Welcome Back
It was great to see the children return on Tuesday ready for another sensational term at Wauchope Public School.

New Wide Brimmed School Hat

Taylah and Samantha showing off their new hats.

We now have a very snazzy looking wide brimmed hat available for sale in the uniform shop. They cost an incredibly reasonable $10. It is one size fits all (except it just doesn’t quite fit my head). However, it should fit all of our student’s heads! With the warmer months upon us we need all children being sun smart and wearing a school hat.

Thank you to our small but hard working P&C for this initiative.

Staffing
James Grech has been appointed to WPS through the merit selection process as the Multi-categorical teacher. He will join us in 2015.

School Magazine
Please ensure you preorder your 2015 Timber Tales School Magazine to avoid disappointment. The cost is $15. It will be a great keepsake for your children for years to come.

2015 Class Formations
The staff at WPS will shortly begin the process of forming classes for 2015. It is crucial that we have as much information as possible when we are forming these proposed classes. If you know your personal circumstances (e.g. possibly work related) have changed and you will no longer have your child attending WPS then please let us know as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2015 or you know families who are in this situation please complete and submit an enrolment form now so your child is placed in a class. The same applies if you know of any new families who are moving to Wauchope over the school holiday period.

Student numbers at the commencement of the school year are vital and dictate our level of staffing. If you know your child won’t be returning Day 1 2015 (possibly due to holiday, overseas trip or extended stay with grandparents/relatives) but you know they will be returning to WPS then I would request that you let us know in writing so we can include your child in our numbers.

I would also invite parents to submit in writing any special requests regarding their child’s class placement for 2014 in writing addressed to myself (not the class teacher) before the end of Week 5, 7 November 2014. 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, behaviour, and male/female.

State Athletics

Good luck to our talented students Emily W(absent), Ebony D, Ruby M, Jade M, Emily B, Kaal W and Caden B who travel to Sydney next week to compete in the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush. A brilliant experience boys and girls.
New Building

Our new Special Education building is now operational. The boys and girls are loving their new room and play area. It is still a work in progress and minor improvements will continue to happen in the future.

School Improvements

Over the holiday period we have installed three new basketball rings and a netball goal in the primary playground. We have had the sports storeroom extended. Our old special education building should be taken away over the weekend. This will be more attractive and increase the infants playground.

Dance Eisteddfod

I thought our three dance groups were tremendous. I was very proud of the boys and girls. The children thoroughly enjoyed their performances at the Glasshouse Theatre. The Stage 1 group received third place and the Stage 2 and 3 groups were awarded Highly Commended. Congratulations boys and girls. I have received several compliments about how great our children looked in their new school jackets. Thank you to Mrs Dignum, Miss Hollis, Mrs Pounds, Mrs Rock and Mrs Lee for giving up their time so freely to support our children.

Touch Football

Good luck to our boys who play Southern Cross Ballina tomorrow morning. The boys are playing for the North Coast title. If successful they will qualify for the finals. A tremendous year for coach Mr Sallustio and the boys.

Book Parade

The last day of Term 3 saw our school inundated with very creative costumes for our book parade. The community loved seeing our students parading around the streets of Wauchope. Some of the staff also looked spectacular!

Thank you again to the mums and dads who donated items for the 50 cent tuck shop. There are some great photos on our website in the gallery section.

Year 6 Note

On Tuesday, I sent a note home to every Year 6 student about behaviour and attitude expectations for their final term of primary school. Please take time to read through the letter and discuss it with your child. My wish is that every Year 6 student finishes their primary school years at WPS in a positive manner. We all know they are capable of it. In some instances it takes some extra time and effort from teachers and cooperation and support from parents and caregivers. Thank you in advance for your assistance. Please return the tear off acknowledgement slip to your child’s class teacher by tomorrow morning please.

Important Dates

We attempt to have all of our important dates published in our newsletters and on our brilliant school website. I just thought I would list a few special activities for your calendars.

