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Term 1 Week 8
Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

**Monday 17 March -
Monday 24 March**

- NAPLAN

Friday 21 March

- Harmony Day
- National Ride2School Day

Monday 24 March

- Stage 3 Adaptations - Mr Reid

Tuesday 25 March

- PSSA Cricket vs Beechwood

Wednesday 26 March

- North Coast Swimming Carnival

Thursday 27 March

- K-2 Cross Country Carnival
- Dental Presentations

Friday 28 March

- North Coast PSSA Rugby League 11's and Open - Coffs Harbour

Monday 31 March

- Debating Workshop - Laurieton

Thursday 3 April - Friday 4 April

- Lions Club Eye Tests

Friday 4 April

- WPS Cross Country Carnival

Tuesday 8 April

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

Wednesday 9 April

- Stage 1 Silent Disco

Thursday 10 April

- Stage 2 and 3 Public Speaking Finals



Stage 3 Adaptations

P&C AGM

I would like to congratulate and welcome the new P&C executive team for this year. I look forward to working with the following group of people on future projects. Congratulations to:

President: Kerry Lopresti

Vice President: K-2 Felicity Stewart

Vice President: 3-6 Amber Gregoraci

Treasurer: Tynnelle Clark

Treasurer: Ash Irwin

Secretary: Mandy Hopkins

Fundraising Officer: not filled - Come join us!

General Members: Sarsha, Lauren, Judy, Jess, Joshua, Sue, Sabrina, Ashley, Barbara and Kaela.

Canteen

Representative: Tynnelle Clark

WOOSH Subcommittee: Kerry, Tynnelle, Mandy and Amber

Harmony Day

We celebrate Harmony Day at school tomorrow. Thank you in advance to our wonderful SRC and Ms Laing for selling the wrist bands and cake for \$1 each. Wauchope Public School would like students to wear orange in celebration of our diverse culture!

What can my child wear?

Anything orange including orange bows or ribbons, socks, t-shirt, shorts. If it's not orange, it is school uniform.

Sport

Good luck to our PSSA Boys cricket team for next Tuesday's game. Let's hope the weather cooperates.



Like us on Facebook

NAPLAN

Year 3 and Year 5 should be finished these assessments by Monday. Students all over Australia are sitting the same assessments online. All you can do is try your best. However, we do look forward to analysing their results when we receive them.

P&C Easter Raffle

Please keep those Easter donations coming in. We are going to need a lot more if we want to have as many prizes as last year.

Easter Hat Parade

K-2 will march in the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11 April just in case you want to get a head start on your Easter Hat creation.

Semester 1 Snapshots

These will be sent home on Tuesday 8 April. They are a simple one-page report indicating your child's level of effort and attitude. If the boys and girls are not putting in the effort this early in the term, then I would recommend a serious parent-child discussion over the holidays.

K-2 Cross Country Carnival

The Cross Country Carnival will be on Thursday 27 March. Parents are welcome to attend. The boys and girls (K-2) can wear their sporting house colours.

Lions Club Eye Tests

All of Kindergarten received a note for these eye tests. Please complete the permission form and return to your class teacher. If your child is in Year 1 and missed last year's eye tests, please message the front office or your child's Year 1 teacher for a note. These tests are free of charge.

Encouraging Positivity and Strength

As parents, your role in fostering a positive mindset is invaluable. Remind your child of their unique strengths and capabilities. Encourage them to embrace new experiences, make new friends, and face challenges with resilience. Your words and actions play a crucial role in shaping their perspective on school.

Active Parental Involvement

Research consistently shows that parents who actively engage in their children's education significantly contribute to their success. To help your child excel this school year, consider the following proactive steps:

1. Establish a Consistent Sleep Routine:

Ensure your child gets sufficient rest with consistent bedtime and wake-up times. No screen time after a certain hour of the night.

2. Open Lines of Communication:

Connect with your child's teachers hopefully at the three-way meetings during the year. Establish a partnership for your child's learning journey and remind your child you support schools decisions and are in contact with the class teacher. Regularly check in on homework, check School Bytes notifications, read the school newsletter and note down dates on your family calendar.

