2016 Student Leaders
I would like to once again congratulate the 16 fantastic Year 5 student leadership candidates. I thought they were all fantastic. I hope the eight students who have just missed out on being elected seek other leadership opportunities next year as I know they have the necessary skills to be leaders in our school. The actual captains and vice captains will be announced at the Years 3-6 Presentation Day on Tuesday 1 December. Congratulations to the following eight leaders for 2016 in alphabetical order: Emily B, India E, Jayde J, Bodhi M, Blake M, Meghan R, Jeremy S and Sam S.

Swimming Scheme
This is a very large organisational effort to coordinate approximately 160 students from five different grades with several different staff members involved from each grade. I know the children are learning a fantastic life skill and I thank all WPS staff for going above and beyond and also thank everyone for their flexibility during this invaluable two week program.

Schools Spectacular
Good luck to Mrs Brassey, Mrs Dignum and our wonderful choir representatives who will enjoy yet another amazing experience next week. All the best of luck to: Tamara B, Laura B, Evie B, Jessica F, Tom F, Sophie G, Darcy-Jane H, Eden J, Kayley M, Gretchen M, Tyler M, Abbi M, Sam S, Jasmine T, Mackenzie T-S and Ella U.

School Band and Musical Instrument Lessons
On Tuesday WPS students enjoyed a performance from our school band. Your child may like to take the opportunity to undertake music lessons in 2016 on a Tuesday morning. If you are interested please feel free to contact the school office and they will give you the music teacher's details.

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 tomorrow. Wear something colourful. Year 6 will be selling goodies at a 50 cent Tuck Shop. They were hoping children would also bring a gold coin donation.
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Kindergarten Assembly Awards Week 7
KDB - Alena D & Alleah-Rose S
KJB - Arthur T-T & Byron P
KJL - Sienna P-R & Shiloh M
KLB - Lilly S & Taylor H
KMM - Jordan C & Lacie M

Citizen of the Week
KDB - Latoya P-D
KJB - Jackson R
KJL - Dedan S
KLB - Toby N
KMM - Mia B

Work of the Week
KDB - Odin A
KJB - Emmalee P
KJL - Tarquinn P
KLB - Jeremy F
KMM - Ethan A

2015 Talent Quest
Our school talent quest will be held on Friday 11 December. There is a limit of one act (entry) per person. Performances must be no longer than one minute and 30 seconds. If you would like to enter the talent quest, please see Mrs Shields for a note and infants can collect notes from Mrs Kath Bailey. The form needs to be completed and returned to Mrs Shields ASAP.

Thank you - Mrs Jordan Shields

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 school's 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 time tabling 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 costings etc. Thanks Ann Hamilton 0416 269 296 aahamilton@ozemail.com.au

Volunteers Needed To Teach Ethics
Wauchope Public School is one of several schools in the Hastings region which offers Ethics classes. Since 2011, children who don't attend Special Religious Education (SRE/Scripture) classes have had an option to go to philosophical ethics classes run by the charity, Primary Ethics. The classes are taught by volunteers who undergo free training for the task.

The Primary Ethics program at Wauchope Public School became a possibility when a parent, Bryony Anderson, volunteered to become the school's first Ethics Teacher in 2014. Elizabeth Raine joined her as a second teacher later in the year. Currently, students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are able to attend ethics classes.

If more volunteer teachers from the wider community can be found, then all those students who would like to take these classes will be able to do so, and classes will also be able to be offered to students from Kindy through to Year 6.

"The children are taught to look at ethical issues from all sides and are then encouraged to make up their own minds on the issue, based on logic and sound reasons".
KJL have had lots of fun over the last two weeks reading, writing and learning all about Penguins. It all started with a beautiful book called Lost and Found. Mrs Urquhart helped us to make these amazing penguin sculptures. 

**Emperor Penguins**

The penguin is cute and fluffy. The Mum goes to get the fish. The Dad looks after the babies. If the baby penguin stays on the ice too long it dies. 

By Logan L (KJL)

The year gets warm from the Dad’s fur. Mum penguin goes and gets the fish. The Mum penguin swallows the fish and will share with the baby. 

By Siahn C (KJL)

**Emperor Penguins**

It hunts for food for two months. They scoop down to catch the fish. The penguin slides on the ice mountains. 

**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:

- **Monday 23 December:** Jacki
- **Tuesday 24 December:** Lisa M
- **Wednesday, 25 December:** Leesa M
- **Thursday 26 December:** Joanne E
- **Friday 27 December:** Denis P & Anne-Marie C

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. If you have to organise a replacement.

**P & C NEWS**

**Canteen Roster Term 4 Week 8**

- **Monday 23 December:** Jacki
- **Tuesday 24 December:** Lisa M
- **Wednesday 25 December:** Leesa M
- **Thursday 26 December:** Joanne E
- **Friday 27 December:** Denis P & Anne-Marie C

The P&C are seeking parent helpers to assist with the set up and decorating for this year’s Year 6 Farewell. If you are able to assist and for further information please contact Jo Garrett on 0417 852 777. The date for the farewell is Thursday 10 December.

**P & C AGM**

The P&C AGM will be held on March 10 2016 in the staff room at 6:00pm.

**Extra Uniform Shop Opening Hours**

The WPS uniform shop will be open on the following days during January 2016:

- **Thursday 21 January:**
  - 10.00am - 12.00 noon
- **Friday 22 January:**
  - 10.00am - 12.00 noon
- **Thursday 28 January:**
  - 9.00am - 11.00am

For further information please contact Kaela Croft on 0427 250 395.

**Thankyou**

Thankyou to Kylie Hackney and Curley’s Café Wauchope for your generous donation following the school fete. Kylie donated $289.55 to our school Fete total.

**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.**
- **January Vacation Care Monday 4 to Monday 25 January 2016.**
- **Term 1 Pupil Free Day, Wednesday 27 January 2016.**

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.

**Closing Date for Registration**

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.
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.

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

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

Community News

Hastings Autism

Hastings Autism (previously called HAARG) is a non-profit organisation run entirely by unpaid volunteers who are dedicated to helping people with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder and their families in the local area.

Hastings Autism aims to help people affected by autism through all stages of life. Families affected by autism are invited to attend Hastings Autism’s annual Christmas Party.

When: Saturday 28th November
Where: Wow Fun Park, Boundary Rd, Port Macquarie
Time: 5pm - 7pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 2 years and older

Includes: Party food, waterslides, trampolines, and a bag of lollies from Santa!

For more information please contact Hastings Autism on 0499 422 778 or info@hastingsautism.org.au

Free Concert

You are invited to a Free Concert for Primary School Aged Children at Port Macquarie Library, Saturday 5 December at 10.30am.

Local storytellers Morgan and Roman are excited to announce the launch of their CD ‘The Koala Went Cooee’, with a free concert for young children.

Join in the fun with puppets, music, dancing and storytelling.

For more information contact Virginia Cox, Children’s Librarian at Port Macquarie Library.

Intensive Swimming Scheme