education. Well done!

The NSW Department of Education
Education and Care Quality Ratings

Wauchope OOSH
meets the National Quality Standard, providing quality education and care in all seven quality areas.

The National Quality Standard is made up of seven quality areas

	Significant Improvement Required	Working Towards National Quality Standard	Meeting National Quality Standard	Exceeding National Quality Standard
1 Educational program and practice				
2 Children's health and safety				
3 Physical environment				
4 Staffing arrangements				
5 Relationships with children				
6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities				
7 Governance and Leadership				

This service was last assessed in March 2025 against the National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care and these ratings have been awarded in accordance with the Education and Care Services National Law and 2010 and the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011.

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education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-quality

P&C News

Complete our Fundraising survey <https://forms.gle/UkURpvtbGCMph3V8> by Monday 7 May for your child to receive a zooter dooper on Wednesday 9 May at lunch time!

Enter the draw for a \$50 Uniform voucher, contribute now! Winner announced last day of term!

<https://wauchope-public-school-pc.square.site/2025-general-contribution>

Up and coming events

Thursday 10 April

P&C General meeting

Friday 11 April

Mega Easter Raffle draw - still taking donations!

Monday 5 May

Mothers Day Stall

Tuesday 6 May

Mother's Day Breakfast

The P&C welcomes our fabulous sponsor:

WAUCHOPE DENTAL
6586 0007

And thank the below local business for their recent donations:
Stoney Aqua Park

Wauchope Public School P&C ASSOCIATION

2025 Sponsorship Opportunities

Do you know a local Business that would like to sponsor a P&C Event this year? Every year Wauchope Public School P&C Association hosts several fundraising events to support and assist in our objectives for the School Community.

This years events include:

- Mother's Day Breakfast
- Mother's Day Stall
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Father's Day Stall
- Easter Raffle Easter Egg Drop for K-2 Kindergarten
- Major Fundraiser event
- Grandparents Morning Tea
- Christmas Raffle

contact us via wauchopeppandc@gmail.com

Wauchope Public School P&C ASSOCIATION

EASTER RAFFLE
DRAWN FRIDAY 11 APRIL 10AM
TICKETS ARE \$2 EACH!

MAJOR PRIZES

- MEGA BASKET
- WAUCHOPE SHOW FAMILY PASS
- BILLABONG ZOO FAMILY PASS
- \$50 BUSINESS VOUCHER
- MEGA EASTER EGG PACK
- 2 X LARGE BASKETS
- WAUCHOPE RSL \$50 VOUCHER
- \$25 TOY WORLD VOUCHER
- LARGE EASTER EGG PACK
- 2 X EASTER BASKETS
- \$25 TOY WORLD VOUCHER
- EASTER EGG PACK

PLUS LOADS OF EASTER EGG AND CRAFT PACKS!
[HTTPS://WWW.RAFFLETIX.COM.AU/?BEF=U9NA9](https://www.raffletix.com.au/?BEF=U9NA9)

PAPER TICKETS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL OFFICE
*ADDITIONAL PRIZES MAY BECOME AVAILABLE BASED ON DONATIONS RECEIVED!

Mothers Day Events

Breakfast Order link coming soon

Save the Dates:

Stall- Monday 5 May

Breakfast- Tuesday 6 May from 7am

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Stage 3 Puberty Talks

Our school is committed to providing our Year 5 and 6 students with age-appropriate education about puberty and healthy relationships. This program will cover topics such as physical changes, emotional development, and healthy relationships. We believe that open and honest conversations about these topics are crucial for our students' well-being.

We understand that parents may have questions or concerns about this program. We encourage you to reach out to the school with any questions. If you prefer to opt your child out of the program, please notify your child's class teacher by April 8, 2025.

Community News



LAKE MINNESOTA VILLAGE

EASTER TWILIGHT MARKETS!

Mark your calendar for a **FREE family-friendly Easter event!**

Saturday 12th April, 4 - 7pm

- Local Artisan Market Stalls
- Live Music
- Roaming Easter Bunny
- Kids Craft and Face Painting
- Easter Treasure Hunt
- Free Chocolate Easter Eggs!

Scan the QR Code, visit our website, or check out our socials for more information.