- 9 October – P&C Meeting
- 3 – 7 November – Kinder Start Week
- 4 November – 2015 Kindergarten Information Evening
- 5 – 7 November Year - 4 Yarrahapinni Excursion
- 6/7 November – Nominated Year 5 leadership speeches
- 13 November – Final 16 Year 5 Leadership speeches
- 25 – 29 November – Schools Spectacular
- 3 December - Years 3-6 Presentation Day
- 11 December – Year 6 Farewell
- 17 December – Last Day of Term 4.
Student Leadership - 2015
Please see information on this great opportunity for Year 5 students in this newsletter.

P&C Meeting
There is a P&C meeting this evening in the staffroom commencing at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

School Times Reminder
Please be reminded there is no student supervision prior to 8.30am. If for some reason children arrive prior to 8.30am they are to sit on the silver seats near the administration block until the 8.30am duty teacher takes them to the playground.
School finishes at 3.00pm. There is no supervision for children after 3.00pm. Please try to pick your child up at 3.00pm.
Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Thank you
I would like to thank members of our WPS staff for giving up part of their holiday to help organise, set up and pack up a very large Funeral over the holidays. It was a huge funeral and a function that rarely happens in schools. I would like to publicly thank Mrs Rose Pelley, Mrs Jude Stephens, Mrs Sue Hollis, Mrs Cindy Dignum and Mr Steve Cass for going well and truly above and beyond. Everyone in attendance was extremely appreciative of Wauchope Public School.

Summer Sport
Good luck to all children for their first weekend of summer sport particularly if you are playing cricket!!

Cameron Osborne

Dates to Remember

Thursday 9 October
❖ P&C Meeting - 7.00pm

Friday 10 October
❖ Boys Touch Football vs Ballina - 10am

Thursday 16 October
❖ Term 4 Scripture commences

Friday 24 October
❖ Year 1 Glasshouse - Pete the Sheep

Thursday 30 October
❖ Music Count Us In 2014 - 12.30pm
❖ Boys Choral Workshop T.P.PS

3 – 7 November
❖ Kinder Start Week

Tuesday 4 November
❖ 2015 Kindergarten Orientation Evening
❖ Melbourne Cup

5 – 7 November
❖ Year 4 Yarrahapinni Excursion

Thursday 6 November
❖ Girls Year 5 leadership speeches

Friday 7 November
❖ Boys Year 5 leadership speeches

Wednesday 12 November
❖ Schools Out - 6.00pm

Thursday 13 November
❖ Final 16 Candidates Leadership speeches
❖ P & C Meeting - 7.00pm

17 - 28 November
❖ Swimming Scheme

25 – 29 November
❖ Schools Spectacular

Wednesday 3 December
❖ Years 3-6 Presentation Day

Thursday 4 December
❖ K-2 Presentation Day

Tuesday 9 December
❖ Stage 3 Pool Party

Wednesday 10 December
❖ Stage 2 Pool Party

Thursday 11 December
❖ Year 6 Farewell
❖ Scripture finishes

Friday 12 December
❖ Talent Quest

Wednesday 17 December
❖ Last Day of Term 4 for students

18 - 19 December
❖ Staff Development Day

QuickSmart News
28 Year 5 students have now completed the QuickSmart Numeracy program and will be presented with their graduation certificates at the Stage 3 Assembly on Monday 13 October. These students have worked very hard on improving their ‘automaticity’ when recalling addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. They are to be congratulated on their application to this very worthwhile program. Year 5 QuickSmart students will celebrate their achievements with a pizza party on Tuesday 14 October at lunch time.
As these Year 5 students have completed the program, we will commence the next intake of QuickSmart students from our current Year 4 in Week 3 or 4. We are currently assessing a number of Year 4 students and if selected, these students will receive a permission note. There will be a parent information session in coming weeks.
Karen O’Reilly
Leaders 2015

Do you have what it takes

School Leader?

