Welcome

We welcomed 87 Kindergarten children in mainstream and six Kindergarten children into our Special Education class yesterday. The children all looked fantastic in their brand new uniforms. The smiles on their faces were priceless. We are looking forward to meeting five more Kindergarten children over the next few days. I believe this year was possibly the best first day of school I have witnessed. Congratulations boys and girls. Almost every single child bounded in with great enthusiasm. Most mums and dads were very also brave!

The boys and girls will be very tired over the next few weeks as each day will be action packed. The children will need to get plenty of sleep and eat a healthy breakfast so they are as fresh as possible for the excitement of “Big School”.

The Kindergarten teachers are Mrs Barnett KLB, Mrs Best KJB, Mrs Millard KMM, Mrs Lovett KJL, Mr Beard KDB and Mrs Puchert KAP.

I would encourage our new parents to be actively involved in their child’s education and work with the WPS staff to enhance and improve your child’s educational and social development.

Class Formation
The children in Years 1 - 6 were placed in temporary classes on Monday 2 February. Once we confirm our student numbers with the Department of Education, we will publish the classes/staff and confirm our class structure for 2015.

Swimming Carnival
Good luck to all children participating in this event tomorrow. They are always tremendous days and I encourage parents to come along and support your child. Congratulations to the 16 students who have been elected House Captains and Vice Captains. I know they will enjoy this leadership opportunity. Thank you in advance to any parents who volunteer to assist on the day with a job and special thanks to Mrs Gowan and Ms Moore who have been spending many afternoons organising this event. Please note that this is a school activity and children are expected to attend. Please remember the $3.70 entry fee. Children who intend entering the open 100m freestyle event need to meet Mrs Pelley at the Flag Pole at 8:15am as your event will take place before the rest of the school arrive at the carnival. Please remember plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, rashie (for the novelties) and have all towels/clothing clearly labelled.

Please note the Hastings/Camden Haven carnival will be on Wednesday 18 February at Port Macquarie, the Lower North Coast carnival will be on Wednesday 25 February in Kempsey and the North Coast carnival will be on Wednesday 4 March in Lismore.

Book Packs Years K-6
The cost of these book packs and equipment will be $15 for each grade. This is a very small amount of money to pay and I’m hoping all parents/caregivers can pay this amount this year. Every child will receive an invoice. Eftpos facilities are available for your convenience.

As a thank you to those students who pay this term, they will receive a special complementary navy WPS Display Folder with school emblem at the end of Term 1. Thank you in advance.
**Student Equipment**

Please ensure your child has the necessary equipment particularly if they are in Years 3-6. Occasionally time is wasted when students can’t begin or complete work because they don’t have the essentials. Required equipment lists have been published in this newsletter.

**P&C**

The next P&C meeting will be on Thursday 12 February in the school staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend. Hopefully some of our new Kindergarten parents can attend. We have sadly farewelled many long term members recently as their children are now in High School. We would really love to have a burst of new parents who can start a new chapter for the WPS P&C. Hope to meet you on the 12th.

**Parent Information Evenings**

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend their child’s classroom to attend a Parent Information session. At these sessions you will find out about various routines, procedures, equipment requirements, expectations, upcoming events and find out about staff who will be involved with your child.

It will also be a great opportunity to put a face to your child’s teacher’s name and meet parents of other children in the class.

Please note that these are not individual parent teacher meetings. However, you are welcome to organise a mutually convenient time to meet with the teacher to discuss your child’s education at any stage during the year.

It is important that you make your child’s teacher aware of any important information such as medication, allergies, health issues, family situations etc. It is expected the sessions will be 30 minutes in duration.

Dates and times are listed below:

**Monday 16 February**
- Kindergarten 5:00pm
- Year 1 5:30pm
- Year 2 6:00pm

**Tuesday 17 February**
- Year 5 5:00pm
- Year 6 5:00pm

**Wednesday 18 February**
- Year 3 – 5:00pm
- Year 4 – 5:30pm

An information brochure will also be distributed for those who can’t attend on the evening or have children in different grades and can’t physically make it to all classes.

**Health Care Needs**

If your child has a health condition I would ask that you ensure we have an up to date health care plan formulated by your doctor.

**Special Education Drop off Driveway**

The Special Education staff are currently trying to streamline the arrival and departure of their children. Can parents of children that are not in these classes please refrain from using this driveway. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Bus Stop Change**

A town bus stop has been placed on the other side of Waugh Street in front of the Kindergarten classrooms. Please be aware of this change so you do not incur a fine.

