Final 2013 Newsletter

This will be our final newsletter for the year as the last day of school is next Wednesday 18 December. I would like to thank Mr Lindner for the huge amount of work he does weekly making sure our students and families are well informed of school events and activities. Thank you also to Mr Lindner for maintaining our fantastic school website and App.

It has been another excellent year at WPS. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved with Wauchope Public School over 2013. The children have had tremendous experiences and have all developed socially and academically. A huge thank you to our P&C and to our school staff for all of their commitment, dedication and positive attitude.

I would like to thank Miss Emma Carson for her year with us. It has been a treat having her in our school. We will remember the Cheer Leading Performances for a long time to come. Maybe one of our parents could keep this group going or possibly form an aerobics squad. Good luck Emma for the rest of your teaching career.

Thank goodness the Australian cricket team is giving us something to smile about finally.

Year 6 Farewell

I’m sure the children in Year 6 are looking forward to this evening. Children are to begin arriving from 5:45pm onwards ready for a 6:00pm start. Parents will be invited to stay for the first 30 minutes to see the cutting of the cake and the presentation of photos and certificates. Parents will then be invited to leave so our very grown up Year 6 students can enjoy a sit down meal.

Year 5 students attending the disco are to arrive at 7:30pm.

Please ensure an adult collects your child at 9:00pm sharp!

For those families that will leave Wauchope Public School I wish you well and thank you for your contributions to our school. It will be an especially sad time for you. I’m sure you will take many fond memories from WPS.

I wish our Year 6 students every success and happiness for 2014 and beyond.

P&C

Thank you to Kim T, Danielle C, Kaela C, Jo D, Biscuit, Todd, Lav, Nikki W, Brenda W and Annie M for laying turf around our cricket nets last weekend.

Thank you to Phil, Kaela, Annette, Cindy, Jo and the other lovely helpers who assisted with cooking and selling steak sandwiches at the K-2 concert. I apologise in advance as I know there were more helpers.

Student Reports

These will be sent home tomorrow in an envelope addressed to the parents. Please ensure you receive your child’s report.

Science Trap

Congratulations to the children in classes 3/4HS and 5/6WH for their very interesting and educational experiments/research projects. Very clever. Thank you Ms Henry and Mrs Sallustio for coordinating this day.
3/4 Disco
Thank you to the staff for all of your efforts. The children had a great night.

K/2 Concert and Disco
Thank you to Mrs Falk and the K-2 staff for all your efforts in preparing your classes for the concert. The children had a great time and the audience was thoroughly entertained. Santa looked very hot! I noticed a few naughty elves also!

Lovely Feedback
I have recently received some very positive feedback via emails and letters about our quality presentation days and positive comments about WPS staff. Thank you to those thoughtful people. I really enjoy receiving these and always pass them on to any teachers involved. I’m guessing many positive notes of thanks are going directly to the WPS staff which I’m sure they would appreciate.

Pool Parties/Movie Days
I’m sure all children attending these days will have a sensational time. What a fantastic way to finish off the term. If your child is attending a pool party please ensure they have a hat, sensible clothing, a rashie, sunscreen, food and plenty of liquids.

School Canteen
Please note that there may be some super specials at our canteen to clear stock prior to the holidays.

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.

Records of all the calls are kept. If people keep calling then maybe our police station may be manned permanently and or we may have given funding to erect a school security fence.

If you don’t make the calls then there is no evidence.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.

-Thank you-
-Cameron Osborne-

Dates to Remember
Thursday 12
- 6.00pm Year 6 Farewell
- 7.30pm Year 5/6 Disco

Friday 13
- Term 4 Reward Day – Talent Quest

Tuesday 17
- Stage 3 Pool Party

Wednesday 18
- Term 4 concludes for Students

Thursday 19
- Staff Development Day

Friday 20
- Staff Development Day
- Term 4 concludes for Staff

**JANUARY 2014**

Sunday 26
- Happy Australia Day!

