Welcome

We welcomed 102 Kindergarten children today. The children are all looking fantastic in their new uniforms. The smiles on their faces were amazing. Almost every single child went in with enthusiasm and excitement. Most mums and dads were very brave also!

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 a healthy breakfast so they are as fresh as possible for the excitement of "Big School".

The Kindergarten teachers for 2016 are Mrs Barnett - KLB, Mrs Best - KJB, Mrs Millard - KMM, Mrs Lovett - KJL and Mr Beard - KDB.

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 their educational and social development.

For our new Kindergarten parents we will upload more Kindergarten photos on our fantastic school website: www.wauchope-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

New Staff

A special welcome to Mrs Kate Buczko who will be teaching 1BK and is the Stage 1 Assistant Principal and to Miss Peta Humphreys who is teaching 4PH.

Class Formation

The children in Years 1 - 6 were placed in temporary classes on Monday 1 February. Once we confirm or student numbers with the Department of Education we will publish the classes/staff and confirm our 2016 class structure. Please be advised that we may need to restructure our classes.
House Captains 2016

Gordon:
Captains: Tallis A & Ebony B
Vice Captains: Jye C & Charli C

Kendall:
Captains: Mason J & Emily H
Vice Captains: Tyler K & Phoebe H

Lawson:
Captains: Jacob P & Ella M
Vice Captains: Brock O & Courtney P

Paterson:
Captains: Eli W & Maddison S-H
Vice Captains: Boston S & Ella W

Swimming Carnival

Good luck to the children in Years 3 to 6 who will be participating in this event tomorrow. They are always tremendous days and I encourage parents to come along and support your children. Congratulations to the 16 students who have been elected House Captains and Vice Captains. I know they will enjoy this leadership opportunity. We have included a photo of our Captains and Prefects also. Thank you in advance to any parents who volunteer to assist on the day with a job and special thanks to Mrs Gowan and Mr Freeman-Duffy who have been spending many afternoons organising this event for the children.

Please note that this is a school activity and children are expected to attend.

Please remember plenty of fluids, hat, sunscreen, rashie and have all towels/clothing clearly labelled.

Please note the Hastings/Camden Haven carnival will be on Wednesday 17 February in Wauchope, the Lower North Coast carnival will be on Wednesday 24 February in Kempsey and the North Coast carnival will be on Wednesday 9 March in Kempsey.

Acknowledgment

I would like to take time to acknowledge and thank the WPS staff, many of whom have spent many hours at school over the holidays preparing their rooms and getting ready for their new classes. I also know that our staff spend a lot of their own money on various items that make our students learning environments, colourful, exciting and interesting places to learn. I feel very privileged to work with such a dedicated and committed staff.

Book Packs Years 1-6

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 small Wauchope Public School surprise 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 distributed.

P&C

The next P&C meeting will be on Thursday 11 February in the school staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend. Hopefully some of our new Kindergarten parents can attend. The meeting will commence at 7pm.

P&C School Contributions

The P&C have distributed this voluntary contribution request. All money is spent directly on your children. I hope we can have as many families as possible make this small contribution.

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.

Dates and times are listed below:

**Monday 22 February**
- Kindergarten - 5:00pm
- Year 1 - 5:30pm
- Year 2 - 6pm

**Tuesday 23 February**
- Year 5 - 5:00pm
- Year 6 - 5:30pm

**Wednesday 24 February**
- Year 3 - 5:00pm
- Year 4 - 5:30pm

An information brochure will also be distributed on the evening.

**Health Care Needs**
If your child has a serious health condition I would ask that you ensure we have an up to date health care plan.

**Special Education Drop off Driveway**

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

**Cameron Osborne**
MEETSWANS
PLAYERS
FAMILYFUN
AUTOGRAPHS
MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY, 3:30PM - 5:00PM
WAYNE RICHARDS OVAL, PORT MACQUARIE
FREE AFL CLINIC FOR 5-16 YEAR OLDS
MEET & GREET SWANS PLAYERS
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
AUTOGRAPHS
For any enquiries prior to the day, please call 0401 487 480

After School Tennis
at Wauchope Tennis Club.
Come and try and get the first lesson free. Contact Greg on 0417 466 760 or email pmtc@bestit.net.au.

The Thrive Club
recommences on Friday evening 5 February at a new starting time of 7 pm.
It is a club for boys and girls who are in year 2 to year 6 at school.
Finishing time has also come forward and is 8.30 pm.
The address is still the same, 30 Bain St. in the Wauchope Presbyterian Church’s buildings.
For further details contact Péter on 0427 813 496 or on wauchpc@bigpond.com