Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11, November 2015 was a day of very special significance to all Australians, commemorating the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace operations. Wauchope Public School held a full K-6 assembly to recognise our extremely brave men and women. I was so impressed by our student’s manners, respect and behaviour that they displayed throughout the ceremony. Our student leaders did an excellent job compering the ceremony. Our Student Representative Council participated in the Wauchope community service at the Cenotaph.

Congratulations boys and girls and thank you Mr Baker for coordinating the ceremony and Mrs Henry for coordinating the SRC.

2016 Student Leadership

I would like to congratulate every student who presented a speech in the first round of voting. Well done to the boys and girls who took a risk in an attempt to experience success. The risk of doing this is missing out on the next level or the next level after that. This sort of experience develops resilience. Resilience is something I feel is one of the most important parts of a person’s personality. We have to learn how to win and how to loose. We have to enjoy the good times of success but we also need to accept the near misses, not being picked in a team, not getting into the exact class we wanted to be, getting out at handball, making errors in tests etc., etc.

Our Year 5 student body voted these candidates in and it will now be up to the student’s in Years 3, 4 and 5 and staff to elect our two captains, two vice captains and four prefects. This election occurred yesterday. I look forward to announcing the successful candidates at our 3-6 Presentation Day on Tuesday 1 December.


P & C Meeting
Tonight, Thursday 12 November
7.00pm
Aboriginal Education Awards

On Friday I attended this award ceremony. Congratulations to the following WPS award winners: Georgie D for Student Leadership, Jye C for Performing/Creative Visual Arts and Aunty Helen for Outstanding contribution to educational achievement by an Aboriginal staff member. Thank you to the WPS Aboriginal Committee for nominating these winners.

University Students

Welcome to our University Students: Catherine Moran - 2HL, Megan Urquhart - KJL, Rhianna Landow - KDB, Kristy-Lee Sullivan - 1/2WM, Ellouise Boyd 5/6WH and Matilda Cooper - 1KN.

Principal for a Day!

WPS had a very enjoyable day with Mrs Darcy in charge. Although I was extremely nervous, all children received a treat, some type of reward and I had to teach 4/5AD. Mrs Darcy even dressed as a principal. I’m not sure why she had a pillow under her shirt. Maybe she wants to be considered for a few Santa opportunities at upcoming functions.

Year 6 and SRC Fundraiser

Year 6 and the Student Representative Council are holding a combined fundraiser in an attempt to purchase a gift for the school. Children may be out of uniform on Friday 20 November. Year 6 will be selling goodies at a 50 cent Tuck Shop. They were hoping children would also bring a gold coin donation.

P&C Meeting

Just a reminder that the next P&C meeting is tonight commencing at 7pm in the school staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

Practice Lockdown

Last week we held a practice Lockdown. There was no incident or emergency. We were simply trying to refine our procedures just in case of an emergency.

Swimming Scheme

This fantastic program commences next week. Please be aware that the children will not magically become brilliant swimmers in two weeks of lessons. Please consider follow up lessons at the pool.

Timbertown Excursion

It was third time lucky for Year 2 on Monday. I have been informed that the children had a very enjoyable day at Timbertown. Thank you for everyone’s patience and thank you to Miss Jefferays.

Cameron Osborne

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 4, 5 and 6 are being given the opportunity to attend the matinee performance and support our very own performers. Notes went home to Year 4, 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.

Aunty Helen - Farewell

We will be celebrating Aunty Helen’s time at Wauchope Public School followed by cutting of the cake and official re-opening of the ‘Bush Tucker Garden’. The farewell takes place on Friday 4 December at 10.30am in the schools assembly hall.

School Band

Thank you all for a wonderful year this year. The band has progressed to reach a very pleasing standard and I think the students are enjoying the results of their efforts.

If children other than those in year 6 are not continuing in the band program in 2016, could parents please send me a message or email to let me know as timetabling for 2016 is organised during the Christmas break. If any parents currently hiring an instrument would like to purchase one, please also contact me so I can advise castings etc. Thanks

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Stage 1 Assembly Awards - Week 6

Merit Awards
1/2WM - Cody M, Tahlia M, Grace W
1BB - Vivienne M, Izaak D, Tarj G
1KB - Keira C, Aleisha G, Tiarna N
1KN - Crystal D, Nakiyah D, Pippa L
1LF - Christopher A, Matthew A-S, Lila L
2HJ - Anna R, William B, Kaylee D
2HL - Mia S, Josh O, Corey D
2MG - Mikah G, Joseph F, Samantha S

Citizen Of The Week
1/2WM - Max P

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
8.45pm - 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

P & C NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 4 Week 7
Monday 16 Jacki
Tuesday 17 Hazel F
Wednesday 18 Shannan F
Thursday 19 Leisa F
Friday 20 Angela H

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.