Tuesday 28
- Staff Development Day

Wednesday 29
- Term 1 commences for students Yrs 1-6

**Wednesday 29 – Tuesday 4 Feb**
- Best Start Testing

**FEBRUARY 2014**

Wednesday 5
- First Day of Kindergarten

2013 in Australia – By Miss Emma Carson

Australia is a land far from home,
I began my adventure all on my own.
Greeted by sunshine and calls of “G’day”
for a whole year, I were to stay.

Highlights, yes, there are a few.
So now to share my best with you...
From Perth to Cairns, I’ve seen the sights,
with some from incredibly scary heights!
Above the Reef in a helicopter, I flew.
We mustn’t forget my skydive too!
Off to Melbourne, Adelaide and Lord Howe Island,
then deep within the Red Centre, I did stand.
Twice I climbed Sydney Harbour Bridge.
Also boulders with a rocky ridge.
At Gravity Club I had great fun,
Up lots of walls we could run.
Now to Wauchope Public School,
where I created a little jewel. A cheerleading squad I did start, with amazing girls who cheered out their heart. Regularly, I beamed with pride as I watched them perform from the side. Difficult stunts, they would lift. Pulling them off is quite a gift!

Of course there are Wauchope’s best features; delightful children and caring teachers. To all of you, I bid you adieu and say a humongous ‘thank you’. Australia is a land far from home, now I end my adventure not at all alone.

By Miss Emma Carson

**Patrick White Young Indigenous Writer’s Competition**

Aboriginal students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been very successful in this competition. A total of $700 in gift certificates has been presented to individual students for their short stories and poems. Most of the time spent in drafting, editing and publishing this writing was during lunch breaks and after school. The school was rewarded with the gift of a book from the Aboriginal Education Council which has been presented to the school library for all children to enjoy.

**Kindergarten**

Dylan S - Winning Short Story
Joseph F - Encouragement Award Short Story

**Year 2**

Michael D - Winning Poem
Brayden B - Encouragement Award Poem
Tracey B - Encouragement Award Poem
Zetta C - Poem

**Year 4**

Georgie D - Winning Poem

**Year 5**

Zazzi C - poem

**Year 6**

Caitlin M - Winning Poem and submission of a short story
Libby Bower - Encouragement Award - Poem and submission of a short story

-Mrs Julie Best-

**Special Delivery**

Mrs Kelly Newell delivering a very excited Ava T her award in hospital.

**Tom’s arrival**

We found an elf on the steps. His name is Tom. At night he flies back to Santa to tell him when boys and girls are naughty or nice. When Tom comes back he gives us a card and lolly pops.

By Charlotte – 1JL

We found Tom in the tissue box. He is very funny to me. I love him. Tom visits from the North Pole and goes back to tell Santa if the kids were good. I love getting lollies from Tom. He is nice to us. We all love him.

By Amarlie – 1JL

**P & C NEWS**

**P & C AGM** - Welcome to all new and existing families. The P&C AGM is being held on 13 March 2014 at 6pm in the schools staff room, followed by a short break, then the commencement of the P&C meeting at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. The officer positions to be elected at the AGM are:
President
2 x Vice Presidents
Secretary
Treasurer

Only financial P&C members are eligible to vote at the AGM. If you wish to vote at the AGM you need to be financial at the 13 February 2014 meeting. If you require any further information, please contact: Brenda Wright, Secretary of WPS P&C on 0400452273.

**Urgent Help Needed** - The canteen is seeking helpers for the breakfast shift, 8.25am till 9.00am any day. If you can assist please contact Nicole O’Hagan at the school canteen.

**Uniform Shop Opening Extra Hours**
Our School Uniform shop will be opening extra hours for your convenience.

**Dates and Times:**
- Every Friday afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.30pm on school days only.

**January 2014**
Thursday 23 and Friday 24 January 2014 from 8.30am till 3pm.

**Fete Meeting (Debrief)** - Wednesday 18 December at 7pm, Bago Tavern, all welcome.

**2014 P&C Meeting** - Thursday 6 February – Agenda Item: Determination of WOOSH subcommittee.

**Turfing the Cricket Nets** – Many hands made light work of turfing the area in front of and around the new Cricket Nets on Saturday afternoon. We would like to thank Kaela Croft, Kim Thompson, Annette McCudden, Biscuit, Todd, Lav, Nikki Woolner, Brenda Wright, Jo Dingle and Danielle Cook for their hard work and sweat. Thanks to Annette and Mark for watering it and keeping an eye on it over these hot summer days.

