Grandparents Day
Wow! We had an amazing response to Grandparents’ Day yesterday. As I mentioned last week, grandparents and their grandchildren share a very special bond. It was obvious for all to see yesterday. Thank you to all of the lovely grandparents who visited Wauchope Public School. We loved having you and we will ensure this day is an annual event on our school calendar.

I heard some lovely stories as I visited the K-2 rooms and the smiles on the faces of the young and old were brilliant. I felt great just being a part of it.

Thank you to the entire K-2 staff for being so accommodating and to Jude Stephens for assisting with the morning tea.

Kindergarten 2016

Last week’s Kinder Start program was extremely successful. We anticipate forming five classes next year. Mr Beard has been making contact with parents re enrolment forms or following up on any missing documentation. Please endeavour to return any outstanding forms or information at your earliest convenience. Please alert us if your circumstances change so we can add or delete names on our 2016 lists. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Excursions

Year 3 had a great day visiting the beach on Monday. They learnt all about safety, in and out of the water.

Year 5 had a good time at Timbertown on Monday also.

Student Leadership Speeches
Good luck boys and girls for your leadership speeches today and tomorrow.

The staff are looking forward to hearing why these children believe they are the best people to be elected as student leaders at WPS in 2016. It is a great honour to be a prefect at our school.

World Teachers Day

Congratulations to Ms Henry who was awarded a special teaching award at a World Teachers Day ceremony last week.
Student Leadership Opportunities – 2016
Our student leadership election process is well under way. 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.

The nominees are:

The final speeches and Election Day will be on Wednesday 11 November commencing at 11:30am.

Remembrance Day
November 11 is a day we remember.

Remembrance Day. Wednesday 11, November is a day of special significance to all Australians, commemorating the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. Wauchope Public School will hold a full K-6 assembly to recognise our extremely brave men and women.

K-6 will have a special assembly to commemorate this special day. Our SRC will represent our school at the Wauchope ceremony at the Cenotaph on this day. Please ensure your child has returned their permission note to Ms Henry. Our children will plant the poppies that WPS students have made.

Congratulations to all candidates for taking the risk or chance to put themselves forward for this role.

Aboriginal Education Awards
Congratulations to Georgie D, Jye C and Aunty Helen who are all receiving special awards at this ceremony tomorrow morning.

2015 School Magazine
If you would like to order a copy of the 2015 ‘Timber Tales’ then please return the note and $15 ASAP so we have a good idea of how many to print. They are a tremendous keepsake. I know a huge amount of time and effort goes into the production of these magazines. If we do not sell enough copies to make this effort worthwhile then this initiative may not happen in 2016 which would be a shame.

2016 Classes
Tomorrow, is the last day for parents to submit in writing any special requests regarding their child’s class placement for 2016. The letter needs to be addressed to myself. 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, friendships, behaviour and male/female.

Cricket
Good luck to the Australian cricket team who play New Zealand in the first test. After the Rugby World Cup Final last weekend, I’m hoping our cricketers perform.

Cameron Osborne

School Attendance - Every Day Counts!
Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don’t fall behind both socially and developmentally.

When a student is away for all or even part of a day, the child’s parents or guardian must write a note or communicate with the school explaining the absence. If this note does not come into the school after two weeks it is recorded as an “Unjustified absence”. - John Baker

Day Excursion to the Matinee performance of School Spectacular
The Schools Spectacular is an annual event that is hosted by the NSW Department of Education and Communities at the QANTAS Credit Union Arena (formerly Sydney Entertainment Centre). It features 3000 of the state’s most talented singers, dancers and musicians and is always brilliantly choreographed. Wauchope PS Choir has been successful with the audition process and will take part in the Schools Spectacular performance.

Students in Year 5 and 6 are being given the opportunity to attend the matinee performance and support our very own performers. Notes went home to Year 5 and 6 last week detailing the day excursion to be held on Friday 27 November. Numbers are limited for this fantastic excursion so students who wish to attend need to return permission notes as soon as possible. Don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity! If you have any questions please contact Miss Millard.

