Reward Excursion

I would like to thank in advance one of our local tourist attractions – Timbertown. As a promotion they have offered Wauchope PS 100 free tickets plus they will cover the travel (bus) expenses. I have accepted this very generous offer and it has been decided that children who have displayed exemplary behaviour from Years 3-6 this term will go into a lucky draw to see who gets to attend this special day. Good luck boys and girls and keep following our three very simple school rules: Show Respect, Follow Instructions and Be Safe.

Possible change of date for Term 2 School Development Day

The school will put forward a proposal at the next P&C meeting to move our Term 2 Day 1 School Development Day from Monday 28 April to Week 6, Monday 2 June. This would mean parents would send their children to school on the first day of next term (28 April) but would require child care for Monday 2 June as this would become our School Development Day for Term 2. Children would then come to school for that week on Tuesday 3 June.

The reason for this change is we would like to invite a very motivational and knowledgeable guest speaker to work with our staff on this day and one of his only available dates is 2 June.

Child Safety

I have noticed quite a lot of children waiting to be collected from school at the driveway to our disabled car park of an afternoon. May I encourage parents to have your children wait at one of the pedestrian gates to be collected? We have taxis and staff cars accessing this driveway on Waugh Street and it would be very distressing to have someone hit by a reversing car. Please negotiate with your child an alternative meeting point.

North Coast Swimming

Good luck to our talented swimmers who have qualified for this carnival next Wednesday. They are: Tom F, Emily W, Abbie T, Sam S, Gabbi F, Hannah AS and Cheryl W. We look forward to seeing if anyone can make it to State. I hope everyone has a safe trip to Lismore.

Canberra Excursion

Please ensure all medical notes have been completed and returned and that all payments have been finalised.

International Women’s Day

This day is celebrated on 8 March each year. It is a day to celebrate the contribution women have made across the world to their communities and the progress that has been made for equality. It is a time to raise awareness about the unjust treatment that many women and children are still facing around the world and in Australia.

International Women’s Day was first declared in 1910 with the first event held in 1911. The United Nations International Women’s Day 2014 theme is Inspiring Change. This year UN Women Australia has chosen a focus of Ending Poverty for Women and Girls.

WPS Tree Inspection

I have organised for a tree arborist to inspect all of our trees in our playground. He will be at school on Monday 10 March. He will then put in recommendations for any tree trimming which I then forward onto my Asset Management Group to coordinate.
Lovely Email
I received a very nice email this week about two of our students. I thought I’d share it with you. At WPS we believe manners are very important and it is a constant focus for us. The majority of children at WPS display lovely manners all the time. I can assure you that manners are noticed by everyone, e.g. WPS staff especially office staff and canteen staff, crossing ladies and man, shop keepers, parent helpers and visitors to our school etc. Well done to the children who this email is about. You are fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Good morning,
I am writing to commend your school on the behaviour of two of your young students. Perhaps they were about 8 years old.

I was standing outside the police station last week as school came out for the day. Twice within a matter of a minute I moved off the path for a young lad and then a young girl who were riding their pushbikes. With a beautiful smile and lovely confidence each child looked me in the eye and said “Thank you”. I was really quite stunned, as I've been very aware over past years that in Port Macquarie town when I've moved aside for even teens or adults, or waited for them to cross the road, there has been no acknowledgement...not even a nod.

These young students with their smiles and words of gratitude won my heart.

I commend them, their families, and their school.

P&C Meeting and AGM
These meetings will be on next Thursday in the school staffroom.

AECG Meeting
There will be an AECG meeting at WPS next Thursday commencing at 4pm in the school library.

Glasshouse Excursion
I hope the 60 Year 2 students who will be attending the Glasshouse to watch a live performance enjoy themselves next week.

Quest Training Day
Good luck to all Year 6 students who will participate in this program next Wednesday.

When lunch comes home again – uneaten
Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children’s resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it’s a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.


Cricket
Congratulations to the Australian Cricket Team who defeated the number One test playing nation, South Africa over night in the deciding test match.

-Mr Cameron Osborne-

Dates to Remember
March
Tuesday 11
☼ Glasshouse Excursion - Year 2
Wednesday 12
☼ NC Swimming Carnival - Lismore
Thursday 13
☼ Pink and Purple Day (Kindergarten)
☼ 6pm - P & C AGM
☼ 7pm P & C General Meeting
Monday 17 - Friday 21
☼ Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Tuesday 25 - Wednesday 26
☼ School Photos

April
Friday 11
☼ Easter Hat Parade
☼ 50cent Tuck Shop
☼ Easter Raffle Drawn

Assembly Awards
Assembly Times Reminder
Year 1/2 Assembly Wednesday odd weeks starting at 2pm.
Kindergarten Assembly Wednesday even weeks starting at 2.15pm.

