Happy Holidays
On behalf of everyone at WPS I’d like to wish all of our families a relaxing and safe school holiday period. Kindergarten have completed one term of schooling already. It only feels like yesterday that they commenced their educational journey. Every class I go into the boys and girls are always smiling, engaged and happily working. They have made a great start!

Other Term 1 highlights have been the Swimming Carnivals, Girls Forum Day, School Mac Photos, Quest Training, Year 2 Glasshouse Excursion, Year 6 Canberra Excursion, Year 3 Port Macquarie Excursion, Young Leaders Conference, Cross Country Carnival, Reward Excursion/Day, Teddy Bears Picnic and the Public Speaking Competition. I’m sure the Easter Hat Parade, raffle and tuck shop will complete an excellent Term 1.

School Holiday Security
If you see any people in our school grounds acting suspiciously can you please contact the police. Please talk to your children about not being on school grounds over the holiday period.

Cross Country Carnival
Congratulations to all of the boys and girls who competed this year in very warm conditions. A big well done to those who have qualified for the next level in Kempsey (30/5/14). See results later in this newsletter.

The good news for our mums and dads is that if your child qualifies for the North Coast carnival it will also be held in Kempsey (6/6/14) this year.

Reward Excursion/Day
The children had a ball yesterday exploring what Timbertown has to offer. The other well behaved children were also rewarded by viewing a movie on the big screen in the hall.

Public Speaking
Congratulations to all of the finalists at last week’s Public Speaking Competition. I think you are all winners. The adjudicator was most impressed by the content, manner, confidence and variety of topics presented from our young speakers. Well done to our Grade winners Ally K, Jacob H, Mia W and Ivy M. I hope the finalists consider entering the Apex Public Speaking Competition later in the year and possibly even the Multicultural Perspectives Competition.

Teddy Bears Picnic
The Kindergarten children had a lovely time last Friday. Yet another fun day at WPS. Thank you Kindergarten teachers.

Anzac March
I am inviting any interested Wauchope Public School students to march with WPS staff at the Wauchope Town Anzac Ceremony March on Friday 25 April. I would ask that all children are in full school uniform with correct school
hat please. I realise the day falls on the school holidays and families may be on holidays. Last year we had a large number of children march and I was incredibly proud of those children who gave up their time. Anzac Day is a very special day and is very important in Australia’s culture and history. I know the returned servicemen and Wauchope community love seeing our children participate on this day.

Easter Raffle
The P&C have made 25 prizes so far for the Easter Raffle. Thank you to our lovely community for donating Easter Eggs for these prizes. Please return all raffle books and money by tomorrow morning. We will also have our very popular 50 cent Tuck Shop tomorrow. Please consider donating a small plate of goodies to sell and feel free to come to school at 11am and help sell the treats to the salivating masses. Please send your child with coins (50 cent coins would be perfect!) on that day so they can purchase a treat.

P&C Meeting
The next meeting is tonight. All are welcome to attend. The meeting will commence at 7pm in the staffroom. I’m hoping that in our first newsletter for Term 2, I will be able to announce the 2014 Secretary and Treasurer.

Sport
The netballers all gave it their best at a Netball Gala Day yesterday. Well done girls and thank you Mrs Newell and Mrs Moore for coaching the teams. I have a feeling that our new classy netball outfits will arrive early next term. Congratulations to Stella T who has been selected in the Lower North Coast soccer team.

Year 10 Work Experience Students
We have had eight Year 10 children undertaking their work experience with WPS this week. I’m sure they have enjoyed their time. One day they may credit this week as the reason why they became a school teacher.

Harmony Day
The students in 3/4MN and 5/6WH had a great day and enjoyed heaps of activities.

Managing screen-time
Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Common sense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: http://bit.ly/1pBlfmk

Books to boost brains
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?
It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts at a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/188OerY

Last Day/First Day
The last day for Term 1 is tomorrow Friday 11 April. Please note that WPS children are to come to school on Monday 28 April. The teachers will be ready and waiting! We have moved our School Development Day to Monday 2 June.

