Canberra

From all reports our Year 6 students had the time of their lives in Canberra. They were well behaved and received several very positive comments from people at various places of interest in Canberra. Yesterday, on behalf of the WPS P&C, I presented Mrs Gowan, Mrs McWhirter, Mr Moodie and Mr Sallustio with gift vouchers as a thank you for giving our Year 6 children this magnificent experience. It was brilliant that our children got the chance to mingle and talk to our Prime Minister.

Easter Raffle

Please note that the P&C are not holding 50 cent Tuck Shops this year as they realise it is a Fete year and they will be asking for extra donations throughout the year. The P&C have made many prizes so far for the Easter Raffle. Thank you to our lovely community for donating Easter Eggs for these prizes. It is time for the children to sell as many raffle books as possible and return them to school. More raffle books may be collected from the front office. I look forward to seeing the fantastic Easter Hat creations next Thursday.

Reward Day

Students who have had two or less orange lights, have not been placed on a red light or have not been placed in the Fix It room (for playground incidents) will attend a movie session in the hall. Congratulations to the boys and girls who have consistently followed our very simple school rules this term. Students 3-6 will be on Wednesday and K-2 will be on Thursday.
Sport
Our tennis team and boys cricket team bowed out of their respective competitions this week. The boys and girls played with great spirit and sportsmanship. Well done. Thank you Ms Humphries and Mr Grech for all your time and effort with the children.

The Netball Cup teams both played well. One of our teams came second overall and will compete at the next level. Thank you supporters and Ms Moore. The following boys were successful at HCH Rugby League trials and will attend LNC trials next Tuesday 31/3.

12yrs: Brok T, Matt T, Bryce C and Jake J
11yrs: Eli T, Tallis A and Jacob P
Cooper B and Noah C will be in Yamba this Friday (27/3) for NC AFL trials. Good luck boys.

School Photos
Once again the photographers have come and gone for another year. I was very pleased when the photographer complemented me on how many children were wearing black shoes and navy socks. I can assure you that Wauchope Public School students are noticed, admired and commented on all around our district for their uniform.

Thank you to all our families who continue to support us by having their children in full school uniform.

Teddy Bears Picnic
Our Kindergarten children should have a lovely time tomorrow as they enjoy a picnic with their Teddy Bears.

Safety
Please be careful when driving near the school crossings. The crossing near the Fire Station and TAFE is unsupervised and quite a tricky corner. Several near misses have been reported to me.

Parent Queries
Please address all questions or queries through the front office or with the teaching staff.

Parent parking
Unfortunately, a small number of parents are continuing to park illegally at 3pm along Waugh Street. You are putting children’s lives in danger and blocking other parents from using the drop and kiss zone.

Cricket
Fingers crossed for the Australian Cricket team today.

Last Day of Term 1
The last day for Term 1 is Thursday 2 April. Students return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 21 April.

Cameron Osborne

Dates to Remember

Thursday 26 March
☼ School Photos - Year 6 Group, SRC, Special Education, 5, 6, 2EM and 4/5AD

Friday 27 March
☼ Kindergarten Teddy Bear’s Picnic
☼ Girls Cricket vs Port Macquarie PS

Thursday 2 April
☼ Easter Hat Parade
☼ P & C Easter Raffle drawn

Friday 3 April
☼ Good Friday

Monday 20 April
☼ School Development Day

Tuesday 21 April
☼ Year 5 leave for Lake Keepit
☼ First day Term 2

Tuesday 12 May - Thursday 14 May
☼ NAPLAN Assessments

Assembly Awards Week 9
K-6AP - Gypsy-Lynn K
KDB - Seth W & Alena D
KJB - Kalan C & Max H
KJL - Dakota G & Kydan D-H
KLB - Jai T & Ava C
KMM - Charlie B & Lacie M

Citizen of the Week
K-6AP - Kaleb F
KDB - Syd B
KJB - Emmalee P
KJL - Anastasia H
KLB - Cayden M
KMM - Savannah S

Worker of the Week
K-6AP - Arthur T-T
KDB - Latoya P-D
KJB - Kyden W
KJL - Logan L
KLB - Rosie F
KMM - Charlotte C

Work of the Week
Australian Government assistance for National Capital Excursion

Year 6 students from our school have recently returned from an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy and well as scientific and sporting activities. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30.00 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Some of the activities enjoyed by the students included Questacon, New Parliament House, Old Parliament House, Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, Dinosaur Museum, the Botanical Gardens, Film and Sound Archives, CSIRO and the Deep Space Telecommunications Centre. Students who attended were a credit to their school showing outstanding co-operation and behaviour at all the venues we visited. They thoroughly enjoyed the activities and gained a vast array of knowledge about our democratic system, our national capital and a plethora of other exciting topics.