**West Tigers Visit**

We were lucky enough to have Keith Galloway and Curtis Sironen visit and speak with our Years 3-6 children yesterday. They were promoting healthy eating, a healthy lifestyle, physical activity and of course Rugby League.

Thank you Mr Sallustio for organising this event.

**Printable 2015 homework calendars**

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out School A to Z’s 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.


**House Captains 2015**

**Kendall**

Captains - Skyla I and Jake J
Vice Captains - Carmen G and Josh G
Lawson

Captains - Ruby M and Callum N
Vice Captains - Amber M and Kade M

Gordan

Captains - Nicola A-S and Bryce C
Vice Captains - Laura B and Jackson B

Paterson

Captains - Stella T and Brok T
Vice Captains - Bree R and Eli T

Cameron Osborne

Tuesday 17 February - Parent Information Evening
☼ Year 5 5:00pm
☼ Year 6 5:00pm

Wednesday 18 February - Parent Information Evening
☼ Year 3 – 5:00pm
☼ Year 4 – 5:30pm

PBL Focus for the Week (Term 1, Weeks 2 and 3)

Walk on hard surfaces
• walk on the concrete paths
• walk to and from the playground
• walk up and down stairs
• walk to the bus lines
• walk to and from scripture
• walk, walk, walk and BE SAFE!

Equipment Checklist 2015

Stage 2 equipment supplies for school
Please be aware that these may need to be renewed at the beginning of each term. Each student will need:
• HB Pencils- Staedler or equivalent please. The cheap ones continually break and will not sharpen properly.
• 1 Packet of Whiteboard Markers (your child will use these on a daily basis)
• Coloured pencils
• Textas
• Ruler with cm and mm marked on it (please no metal ones)
• Erasers
• Sharpener
• Glue stick (Good Quality)
• Colouring pencils
• 1 thick black Artline marker
• pencil sharpener

Year 5 equipment supplies for school
 4 blue pens
 2 red pens
 4 lead pencils (HB)
 30cm ruler (not bendy)
 4 glue sticks (not runny glue please)
 colouring pencils
 1 thick black Artline marker
 pencil sharpenener

Dates to Remember

Friday 6 February
☼ Swimming Carnival Years 3-6

Thursday 12 February
☼ P & C Meeting - 7pm

Wednesday 18 February
☼ Hastings/Camden Haven Swimming Carnival

Friday 13 February
☼ Kindergarten Photos

Monday 16 February - Parent Information Evening
☼ Kindergarten 5:00pm
☼ Year 1 5:30pm
☼ Year 2 6:00pm
Term 1 Week 2

Thursday 5 February 2015

Year 5 Teachers

Year 6 equipment supplies for school

- 4 blue pens
- 2 red pens
- 4 lead pencils (HB)
- 30cm ruler (not bendy)
- 4 glue sticks (not runny glue please)
- colouring pencils/crayons
- 1 thin black mapping pen
- pencil sharpener
- erasers

Optional extras:

- calculator
- coloured textas
- diary to keep track of important dates
- scissors
- geometry set (compass and protractor)
- highlighters
- homework book (A4 book)
- pencil case with name on it
- one box of tissues
- one roll of paper towel
- one ream of paper
- one 5m roll of clear (not tinted) contact
- coloured textas
- diary to keep track of important dates

Regards,

Year 5 Teachers

Year 6 equipment supplies for school

- 4 blue pens
- 2 red pens
- 4 lead pencils (HB)
- 30cm ruler (not bendy)
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- highlighters
- homework book (A4 book)
- pencil case with name on it
- one box of tissues
- one roll of paper towel
- one ream of paper
- whiteboard markers (personal use)

NB: It is a school rule that white-out is not to be used at school. Please do not bring white-out to school.

The above items are important to the learning of your child. We understand that not every child will have a full-set of new items to begin the year and as such the school does have equipment available for students to borrow if needed. The school provides students with all writing books necessary for school work including dictionaries and atlases for research.

We endeavour to create a quality learning environment for our students and to have a wonderful and fun learning year. Thank you in advance for helping to make this a reality.

Book Club News

Welcome back to all teachers and students.

After two years of running Book Club I am sorry to be looking for someone to replace me as Book Club Co-ordinator. If anyone is interested in coordinating Book Club please see Robyn Secombe or Cindy Dignum in the library. I will train and show new applicants how to do what is involved with Book Club.

There are approximately six orders completed in a school year.

This is a rewarding volunteer job and helps the school by receiving books for the library.

Linda Stewart

P & C Canteen News

Canteen News

Welcome back to all my fabulous volunteers. I am looking forward to working with you all again.

