**State Champion**

Kaal competed at PSSA State Athletics on 14 and 15 October in four events: the Para-Athletes 100m, 200m, shot put and discus. He received a silver (2nd place) in the discus, bronze (third place) in the shot put, fourth in the 100m and sixth in the 200m. Kaal will now compete at the Nationals in Canberra representing NSW in the shot put and discus, and only missed out on qualification for the 100m by 1/100th of a second. Kaal was a little surprised, but also proud to have made it through to the Nationals in two events, and is really looking forward to the 4 day event which starts on 4 December.

**Kindergarten 2016**

The 2016 Kindergarten children look like they are having a wonderful time visiting the Kindergarten classrooms this week. The week began with Monday Funday and a sausage sizzle. It will conclude with a parent morning tea. We hope you can join us. The majority of the children look like they are ready to start school straight away. The Wauchope Public School staff have enjoyed spending time with the boys and girls and are already looking forward to next year.

This year we have had 17 or 18 students in each Kindergarten class. Starting school is an incredibly important time in a young person’s life and indeed in the parents’ life whether it be your first, second or last child. These children will complete Primary school in 2022. It seems a long way off but I can assure you it goes extremely quickly.

We are still waiting for enrolment forms to be completed and returned. We need this information as soon as possible so we can upload details onto the system and your child can be placed in a class. Mr Beard will contact parents soon to follow up on outstanding enrolment forms. Thank you to our WPS staff and current Kindergarten children for their flexibility during this week.

**Opera House Choir**

Our choir children have had an experience they will not forget for a long time to come. Congratulations boys and girls. You represented our school with distinction. Thank you Mrs Brassey and Mrs Dignum for providing this wonderful opportunity.

**Grandparents Day**

WPS are celebrating Grandparents day on Wednesday 4 November in the K-2 section of our school. In most cases Grandparents have a very special bond with their grandchildren and I believe this is something we need to foster as families. There is something special about seeing children interacting with some of our senior members of society (by senior I mean older...
**Student Leadership Opportunities – 2016**

Our student leadership election process is well underway. Good luck to all of our nominees. The girls will present their speeches to Year 5 at 9:10am on Thursday 5 November and the boys will present at 9:10am on Friday 6. Parents are most welcome to attend. The nominees are:


The final speeches and Election Day will be on Wednesday 11 November commencing at 9:10am.

**Year 4 Excursion**

The children and staff had a brilliant time at Yarrathapannir last week. Excursions are a tremendous learning experience both educationally and socially. The teachers saw a huge growth in maturity and independence in just three days. Watch out mums and dads, they are growing up fast. Thanks again to the attending staff and organisers Mr Nicholson and Mrs Wheatley.

than the parents. I don’t want to upset anyone about their age!). If you can visit your K-2 grandchild’s classroom between 9:30am and 10:30am next Wednesday that would be great. We will then have a morning tea in the Frangipani garden from 10:30am. Please note this visit is for grandparents only.

**Principal for a Day**

As you all know one of the more successful fundraisers at our recent Fete was the Principal for a Day. Mrs Darcy was extremely excited to win this competition and has big plans for when she takes the reins. On the flip side, I know some staff members were devastated that they missed this opportunity. One teacher in Year 1 had amazing plans. As stated last week I wanted to notify you when this was happening so if anything unusual happened at school you know that I had nothing to do with it. Therefore, it is with great trepidation that I am forewarning everyone that Mrs Darcy will be the Principal of Wauchope Public School on Tuesday 3 November. Good luck everyone.

**Music Count Us In**

All children K-6 will join with children from all over Australia to sing ‘Gold’ today. Thank you Mrs Brassey for promoting this initiative. Our Choir will then perform at the RSL at midday. Good luck boys and girls.

**Quicksmart**

Congratulations to our clever Quicksmart graduates. Each child who completed the program received a special certificate at the Stage 3 assembly. They will enjoy a pizza party to celebrate today at lunch. Quicksmart is a numeracy program that is proving to be very successful and beneficial. Thank you to Mrs Gayed and Mrs O’Reilly who coordinate and teach the program.

**Futsal**

Congratulations to the 26 children who formed four teams and competed in the first ever school’s Futsal competition last week. Futsal is a very fast paced, skilful and energetic game and is not for the faint hearted. All of our teams, the Wonders, Wombats, Wanderers and the Warriors all experienced success on the day and had a great time.

Both the Wombats and the Warriors came second in their respective Pools. The Wombats went down narrowly in their semi-final. However, the Warriors defeated a St Columba team 2-1. The Warriors were simply exhausted from this game and had to commence the grand final after only a few minutes rest. As a result the team found themselves behind 0 - 3 after five minutes and a little shell shocked. We were up against a strong team who had previously beaten our team in the Pool rounds. I must note that we were playing in a mixed competition and while our opposition had girls on their team, only boys played the entire grand final against us (interesting tactics). Our team managed to be 1 – 4 behind at half time. Our boys and girls regrouped at half time and had a team tactical chat. With 2 minutes left to play our team had clawed their way back into the game and the score was 4 all. It was a very tense final two minutes. Our players were on fire and the opposition were struggling and backpedalling under the relentless WPS pressure. We scored in the final minute and held off for the remaining seconds to win the inaugural Futsal competition. Congratulations to Courtney M and Ebony D who did not take any prisoners. Kyle B was a sensation at the back. Ben B did some incredible saves and showed brilliant reflexes to save countless goals from close range and Izzaic and Lachlan were electric in attack scoring amazing goals.