**K-2 & 3/4 Disco’s** – The kids had all the moves out on the dance floor at the disco’s on Tuesday night. Thanks to all the helpers; Kaela Croft, Bec Hillard, Phil (on the BBQ), Annette McCudden, Cindy Dignum, Jo Garret and Jo Dingle.

**WOOSH News**

**Vacation Care** - January Vacation Care is Monday 6 Jan – 24 Jan 2014

**Pupil Free Days** - Term 4 Pupil Free Days are Thursday 19 Dec and Friday 20 Dec 2013

**Term 1 2014 Pupil Free Day is Tuesday 28 Jan 2014.**

**The closing date for all of the above registrations is Monday 2 December 2013.**

**After School Care 2014** - After School Care 2014 list is also available for registration. The closing date for this is Friday 10 January 2014. These lists are up on the board in the WOOSH room now. Please come into the centre and place your child’s name on the lists with the required days clearly ticked. As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Miss Alex on 0412 852 441 at the centre for availability after Tuesday 3 December.

-Thank you WOOSH Committee-

**WPS items for SALE at School Canteen:**

- Environment bags – Great as swimming or library bag - $4
- Swimming caps – Be ready for next year’s swimming carnival! - $10

**P & C CANTEEN NEWS**

**Canteen Specials Term 4**
- Kings Fried Rice
- Singapore Noodles
- Potato Bake
- + a Popper
- Milk flavoured

- 2min Noodles
- Chicken, Avocado, Lettuce, Cheese Wrap with Dijonaise Mayo
- Hot Dog + Sauce

- $4.00
- $2.00
- $4.00
- $2.20

Until stock runs out.

**Canteen Roster Term 4 Week 11**
- Monday 16 R Thompson & P Marsden
- Tuesday 17
- Wednesday 18 K Bailey & L Ferguson
- Thursday 19 Pupil Free Day
- Friday 20 Pupil Free Day

In case you are unable to work on your allocated day please contact the Canteen Manager, Ms Nicole O’Hagan prior to the day you are working, to enable her to organise a replacement.

**Thank You P&C Association**

**REMEMBER TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR SCHOOL**
Wauchope Netball Club
Registration Days

Where: CWA Hall-High Street – Wauchope (Near the town clock)

When: 8 and 15 February 2014
Times: 9 am till 12 noon
Age Groups: Net Set Go - 5 and 6
Netta - 7-9
Competitive turning 10-18
Umpires and coaches needed.
New and second hand uniforms available on the day.

For more information please contact:
Toni Foster on: 0412864757

Local business supports Schools Spec Trip

Susan Judd is the business owner of new local telemarketing company LEAD HQ. Susan knows the importance of life experiences and encourages children to chase their dreams and to do what they love. Susan was excited and honoured to support a group of talented students and teachers representing Wauchope Public School, the Mid North Coast and the State at Schools Spectacular. Susan watched The Schools Spectacular with her family on the TV broadcast and was proud of everyone for putting on a fantastic show.

When you are part of an amazing experience you never know who you'll meet.
The entire Schools Spec team, wearing their distinctive and stylish hats donated by LEAD HQ meeting celebrities.

Thank You

‘On behalf of the Wauchope PS Classic Shield Rugby League team I would like to thank Geoff Connor, President of the CRL Hastings League, for his kind donation that helped contribute to the boys being awarded memorial shirts that represent the fantastic success the team achieved in 2013. I would also like to thank the Theofanou Family for their organisation in producing the shirts. The shirts look fantastic, are worn with great pride and I’m sure will be worn by the boys for years to come! Thank You’. Mr Sallustio
WPS Science Trap
We hope now that more students are ‘trapped’ into loving science like we do!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Wauchope Public School Staff