Meet the Teacher Information Sessions: It has been great having so many parents visiting our school, taking the opportunity to meet their child's teacher this week to hear firsthand the different procedures and routines that apply to the various grades. Tonight is the Year 5 and 6 classes between 5:30pm and 6:00pm. However, please note class 5/6JM is on Thursday 24th February.

Letter of Appreciation: It was lovely to receive a very positive letter of thanks this week. It made my day and I'm sure the teachers were very pleased as well. The letter describes how happy and excited her children were at Wauchope Public School. Two teachers were singled out; however, the teachers who have taught the eldest child were described as being wonderful, passionate and always informative about her child's learning/progress. It is great to hear such positive comments about the staff at our fantastic school.

District Swimming Carnival: I’m looking forward to hearing how our representatives have fared at today's district swimming carnival. They are very talented and clever just being selected in the team. Swimming is such a vital skill particularly in this part of Australia and I strongly encourage all parents to do whatever it takes to ensure their child/children are competent swimmers. Swimming lessons, regular visits to the pool or joining a swim club are a great start.

House Captains: Congratulations to the following students who were successful in being selected as House Captains for 2011.

Lawson: Captains – Dylan and Cody
     Vice Captains – Nathan and Kirra

Gordon: Captains – Bailey and Hannah
     Vice Captains - Jack and Chloe

Kendall: Captains – Darcy and Hollie
     Vice Captains Ben and Zoe

Paterson: Captains - Patrick and Rhiana
     Vice Captains – Jarod and Brittney

The boys and girls led their teams very well during the swimming carnival. Over the few weeks we will include pictures of our student leaders.

Are your details up to date?
Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

If your child is absent from school
If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please tell your child's teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence within seven days.

C Osborne

Quick Smart Numeracy Program
The Quick Smart Numeracy program is a maths program that targets students in the middle years of schooling (years 5 to 8). Developed by the University of New England, Quick Smart aims to improve each student's speed and accuracy on the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Quick smart has a strong data driven base and our tutors are provided with extensive training and development. Quick Smart is a well structured program, consisting of revision and timing of basic facts as well as strategy development and later, problem solving.

At Wauchope Public School, 28 students from Years 5 and 6 are participating in the program this year, which will run for approximately 30 weeks. The Quick Smart coordinator is Karen O'Reilly (STLA) and the tutors are Mrs Ros Fuhrer and Mrs Tracy Cannon.

An information session for parents/carers of students involved in the 2011 Quick Smart program is planned for Week 5.
For further information, please contact Karen O'Reilly.
### MERIT AWARDS

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### CITIZEN OF THE WEEK

- Sarah – KLF & Shelby – 2MG
- Student of the Week
  - Kohan & Jaxson - KLF

### Assembly Commentators

- Jake & Melodie – 2RD

### Term 1 Calendar 2011

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### Book Club

Book club is due back at school by Friday 18th February.

Sorry NO late orders will be accepted.

### FETE DONATIONS

IF anyone has second hand books or dress up costumes at home and would like to donate them for the fete please take them to the front office.

Canteen News

### UNIFORMS:

If any family has old or out grown uniforms at home and would like to donate them to the school please take them to the canteen or send them with your child.

Mrs McCue has offered to wash all uniforms that have been donated and have a stall at the end of each term at school, all money raised will go towards the fete fund raising.

### WOOSH NEWS

The next woosh meeting is held at the woosh room on 9th March at 6pm all new and existing families are more than welcome to come.

### FETE MEETING

The next Fete Committee meeting will be held at the Wauchope Country Club THURSDAY 3rd March at 7pm. If you would like to be involved in this exciting group, please call: Joe Garrett on 0417852777

**Date set for fete is: 22TH OCTOBER 2011**

### AGM and P & C GENERAL MEETING

The next Wauchope Public School P & C AGM has been set for: **10TH MARCH 2011 AT 6.30PM IN THE SCHOOL STAFFROOM.**

Followed by the general P & C meeting at 7.30pm

ALL EXISTING AND NEW FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG.