Merit Awards Citizen of the Week
KMM - Shayla M & Jaxon G
KLB - Jessica M & Kye D
KJB - Janarli R & Lizzy H
K1LF - Braith P & Rodney B

Citizen of the Week
KJB - Ezra B
K1LF - Shya P-D
KLB - Spencer M
KDB - Shelby H
KMM - Nicolas B

Wauchope Wonder
Cooper P - 3MJ

Work of the Week
K1LF - Matilda H
KLB - Shayla W
KMM - Addison B
KDB - Billy S
KJB - Maddy T
Year 6 Kindergarten Helpers

Thankyou from Kindergarten to Grace, Hayley, Jade, Kaitlin, Cheyenne, Brooke and Marie for all your tireless efforts in helping us transition to school.

Band Workshop
Five students were selected from the Wauchope School Band to attend a workshop with the Australian Military Band (Victoria Barracks). Ivy, Adam, Kirralee, Bethany and Halley all acquitted themselves very well on Friday at Hastings Public School. According to Mrs Hamilton their band teacher, they looked fantastic as all were turned out in their complete school uniform which looked very smart. Mrs Hamilton said she spoke to them on Tuesday and they really enjoyed themselves which is wonderful. Well done to all the students who attended. Your school is very proud of you and the way you represented us.

Band rehearsals for beginners
Band rehearsals for beginners will start on Tuesday morning of next week at 8.00 am. Mrs Hamilton is excited as their skills have improved remarkably in just a few lessons. She said these students need to start playing as a group now. This 8.00 am start is only for band instruments and does not include guitar players.

Pink and Purple Day - Thursday 13 March
Kindergarten children are encouraged to join the celebrations of the 30th annual Lasiandra Festival by wearing pink and/or purple to school on Thursday 13 March. If no pink or purple at home then green would fit in with the Lasiandra theme. Children need to wear their regular school shoes or joggers with socks plus their hat to school on this day. We will enjoy some whole grade pink and purple activities. This is not a fundraiser and there is no cost involved.
P & C News

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

The WPS P&C Association is again holding its very popular Easter Raffle which will be drawn on FRIDAY 11th APRIL. The P&C is asking students to donate an item to this raffle. Items that can be donated include: Easter Eggs (large or small), chocolates, lollies, Easter stickers or paper, soft bunnies or any item related to Easter. All items will be used to make as many Easter raffle prizes as possible – last year there were about 25 lucky winners.

Items can be left at the School’s front office up until the afternoon of Thursday 10 April. Thank you for your continued support.

P & C AGM - Welcome to all new and existing families.

The P&C AGM is being held on 13 March 2014 at 6.00pm in the schools staff room, followed by a short break, then the commencement of the P&C meeting at 7.00pm.

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 0400 452 273.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS – P&C - Each year the P&C asks for a voluntary financial contribution to assist the P&C in supporting the students of WPS. All money raised via the Voluntary Contributions is spent directly on the students. The P&C have distributed the Voluntary Contribution requests last week. The amounts are $25 per child and $40 per family - We hope we can have as many families as possible make this small contribution.

WOOSH AFTER SCHOOL CARE – Casual Days

Casual days are available at WOOSH After School Care – limited positions are available for all days. To utilise this service parents need to fill out an enrolment form. Information required includes CRN and DOB for both parent and child, birth certificate, immunisation records and 3 emergency contacts. Once enrolment details are held by the centre you can request casual days as required. For more information regarding costs and bookings, please phone Miss Alex on 0412 852 441.

School Shirts - Due to unforeseen circumstances there is a shortage of School shirts. On behalf of the P&C Committee we apologise for the inconvenience caused and we are endeavouring to rectify this situation. Once we receive an approximate delivery date for new stock we will advise all families via email and the WPS newsletter. Once again we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

P & C Canteen News

Canteen Roster Term 1 Week 7

| Monday 10 | P Marsden |
| Tuesday 11 | Help needed |
| Wednesday 12 | Help needed |
| Thursday 13 | K Bailey & L Ferguson |
| Friday 14 | A Hoskins, L Brady & L Hoffman |

Thank you for all your support.

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.

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- Hannah A-S, Abbie T, Gabbi F, Emily W

Community News

2nd Wauchope Scout Group - Garage Sale

When: Saturday 29 March
Where: Scout Hall, Tallowood Ave Wauchope
Time: 8am - 12pm
Cost: Indoor stall $15, Outdoor stall $10

Donations of saleable goods would be appreciated.

To donate items or to book a stall please phone: Elaine 0408 613 130, Heather 0429 861 378 or Daryl 0422 163 657.

FAMILY FUN DAY !!!

Come dressed as a Pirate or Princess

Wednesday 16th April
starts at 10.30am
Bain Park Wauchope

Jumping Castles...BBQ... Pirate & Princess games...
Face Painting...Craft...and Entertainment

Bring the family it’s all for FREE!!!

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Loads of prizes to be won!