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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. Alex has informed me that our WOOSH facility will be open so please book in with her if you need child care.

Young Leaders Day

On Monday, I had the pleasure of spending time with our student leaders at the Young Leaders Day conference at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Abbie T, Chad M, Emily W, Jack P, Georgie J, Ivy M, Nathan G and Riley M had a fantastic time spending time with me! They also thoroughly enjoyed hearing from the brilliant guest speakers such as Ita Buttrose, Bob Carr, Coen Ashton and Andy Griffiths.

Over the next few weeks we will publish some recounts from our leaders about their experiences. A couple of quotes that I jotted down were:
Tony Abbott – “Better to be a good person than an important person.”
Bob Carr – You can do it! It is natural to have doubts.”
Coen Ashton – “Laugh, have fun, enjoy life. Don’t take it for granted.”
Andy Griffiths – “We are all living important, extraordinary lives” and “Fill your head and brain with books”.
Ita Buttrose – “You don’t have to be the best or the smartest to be a leader” and “It is okay to make mistakes. Never let the fear of failure stop you from trying.”

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**Reward Excursion Day**

One hundred lucky children in Years 3-6 will enjoy a free excursion to Timbertown next week. Those children received a permission note today. The note needs to be signed and returned to their class teacher ASAP. Children who missed the opportunity but have displayed excellent behaviour will enjoy a special movie day on the big screen in the hall. Thank you to the students who do consistently behave. You make our jobs the best and most rewarding job in the world.

**Girls Cricket**

Well done to our girls’ team who all played very well recently. Cricket is a very difficult sport to master. Our Australia 20/20 team have also been having difficulties.

**Sport**

Good luck to our tennis team who will hopefully play their rain affected match tomorrow morning. Good luck to the two netball teams who will compete in the Netball Cup next Wednesday. Congratulations to Corey H, Jack P, Eli T and Matt T who will trial for the North Coast Rugby League team in May.

**P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 10 April commencing at 7:00pm in the staffroom. I hope we have some volunteers for the Secretary and Treasurer position. We would also love to have more mums or even dads join us as many hands make light work. I know the P&C would love volunteers to assist with the 50 Cent Tuck Shop at recess on the Friday.

**Emergency Contact Details**

It is essential that emergency contact details are up to date to ensure parents can be contacted promptly if their child is sick or injured. If you have changed address or your phone numbers – particularly mobile - please let the office know either by sending a brief note or dropping into the office. Updated medical information is also important for the care of your child. Students who have specific allergies, medical conditions or other health problems are required to alert the school and provide documentation for any special care or procedure that may be required. Where a child needs medication at school parents should deliver the medication to the office, in its original packaging and clearly labelled with the child’s name and directions for administration.

**Schools Out**

Well done to the children who were on the radio last night. What a spectacular opportunity. Thank you Mrs Dignum for making this experience possible.

**Bells**

You may have heard we have been experimenting with our sound system. We have a free trial at present and we are considering purchasing this.

**Last Day**

Please note the last day of Term 1 is Friday 11 April.

- Mr Cameron Osborne -

**Dates to Remember**

**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

**Thursday 10**
- 7.00pm P&C Meeting

**Friday 11**
- Easter Hat Parade
- 50cent Tuck Shop
- Easter Raffle Drawn
- Last day of Term 1

**Monday 28**
- School commences for Staff and Students

**Assembly Awards**

**Early Stage 1**
- KMM - Jaime F & Rhys M
- KLB - Ava N & Trent T
- KJB - Vivienne M & Preston C
- KDB - Mikayla C & Jayden M
- K/1LF - Matilda H

**Stage 2**
- 4VM - Shania M, Ella W, Boston S & Mitchell M
- 3MJ - Cooper P, Laura F, Kyle B & Emily B
- 3EM - Tracey B, Isabella D, Lachlan F-K & Noel O
- 3/4MN - Emily G, Elaina C, Emily B & Kohan P
- 3/4TR - Roxy B & Halli H
- 4DW - Thomas O, Hannah W, Sam B & Phoebe H