-Mr Cameron Osborne-

Dates to Remember

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

Wauchope Wonder
Hayden P - KLB
Braith P - K/1LF
School Leaders Conference
By Riley Mullot - SG
I think the best thing about the leaders day was hearing all the famous people talking about their inspiring stories. There was a 16 year old boy who suffered and survived a lung disease and told his story of survival and experiences.

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 SRC representatives are invited to attend the Easter Raffle at approximately 10:30am. 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

Cross Country Carnival
Last Friday our yearly Cross Country Carnival was held down at Andrews Park. The students walked to the oval and can be congratulated on their level of participation, with all students who made the trip running, jogging and walking their way around the track. There were some amazing results with many students performing above their own expectations. Congratulations go to students of Gordon house who were close winners on the day with Patterson in second place followed by Kendall and then Lawson.

Age winners and placegetters include;

8/9yrs girls: 1st - Zetta C
2nd - Portia S-S
3rd - Maddison S
4th – Jocelyn T-S

8/9yrs boys: 1st - Caden B
2nd - Mitchell W
3rd - Blake H
4th – Billy H

10yrs girls: 1st - Susie C
2nd - Maddie S-H
3rd - Courtney P
4th – Laura B

10yrs boys: 1st - Izaac B
2nd - Kurt W
3rd - Eli T
4th – Ryan B

11yrs girls: 1st - Stella T
2nd - Kiara F
3rd - Emily W
4th – Libby H

11yrs boys: 1st - Lachlan W
2nd - Cooper B
3rd - Jake J
4th – Bradley N

12/13yrs girls: 1st - Chloe B
2nd - Haley S
3rd - Zazzi C
4th – Abbie T

12/13yrs boys: 1st - Josh G
2nd - Hayden H
3rd - Corey H
4th – Jack P

These students have qualified for the Lower North Coast Cross Country Carnival to be held at Kempsey in Week 5 Term 2.

Thanks to the parents who came and supported the students, teachers for helping run such a successful event and students for their excellent behaviour and participation.

Mr Sallustio
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.

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.

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 2 Week 1
Monday 28  P Marsden
Tuesday 29  R Thompson
Wednesday 30  J Beryl
Thursday 1  D Partridge, M McCudden & J Graham
Friday 2

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.

Port Macquarie Junior AFL 2014 Registration
Port Macquarie Junior AFL are still taking registrations for season 2014 in all age groups.
Auskick U7s & U9s $70 - Auskick participants receive backpack, football, cap, drink bottle, footy cards and lots more!
U11s, U13s & U15s $80 - Training has commenced for U11s, U13s & U15s. Interested players are invited to register at training Tuesdays & Thursdays 4.15pm @ Wayne Richards Park.
A Come n Try/Registration session will also be held on Sunday 13 April 10am @ Wayne Richards Park.
For further information contact Club President Darren Eastwell on 0403495903 or email pmj afl@hotmail.com.

FAMILY FUN DAY !!!
Wednesday 16th April
starts at 10 30am
Bain Park Wauchope
Jumping Castles...BBQ...Prize & Princess games...
Face Painting,Craft,and Entertainment
Bring the family it's all for FREE!!

FREE TRANSPORT FOR YOUTH
25 YEARS AND UNDER FOR EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!!!
Available from
Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre - 3 Waugh Street and
Tortopia — High Street Wauchope
12th April to 27th April 2014
Tickets into Port Macquarie and back!!!
Parents to pick up tickets for children 14 years & under
into town
Free tickets also available for adults accompanying children
Street Beat Party
The Street Beat Party scheduled for tomorrow, Friday 11 April has been postponed. We anticipate that another one will be held during Term 2.
King regards - Diana Reynolds

Happy Easter Holidays
From all the staff at Wauchope Public School.