Nominations are currently open to Year 5 students for School Leadership positions in 2015. Interested students must return a Leaders’ Criteria form to their class teacher by Friday 24 October. Each child who nominates will be given the opportunity to present a one minute speech at a Year 5 leadership assembly.

This will take place on Thursday 6/11/14 at 9:10am for the girls and Friday 7/11/14 at 9:10am for the boys.

Year 5 will then vote on the final 16 candidates. The final 16 candidates will present a two minute speech to the primary school in Week 6. This will be on Thursday 13/11/14 at 9:10am.

This is a wonderful opportunity and all students are strongly encouraged to apply.

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Poetry Competition

Abbie Trotter of 5/6WH was very successful in the Osmosis Poetry Competition run by council, winning $50 as a Highly Commended and equal Winner. Her work will be published in the 2015 Port Macquarie Hasting’s Council calendar and she is invited to represent our school at the Calendar Launch. Congratulations Abbie.

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Community News

NSW Australian Martial Arts Championship (AMAC)

On the 7th September, Meghan K (6JM) and Breanna K (3/4MN) competed in the AMAC State Titles in Sydney. (Pictured also is Madeline K student of Wauchope Primary School 2013). The competition was strong with the girls competing against a variety of styles. Meghan came away with 2nd in Point Sparring and 3rd in Sumo Wrestling. Madeline got 4th in Sword Combat, 6th in Sumo Wrestling and 5th in Kata with a display of Karate.

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P & C Canteen News

Canteen Roster Term 4 Week 2

| Monday 13 | R Cook |
| Tuesday 14 | K Milner |
| Wednesday 15 | S Reynolds & M Costello |
| Thursday 16 | Jacki |
| Friday 17 | K Weston, A-M Campbell & L Wagner |

Thank you for all your support.
In case you are unable to work on your allocated day please contact the Canteen Manager, Mrs 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
movements. Breanna came 6th in Freestyle Sparring, 4th in Sumo Wrestling and 9th in Sword Combat. Madeline and Meghan now progress to the Australian AMAC Titles on the 29/30th November in Sydney. Unfortunately, Breanna was in a larger field and did not make it to the next level. The girls train locally with the Wauchope Karate Dojo, and Sensei Bob Thomson. We wish them all the best!

**Wauchope Little Athletics**
Season commences Friday 10th October 5.15pm Blackbutt Oval Registrations can be done on the night. All enquiries to Jackie Ostler - 0410 005 789

**Kung Fu Kids**
Self-defence classes with fun activities to improve skills, fitness and confidence, at the Wauchope Scout Hall, Tallowood Ave. Thursday 4.30 – 5.30pm. Call Dustin & Rachel on 0439 771 080 (Fully Accredited Instructors.)

**Wauchope Swimming Club**
Wauchope Swimming Club will be holding a “Come and Try” night on Tuesday 14 October, 5.45pm (for 6pm start) at Wauchope Pool. With competition starting on 21.10.14. We have a family atmosphere. Ages from 5 years, A BBQ will be available on the night. Any questions please contact: Kath Bailey (Secretary/Registra) 0423 008 577 Toni Foster (Vice President) 0412 864 757

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**ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™ PARENT COURSE**
*Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems*
A three-session program for parents and carers

**WHEN:** Thursday 16th, 23rd & 30th October 2014

**WHERE:** Training Room – Mingaletta Building
7 Sherwood Road, Port Macquarie

**TIME:** 10am – 12pm

**COST:** **FREE**
all materials & light refreshment provided

Learn:
- Some common ground shared by parents
- Some reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- Self check-in for parents
- Building relationships with your teenagers
- Making the best of your non-crisis conversations
- Skills for tough conversations to handle those problems you just can’t ignore

**The Trainer:** Vicki Rankin
Vicki completed Parentshop’s Engaging Adolescents training in April 2013 and is a qualified Family Worker with Hastings Family Support Service at UnitingCare Burnside.

Contact Vicki on 6581 6600 to register for this course

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