**Class Formation**

We submitted our numbers to the Department of Education this week. Our School population as of yesterday is 688 students. I will wait for official confirmation re: our staffing entitlement for 2015. However, we are confident we will be able to maintain our current class structure. Until we receive written confirmation from the Department our classes will still be classified as tentative. Following is a list of Term 1 staff for 2015.

- **KDB**  Mr Darren Beard
- **KJB**  Mrs Julie Best
- **KJL**  Mrs Janet Lovett/Mrs Maree Hunt
- **KLB**  Mrs Lisa Barnett
- **KMM**  Ms Michelle Millard
- **1BP**  Mrs Annette Bailey/Mrs Aimee Pelley
- **1KB**  Mrs Kerry Burn/Mrs Maree Hunt
- **1KN**  Mrs Kelly Newell/Mrs Maree Hunt
- **1LF**  Mrs Lisa Falk
- **1/2WL**  Mrs Erin Weatherby/Mrs Megan Lee
- **2EM**  Ms Erin Moore
- **2HL**  Ms Deb Hurrell
- **2MG**  Mrs Margaret Gardner
- **3KD**  Mrs Katrina Daly
- **3LR**  Mrs Lee-a Rock
- **3MJ**  Mr Martin Jenssen
- **3/4MN**  Mr Mitchell Nicholson
- **3/4TC**  Mrs Danyelle Taylor/Mrs Kelly Cowan
- **4DW**  Mrs Danielle Wheatley
- **4VM**  Mrs Vicki Wagg-Muir
- **4/5AD**  Mrs Amanda Darcy
- **5JF**  Mr Jake Freeman-Duffy
- **5JH**  Miss Jordan Humphries
- **5/6JP**  Mrs Julia Pounds
- **5/6WH**  Ms Wendy Henry
- **6JM**  Mr Jim Moodie
- **6JS**  Mr Jigh Sallustio
- **6SG**  Mrs Sharon Gowan
- **K/6KD**  Ms Karen Davis
- **K/6AP**  Mrs Anne Puchert
- **3/6JG**  Mr James Grech

**Release From Face to Face (RFF):** Mr John Baker, Mr Mark Dragos, Mrs Fiona Brassey, Mrs Holly Sallustio, Mrs Robyn Secombe, Miss Hannah Jeffery, Miss Ellie Laurie, Mrs Miranda Davison and Mrs Kathy Bailey

**School Website**

There is a tremendous amount of information on our website and Mr Lindner does a brilliant job uploading photos, newsletters and the calendar regularly. The web address is [www.wauchope-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.wauchope-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

This year we will endeavour to upload any Grade permission notes for your convenience so you can
always access a note if it is lost, damaged or does not make it home. Please see the following link to find where the notes will be saved on the website. http://www.wauchope-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/parent-information/notes-home

**P&C School Contributions**
The P&C will be distributing a voluntary contribution request in the near future. All money is spent directly on the children. I hope we can have as many families as possible make this small contribution.

**Swimming Carnival**

This was once again a sensational day of fun, competition and participation. Congratulations to all children who entered races. The ability to swim is massively important and I was impressed with the talents of many of our children. Special thanks to the Wauchope Pool staff, the many parent volunteers and the WPS staff for all their efforts. Special congratulations go to Mrs Gowan and Ms Moore for their excellent organisation.

Good luck to our 39 strong Swim Team who will compete at the Hastings/Camden Haven carnival on Wednesday 18 February at the Port Macquarie pool.

WPS swim caps are on sale at the canteen for $10.

**Book Packs and P&C School Contributions**
Thank you to the families who have either paid for the book packs or the voluntary contributions so promptly. We really appreciate it. Please ensure payment is made for the book packs at your earliest convenience.

As a thank you to those students who pay this term, they will receive a special complementary navy WPS Display Folder with the school emblem at the end of Term 1 to keep special pieces of work in from 2015. Thank you in advance.

**Band**
Learning an instrument is a fantastic talent. We do have musical instrument tuition on Tuesday mornings. Please contact the school office if you require further information.

**Label Everything Please**
Please clearly label everything your child brings to school. This includes items such as HATS, bags, lunch boxes, drink bottles, JUMPERS. EVERYTHING!

**WPS Choir**
Once again our choir has been accepted to perform at the Opera House later in the year. Congratulations boys and girls and Mrs Brassey and Mrs Dignum.

