Class Formation
We submitted our numbers to the Department of Education this week. Our School population is 700 students. I am still waiting for official confirmation re our staffing entitlement for 2016. However, we are hoping 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 2016.

KDB   Mr Darren Beard
KJB   Mrs Julie Best
KJL   Mrs Janet Lovett/Mrs Kathy Bailey
KLB   Mrs Lisa Barnett
KMM   Ms Michelle Millard
K/6KD  Ms Karen Davis
K/6AP  Mrs Anne Puchert
1BK   Mrs Kate Buczko
1KB   Mrs Kerry Burn
1KN   Mrs Kelly Newell/Mrs Kathy Bailey
1LF   Mrs Lisa Falk
2EW   Mrs Erin Weatherby/Mrs Kathy Bailey
2HL   Ms Deb Hurrell
2MG   Mrs Margaret Gardner
2EL   Miss Ellie Laurie
2/3LM  Mrs Lyn McWhirter
3/6JG  Mr James Grech
3KD   Mrs Katrina Daly
3LR   Mrs Lee-a Rock
3/4MN  Mr Mitchell Nicholson
3/4TR   Mrs Danyelle Taylor/Mrs Sharon Randall
4DW   Mrs Danielle Wheatley
4PH   Miss Peta Humphreys
4SM   Miss Stephanie Martin
5AD   Mrs Amanda Darcy
5JF   Mr Jake Freeman-Duffy
5HJ   Miss Hannah Jeffery
5CS   Mrs Kelly Cowan/Miss Julia Storm
5/6WH  Ms Wendy Henry
6SG   Mrs Sharon Gowen
6CW   Miss Catherine Whiteoak
6JS   Mr Jigh Sallustio

Release From Face to Face (RFF):
Mrs Fiona Brassey, Mrs Robyn Secombe, Mr Martin Jenssen, Mrs Vicki Wagg-Muir and Mrs Cindy Dignum

Teacher Librarian:
Mrs Jordan Shields

Reading Recovery:
Mrs Cindy Dignum / Mrs Vicki Wagg-Muir

Learning and Support Teacher (LAST):
Mrs Karen O’Reilly / Mrs Sharon Randall

School Learning Support Officers (LSO): Mrs Sue Hollis, Mrs Nicole Potter, Ms Lisa White, Mrs Tania Williams, Mrs Debbie Harris, Mrs Donna Anthony, Mrs Elaine Andrews, Mr Geoff Parker, Mrs Jean Gayed, Mr John Gayed, Mrs Judith Stephens, Mrs Kaela Croft, Ms Rochelle Pritchard, Mrs Toni Foster and Mrs Paige Donovan, Mr Martin Liska and Mrs Anne Oakley-Bull
Parent Information Evenings

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- 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

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- 2/3LM - 6.00pm

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

Please note:
Special Education classes will have individual parent meetings throughout Term 1.

School Counsellors:
Mrs Jenny Barnard and Ms Kasia Hahn

School Administrative Staff (SAS staff):
Ms Cheryl Caruana, Mrs Michelle Kelly, Mrs Sue Bourke and Mr Jens Lindner

Aboriginal Education Officer:
Miss Stephanie Ostler

Cleaners:
Janice, Gavin and John

General Assistant:
Mr Mark Hurrell

Assistant Principals:
Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten):
Mr Darren Beard
Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2):
Mrs Kate Buczko
Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4):
Mrs Danielle Wheatley
Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6):
Mrs Sharon Gowan
Years 3 – 6:
Mrs Amanda Darcy
Special Education (K-6):
Mrs Anne Puchert

Curriculum Development:
Mrs Robyn Reeves

Deputy Principal:
Mr John Baker

Principal:
Mr Cameron Osborne

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-ps.schools.nsw.edu.au

We will continue 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.

Newsletters can be emailed to you or you can access them on the school website or the Wauchope Public School Skoolbag App.

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

Swimming Carnival
This was a sensational day of fun, competition and participation. The ability to swim is massively important and I was impressed with the talents of many of our children.

I do want to congratulate the boys and girls who entered races. It was very impressive to see how many children tried their best. I do want to point out that we did have swimming judges monitoring correct stroke, correct finish etc. However, as we are encouraging participation we don't tell the children they are disqualified as we are mindful of children's self-esteem. Basically we want our children to be having fun. Whilst we do this we run the risk of a child thinking they won a race and believing they will receive a ribbon.

Special thanks to the Wauchope Pool Staff, the many parent volunteers and the WPS staff for all their efforts. I noticed some exceptional time keeping from a certain lane. Special congratulations go to Mrs Gowan and Mr Freeman-Duffy for their excellent organisation.

Canberra Excursion
Year 6 students set off for their fantastic Canberra excursion on April 4. Please complete any required paper work as soon as possible so we are prepared well in advance eg medical forms. Please be mindful of the due dates for excursion payments.
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!

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 2016, 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 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:

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**Child Safety**

Please see information on parking signs that appear around our school from the Council.

Cameron Osborne
Fantastic news, the Year 6 shirts have arrived and don’t they look fabulous. As 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.

Thank you for your continued support, Wendy Henry

P & C NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 1 Week 5
Monday 22  Jacki
Tuesday 23  Hazel F
Wednesday 24  Ruth T
Thursday 25  Sally C
Friday 26  Kim B, Anne Marie C

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.

Easter raffle
The P&C are holding its very popular Easter raffle again this year. We are asking children to donate Easter goodies to go into our Easter baskets. Things like Easter baskets, Easter crafts, Easter teddies and of course the tasty Easter eggs! Children can leave their donations at the school office and receive a free ticket into the raffle for their generous donation. Last year we had over 30 Easter baskets with treats for everyone.

Raffle tickets
Raffle tickets will go home early next week with a note attached for further information. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support for our school.

Canteen Breakfast Service
A reminder to both parents and children that our breakfast service at the canteen is available strictly until 8:55am. After this time breakfast can no longer be served as the children need to make their way to classes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Recess and Lunch Orders
If children need to purchase their lunch or recess from the canteen this can be ordered before school and collected at the canteen at the applicable times. Treats, cakes and drinks will not be sold prior to recess time, unless otherwise arranged or special circumstances. This makes our volunteers jobs a lot easier and we appreciate your consideration.

Second Hand Uniforms
If you have any second hand school uniforms or uniforms that you not longer use, we are collecting second hand uniforms. These can be left at the office. This is a great opportunity to make use of those old uniforms and be helping someone at the same time.

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.

Executive positions include:

- President
- Vice President K-2
- Vice President 3-6
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer

For further information please contact Kaela Croft on 0427 250 395.

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Community News

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 Fairmont Gardens on Tuesday 23 February 2016 5.00pm - 6.00pm for assistance with registrations. For further information please contact Channine 0429 861 327 or Bec 0409 401 926.
Work Samples
Class 5CS had a competition to redesign our school rules. Here are the winners:

Be Safe
Designed by Tracey E  SCS

Follow Instructions
Designed by Ebony M  SCS

Show Respect
Designed by Jordan S  SCS

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