[lakeminnesotavillage.com.au](https://www.lakeminnesotavillage.com.au)



SHE HOOPS COMMUNITY CAMP
PORT MACQUARIE, NSW

SPECIAL GUESTS
LAUREN JACKSON
MIKAELA RUEF
& NAT HURST

4:00PM - 5:30PM
10TH APRIL 2025
PCYC Owen St Port Macquarie

THIS CLINIC IS OPEN TO GIRLS 8-10 YEARS OLD

Basketball Clinic 10 April
Designed for girls of all skill levels.
A fun, supportive high energy session with basketball legends! ONLY \$15

Register Now
<https://bit.ly/PMQSheHoops>

PMBA Junior Rep girls - your team Manager has details for Rep Player camp!



1 April 2025

ALL SCHOOLS

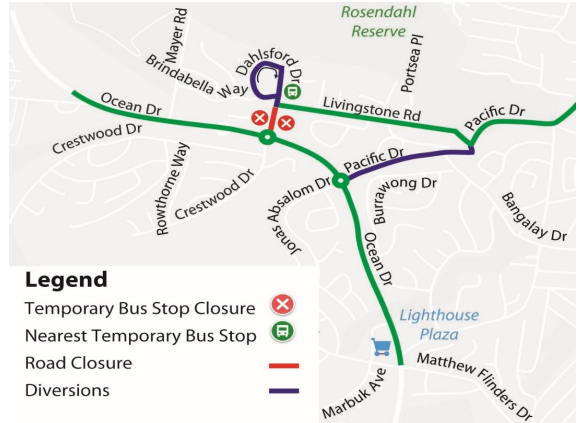
Ocean Drive Roadworks – Bus Service Changes

Morning and Afternoon

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing Friday April 11 2025, there will be changes to bus services operating in the Port Macquarie Region due to the reopening of Matthew Flinders Drive at Ocean Drive and the closure of Dahlsford Drive at Ocean Drive.

Routes currently travelling through the intersection of Dahlsford Drive and Ocean Drive will be diverted as shown in the map.



For updated travel information, please refer to your school's timetabled services at www.busways.com.au/nsw/school-services/school-timetables and select the link next to your school's name; "New timetable | 11 April 2025".

In the event of any delays to the reopening of Matthew Flinders Drive at Ocean Drive or the closure of Dahlsford Drive at Ocean Drive, corresponding changes to bus services will also be delayed. Your school will be notified if this occurs.

Thank you for your attention to these updates. Should you have any further questions, please contact Busways Customer Service on 1300 69 2929 or infoline@busways.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

BUSWAYS
(4128i) Matthew Flinders Dr Reopening & Dahlsford Dr Closed

busways.com.au



Wonders of NATURE @ the library

INCREDIBLE NATURE
Tues 1st - Wed 30th April

Beanstalk Challenge
Flex your science muscles with eye-popping information about the natural world.
mnclibrary.beanstalk.org

Tuesday 15th April 10am
Hanging Bird Feeder
Create and decorate a bird feeder to attract native birds to your yard.
Ages 5+

Thursday 24th April 10am
Flower Weaving
Come along and learn how to make your very own paper plate loom to weave a beautiful, colourful flower to take home.
Ages 5+

Wednesday 16th April 2pm
Nature Crafternoon
Join us for a fun expression session celebrating nature! Get ready to make some unbe-leaf-able craft at each of our creative stations!
All ages welcome. No bookings required!

Thursday 24th April 10am
Writing Workshop
Come along and create your own children's story. Learn from author Alanna Alfaro and leave feeling inspired!
Ages 7+

Thursday 24th April 10am
Grass Heads
Make a friendly grass head and decorate a little pot to keep them in.
Ages 5+

Sunday 13th April 12-3pm
COSPLAY
Join us to celebrate Youth Week with Cosplay 2025! There's lots of fun to be had and great prizes to be won!

Tuesday 15th April 10am
Clay Ornaments
Make a clay ornament and decorate with some unique nature inspired prints.
Ages 5+

Wednesday 23rd April 3pm
Nature Journals
Learn how to create your own unique journal using items found in nature and fill the pages with art techniques inspired by our natural world.
Ages 8+

Thursday 24th April 10am
AUTHOR STORYTIME
All ages are welcome for this special visit from local author, Alanna Alfaro, as she shares her new book: *Serena and the Sun*. Bookings are not required, so come along and join in the fun!

Bookings: mnclibrary.org.au/school-holidays