**Parent Information Evenings**
I hope parents can find time to attend these evenings. Apart from finding out about routines, procedures, calendar events and class expectations you will get to meet an incredibly important person in your child’s life for 2015, their teacher! Your child/ren will also get the message that you are very interested in their education and it is obvious that the school and home will be working together to develop/improve our children academically, socially and culturally.

I have included a map of the school on page 6 so you know where your child’s classroom is located. 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.

Dates and times are listed below:

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

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

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

Composite classes are as below:
Class 1/2WL   Monday 6pm
Class 5/6JP   Tuesday 5pm
Class 5/6WH   Tuesday 5pm
Class 4/5AD   Wednesday 5:30pm
Class 3/4MN   Wednesday 5pm
Class 3/4TC   Wednesday 5pm

Please note: Special Education classes will have individual parent meetings throughout Term 1.
P&C
The first P&C meeting for 2015 will be tonight, Thursday 12 February in the school staffroom commencing at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend. Hopefully many of our new Kindergarten parents can come along. We have sadly farewelled many long term members as their children are now in Kindergarten. 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.

Without Their Friends?
In 13 plus years of education, your child will eventually find themselves in a class without their close friends. It’s normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it? Tempting as it may be to request a class swap (which can be a logistical nightmare for schools and not always possible), here are some important things to consider first.

- Don’t rob your child of this opportunity to develop social skills.

School is a place where our kids learn important social skills as well as academic ones. Finding their place and making friends in a new group is a vital skill to develop and one they’ll rely on their entire lives. The classroom is one of the gentlest places to start learning this because:

- Teachers turn a “bunch of kids” into a team every year. They keep an eye out for students who aren’t mixing in, and create opportunities to pair them up with different children.
- There’s still recess, lunch and sport time to play with their mates. It’s also a great opportunity for them to learn about separating social time and work time.
- Lots of their classmates are in the same boat. Everyone is starting a new year, with a new teacher and a new classroom and many will be looking for new friendships too. Some kids choose a new “best friend” in every class they have, which builds a rich network of friendships over the years.
- Children learn different skills from different classmates. These days there are lots of opportunities for group work in class, when students team up and work through tasks together. Unlikely pairings can produce excellent workmates, who share a common language of learning and help each other along.

2015 homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year. Find out more http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips

Doing well in class
Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.

Eight ways to get your kids organised
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Smart foods to boost learning
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Benefits of team sports
If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Benefits include learning how to be more resilient and being less likely to feel isolated.

Cameron Osborne

Dates to Remember

- Thursday 12 February
  ☄ P & C Meeting - 7.00pm
- 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
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  ☄ Year 5 5:00pm
  ☄ Year 6 5:00pm
Wednesday 18 February - Parent Information Evening
☼ Year 3 – 5:00pm
☼ Year 4 – 5:30pm

Monday 16 March - Friday 20 March
☼ Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Friday 4 April
☼ Good Friday

Wauchope P.S. Yr 1/2 Equipment List
Below is a list of equipment that your child will need this year. Please be aware that these may need to be renewed at the beginning of each term. Having this equipment readily available at school and at home will enable your child to engage in and complete all classroom activities and homework tasks with the minimum of fuss.

At home:
- HB pencils (good quality)
- Coloured pencils (good quality)
- Sharpener
- Eraser (not a novelty eraser)
- Glue stick
- Ruler
- Scissors

At school:
- Sharpener
- Eraser (not a novelty eraser)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Pencil case
- Paint shirt

Please clearly label all items with your child’s name.

Donations to the class
Any help in supplying the items listed below will be much appreciated.
- Box of tissues
- Roll of paper towel
- Ream of photocopy paper

Through the purchase of Grade Book Packs your child will be provided with good quality coloured pencils, good quality lead pencils and a glue stick as well as other items to be used at school. Yr 1/2

Teachers

Work Samples

Year 1 made structures from spaghetti, following rules. We had to only use twenty pieces of spaghetti. We had to place a marshmallow on top of our structures. If we ate our marshmallows we were disqualified!

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!

P & C Canteen News

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

Canteen Roster Term 1 Week 4

Monday 16  Help Needed
Tuesday 17  Lisa M
Wednesday 18  S Fraser
Thursday 19  M Corrigan
Friday 20  Jacki & 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 Rugby Club**
Boys and girls are invited to come and play rugby union with the Wauchope Thunder Rugby Club. The 2015 season sign on will be held at Andrews Park from 5-6pm on Friday 6 March with a free sausage sizzle for all the family. The Thunder will field the following teams in the Friday night Port Junior Rugby Union competition. Under 6s & 8s, Under 10s, Under 12s and Under 14s. All players will receive shorts, socks and a training shirt as part of their registration. For further details please contact Peter Daley on 0409 445 701 or Jacky Pike on 0407 205 994.

