Parent Information Evenings

I’m sure parents enjoyed our Parent Information sessions this week. If you didn’t attend, the teachers have distributed a class brochure with important points that were discussed on the evening. I’d like to thank the teachers for their time and effort with these very positive and informative nights.

New Colour Scheme

If you have visited our school recently you will have noticed that some navy has started to replace the green on various doors and undercover walkways. At the recent P&C meeting it was decided that we would have a couple of Parent Working Bees where we would paint the undercover walkways. Many hands make light work! If you can spare some time please keep an eye on the newsletter as we will settle on a few Sunday morning dates when the weather becomes a little cooler. I’ve already had some interest from people with a painting background which is fantastic.

Book Packs and P&C School Contributions

Thank you to the families who have either paid for the book packs or the voluntary contributions so promptly. We really appreciate it. Please ensure payment is made for the book packs at your earliest convenience.

Phones/iPods etc

Please be reminded that if children bring these to school they should be handed in at the office prior to 9am and collected after 3pm. When the children have possession of these items it is their responsibility to look after it.

Reminders

I have taken the below points straight from our Parent Information Handbook on our website. We believe they are important points and I wanted to draw your attention to them.
Absence Notes
By law, children are required to attend school each day. When a child is absent from school, parents must inform the school in writing. The letter must state the child’s name, class, date of absence and reason for absence. The letter should be given to the class teacher on the child’s return to school. This information is recorded on the class roll.

Leaving Early or Arriving Late
There are occasions when parents require their children to leave school early. A note explaining the reason and signed by the parent must be given to the child’s class teacher. At the specified time the class teacher will send the child to the office for their parents to collect. Parents are required to sign their child in/out at the Front office before leaving the school. If your child arrives late to school, he/she should report to the front office to sign in. Any changes to your child’s normal routine regarding arrival and departure from school should be indicated by parents in writing to the class teacher. This applies to children who travel home by bus as well. These children must have a note outlining the variation to travel or they will be placed on their usual bus.

Court Orders and Custody
In some cases it may be necessary for the Principal to sight custody papers involving students and parent access. We have no legal right to deny parent access to a student unless the appropriate papers have been sighted. Please keep the school informed of any legal matters about access to ensure the best care for your child.

Permission Notes and Invoices
During the year students are issued with permission notes that may require money to be returned to the class teacher. Parents are asked to include the correct amount of money where possible as the school does not carry change. We ask that when money is sent to the school it is in a well-sealed envelope clearly marked with the name and class of the student, purpose and amount contained within the envelope and given to their class teacher. EFTPOS facilities are now available to pay for school excursions, book packs, uniforms or school based activities over the cost of $10. A school receipt will be issued to your child upon payment. Please keep these receipts as proof of payment.

Medication at School
From time to time children may require medication at school. As you could appreciate, medication in any form can be dangerous in the wrong hands. This is especially true in the school setting. We recommend that should your child require short term medication, they may be better staying at home until they have recovered. However, some children require medication for other reasons. We would prefer parents to come to school to give medication at the appropriate time but we understand this is not always possible. School staff may administer medication only after a “Deed of Indemnity” has been completed and signed. A letter must accompany the medication which must be placed in a suitably labelled container. Please direct all enquiries to the front office. For long term medication needs, please make an appointment to see either the principal or the deputy principal.

Visiting Our School
We are conscious about school safety and security. All visitors to the school must report to the school Front office and sign the attendance book. A visitors badge will then be issued. Prior to leaving the school, please return to the office to sign out and return the badge. Parents who wish to speak to a teacher are asked to make an appointment with them by phone or letter. The teacher will then arrange a mutually convenient time.
Health Care

Allergies / Anaphylaxis

Children with certain allergies usually require immediate attention. Parents must inform the school of these needs. An emergency action plan must be negotiated. Clearly labelled medication containers must be provided. Please discuss these needs with the teacher and the deputy principal.

Asthma

Our school is registered as an asthma friendly school and we keep a register of every child who suffers from asthma. If your child is an asthmatic you are asked to give the school a copy of your child’s medical management plan. Details will be kept in the school register.

Cameron Osborne

Parent Line NSW

Parent Line NSW is a state funded telephone and online counselling service for parents and carers of children aged 0-18. It also manages the ADHC funded Early Intervention Information Line for families who have questions and concerns about their child’s development or who have a child aged 0-6 who has been newly diagnosed with a disability. They operate from 9am to 9pm on weekdays and 4pm to 9pm on weekends excluding public holidays.

P & C NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 1 Week 6

Monday 29  Angela  H
Tuesday  1    Lisa  M
Wednesday 2 Jacki, Lyn  H
Thursday 3 Liz  W
Friday 4     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.

KJB - Work Samples

Kinders ready for school on the wall they named ‘The Sharing and Caring Place’.

Macy K, first student in KJB to get 10 stickers.

Nate D showing KJB his torpedo for swimming lessons.
Year 6 Shirts

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.

Thanking you for your continued support, Wendy Henry

Become a P & C Member

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of fundraising again this year and would love to see some new faces with fresh ideas on how we can improve our school. If you are someone who would like to join our P&C, we would love to see you attend our next meeting. Dates for the next meeting are outlined in the newsletter in the P&C section.

Student Work
Fantastic writing - Kai H 2/3LM

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.

REMEMBER TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR SCHOOL

WOOSH News

April Vacation Care, Term 2 Pupil Free day 2016 dates are as follows:
- April Vacation Care Monday 11 to Friday 22 April
- Pupil Free Day Tuesday 26 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 Thursday 24 March 2016. As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Miss Alex on 0412 852 441 at the centre for availability after Tuesday 29 March 2016.

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.

Wauchope Hockey Club

Wauchope Hockey Club is having a come and try day for all kids aged 13 and under at the Wauchope Primary School on Saturday March 19th 2016 from 10am - 1pm with a BBQ lunch as well.

All equipment (sticks and balls) will be provided and lots of fun games will be played so the kids get to have a go.

For more information please contact Glen on 0419 258 712.

Wauchope Public School
Excellence, Opportunity and Success
Classroom Traffic lights (Teachers)

Show Respect  Follow Instructions  Be Safe

If inappropriate behaviour continues place the student’s name on the Red Light. Send the student to the Buddy Class with orange and red paper work stapled together. Make sure student is accompanied with a buddy. The student completes the red timeout sheet. Student returns to class when appropriate. All red sheets need to be placed in AP’s office for entry into SENTRAL, after which will be returned to teacher pigeon hole for filing. At this stage record date on the red class list next to the student’s name.

After second red light inform your supervisor ASAP to discuss strategies that many be used to prevent escalating behaviours. On third red light an Interview - supervisor, teacher and parent, organised to discuss proactive measures.

If the behaviour persists the student’s name is placed on the Orange Light. Student has time out in the classroom, (establish an area away from class group where students can be supervised). Orange timeout sheet or orange colouring sheet is completed. At this stage, record date on the orange class list next to student’s name. Place orange timeout sheets in folder for safe keeping. Student returns to whole class – restitution is important at this stage, positive language to deescalate and get child on Green.

Name on Yellow Light. (WARNING – Teacher pre-correction)

All students start on Green. - Active Supervision

Students are on task and interacting in a positive way with their peers. Positively reward students exhibiting excellent behaviours with Wauchope Wonders (Part of Merit Cycle).

Scan every student.

Interact and identify - make all interactions positive and identify potential problems before they arise.

Consistently ensure procedures are in place.

Keep values strong. Show Respect – Follow Instructions – Be Safe and wording from the Matrix. Use this language in interactions with students.

We aim to acknowledge 6 positives for every negative interaction.