Unfortunately, due to some price rises mid last year we have had to alter our menu prices. Please take note of these as they will be in place from Monday, 9/2/2015. To avoid disappointment and tears please send the correct money from this day. A copy of the new menu is attached for your convenience.

Thankyou - Nicole O’Hagan - Canteen Supervisor

Parent Helpers Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered to help at our swimming carnival, we are really grateful.

Could you please go to either Ms Moore or Mrs Gowan on arrival and they will let you know your role.

Thanks again

Canteen Roster Term 1 Week 3

Monday 9 - L Brady
Tuesday 10 - H Fraser
Wednesday 11 - Jacki
Thursday 12 - L Ferguson
Friday 13 - L Brady & A-M Campbell

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.

Thank You P&C Association

REMEMBER TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR SCHOOL
Community News

Wauchope Netball Club - Registration Days
Where: Wauchope Basketball Stadium
Cameron Street – Wauchope
When: 7th and 14th February 2015
Times: 9.00am till 12 noon
Age Groups: Net Set Go - 5 and 6
Netta - 7-9
Competitive turning 10-18
Umpires and coached needed. New and second-hand Uniforms available on the day. For more information please contact Kim Thompson on - 0408 861 898.

Junior Rugby League Football Club
I wish to advise that the Junior Rugby League Registrations for Wauchope Blues are now up and running. Returning and new players may register online on the Wauchope Blues JRLFC website page at Sporting Pulse, or they may register in person on the registration days. Players transferring from another club must register in person. A copy of medicare card and birth certificate are required for new and transferring players.
Our Registration Days are Friday the 13th February 2015 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm and Saturday 21st February 2015 from 9.30am to 12.30pm at Lank Bain Oval Wauchope.
Any enquiries may be directed to the secretary Lynne on 0415 680 557 or Cassie the Registrar on 6586 4792 or email paulilnards@bigpond.com.
Lynne Corr – Secretary - Wauchope Blues JRLFC

Wauchope Hockey Club
Rego Days for 2015 season
The Wauchope Club is a family friendly club that encourages players to have fun and enjoy hockey, we have various age groups that will suit all including seniors, we have U7, U9, U11, U13 & U16’s and 3 grades of seniors in both Men’s and Women’s.
Our Rego Dates are the 7th Feb at the Wauchope RSL from 10am-1pm, and 8th Feb at the hockey field (on Ocean Drive) from 10am-1pm. We will be having a BBQ at the field and some mini hockey games so bring your stick (if you have one) as well. All games are played at the one location and are around the same time each week, U16’s play Thursday nights, all other juniors play Saturday mornings, with seniors A & B grades Saturday arvo and Sunday, C grade Women’s & Men’s Wednesday and Friday nights respectively.
Costs are: (includes stick pack voucher for new junior players and socks if needed)
U7 & U9:- $145
U11, U13 & U16:- $165
U18 playing in seniors:- $260
New Seniors and C Grade:- $305
A & B Grades:- $ 365
For more info, email us at wauchopehockeyclub@outlook.com or look us up at, www.wauchopehockeyclub.org or find us on facebook, Wauchope Hockey Club.

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Classes at ‘The Dance Room’
Wauchope Indoor Stadium
ENROLLING NOW

“where dance is fun”
Port Macquarie MILO T20 Blast After-School Program - 7 or 8 – 12 Year Olds
Registration – Thursday, 12th of February, 2015 from 4:45pm
Dates – Every Thursday in Term 1, starting on the 12th of February
Time – 5:15pm to 6:30pm each week
Venue – Port Macquarie Adventist School, 500 Ocean Drive, Port Macquarie
Contact: Ashley Bryant on 0408 806 552 ashley.bryant@cricketnsw.com.au

School Uniform Product Prices
Hats
- Cap $10
- Wide Brimmed Hat $10
- Bucket Hats $12

Tops
- School Polo $24
- Poly Cotton $25
- Girls Dress $45
- Jacket (Micro) $40
- Jacket (Navy) $26
- Swim Cap $10

Bottoms
- Shorts $15
- Girls Skorts $19
- Track Pants (Micro) $25
- Box Pleat Shorts $13
- Stretch Bootleg Pant $19

Wauchope Junior Guides invite you to
Come and Try Guides!
Wednesdays 4.30pm-6.00pm
For girls aged 5-10 years
Our mission is to enable girls and young women to grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

Rotary Youth Hall, Oxley Lane (Opposite Bain Park)
Please call Sally Campbell (0424 802 424) or Natalie Schnitzer (0459 352 543) for more information.

Or to find out more visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au