### Attention

If there is to be any change in afternoon arrangements for children going home, a note needs to be sent to the class teacher first thing in the morning.
Canteen Roster

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Student Exchange Program

Experience another culture bring home a brother or a sister

In June/July students aged 14-19 from Europe, the USA & South America will arrive in Australia to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Students bring their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300135331 or http://studentexchange.org.au

Tony won the Medibank Junior development series, U 10s Boy Champion
The event was held at Westport Tennis Club.
His first game he lost 6-3 against the boy he met again in the final,
game 2 he won 6-0
game 3 he won 6-3
semi final 6-2
And then the final was a tie breaker 5 games all and Tony won it 9-7

NORCO MILK LIDS

To all new and existing families just a reminder that the school collects Norco Milk lids, there is a new box in front of the canteen with a sign saying Norco lids.

A big thank you to all families who have continued to collect milk lids.

All funds raised go to improve our school.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year the P&C asks for a voluntary financial contribution to support the P&C Association. It is important to note we are a not for profit organization and every person on the association is a volunteer. In light of the current economic climate the amount has not been increased, the amounts are $25.00 per child and $40.00 per family. Letters and Envelopes were sent home this week.

REWARDS OFFERED

Lots of smiles and thanks from the children and their teachers
The satisfaction of making a difference........

WHAT TO DO NOW

Come and find out more on Friday 18/2 at 1.45pm (Come to front office)
OR
Contact the school office and leave your name and contact details

School Contact: Cindy Dignum 65852277 (9am-3pm)

VOLUNTARY POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Wauchope Public School is attempting to implement a program to assist children (aged 6 to 12 years) to practice their reading.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- An adult who can both listen to and read to individual children
- Someone who has a bit of spare time each week
- No limit to the number of hours each week
- Minimum commitment 1 hr /week
- Day(s) of the week to suit you
- Working 1 to 1 with the same children each visit
- No formal qualifications required except a love of reading and books
- Simple training provided

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Wauchope Netball Registration Days
Saturday 19th February
From 9am to 12 noon
At Wauchope Sports Stadium – Cameron Street, Wauchope
Ages – Turning 5 and over
Coaches Needed
Any Queries 65852853 AH to Sue Johnson

Come Try Hockey Day
Come Try Hockey Day is being run on the 5th March at the Port Hockey Facility on Ocean Drive. Children between the ages of 4 and 14 are encouraged to come and discover the benefits hockey offers and for parents seeking a sport that is fun, safe, well organised and designed for all skill levels. A season of hockey costs just $60 (plus uniform) and includes a stick, ball, shin pads and mouth guard. For more information go to portmacquariehockey.com.au or call on Andrew 0401 408 087.

WOOSH NEWS & VACATION CARE 2011
The Woosh Vacation care list is available for parents during the April School holidays. Please come into the centre and place your child's name on the list with the required days clearly ticked. The closing date for registration is Friday the 16th March. As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Alex at the centre for availability after the 18th March on 0412852441.

Anybody who may be interested in joining our Woosh committee are most welcome to attend. Just once a month at 6pm to 7.30pm in the Woosh room, usually on the same evening of the P&C meetings. Come along and meet other parents and share the same interest and ideas to improve our service in our community, everyone is welcome. If you would like more information, please see Miss Alex or phone on above number. Thank you, the Woosh committee.

Business House Relays
The business house relay is a handicapped event that all the family can be a part of. It works like this:
- Gather a team of 4 from work, school, sporting club etc
- Fill in a rego form with team entry of $36 and present to pool staff
- First swim on the night will be your ‘entry time’
- AND you can swim or dog paddle with whatever aids you like
PLUS win $50 in the dash for cash – the fastest 50m swim.
BBQ, hot food & drinks available.

Wauchope Junior Rugby League - Sat, 19th FEB 2011 @ Bain Park (nr Waterman’s)
10AM - 1PM. $70 per player.
All new registrations require inspection of proof of age ie Birth certificate.
Log onto wauchopejrl & click on 2011 Registration for relevant forms.

WAUCHOPE AFL CLUB
Registration Days - Saturday 26 February & 5 March
9:00 am - 12:00 noon
Boys & Girls aged 5 and over
Register at Wauchope Mower World, 60 Randall Street Wauchope
Coaches needed
Enquires - Tony Williams - 6585 2053 (business hours) or Leanne Roberson - 0404 037 393