Sharon Gowan - Year 6 Excursion Organising Teacher

Tennis

On Monday Tamara B, Harley B, Abbey M and Steven H travelled to Kendall to play in round two of the PSSA tennis knockout competition against Kendall Public School. The students had a full day of competition playing eight matches which included girls singles, boys singles, girls doubles, boys doubles and mixed doubles. This gave the students an opportunity to try out different skills.

While Wauchope was not victorious on the day each student made improvements in their games, showed outstanding sportsmanship and enjoyed the chance to play against Kendall Public School.

Easter Hat Parade – 2015

Easter Hat Parade Route – The K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 2 April, 2015 and start and end at the school hall. The parade will start at 9:20am. K-2 students will parade around the town centre. Students will proceed in classes and cross the crossing near the fire station on Campbell Street. They will then follow the path past the TAFE and walk down Young Street. Class groups will then cross the T section at Young and Hastings Street, turning right and proceeding along Hastings Street towards High Street. At High Street classes will turn left and follow High Street to Bransdon Street. Students will then walk along Bransdon Street until they reach Young Street. Students will turn left and follow Young Street back to school, again crossing at the T section of Young and Hastings Streets and entering the school via the crossing on Campbell Street near the fire station. Finally they will assemble back at the new hall for the Easter raffle.

Students are strongly encouraged to make their hats at home and bring them to school on the day of the parade. Remember, old caps can be easily converted by attaching cardboard rabbit ears etc. Please be mindful that students will parade around town while wearing their Easter Hats. Bulky hats with lots of dangling bits and chocolate eggs attached may make it difficult for your child to enjoy being part of the parade.

Please be advised that students who do not return the permission note will not be allowed to leave the school grounds to participate in the Easter Hat Parade.

All parents are welcome to attend and we look forward to welcoming a large contingent of parents and other family members. It would be fantastic if parents and guests lined the walking route and cheered on the students as they marched past.

HAPPY EASTER

From all the staff at Wauchope Public School

Teddy Bear’s Picnic in Kindergarten

If you go down to Kinder on Friday be sure of a big surprise, All shapes and sizes of teddy bears - you will not believe your eyes. For every bear that ever there was will gather there for certain because Friday is the day the teddy bears have their picnic!
Harmony Day

On Tuesday 24th March, 5/6WH and 3/4MN celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day where we acknowledge the diversity in Australia and the multiculturalism. We did a lot of activities which needed a lot of team work in order to complete them. Harmony Day was a great experience to help us learn and eat lots of yummy orange food. We learnt that it’s ok to be different, because if we were all the same it would be BORING! WE ALL BELONG!!!!!!

By Shelby C and Stella T

QuickSmart News

QuickSmart is up and running again for 2015. This year we have a new tutor, Mrs Jean Gayed, who replaces Mrs Ros Fuhrer. The 28 Year 5 students are working really well, progressing from addition to subtraction and developing ‘automaticity’ when recalling their number facts. They have also been working on problem solving prior to NAPLAN next term. If you would like to see your QuickSmart student ‘in action’ or just talk to me about the program, please contact me so we can organise a suitable time.

Karen O’Reilly (QuickSmart) Coordinator

My Canberra Trip

On Monday 16 March we departed school at 6am. I was lucky enough to get on the second floor of the bus right up the front. At 3pm we went to Parliament House. Down there we got to meet David Gillespie and Tony Abbott. On Tuesday 17 March we went to Mount Ainslie then we went to CSIRO. At CSIRO we learnt about different things that come under science. Then we went to the Mint, we got to see how the coins were made. We saw two robots; Robbie and the strongest robot Titan. We learnt about the history of money. Then we went to the shop. That night we went on a night lights tour around the City of Canberra.

On Wednesday 18 March we went to Questacon and it was fun. We got to do heaps of fun activities. At the end we went on the vertical slide. Then we went to the AIS and Mr S was hoping to see the Canberra Raiders train, but he didn’t. We got to see the pool, Gymnasium and the strength room. After the AIS we went to the closing ceremony at the War Memorial.

Thursday 19 March the first thing was the War Memorial. It was very interesting about all the things in there. There were planes, helicopters, cars, motor bikes and heaps of interesting facts. Then we went to Old Parliament House and we were allowed to sit in the Senate. After we went to see all the Embassies and High Commissions, we went to the AEC and we voted on our favourite fruit and the apple won.

On Friday 20 March we departed from the hotel at 8:30am and got back at 4:30pm.

Written by Josh

My Canberra Trip

Monday March 16, 2015

I had to get up at 4:40am to get to school by 5:30am. All of the students boarded the bus at 6:00am and we were headed for an eight hour trip to Canberra. When we got on the bus they had movies playing to keep us entertained. After what felt like forever we had an hour stop at a park where we ate our morning tea and had a play in the park. Then back on the bus till our next stop.

Finally we arrived in Canberra and our next stop was New Parliament House. Parliament was so big and it was a fantastic place. First we went on a tour then we got to meet the Prime Minister. Only four people shook his hand and I was one of them.

