Quest Training

Yesterday WPS staff had a full day working with Year 6 on one of our student leadership programs. The children enjoyed a free sausage sandwich and ice block as a reward for a great day. Soon we will have Year 6 student leaders running organised and safe play activities in both the infants and primary playgrounds. Special thanks to Mr Sallustio and the Year 6 staff for this fantastic initiative.

Canberra

Good luck to the Year 6 children who will be visiting our Nation’s Capital next week. This will no doubt be a tremendous experience and a highlight for the boys and girls. I’d like to thank in advance Mrs Gowan who has undertaken the almighty task of coordinating this excursion. This would have taken hours and hours of her time. A special good luck to the WPS staff who have volunteered to leave their families, routines and normal weekly activities to take the children on this trip. They are Mrs Gowan, Mrs Henry, Mr Moodie and Mr Lindner.

Year 2 Excursion

Children enjoyed a fantastic show at the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie on Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Weatherby and Year 2 staff for organising this experience.

P&C Meeting

Tonight is our P&C AGM commencing at 6:00pm in the school staffroom. All positions will be declared vacant. I know we will have a different President and Treasurer after this evening so if you are interested please attend the meeting. After a short break the monthly P&C meeting will commence at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

North Coast Swimming

Our small team of talented swimmers gave it their best shot yesterday. It is a long way to travel (Lismore) so a very big thank you to the mums and dads who drove their children. It was a tremendous experience for Sam, Tom, Gabbi, Abbie, Emily and Hannah.

Bus Safety

Thank you Mr Beard who has organised Bus Safety talks this week for all of our students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2.

AECG Meeting

There is an AECG meeting this afternoon in the library commencing at 4pm.

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy

The 2014 Test Dates are Tuesday 13, Wednesday, 14 and Thursday 15 May this year for students in Years 3 and 5. There will be tests on language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy.

Melanoma Talk

On Friday 14 March Jay Allen, a six year Melanoma survivor is attending our school and will be giving a presentation on melanoma awareness and being sun safe. Mr Allen will share his story and journey about experiencing Melanoma himself and how we can protect our skin. The presentation will be attended by Years 5 and 6 students and
commences at 10.20 am in the school hall. Parents of the community are welcome to attend this free presentation if you wish. There will be some very valuable information discussed and we feel that the students will certainly take some important information home with them. This will co-inside with the Melanoma March that will be taking place at Rainbow Beach, Bonny Hills on March 23rd, at 8.45 am. This is a fundraising event and you can find more information in this week’s newsletter about how to register or make a donation with all money raised going to the Melanoma Institute Australia.
For further information about how you can get involved you can contact Kaela Croft on 0427 250 395 or email kaelacroft@hotmail.com

Maths A to Z
Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z

Great books for tweens to read

Science assignment starters
Not sure where to go to help your child find out about electricity, natural disasters, the solar system or other science projects? Have a look at our project starters. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/science-project-starters

Developing resilience
We often hear complaints of “That’s not fair!” from our kids when things don’t go their way. Teachers talk about how you can help your child develop the skills to bounce back from everyday disappointments. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/developing-resilience-in-your-child

-Mr Cameron Osborne-

**Dates to Remember**

**March**

- **Thursday 13**
  - ☄ Pink and Purple Day (Kindergarten)
  - ☄ 4pm - AECG Meeting
  - ☄ 6pm - P & C AGM
  - ☄ 7pm P & C General Meeting

- **Monday 17**
  - ☄ Year 6 Canberra Excursion

- **Friday 21**
  - ☄ Book Club due date

- **Tuesday 25**
  - ☄ 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.

**Wauchope Wonder**

Ella K - K/1LF
Alex L - KDB
Natalie T - 3EM
Deacon T - 3EM

**Congratulations to the SRC for 2014**

SRC representatives were presented with their badges at Stage assemblies this week – Congratulations to all. We look forward to a productive, successful year. Meetings will be held the first Friday of each month at recess in Ms Henry’s classroom.

Ms Henry - SRC Coordinator

**School Magazine - Timber Tales - Art Competition**

There is a letter plus a blank A4 piece of paper coming home today with your child. The letter explains what the Magazine Committee requires for the piece of Artwork. The Art Competition winners will have their work displayed on the front or back
cover of the 2014 Edition of the School Magazine. The blank A4 page is the size required for the Artwork sample. If you wish to view the winners of last year’s competition please go to the Wauchope Public School’s website. The competition closes on Friday 2 May 2014 (end of Week 1 Term 2).

We are looking forward to judging our Primary and Infants winners.

Your School Magazine Committee

Book Club News

Issue 2 Scholastic Catalogues have now been given out to students. All book club orders are due back to the school by 21 March 2014. When ordering books please include children’s name and class on the order form to make sure your children receive their books.

Happy Reading - Lynda Stewart

Artwork Display

By Lincoln W - 1KN

By Dylan S - 1KN

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. Thankyou 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 several weeks ago. 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 Vacation Care

Closing date for the April vacation care from 14 April to 25 April is Monday 24 March 2014. Please come in to the WOOSH Centre to place your child’s name on the list or alternatively give Miss Alex a call on 0412 852 441 to arrange dates.

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.

**P & C Canteen News**

**Canteen Roster Term 1 Week 8**

- **Monday 17**  P Marsden
- **Tuesday 18**  Help needed
- **Wednesday 19**  R Thompson
- **Thursday 20**  L Stewart
- **Friday 21**  M McCudden & D Partridge

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.

*Thank You P&C Association*

**REMEMBER TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR SCHOOL.**

**Pink and Purple Day at WPS - Thursday 13 March 2014**

Kindergarten students looked spectacular dressed in their pinks, purples and greens today to join the town’s 30th Lasiandra Festival celebrations.

Students enjoyed pink and purple craft activities, face painting, sport and the Purple People Eater dance with a quick break for fruit and a drink.

The new owners of the Wauchope Bakery, Stephanie and Daniel, were up early to make our special order of 90 purple and pink mini cupcakes and Hayden and Alison from Greenbourne Nursery kindly donated a young ‘Tibouchina’ which will grow tall with the 2014 Kinders.

Mrs Julie Best

**HCH Rugby League Trials**

Congratulations to Matt T, Eli T, Brayden S, Bryce C, Jack P and Corey H who were successful in gaining selection to the LNC trials in Port Macquarie on 26 March.

**Wauchope Poultry Club INC.**

9th Annual Poultry Auction - Come and discover the Wauchope Poultry Club, buy some quality show or backyard birds, and enjoy a good old cackle and quack of all things poultry!

**When**  Sunday 23 March 2014

- Viewing of birds from 9am
- Auction commencing 10am

**Where**  Wauchope Showground, High Street
- Harley Cooke Poultry Pavilion

Show quality and backyard poultry including chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and poultry related items. Up to 250 Lots, some boxes available on day, no birds released without boxes. Vendors contact the secretary to book in your poultry.

For further details please contact us or visit our website: www.wauchopepoultryclub.com.au

Neil Coombes - 0418 762 599
Shane Debreceny - 6550 4329

Look how happy and fast William goes on his skateboard. Now this sport is fun.