Semester 1 Reports
We are endeavouring to send these home on Friday 19 June.
I hope that all our WPS families enjoy reading their child’s reports. The report will be addressed to the parents/caregivers and should arrive home unopened and in mint condition (perhaps ready for photocopying and distribution to grandparents).
I know that there are many positives in each report that can generate praise and congratulations for your child for completing a good, very good or hopefully an excellent Semester 1. However, no one is perfect and there will also be some constructive advice and areas for improvement for children to work on and strive to improve during Semester 2. I urge parents to pay particular attention to both the effort ratings in each subject and the social skills. Children who are not making a positive effort or concentrating at school are also not giving themselves a chance to improve or enjoy success. Social skills at school are very important and unfortunately some children do not always make the right choices with their behaviour. This is an area that parents can really assist, promote and demand that their children improve.

The attendance record is also an important consideration as children who are regularly absent or late to school can experience difficulties. Should your child have a high level of absences, please try to reduce this during Semester 2. Of course illness, special holidays and other unavoidable circumstances may require absence from school from time to time, but please remember to notify the school with an explanation (preferably in writing).

Teachers examine a large range of material in order to assess each child. As set out by the Department of Education and Training grades of outstanding, high, sound, basic and limited are given on each key learning area to describe how each child is performing against the expected outcomes for midyear.

A grade of sound (C) means that the student is on track in that particular KLA for this time of year. A grade of ‘basic’ means there is work to do to bring the student up to Year expectations. That is another reason that it is important to know what level of effort is put into work. If a child is doing his or her very best it is important to acknowledge this and give positive feedback for this effort. I can tell you that the majority of students in the State will receive a C.

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If you would like to meet with your child’s class teacher to discuss your child’s academic and social progress please send in a note indicating this with contact details so that a mutual and convenient time can be arranged. It is very important that we all work together to ensure your child is working hard, displaying appropriate behaviour and respect and share ideas to improve academic achievement and progress.

Finally, I would like to thank the entire teaching staff for working extremely hard to prepare and complete the reports. Reports are a very time consuming task and are for the most part, completed of an evening or on weekends.

**University Students**

I would like to welcome several Newcastle University students who are completing a practicum with us over the next three weeks: Jack Wilson – 5/6WH, Amanda Pollett – 1/2WL, Marnie King – 3LR, Jack Jones – 5JH, Rochelle Dunlop – 4DW and Samantha Alderton – 1LF. I’m sure they will enjoy their time at our fantastic school. Please see article later in newsletter.

**Assembly of Excellence**

Children who are receiving awards at this special assembly commencing at 9:30am on Wednesday 24 June should receive a parent invitation letter soon. Just over 100 WPS students will receive an award. We hope as many parents/grandparents as possible can attend to celebrate your child’s success. All parents and award winners will enjoy a morning tea at the conclusion of the assembly. Our choir, Band and Stage 1 dance group will also perform.

**Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking**

Good luck to Breanna K and Garet H who will compete in this competition next Thursday. Good Luck!

**Athletics Carnival**

At this stage the carnival is on at Blackbutt Oval tomorrow. We were informed last Friday that the grounds were too wet for the grass to be mowed or for the track to be marked. On Tuesday the Council were adamant that we could not hold our carnival on this date. However, on Tuesday afternoon they have indicated that it may be possible. This has thrown the P&C canteen into chaos but I know they will do the best they can under these circumstances. A reminder to parents of the Year 2 children who are 8 or are turning 8 this year that parents are to return their child to school after their 100m race. These races should be completed by approximately 10am.

**Dance Festival**

Good luck to our four wonderful dance groups who are performing at Melville High next Thursday. I know our talented teachers: Mrs Falk, Mrs Pounds, Mrs Barnett, Mrs Rock and Mrs Dignum have given up countless hours to choreograph, rehearse and arrange costumes for this performance. A huge thank you from me and I’m sure from the children’s parents. I would like to point out that our school only uses classroom teachers to create these fantastic dances. Some schools have professional dance teachers who charge parents for every lesson.

**Lower North Coast Cross Country**

The following children competed admirably at this carnival last Friday: Izaac B – 9th, Lachlan W – 10th, Zetta C – 11th, Caden B – 14th, Stella T – 16th and Kyle B – 20th. Congratulations to these talented athletes.

**P&C Meeting**

Please feel free to join some lovely parents who work together, enjoy each other’s company and think of ways to help our children and school this evening in the staffroom commencing at 7pm.

**Sport**

Yesterday, I witnessed the most incredible school game of netball I have seen. WPS played the very strong and tall team from Gloucester PS. Our girls were four goals behind going into the final quarter with Gloucester well and truly in control. Our team just clicked, their passes started to stick and the goals started falling into the net. WPS won the last quarter 5 – 1 leaving the scores tied. An incredible comeback! The girls then played two nail biting 5 minute halves of extra time. At the conclusion of this period the scores were once again tied. More extra time was then played with Wauchope Public School the eventual winners. It was definitely a heart stopping game. I would like to commend the Gloucester girls for the way they played the game. The result could have gone either way. I was very proud of our girls. It was a real team effort and no one stopped trying throughout the game.
Thank you Piper T for umpiring the game and thank you coach Mrs Newell.
Good luck to the boys and girls who are in Grafton today trialling for the North Coast Touch Football team.
Good luck to our rugby league boys who will compete in a Gala day next Wednesday. Thank you Mr Sallustio and Mr Grech for supporting the boys.