Tuesday March 17, 2015

We went to Mount Ainslie which had such a
wonderful view. We also went to CSIRO where they made Wi-Fi, the Royal Australian Mint where all the coins are made and went on a fabulous night tour. **Wednesday March 18, 2015**

We went to Questacon, their slide is such fun. We visited A.I.S (Australian Institute of Sport) where we met a famous athlete. **Thursday March 19, 2015**

Today we went to the War Memorial and saw all the war clothing and things they found. At the Canberra Exhibition we learnt who named Old Parliament House, which looked like an expensive house. Electoral Education was also cool. In the end we all had fun and I would like to go on another trip like this.

Written by Nicola

The PBL focus for Weeks 9 is - Speak Politely

☼ Speak politely to teachers
☼ Speak politely to other students when eating in the playground etc.
☼ Speak politely to the Office ladies
☼ Speak politely in the library
☼ Speak politely at bus lines
☼ Speak politely to others at all times - show respect

Book Club News

Book club orders have now been sent and they should be back to school before the holidays start. This is my last book club order and I’d like to welcome Kim Balderston and Stacy Hill as my replacement.

Happy reading - Lynda Stewart

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Thank You

The P&C would like to thank all of our families for your generous donations for our Easter raffle. There is still time for any last minute donations for the raffle and these can be left at the front office until Monday 30 March. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on 2 April. The Easter baskets are looking great.

If you would like to purchase any extra raffle tickets they are available from the schools front office.

P & C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be 14 May at 7.00pm in the schools staff room, everyone is welcome to attend.

Fete 2015

We are holding another of our fantastic fete’s this year and are seeking helpers for the fete on 17 October 2015. If you are able to help on the day with setting up or running a stall please contact Kaela Croft 0427 250 395 or Jo Garratt 0417 852 777 so that we can add you to our helpers.

The date for the next fete meeting will be advised in the coming week’s newsletters.

There will be notes sent home from time to time in regards to the fete keep a look out in your children’s bags.

WOOSH News

April Vacation Care, Term 2 Pupil Free day 2015 dates are as follows:

- April Vacation Care - Tuesday 7 April to Friday 17 April.
- Pupil Free Day – Monday 20 April

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. The closing date for registration is Friday 13 March 2015. As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Miss Alex on 0412 852 441 at the centre for availability after Tuesday 17 March 2015.

Thank you, the Woosh Committee

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Hastings Baseball Inc

Calling for registrations in the winter competition. Seniors play Sunday afternoons beginning 19 April at Blackbut Park Wauchope.

Juniors liveball will play Sunday mornings beginning 24 May also at Blackbut Park.

T Ballers 5 to 10 years will play Sunday mornings alternating between Port Macquarie & Wauchope beginning 24 May.

Registrations will be taken at Blackbut Park 1pm
to 3pm Saturday 28 March.
Further registration days will be advertised on Facebook: Hastings Baseball Association.
Names can also be emailed to info@hastingsbaseball.com.au
Phone enquiries Rose 65852076

FUTSAL AT MID NORTH COAST PROUDLY PRESENTS-
APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS
EXCITING BRAZILIAN FUTSAL ACADEMY COACH—RENAN FERNERIC
JUNIOR/YOUTH/SENIORS CLINICS, BOYS/GIRLS AT WESTPORT HIGH SCHOOL

- DATES APRIL - WED 8TH AND THURS 9TH
- SESSIONS = MON—9AM TO 12 NOON, AND/OR A/NOON, 1PM — 4 PM.
- $45 UP TO 26 TRS, $55 for 27 TRS PLUS- PER SESSION.
- REGISTER EARLY AS LIMITED NUMBERS

FUTSAL AT MID NORTH COAST—ABN 456 476 339

Clinic Registration Form

NAME: ___________________________  DOB: __________

EMAIL: __________________________

MOBILE: _________________________ SCHOOL: __________________________

Parent/Guardian, NAME: __________________________

Signature: ______________________ Date: __________

Contact Alison Fazzalari—Mab 0413 191023
Email alison@midcoastfutsal.com website www.midcoastfutsal.com

Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre
School holiday FREE kids activities – Ages 5 to 12
Wednesday 8 April 2015 - Karate fun 10am to
11.30am healthy morning tea included Arts Hall
Oxley Lane Wauchope
Wednesday 15th April 2015 - Hip Hop Dance class
10am to 11.30am healthy morning tea included
At the Wauchope and Port Macquarie Performing
Arts Hall 45 Wallace Street Wauchope.
Contact the Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre to
book your child in 6586 4055
Melissa Baker - Coordinator

Foster Carers Needed

Can you and your family find
space in your hearts and home
for a child in need?

If so, we would like to hear
from you.

Please call:
Biripi Aboriginal Children’s
Service
Foster Carer Support Team:
02) 6591 2411

Canberra Impressions