**Soccer News**
Wauchope Soccer Club Online Registrations are now open for 2015. For further information and to access the My Football Club registration system, visit our website: www.wauchopesoccerclub.sportingpulse.net. You can also become a fan on our Facebook page “Wauchope Soccer Club” to be kept in the loop before the season starts. The club is holding payment and information sessions on the following dates: 14 and 21 February at Wauchope RSL from 10am to 2.30pm, 18 February at Wauchope RSL from 5.30pm to 7pm, 24 February at Fairmont Gardens from 5.30pm to 7pm. For more information please contact Tracey Eastwood, Secretary Wauchope Soccer Club on mobile 0400 929 480.

**Piano Lessons in Wauchope**
Build your confidence and musicality through fun and interactive learning!!!!
Call Nadia for more information and 1st Lesson Free 0418 847 377
Limited lessons available so please call asap if interested
* Gift vouchers also available*

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**Physie-Dance-Physie-Dance**
‘FUN, FITNESS, FRIENDSHIP’
The first TWO classes are FREE!
Classes are now held at the Wauchope Primary School Hall

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**
5-8yrs 4.30-5.30
9-12yrs 5.30-6.30

**Mondays & Wednesdays**
13-16yrs 4.30-5.30
Ladies- 5.30-6.30 & Wednesday 6.30-7.30

Please contact Annette Wannell on 0447 157 340 or Lisa Wannell on 0409 125 654 for more information for you & your daughter
Swimming Results 2015

Girls
100m Freestyle - Stella T, Nicola A-S, Hannah A-S
8Yr 50 Free - Evie G, Alivia A, Brianna B, Grace W
Junior Backstroke - Zali C, Kelly W, Jorgie L, Zetta C
Junior Butterfly - Amarli H
9Yrs 50 Free - Kate B, Tarnie T, Mckenna D, Kelly W
Junior Medley - Kate B
10 Yrs 50 Free - Sarah G, Emelya M, Jade P, Antonia V
11 Yrs 50 Free - Emily B, Ebony D, Breanna K, Susie C
11Yrs Breaststroke - Emily B, Breanna K, Jayde J, Meg R
11Yrs Backstroke - Madeleine C, Susie C, Emily B, Courtney L
12 Yrs AWD - Cheryl W, 50 Free: 1st, 50 Breast: 1st, 50 Back: 1st
12 Yrs 50 Free - Stella T, Nicola A-S, Hannah A-S, Tamara B
12 Yrs Breaststroke - Hannah A-S, Shelby C, Mackenzie T-S, Evie B
12 Yrs Back - Hannah A-S, Nicola A-S, Darcy H, Shelby C
12 Yrs Butterfly - Darcy H
Junior Champion: Kate B
11 Yr Champion: Emily B
12 Yr Champion: Hannah A-S, Cheryl W

Boys
100m Freestyle - Tom F, Harrison L, Brock R, Lachlan W
8Yr 50 Free - Will N, Charlie F, Xavier L-L
Junior Breaststroke - Will N, Caden B
Junior Butterfly - Will N
Senior Medley - Tom F, Harrison L
9Yr 50 Free - Caden B, Brayden W, Curtis W, Jayden N
10 Yr AWD - Kaal W 50 Free: 1st, Caylem D 50 Breast: 1st
11 Yr 50 Free - Hamish O, Dareece D, Boston S, Ayden F
11 Yr AWD - Sam E: 50 Free: 1st, 50 Back: 1st, 50 Breast: 1st
11Yrs 50 Free - Tom F, Sam S, Eli T, Izaac B
11Yrs Breaststroke - Tom F, Izaac B, Sam S, Ben B
11Yrs Backstroke - Sam S, Tom F, Izaac B, Jye C
11Yrs Butterfly - Tom F, Ben B
12 Yrs 50 Free - Harrison L, Lachlan M, Jake J, Brock R
12 Yrs Breaststroke - Mason L, Jackson B
12 Yrs Backstroke - Harrison L, Lachlan W, Corban F, Brock T
12 Yrs Butterfly - Harrison L, Lachlan W
Junior Champion: Will N
11 Yr Champion: Tom F
12 Yr Champion: Harrison L
Winning House: Gordon