QuickSmart News

28 Year 5 students have now completed the QuickSmart Numeracy program for 2015. They were presented with their graduation certificates at the Stage 3 Assembly on Monday 26 October and enjoyed a ‘pizza party’ last Thursday to celebrate their achievement. These students have worked very hard on improving their ‘automaticity’ when recalling addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. They are to be
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Citizen of the Week
KDB - Riley S
KJB - Bella M
KMM - Noah O

Work of the Week
KDB - Micheal C
KJB - Maddison M
KJL - Logan L
KLB - Ethan D
KMM - Max S

You may have noticed a few weary but happy faces around the school at the end of last week when our Opera House choir members and teachers returned from their very exciting adventure in Sydney. Travelling to Sydney on Monday, rehearsing and performing all day Tuesday and shopping and sight-seeing on Wednesday before a long bus trip home, was a huge agenda and plenty of reason to feel worn out. But to top it off our amazing team of 34 boys and girls rolled up to school on Thursday morning ready to perform again at a local event. We were both so proud of these wonderful ‘Wauchope Ambassadors’. Their performance, behaviour and overall attitude were a credit to our school and to their families. It is a big financial commitment by the families but such an amazing experience. To stand up and sing with the spotlights of the Opera House Concert Hall and a full audience of parents, friends and special guests all watching you is something our choir members will remember for many years. To top off what was already a really successful trip; on the final day whilst we were walking through Market City (above Paddy’s Market) the Centre Manager came over and complimented our students on their appearance and behaviour. Recognising they came from a small town,
he said he would like to reward them with ice creams and a special souvenir bag. So after some photos and delicious multi-flavour ice cream, 34 very proud Wauchope students boarded the bus for the trip home. Thank you to everyone who helped to get the Choir to Sydney for this fantastic experience. It is always our pleasure to take WPS students away and for 16 of these talented students it’s not long till we head off again for Schools Spectacular in Week 8.

Mrs Fiona Brassey / Mrs Cindy Dignum

Year 3 Beach Excursion

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Whooping Cough Information

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

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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

**WHS Uniform Shop**

The Wauchope High School Uniform Shop, located in the front foyer, will be open on the following days during January and February 2016:

- **Saturday 23 January**
  - 8:30am to 9:30am
- **Thursday 28 January**
  - 8:30am to 9:30am
- **Friday 29 January**
  - 8:30am to 9:30am
- **Saturday 30 January**
  - 8:30am to 12:30pm
- **Wednesday 16 December**
  - 7.30am to 9.00am
- **Monday 17 January**
  - 8:30am to 9:30am

Then back to the regular times of Monday and Friday 8:30 to 9.00am.

Note: during the school holidays there are no EFTPOS facilities.

The uniform shop will also be open on Orientation Day - 3 December.

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### P & C NEWS

**Canteen Roster Term 4 Week 6**

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Thank you for all your support. If 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 organise the centre.

**REMEMBER TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR SCHOOL**

**P & C Meeting**

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Thursday 12 November at 7.00pm in the staff room.

**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 0412 852 441 at the centre.

**Extended Uniform Shop Opening Hours For Dec 2015 / Jan 2016**

**December 2015**

- **7.30 - 8.30am and 1.45 - 3.00pm**
  - Two sessions this day for flexibility

**Monday 8 December**

- 7.30am – 9.00am

**Thursday 10 December**

- 7.30am – 9.00am

**Tuesday 15 December**

- 7.30am – 9.00am

**Wednesday 16 December**

- 12.00pm – 2.00pm
  - Afternoon session

**January 2016**

- **Wednesday 27 January**
  - 8.30am – 10.00am
- **Thursday 28 January**
  - 7.30am – 9.00am

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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.

**Please detach and return to the Front Office by Wednesday 11 November, 2015.**

I do / do not consent to _________________________________ of class ________________ participating in the Intensive Swimming Program. Please find the amount of $27.50/ten pool tickets enclosed.

My son / daughter has the following special needs (please provide full details and include any relevant medical details)

I give / do not give permission for my child to receive medical treatment in case of emergency.

Signed Parent/Guardian/Carer - ________________________________
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**Give your child every chance to succeed...**

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**Your child’s best learning time is at the beginning of the day...**

**Every Minute Counts! Don’t Be Late!**