REMEMBER TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR SCHOOL

P & C Meeting
Our next P & C meeting will be held tonight, 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 the centre.

Telstra’s Family Ticket Offer
Telstra—the Schools Spectacular’s Principal Sponsor—is giving you the chance to win tickets to the Schools Spectacular Matinee performance on Saturday 28 November at 1:00pm. Each lucky winner will receive a Family Pass of 4 Tickets (Silver category).

To enter, tell us in 100 words or less why you would like to win tickets to the 2015 Schools Spectacular. Entries close Friday 13 November 2015. Send your entry to: schoolspectickets@hotmail.com or Schools Spectacular Ticket Giveaway DoE Sponsorship Unit Locked Bag 53, Darlinghurst NSW 2010

**Winners will be notified by email or phone on Monday 16 November 2015. You must be able to attend the Schools Spectacular matinee performance on Saturday 28 November 2015 at 1pm. One entry per person.

Year 2 Timbertown Excursion

After having to postpone our excursion twice because of wet weather, Year 2 were very excited to finally go to Timbertown on Monday. It was a beautiful sunny day and all students had a fantastic time exploring the ‘Olden Day’ activities. We visited the blacksmith, went panning for gold, played with the old wooden toys in the wood workshop, learned about the sawmill and rode the stage coach and the steam train. Year 2 was fascinated learning about Wauchope’s history and what it would have been like living in the ‘Olden Days’. Thank you to Year 2 students, staff and helpers for a wonderful day!
Wauchope High School 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 12:30pm
- Thursday 28 January 8:30am to 9:30am
- Friday 29 January 8:30am to 9:30am
- Saturday 30 January 8:30am to 12:30pm
- Monday 1 to Friday 5 February 8:30am to 9:30am
Then back to the regular times of Monday and Friday 8:30 to 9:00am.

Wauchope Blues JRLFC 2016
Registrations for the Wauchope Blues JRLFC 2016 season will be open on line on the 1st December 2015. All instructions how to register and fees will be placed on website for Wauchope Blues JRLFC.
We will also be holding some in person days in the new year. Thank you all Lynne Corr - Secretary Wauchope Blues JRLFC

Wauchope Netball Club – Registration Days
Where: Wauchope Basketball Stadium – Cameron Street – Wauchope
When: Saturday 6th and 13th February 2016
Times: 9am till 12 noon
Age Groups:
- Net Set Go 5-6
- Return Netta 7-9
- Competitive turning 10-18
- Seniors – Monday nights
Umpires and coaches needed. New and second hand uniforms available on the day. For more information please contact Kim Thompson on 0408 861 898

Wauchope Netball Club

Bus Safety – Parent Information

BE BUS AWARE
Be safe on and around buses

Travelling safely on a bus does not end when you step off the bus. Care must also be taken before and after riding the bus, which is when most casualties occur. Talking with your child about safe behaviour in traffic areas on a regular basis can build their confidence and help them to feel secure. One of the best ways to keep your child safe is to practise how to cross the road safely especially before boarding and after leaving the bus. Please make sure your child understands the safety procedure below:

1. WAIT on the footpath until the bus has been driven away and then choose the safest place to cross.
2. WATCH until there is no traffic or the traffic has stopped.
3. WALK across the road, turning your head both ways to look and listen for traffic.

Other ways you can assist your child to become a safer bus traveller include:
- Arrange for an adult to accompany your child to and from the bus stop.
- Wait for your child on the same side of the road as the stopping bus.
- Never call for your child to cross the road to meet you.
- Discuss what to do should your child miss the bus or catch the wrong one.

Important tips for your child on the bus:
- Always wait until the bus has completely stopped before walking towards the bus.
- Always sit quietly on the bus as noise can distract the driver.
- Always wait until the bus has left before crossing the road.

Timbertown Photos

Term 4 Week 6 Newsletter 2015 for teams to come and play within our Centre, we will build team numbers prior to the Christmas break then we will start full competition on Monday 4th January 2016.
We invite Team captains or organizers, as well as individuals for Expressions of Interests to register NOW! Mondays Junior U12 & U14 and Seniors Open Cricket Tuesdays Mixed Netball Wednesdays Ladies Netball Thursdays Soccer Fridays Juniors U16 & Social/ Mixed Cricket

The Centre Manger will then be in contact with details of our Rules and Fee’s Structure.

Please send Interest to: fun@arksports.com.au and Attention to Todd Ruttle Centre Manager or call 0400 030 952
Our Address is at Ark Sports 203 Lake Road Port Macquarie, (the old tender centre) next door to Super Amart Furniture.

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