Cameron Osborne

University Students
Dear Parents/Careers and the Community of Wauchope Public School,
Student teachers have LANDED in your child’s classroom!
We would like to introduce ourselves to you as we will be in your children’s classrooms until the end of term. Our names are Samantha Alderton, Rochelle Dunlop, Jack Jones, Marnie King, Amanda Pollett and Jack Wilson. We are student teachers from the University of Newcastle, currently in our second year of a Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) (Honours) Degree. To be given the opportunity to learn from a few of the knowledgeable, experienced teachers at Wauchope Public School, we are extremely grateful and feel privileged to be included in the daily learning of the classes.
Samantha Alderton - 1LF - Lisa Falk
Rochelle Dunlop - 4DW - Danielle Wheatley
Jack Jones - 5JH - Jordan Humphries
Marnie King - 3LR – Lee-A Rock
Amanda Pollett - 1/2WM - Erin Weatherby and Lyn McWhirt
Jack Wilson - 5/6WH - Wendy Henry
We are all very excited and are looking forward to observing and conducting supervised lessons, gaining experience and knowledge to enhance our future teaching practices. Our goal is to develop a professional relationship and learn as much as we can from the parents, community, students, teachers and other staff whilst creating memorable, rich experiences that we can take away preparing us as graduate teachers.
Yours Sincerely,
Miss Alderton, Miss Dunlop, Mr Jones, Miss King, Miss Pollett and Mr Wilson.

Positive Behaviour Lessons
Each week the school looks at concerns that are happening within the playground.
Our Positive Behaviour Lesson for the next 2 weeks will be on “Being Safe” in the playground.
Our teachers will be discussing with your child/children the following items:
☼ Walk on hard surfaces,
☼ Keep hands and feet and objects to yourself,
☼ Keep your self safe,
☼ Play games that are safe,
☼ Share the space for playing,
Wauchope Primary School Positive Behaviour Committee.
Canteen Roster Term 2 Week 9

Monday 15  K Dragos
Tuesday 16  H Frazer
Wednesday 17 R Thompson
Thursday 18 Jacki
Friday 19  K Weston, A-M Campbell & J Graham

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

Winter Menu 2015 - Term 2 & 3
☼ Junior Sausage Roll and a Flavoured Milk $3.50
☼ Junior Pie and a Flavoured Milk $3.50
☼ Lasagne and a Bottle of Water $4.00
☼ Toasted Cheese Sandwich and a Flavoured Milk $3.50
☼ Salad Wrap and a Popper $4.50
ENJOY, these items are available in addition to our normal menu.

Sport Day Menu - Friday, 12 June 2015
There will be no pre-ordered lunches taken for the 3-6 Carnival.
Please see Menu below:
☼ Sandwiches Salad Rolls $3.50
Assortment Available
☼ Smoked Salmon Cream Cheese Lettuce
☼ Egg And Lettuce
☼ Ham And Cheese
☼ Assorted Cakes from $2.00
☼ Finger Buns $0.50
☼ Assorted Lollies from $0.20
☼ Cans of Fizz Bottles $2.00
☼ Tea and Coffee $1.50
☼ JJ Chips $1.10
☼ Honey Soy and Sea Salt Chips $1.30
☼ Flavoured Milk $1.60
☼ Water Bottle $1.40

P&C News
Wauchope Public School P&C Fete
The P&C committee are currently seeking expressions of interest for the secretary position on the P&C committee. For further information or to make an enquiry please contact Kaela Croft 0427250395 or Jo Garrett 0417852777.

Fete News
If you are a local business owner or tradie, big or small and are in the position to make a donation either monetary, gift or voucher please contact Kaela Croft on 0427 250 395 for further information and how you can get involved in sponsoring and supporting our school fete.
A massive thank you to all families who have kindly donated items for our fete. This years fete is shaping up well, however there is still time to make any donations. If you are having a clean out in the holidays remember you can always donate any second hand books, toys, brick brack and more to the school for the fete.
We are seeking volunteers for the day of the fete. If you can assist please contact Kaela or Jo on the number above, we are looking for assistance with craft, side show alley, haunted house and food stalls just to name a few.
The next Fete meeting will be held at the Wauchope Country Club on Monday 22 June at 7.00pm.
The P&C fete committee would like to thank the following for your generous donations to the school Fete.
Kyle Clarke Electrical
Big Banana Coffs Harbour
Bago Maze
Network Video Wauchope
Pet Porpoise Pool
The Big Banana
Wauchope RSL Club
The Living Museum
Jordan Humphries
Bunnings
5 Star Fitness Wauchope
Taronga Zoo
Spotlight
Billabong Koala Park
Bago Tavern
Australian Reptile Park
Powerhouse Museum
Linda Davey
If you would like any further information regarding the Fete please call Kaela 0427 250 395 or Jo 0417 852 777.
WOOSH News
June/July Vacation Care, Term 3 Pupil Free day 2015 dates are as follows:
• June/July Vacation Care - Monday 29 June to Friday 10 July.
• Pupil Free Day – Monday 13 July
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 12 June 2015. As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Miss Alex on 0412 852 441 at the centre for availability after Tuesday 16 June 2015.

Community News
A couple of clever sentences from KJB kids

The sunflower went flop. Mr Brown fixed the sunflower and it kept on doing it but the rain fixed the sunflower. Zoe
The sunflower went flop. The sunflower needs some rain. Kyden
The sunflower went flop and Mr Brown fixed it. The sunflower was thirsty. Emmalee

Fun at School

The Stop, Rewind & Play Again!
KIDS CLUB

Address: 30 Bain St.
Wauchope Presbyterian Church

Dates: 8th – 10th July 2015
Time: 9:00 am till noon each day
Cost $5 per day per person (family discounts)
Phone 0427 813 496 or 6585 1907
Email: wauchpc@bigpond.com