**Citizen of the Week**
- Summah H - KDB
- Shanaya S - KMM
- Maggie M - KJB
- Brodie G - KLB
- Hugh H - KLB
- Emily G - 3EM

**Student of the Week**
- Bonnie C - 1KB
- Sarah G - 3/4MN

**Wauchope Wonder**
- Liliarna L - 1JL
- Charlie F - 1JL
- Tia G - 1JL
Work of the Week
Alex B - KMM
Hayley M - KDB
Teleisha E - KJB
Rodney B - KLF
Jesse H - KLB

Art Work Display
Teddy Bears Lunch
By Alex

The bear is hungry
By Hayley

2 D shapes.
By Jesse


Young Leaders Conference
Wauchope Public School students are inspired to make a positive difference after attending Australia’s Premier Leadership event for schools in Sydney.
Students from Wauchope Public School were among those who attended The National Young Leaders Day at the Qantas Credit Union Arena on Monday the 31st of March.
The event, which attracted 5,500 primary students along with their principals and teachers from schools across the state, is hosted by the Halogen Foundation whose mission is to inspire young people to lead themselves and others well.
Guest speakers presenting to students included author Andy Griffiths, Ita Buttrose and The Hon. Bob Carr.
Each speaker brought their unique life experience to the platform as they shared insightful and encouraging sessions, instilling the message that despite circumstances, anyone can be a leader and make a difference in the world around them.
“This event is a rare opportunity for young people to personally interact with some of society’s most influential leaders,” says Director of the Halogen Foundation, Mike Martin. “The main concept we want students to grasp is that it is their choices that matter when it comes to using their own influence at home, at school and the wider community.”
The National Young Leaders day event series for primary schools takes place annually across Australia, with more than 14,000 students participating nationally.

Cricket Report
On Wednesday the Girl’s Cricket team played Tacking Point in the first round of the knockout.
The girls played superbly against a very tough opposition. We bowled our 25 overs and Tacking Point were 2/115. Wauchope then went into bat. We batted very well and at the end of our 25 overs we were 8/57. The girls should be very proud of their efforts and I was impressed with their skills, behaviour and sportsmanship on the day.
Well done Wauchope. Thanks to the parents for transporting the students and for scoring. The team consisted of: Abbie, Emily, Evie, Tamara, Grace, Gabbi, Monique, Natalie, Brook, Kimberley, Mia, Samantha.

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

Class 3/4TR Gardening

Hasn't the rain been fantastic. It has watered 3-4TR's new garden beds which are flourishing.

Before we began our gardening adventure we were fortunate enough to be able to visit the Wauchope High School Support Unit garden. Mr Scott Spurway from the unit showed us around their fruit, vegetable and herb gardens, teaching us about all the different types of plants, Aboriginal bush foods, worm farming and their recycled watering systems. We all came back full of ideas and very inspired to begin our own gardening.

Our garden beds were established thanks to the help of Wauchope Primary School P&C, Hastings Valley Landscapes and the Wauchope Rural Centre. Once the garden had settled our students transplanted some bean seeds we had germinated in the classroom, planted some lettuce and shallot seedlings and also some herbs we had received from the high school. The students have carefully mulched, fertilised and watered the garden and are also enjoying watching their seedlings grow. These activities have tied in with our science unit ‘Plants in Action’ within the classroom enabling the students to have a practical understanding of the plant life cycles.

Thankyou also to Greenbourne Nursery for their donation of seedlings. We have already sampled our lettuce and look forward to some cooking experiences using our ‘school grown’ produce. We also look forward to our excursion to Sea Acres Rainforest Centre in the beginning of Term 2 as we discover more fascinating things about different plants.

School Photos

For your information - the deadline for orders to the school is tomorrow Friday 4 April at lunchtime. Any late orders please contact Ian on 0418 443 862.

Additional Work Samples

By Sophie G - 4DW

By Jye O - 4DW

Measuring dinosaurs - 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 are 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.

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 was 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 11
Monday 7       P Marsden
Tuesday 8      Help needed
Wednesday 9    S Fraser
Thursday 10    L Stewart
Friday 11      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, 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.