Canberra

From all reports our Year 6 students had the time of their lives in Canberra. They were well behaved and received several very positive comments from people at various places of interest in Canberra. Yesterday, on behalf of the WPS P&C, I presented Mrs Gowan, Ms Henry, Mr Moodie and Mr Lindner with gift vouchers as a thank you for placing their lives on hold and leaving behind loved ones to give our Year 6 children this magnificent experience.

It would seem that the experiment of having our Year 6 students visit Canberra in Term 1 instead of Term 4 was a success. If you are a Year 5 parent you can expect to be asked for a deposit at the end of Term 4 this year and finalise payments early in 2015.

Term 2 School Development Day

Please send your child to school on Monday 28 April (first day of Term 2). We have moved our Term 2 School Development Day to Monday 2 June. Children are not to come to school on this day – 2 June. The P&C have informed me that our WOOSH facility will be open so please book in at the centre if you need child care.

Snapshot

Students K-6 will receive a simple one page report on Friday 4 April. It will be addressed to the parent/caregiver. This is a new initiative and one that we hope you will find valuable. The Snapshot is designed to communicate to you your child’s level of effort and attitude in Literacy, Numeracy and with various social skills. I will include a copy of the Snapshot on the school website for you to peruse. It may be an interesting exercise for you to have your child complete one on themselves and then compare it to what the class teacher sends home. Some may be more honest or realistic than others.

Reward Day

On Wednesday 9 April, 100 lucky Years 3-6 students will attend an excursion to Timbertown. The remaining students who have not been on an orange or red light or been placed in the Fix It room (for playground incidents) will attend a movie session in the hall. Congratulations to the boys and girls who have consistently followed our very simple school rules this term. We think you are great!

Annual School Report

The 2013 Annual School Report has been submitted and has been uploaded on our website for your perusal. I will also place copies at the front office so parents can collect a hard copy if you wish.

School Photos

Once again the photographers have come and gone for another year. I was very pleased when the photographer complemented me on how many children were wearing black shoes and navy socks. He was also very impressed by how many children had the correct school shirt. It was this time last year when it was pointed out to me that hardly anyone had the correct socks and shoes
on. A massive improvement! I can assure you that Wauchope Public School students are noticed, admired and commented on all around our District for their uniform. Thank you to all our families who continue to support us by having their children in full school uniform. I’m convinced that it has improved the standard of behaviour at our school also.

School Improvements
We have replaced almost 50 blinds throughout our school this term. We have also installed almost $4000 worth of new notice boards and the top floor of Block 1 has been freshly painted.

Break In
Unfortunately, we had intruders break in to some of our classrooms over the weekend. If you see any people on school grounds outside school hours please contact the police ASAP. Please talk to your child/ren and reinforce that they are not to be in the school grounds outside school hours. Police will be very suspicious of anyone caught on school property from now on.

Year 3 Excursion
Year 3 are visiting Port Macquarie today. We look forward to hearing about their adventures.

Sport
Good luck to our Tennis team who are playing Kendall today and to our girl’s cricket team who play Tacking Point PS next week.

Wild Australia App
Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos' amazing animals and interesting keepers. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/educational-games/taronga-zoo-wild-australia

-Mr Cameron Osborne-

*March*
**Monday 31**
☆ Young Leaders Conference - Sydney

**April**
**Wednesday 2**
☆ Girls Cricket vs TP PS

**Thursday 3**
☆ Public Speaking Finals
  Stage 2 - 9.05am
  Stage 3 - 10.00am

**Friday 4**
☆ Years 3-6 Cross Country Carnival
☆ Kindergarten - Teddy Bear Picnic

**Wednesday 9**
☆ Years 3-6 Timbertown Excursion
☆ Reward Movie Day
☆ Netball Cup

**Friday 11**
☆ Easter Hat Parade
☆ 50cent Tuck Shop
☆ Easter Raffle Drawn

Assembly Awards
1LF - Lana C & Connor W
1KN - Shane R, Tyler D & Maggie L
1KB - Molly L, Tim H & Brianna B
1JL - Charlie F, Suraya C & Annabelle G
2HL - Samuel B, Chloe A, Jyi L, Kurt G, Shonekqua D & Alivia A
2MG - Mia P, Tyson H-W &
2NW - Kelly W, Beau S & Nathaniel L
2WD - Noah H, Nevaeh S & Chelsea F

Citizen of the Week
Jacob H 1KB
Rosie M 1KN

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

Wauchope Wonder
Rodney B - K/1LF, Shya P - K/1LF
Koby H - 2HL, Ashleigh C - 5/6JP

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan
**Easter Hat Parade – 2014**

The 2014 K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Friday 11 April, 2014 and start and end at the new school hall. The parade will commence at 9:30am. K-2 students will parade around the town centre. Students will proceed in classes and cross at the crossing near the fire station on Campbell Street. They will then follow the path past the TAFE and walk down Young Street. Class groups will then cross the T section at Young and Hastings Street, turning right and proceeding along Hastings Street towards High Street. At High Street classes will turn left and follow High Street to Bransdon Street. Students will then walk along Bransdon Street until they reach Young Street. Students will turn left and follow Young Street back to school, again crossing at the T section of Young and Hastings Streets and entering the school via the crossing on Campbell Street near the fire station. Finally they will assemble back at the new hall for the Easter raffle.