3. Prioritise Nutrition: A well-balanced diet is essential for concentration and academic success. Provide healthy meals to ensure your child is fuelled and ready to tackle the day's challenges.

4. Create a Dedicated Study Space:

Designate a quiet and organised area at home for schoolwork and homework.

Minimise distractions to emphasise the importance of education in your family. Show interest in their work and offer praise for their efforts.

5. Cultivate a Love for Reading:

Spend at least 20 minutes a day reading with your child. This simple practice not only reinforces the importance of literacy but also provides an opportunity for shared exploration and adventure.

Let's continue to work collaboratively to ensure the success and well-being of every student. Your involvement and support make a significant impact on their educational journey. We look forward to a year filled with growth, learning, and shared achievements. I promise you they grow up very fast and parents time and effort is required to develop a positive work ethic, manners and a "have a go attitude".

This Friday is Ride 2 School Day!

Let's all leave the car at home and get involved.

Always ride or walk alongside your child until they are at least 10 years old.

You can ride together on footpaths, until your child is 16 years old, unless signposted otherwise.

Can this become your new routine?

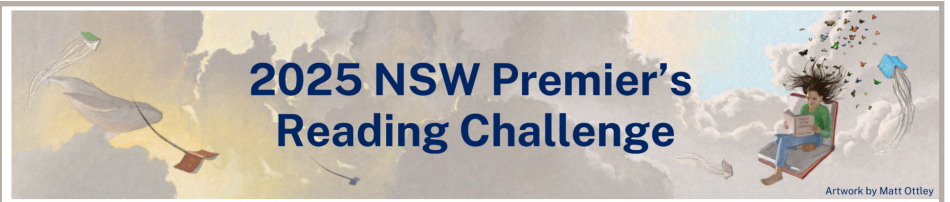
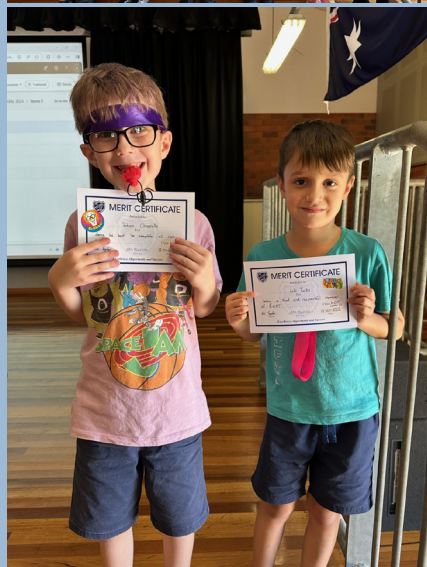
Teach your children to be safe riders by always:

- wearing a correctly fitted helmet
- using a well-maintained bike or scooter
- walking your bikes across pedestrian crossings
- riding to and from school together

Mr Cameron Osborne

Principal

Class	Awardee
1KB	Charlie S, Luca G, Lachlan H
1LF	Ted S, Tori A, Avarnii B
1MH	Lewis T, Kohen M, Ivy A
1/2MM	Noah P, Jordan D, Melodie D
2JB	Emma L, Ethan P, Tommy C
2JC	Lydia C, Saxon S, Piper M
2KB	Deja-Rose A, Logan C, Heath G
K-6RT	Tobias C, Lehi T



2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

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



Stage 3 Adaptations

On Monday 17 March, some Stage 3 classes were lucky enough to participate in a hands-on experience learning all about animal adaptations with Mr Reid from Wauchope High School. Students engaged with a large range of preserved animals and learn all about their adaptations; this included a baby joey, frogs, snakes, an owl and even baby sharks! Mr Reid is visiting the school over the next two weeks to deliver the exciting lesson to all Stage 3 classes.



P&C News

Complete our Fundraising survey <https://forms.gle/UkURpvtebGCMph3V8> for your child to receive a zooper dooper during the last week of Term 1!

Enter the draw for a \$50 Uniform voucher, contribute now! Winner announced last day of Term 1!

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

AGM

Last week we said farewell to long standing Executive member Sonia and Warren, we are sad to see them go, their dedication, contributions and commitment will be missed. At the same time, we were thrilled to welcome several new members to the team!

