Electronic Newsletters
Please note that newsletters are no longer being printed. With almost 500 families and an average of three pages in each newsletter we are saving 1,500 pieces of paper weekly, not to mention photocopier usage. A note has been sent home today informing parents of the various options for accessing the newsletter. All newsletters and notes may be accessed on our school website: www.wauchope-p.schools.nsw.edu.au, via our Skoolbag App or you may return the note with your desired email address clearly printed. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

Class Formation Update
We have submitted our 2016 enrolment numbers to the Education Department. We now eagerly await our official staffing entitlement. Once we receive this I will be able to either confirm our current class structure or advise you if changes need to be made. I anticipate we will receive this official documentation next week. This will then allow me to publish the class names and teachers.

P&C
The first P&C meeting for 2016 will be tonight, Thursday 11 February in the school staffroom commencing at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend. Hopefully many of our new Kindergarten parents can attend.

Book Pack Payments
Please pay $15 for these book packs at your earliest convenience.

2015 Rotary Sports Awards
On Tuesday morning Mrs Gowan and I attended the above mentioned award ceremony. Our nominations all received lovely certificates and either a runners up award or an encouragement award. Congratulations to Stella T and Kaal W who were nominated in the Junior Individual section and to the WPS Girls Touch Football Team who was nominated in the Junior Team section.

Swimming Carnival
This great day on our calendar is being held today. Future dates for your diary are:

- 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.
Parent Information Evenings

I will attach a map of the classes to next week’s newsletter so you know where your child’s classroom is located. Dates and times for these valuable information sessions are listed below:

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

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

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

Last week I indicated that I would publish certain class times as we do have some composite classes. Below are the times that have been confirmed so far.

Monday 22 February
- 6JS - 5:00pm
- 2/3LM - 6:00pm

Tuesday 23 February
- 5/6WH - 5:00pm
- 3/4TR - 5:00pm

Wednesday 24 February
- 3/4MN - 5:00pm

Thank you to Mrs Gowan and Mr Nicholson for nominating these athletes/team.

Child Safety
Please be extremely careful when arriving or departing school near the taxi entrance on Waugh Street. Use the school pedestrian gates wherever possible. Please abide by the parking signs around our school for the safety of our children.

Healthy Food
Please ensure your child has food and a drink bottle for recess and lunch. So far we have assisted 12 children who have not had food. This is concerning. Please ensure your child has had enough to eat before they arrive at school. We have noticed some children accessing sugary snacks before 9am in the playground. This is not an ideal start to the day and promote productive learning.

Sydney Swans Visit

We were lucky enough to be visited by two Swans players on Tuesday. Two lucky classes received a free clinic. Congratulations 4DW and 5CS. Please visit link: https://au.prime7.yahoo.com/n1/video/-/watch/30774953/swans-fly-in/

Has Mrs Wheatley really got her arm around that young Swan?

Busways
Just a reminder from Busways that students in Year 3 are required to complete a new bus form for those who have not already done this.

Whilst on this topic it would be very much appreciated if parents could reinforce safe passenger behaviour whilst travelling on a bus and a reminder to stay safe and be sensible whilst waiting at a bus stop for the bus.

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.

Cameron Osborne
Year 6 Shirts

Fantastic news, the Year 6 shirts have arrived and don’t they look fabulous. As we promised we will be doing another order for those who missed out or want to have extras.

We need parents to pre-order and pay for the shirts so we can order them ASAP as they take time to be made and delivered. (6-8 weeks). Cost of the shirt has increased for the second order as the number we are ordering is less. The new price is $32.75 per shirt.

Closing day for payment will be 11 March 2016.

Thanking you for your continued support, Wendy Henry

P & C NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 1 Week 4

Monday 15  Kelly D
Tuesday 16  Lisa M
Wednesday 17  Shannon F, Meg H
Thursday 18  Joanne E
Friday 19  Jacki, Anne Marie C, Rebecca P

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.

P & C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held on March 10 2016 in the school staff room at 6:00pm.

All executive positions will be made open to be filled. The general P&C meeting will follow at 7:00pm that evening after a short break.

Community News

Wauchope Blues JRLFC

Registration Day is Saturday 13/2/2016 9:00am to 12.00 noon at Lank Bain Oval Wauchope. Also online registration is available through Play NRL.

Lynne Corr - Secretary

Wauchope Soccer Club

Registrations are now open for the 2016 Season and will close 1 March 2016.

Register online at: http://www.myfootballclub.com.au/

Representatives from the Club will be at the Wauchope RSL on Saturday 13 February 10-12 for assistance with registrations.

For further information please contact Channine 0429 861 327 or Bec 0409 401 926.

Wauchope Physical Culture Club

are commencing their 2016 season in February.

Classes from 4 years to ladies!

If you or your daughter have thought about giving something new a try this year then come along to our physie club!

First two lessons are free.

Classes are held at Wauchope Public School from Mon-Thu.

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