Education Week
On Friday 1 August we will have our Education Week Open Classrooms. This is an opportunity for parents and grandparents to visit their child’s room. The classrooms will be open for visitors between 11:30am and 12:30pm. The first Education Week was celebrated in 1954. This year’s slogan is the same as the 1954 one – “Lighting the way to a better world”. Our lovely dance teachers will be showcasing their dance groups in the hall commencing at 12:50pm. If you want to be entertained, be seated ready for their performance. I hope you have returned your pre ordered lunch form and money so you can enjoy lunch with your child/ren.

Walkathon
This major fund raiser will commence at 1:30pm on Friday. Our lovely P&C will supply goodies to each class at the conclusion of the Walkathon. Good luck collecting the money.

Bago Community of Schools Award Night
This was a very enjoyable evening. Apart from the awards presentation I thought the highlight was listening to Chloe perform a solo. Well done Chloe. Congratulations to our award winners: Ivy M, Josh G, Chloe B, Ron Dures, Jens Lindner, Noelene Harman, Lisa White and Karen Davis.

Monday Fun Day
This was a great day and was extremely well attended. The 2015 Kindergarten group enjoyed playing games with the current Kindergarten children. A great time was had by all. The children and parents then enjoyed a sausage sizzle and ice blocks. The children will be bursting to start school now.

Thank you to the Wauchope Public School Staff for coordinating the activities and to Steve and John for preparing the food. Special thanks to our P&C for also assisting on the day.

We are currently taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2015. If you have a child who turns 5 by July 31, 2015 then you need to complete an enrolment form. We have had a large number of parents enrol their children already and this is most pleasing. Please feel free to visit our school and collect an information pack including an enrolment form from our friendly office staff. It is helpful for us to receive these completed forms by the end of Term 3 2014 so we can start to plan our 2015 classes and make staffing decisions.

If you have relatives or friends who have a child commencing school next year please pass on this message. New parents are welcome to contact myself or Mrs Pelley, our Deputy Principal to discuss your child and/or what our wonderful school has to offer.

We will be hosting an Information Evening on Tuesday 4 November in the school hall between 6:00pm and 7:00pm. This will include an information session, school tour and light supper. Our Kinder Start program where children come to school each morning for a week will commence on Monday 3 November. There is also a wealth of information about WPS on our school website: http://www.wauchope-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/
**Opera House Choir**

A very big good luck to the children visiting Sydney next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. They will be singing at the NSW Combined Public Schools Choral Festival. Best of luck to Chloe B who will sing a solo at the commencement of the concert. An experience that the children will never forget. A big thank you to Mrs Brassey and Mrs Dignum for making this all possible and escorting the children. A huge thank you goes to the Lions Club of Wauchope who have donated every dollar from the lamington drive. I believe the figure is somewhere close to $5000. A very generous donation of money, time and effort. Thank you, Thank you!

**Hastings/Camden Haven Athletics**

Congratulations to all of our WPS competitors. Everyone tried their very best. Wauchope PS came second overall which is a great achievement. Three of our children were named Age Champions: Junior Boy – Eli T, 11Years Girls – Emily W and Senior Girl – Abbie T. Sensational! Emily W broke a shot put record with 8.95m. Congratulations.

The Lower North Coast carnival will be held in Wauchope on Friday 8 August.

**Remembrance Drive**

Last Thursday, School Captains Abbie T, Chad M and myself attended the unveiling of a Remembrance Drive memorial sight celebrating the achievement of Neville Howse VC. Neville was a Manning river pioneering doctor and War Hero. The Neville Howse VC Rest Area is situated at the entrance to Ellenborough Falls.

**Sport**

Congratulations to the netball team who had a convincing win over North Haven PS on Monday. Children Year 2 – 6 enjoyed an AFL clinic on Tuesday. Thank you Mrs Gowan for organising this experience.

**National Gonski Week**

National Gonski Week is taking place from July 28 to August 1 and it is an opportunity to focus on what the benefits of additional resources are for your child and our school.

Gonski, as you may know, is a way of funding schools based on the needs of students. It was recommended by the Gonski Review that found too many students were missing out due to a lack of resources.

For us, the additional Gonski funding over the next six years will allow us to really expand the educational programs and learning support we know will make a difference in what our students achieve. We have already:

- put in place additional literacy and numeracy programs
- taken a whole school approach to building the skills and knowledge of teachers; and
- ensured adequate resources have been purchased.

**Road Rules – Safety of our (your) children**

It has been reported to me that parents are behaving dangerously around our school. Please abide by the parking signs. Do not double park, do not wait on the other side of the road and call very young children across the road. Please consider parking and walking to collect your child. Children will actually talk more to you as you walk side by side about their day instead of jumping straight in the car and rushing off. You would be surprised. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Congratulations**

Well done to Melodie C who has been achieving excellence in dance.