Congratulations to everyone on their new appointments. We're excited to achieve great things together this year

Position	Name
President	Kerry Lopresti
Vice President K-2	Felicity Stewart
Vice President 3-6	Amber Gregoraci
Treasure	Tynnelle Clark
Treasurer	Ash Irwin
Secretary	Mandy Hopkins
Fundraising Officer	NOT FILLED - Come join us!
General Members	Sarsha, Lauren, Judy, Jess, Joshua, Sue, Sabrina, Ashley, Barbara and Kaela
Canteen Representative	Tynnelle Clark
WOOSH Subcommittee	Kerry, Tynnelle, Mandy and Amber

We always celebrate new members, come join us!

Up and coming events

Friday 11 April

Mega Easter Raffle draw - its going to be EGG -citing!

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

EASTER RAFFLE

DRAWN FRIDAY 11 APRIL

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF EGGS OR EASTER ITEMS (TOYS, CRAFTS, ETC.)!

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR EASTER CONTRIBUTIONS AT THE WAUCHOPE PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Wearing helmets and riding safely

For primary-aged students, adult supervision while riding is recommended for their safety. Adults can ride with their child on the footpath until they are 16 years of age.

Helmets

- Cyclists of all ages are required by law to wear a correctly fitted and fastened helmet.
- Always replace your helmet if it has been dropped on a hard surface or been in a crash. Also replace it if you see any cracks in the foam or if the straps are worn/frayed.

Bikes & scooters

- All bikes and scooters should be in good safe working order and fitted with working brakes, reflectors, a bell and lights if being used at night.
- A bell and brake are required by law when riding bikes in public.
- A bicycle maintenance safety check should be done before any trip.

Safe behaviour

- Teach your child the bicycle road rules including riding to the left on footpaths, watching out for driveways and always dismounting and walking their bike across the road.
- For older children, think carefully about the following when judging their ability to ride on their own:
 - How safe is the travel route?
 - What are their riding skills like?
 - How aware are they of their surroundings in the traffic environment?

For further support go to the department's Road Safety Education program at education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education or visit the families section on safetytown.com.au

Wearing helmets and riding safely

Primary aged students are safest when they are supervised by an adult when riding.

Here are a some tips to help keep your children safer on wheels:

- until children are at least 10 years old they should ride away from vehicles and driveways. As they are learning to ride always ride or walk alongside them and talk about how to be a safe bicycle rider
- children under 16 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.
- all riders must dismount their bike at crossings and intersections and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK! procedure.

Do you know how to ensure your child's helmet is correctly fitted?

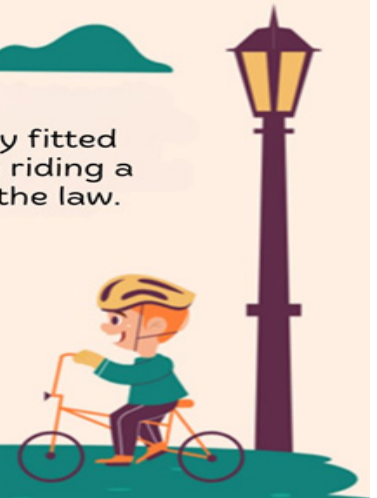
	Can you place just two fingers between your eyebrows and your helmet?		Can you fit just two fingers between the helmet strap and your chin?
	Do the straps join in a "V" just below your ears?		Has an adult checked your helmet?

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Always wear a HELMET

A reminder that a correctly fitted helmet must be worn when riding a bike in a public place- it is the law.

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ensure your child's bike is in safe working order.
- Ride with your child and closely supervise them.



FRIDAY RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY

- CORRECTLY FITTED HELMET
- WELL-MAINTAINED BIKE/SCOOTER
- RIDE TO SCHOOL TOGETHER

	Can you place just two fingers between your eyebrows and your helmet?		Can you fit just two fingers between the helmet strap and your chin?
	Do the straps join in a "V" just below your ears?		Has an adult checked your helmet?



If your child is riding a bike or scooter to and from school, always ensure they wear a correctly fitted helmet.