Years 3 to 6 will not be attending the Easter Hat Parade but are invited to attend the Easter Raffle at approximately 10:30am with their class teacher.

Students are strongly encouraged to make their hats at home and bring them to school on the day of the parade. Remember, old caps can be easily converted by attaching cardboard rabbit ears etc. Please be mindful that students will parade around town while wearing their Easter Hats. Bulky hats with lots of dangling bits and chocolate eggs attached may make it difficult for your child to enjoy being part of the parade.

**Please be advised that students who do not return the permission note will not be allowed to leave the school grounds to participate in the Easter Hat Parade.**

We are hoping that a large contingent of family members and friends will line the walking route to cheer on the students as they march past.

**HAPPY EASTER!**

From all the staff at Wauchope Public School

**Australian Government assistance for National Capital Excursion**

Year 6 students from our school have recently returned from an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy and well as scientific and sporting activities.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30.00 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Some of the activities enjoyed by the students included Questacon, New Parliament House, Old Parliament House, Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, Dinosaur Museum, the Botanical Gardens, Film and Sound Archives, CSIRO and the Deep Space Telecommunications Centre.

Students who attended were a credit to their school showing outstanding co-operation and behaviour at all the venues we visited. They thoroughly enjoyed the activities and gained a vast array of knowledge about our democratic system, our national capital and a plethora of other exciting topics.

Sharon Gowan - Year 6 Excursion Organising Teacher

**Art Work Display**

By Alyssa B- KJB

**EASTER EGG DONATIONS** - The WPS P&C Association is again holding its very popular Easter Raffle which will be drawn on FRIDAY 11 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.
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.

P & C Canteen News
Canteen Roster Term 1 Week 10
Monday 17 P Marsden
Tuesday 18 L Brady
Wednesday 19 S Reynolds
Thursday 20 K Bailey & L Fergusson
Friday 21 K Dragos
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.

Celebrate Jesus Community Fun Day - Colouring Comp
Here are the winners:

Kindergarten
Zoey S - KDB, Yasmin A - KDB & Hayley M - KDB

Year 1
Preston O - 1KB, Abby H - 1KB, Dylan S - 1KN, Jacob H - 1KB & Marney R - 1KB

Year 2
Sam M - 2MG, Jack T - 2MG, Finlay D - 2MG, Giavanna M - 2MG & Mia P - 2MG

Year 3
Hamish O - 3/4LR & Ellie R - 3/4LR

Year 5
Courtney M - 4/5VH, Layla C - 4/5VH & Isaac R 4/5VH

The winning entries will be displayed at Celebrate Jesus CFD this Saturday at approx. 11am in Bain Park Wauchope. Prizes will also be given then, weather permitting. All students are encouraged to come and enjoy all the free activities etc.
For more information please contact Heather on 6585 1907

Peter Huxley

Cricket
Last week, I had the honour of representing the North Coast Region in cricket on the Central Coast. Despite heavy rainfall a week before the tournament, on the first morning all 14 teams had their team photos taken during drizzly rain.
Our first game was against a well-trained Hunter team who’d been training since the beginning of the term. Our team was selected three weeks earlier and met during our team photo.
Hunter won the toss and scored an impressive 150 runs in 50 overs. During my overs of bowling I ran one person out. Unfortunately our team were all out for 94.
On Day 2 we played against Riverina. We won the toss and chose to bat scoring 129 runs. When Riverina batted, we got them all out for 33. With greater confidence we played South Coast on Day 3. They batted first, scoring 71. I caught 3 of their players out. We needed two runs to win and I was last into bat. We won with eight balls remaining.
On the last day we played MacKillop, made up from Catholic Schools in southern NSW. We scored 112 runs and bowled MacKillop all out for 85. I was 6 not out.
Overall, North Coast placed 6th out of 14 teams. Sydney North who hosted the tournament came first, followed by the Combined Independent Schools, Sydney East, MacKillop, Hunter and then us. Even though we lost only 1 game and MacKillop and Hunter lost 2 games their run rate was better than ours. Had we batted first against Hunter, we might have come 4th.
I enjoyed being in the team and representing both my school and the North Coast Region.
Thank you. By Josh G