Last year, Melodie auditioned in Sydney for a place in the British Ballet Organisation’s (BBO) associate program for 2014. In December 2013 Melodie found out she was one of 15 girls from all over Australia accepted into the junior program.

This year Melodie has travelled to Sydney once per month to attend class and rehearsal with the BBO. In the first week of the July holidays she attended BBO dance week in Sydney where she performed at NIDA as part of the junior associates. Melodie has worked extremely hard to be at the level required to be accepted into this program. She attends Wauchope and Port Macquarie Performing Arts five days per week and trains in all styles of dance.

Well done Melodie.

Mr Cameron Osborne
Monday 28 - Friday 1
☼ Education Week - ‘Lighting the way to a better world’

August

Friday 1
☼ Walkathon - 1.30pm
☼ Dance performance - 12.50pm
☼ Open Classroom K-6 - 11.30am-12.30pm

Monday 4
☼ Opera House Choir leave to Sydney

Tuesday 5
☼ Opera House Choir Performance
☼ Stage 2 Assembly - Class 4VM

Wednesday 6
☼ Opera House Choir returns
☼ 2.00pm - Kindergarten Assembly

Friday 8
☼ LNC Athletics Carnival - Blackbutt Oval

Monday 11 - Wednesday 13
☼ Years K-3 Milo In 2 Cricket

Tuesday 12
☼ Kinder CAPA Day - 9.30am-1.00pm

Wednesday 13
☼ 2.00pm - Years 1/2 Assembly

Thursday 14
☼ P & C Meeting

Tuesday 19 - Thursday 21
☼ Stage 3 - Courage for Care

Tuesday 19
☼ Stage 2 Assembly - Class 3MJ

Wednesday 20
☼ 2.00pm - Kindergarten Assembly

Wednesday 27
☼ 2.00pm - Years 1/2 Assembly

Friday 29
☼ NC Athletics Carnival - Lismore

September

Tuesday 2
☼ Stage 2 Assembly - Class 3/4LR

Wednesday 3
☼ Fathers Day Stall
☼ 2.00pm - Kindergarten Assembly

Tuesday 9
☼ Years 3/4 Milo Cricket - Wayne Richards Park

Wednesday 10
☼ Years 5/6 Milo Cricket - Wayne Richards Park
☼ 2.00pm - Years 1/2 Assembly
☼ School’s Out 6.00 - 8.00pm

Thursday 11
☼ P & C Meeting

Friday 12
☼ Book Fair

Tuesday 16
☼ Stage 2 Assembly - Class 3EM

Wednesday 17
☼ Assembly of Excellence

Friday 19
☼ Book Parade
☼ Last Day of Term 3

Year 1-2 Assembly Awards Week 3
1KN - Jayden L, Timothy V, Jasmin R & Aurora A
1KB - Tahlia M, Shayla C & Wyat H
1JL - Cheyanne E & Lilianna L
2HL - Stella A, Mackenzie P, Xana B & Zak R
2MG - Lachlan P, Natasha G & Nakita S
2NW - Mason D-H, Tesharn C, Rachel P & Taylor C
2WD - Caitlin H, William H & Amelie E
1/2KP - Nicolas B, Abby-Rose F & Connor P

Citizen of the Week
Ava U - 2WD

Wauchope Wonder
Spencer M - KLB
Zac L - KLB

Head Lice
This is to inform you that head lice have been found in some classes. Could you please check your child’s hair to ensure there is no further spread. Can we ask that you make a daily hair check part of your routine.

We well understand the frustration of parents who continually have to deal with this problem despite regularly treating their child’s hair.

Thank you in anticipation for your continued support.

Your WPS Team

Artwork Display

Coming First
As I stood on the diving block I could hear the clapping and shouting of the other students. I was nervous, I felt sick.

Swimming is my favourite sport because I am a lot faster at swimming than running. It doesn’t matter if I am wearing a rash shirt or not, I am pretty fast in the water. But this one time I wore the wrong pants, they had so many pockets, I was worried they would slow me down.

Ready, set and off went the buzzer, I dived into the pool. Keeping my hands out front I started to paddle with my feet. I made my way up to the surface and started doing freestyle. It was great! I was coming first, and then I felt a pull at my waist. I realised it was my pockets filling with water. I started to slow down.

“I won!” I couldn’t believe I actually won.

Even though some of the students tried to make fun at me, I was not ashamed at all. I was very proud coming first in my underwear.

By Jye C - 4DW
P & C Canteen News

Canteen Roster Term 3 Week 4

Monday 4  L Stewart
Tuesday 5  Lisa M
Wednesday 6  Jacki
Thursday 7  M Corrigan
Friday 8  J Beryl & H Fraser

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.

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