Thank you to one of our parents,
Stage 1 Assembly Awards - Week 4
Merit Awards
1/2WM - Liliarna L, Kihan M & Hamish M
1BB - Taylah H, Alyssa B & Alex L
1KB - Reily T, Joey H & Mia H
1KN - Ned J, Jamie F & Hayley M
1LF - Khylayla M, Christopher A & Zachary O
2HL - Lincoln W, Maggie L & Shayla C
2HJ - Lincoln W, Maggie L & Shayla C

Citizen Of The Week
1/2WM - Leeanna T
Healthy Lunchbox
1/2WM - Leeanna T

Hastings Sport Award
50cent Tuckshop
Year 6 students will be holding a 50cent tuckshop on Friday 20 November. The tuckshop will be outside the canteen at recess only. All money raised will be put towards the Year 6 gift to the school. We ask all Year 6 students to contribute sweet food to the tuckshop. Thank you for your support in this endeavour.

Intensive Swimming
This program will commence in Week 7, 16 November. If your child is not a proficient swimmer then please ensure you enrol them in the program. The lessons are for children in Year 2 to Year 6. We need our children to be competent swimmers. This is an excellent opportunity for our non-swimmers.

Year 3 Beach Excursion
I know the children will enjoy their trip to the beach next Monday. Thank you Mrs Rock for coordinating.

Year 5 Timbertown Excursion
Year 5 are off to Timbertown on Monday. Thank you Mr Freeman-Duffy for coordinating.

Jump Rope for Heart
I received an email last week from the Heart Foundation thanking the students at WPS for raising $5,255.20 for this tremendous organisation. Our school will receive $525 to spend on resources. Thank you all staff for supporting this - and Mrs Barnett for coordinating. It was great fun.

2016 Class Formations
I would invite parents to submit in writing any special requests regarding their child's class placement for 2016 in writing addressed to myself (not the class teacher) before the end of Week 5, 6 November 2015. This may involve being with some children or not being with certain children. All requests will be taken into consideration when forming classes. However, there are no guarantees. Staff will be putting a lot of effort and time into ensuring that all classes are as balanced as possible taking into consideration factors such as academic levels, social development, relationships, behaviour, and male/female.

School Hats
Please ensure your child wears the correct school hat. If kids want to look different, it quite often means they want to act different which is usually not a good sign. We have both the cap and wide brimmed hats available. I believe they are only $10. Much cheaper than other hats. Thanks for your support and cooperation.

Halloween
This day is an interesting celebration from America that seems to be increasing in popularity in Australia. I must say I have major concerns about the concept. From a child protection point of view I would recommend that children do not visit houses without a trusted adult in close proximity. I would also be very careful about what lollies are being eaten by your children e.g. homemade, from a store or in a wrapper. I would also only do this during daylight hours. We have to be incredibly careful with our children’s safety.

Of course what I have written above is only my opinion and suggestion. It is totally up to individual parents/carers what you want to do with this date on our calendar.

World Teachers Day
Happy World Teachers Day to the wonderfully committed and caring teachers at Wauchope PS. I hope the children are angels all day on Friday for the teachers.

Cameron Osborne

Congratulations to Stella T for receiving this years Port Macquarie Hastings Sports Award of the Year - Primary School. Well done Stella!

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**Enrichment Assessments**

Enrichment testing will commence in Week 5. Students will be allocated times throughout the week and be supervised during testing procedures. Upon completion of all students being tested, papers marked and results collated, letters will be sent home informing parents if their child has achieved a placement. Students will be selected for the class on the basis of:

- Exhibiting superior skills in Key Learning Areas, particularly Literacy and Numeracy
- Current achievement aligned to stage outcomes
- Achievement levels in NAPLAN Testing (where applicable)
- Results from standardised aptitude testing
- Teacher recommendation based on student performance

We have had many applications this year which is a positive sign that our students are achieving academic success and that our program is a positive asset for our school.

As you can appreciate this is a time consuming process as students from Years 2 – 5 are eligible.

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**Year 6 Farewell and Year 5 Disco**

The Year 6 Farewell and Year 5 Disco will be held on Thursday 10 December at the Wauchope RSL Club.

The format for the night is as follows:

- 7.30pm - Year 5 students arrive for the dance/disco
- 8.45 - Finish

Parents are to collect students from the auditorium.

The cost for the night is $5.00 which covers the disco and drinks. Money must be paid prior to the entry to the disco.

As this is the students official Farewell/Disco, we ask that students dress appropriately for the occasion. e.g. ‘Smart/Classy’.

Thank you - Year 5 and 6 Teachers

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**P & C NEWS**

**Canteen Roster Term 4 Week 5**

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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.

**WOOSH News**

December / January Vacation Care, 2016 dates are as follows:

- Pupil free days at the end of Term 4 are Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December 2015.

These are up on the board in the Woosh room now. Please come into the centre and place your child’s name on the list with the required days clearly ticked or alternatively give Alex a ring at the centre.

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**Intensive Swimming Scheme**

Our Intensive swimming program commences on Monday 16 November 2015 and runs for a period of ten days. The last day for swimming will be Friday 27 November.

This program caters for students from Year 2 – Year 6 who are non-swimmers or cannot swim a distance of 25 metres (half the Olympic sized pool). Competent swimmers will not be allowed to attend.

The cost for the program is $27.50. This payment needs to be sent to the school office in an envelope with your child’s name and class on the front. Students will not need to pay on a daily basis.

You can also use the pool tickets for entry into the pool. Ten tickets need to be placed in an envelope with your child’s name and class on the front. Students will not need to pay for availability after Monday 7 December 2015.

The closing date for registration is Tuesday 1 December 2015. The closing date for After School Care 2016 is Friday 8 January 2016.

As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Miss Alex on 0412 852 441 at the centre for availability after Monday 7 December 2015.

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**Motor Cross**

Congratulations to Billy H for winning the 65cc Junior A-Grade MX series and coming 3rd in the Mini Lites Junior B-Grade MX series. Well done Billy.

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