Collecting Students: We are trying to limit the amount of interruptions that classes receive during each day. We are requesting that if you need to collect your child during the day for any reason e.g. dentist visit, leaving early for weekend away etc that you write a note to the classroom teacher stating what time you will be collecting your child. The classroom teacher will send your child to the office at the designated time. Please consider that during recess and lunch times it is often very difficult to locate children. You will be able to meet your child at the office ready to sign them out. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Student Leaders Excursion: Good luck to our WPS student leaders who are travelling to Sydney to attend the National Young Leaders Day. It will be an experience that they will never forget. We look forward to hearing about some of the famous and inspirational speakers who they will see. Thank you To Mrs McCue for coordinating this event and for giving up part of her weekend so the children can have this wonderful experience. Travel safely.

Bandage Bear Day: This is the first of our SRC fund raisers for 2011. The SRC have decided to support one fund raiser each Term. Children are welcome to wear appropriate pyjamas with enclosed shoes for safety.

Easter Hat Parade: I’m looking forward to the Easter Hat parade on Friday 8th April. It will be a great way to end Term 1. Good luck with the hat making and I hope you can find time to see the children having a fun time. Festivities will commence at 9.30am. Thank you to all families who have generously donated Easter Eggs for the raffles.

School Uniform: Our children look fantastic when they are all in uniform. I’m hoping parents can assist us by insisting that their child wears the correct school hat. At $10 each from our P&C run canteen/uniform shop I don’t believe you could find better value for money anywhere for a very smart looking hat. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter and thank you to those parents who already insist that their child wear the correct school hat.

Fete: I hope everyone can support our first school Fete in nine years to ensure that it is a huge success. I know there is a small but fantastic group of parents who have been working hard on this initiative. This will be a brilliant activity for the whole family to enjoy.

Please note that Year 6 students wishing to attend the Bago Community of Schools Arts day on Monday 28th will need to have correct school uniform including school hat to be able to attend.

Sport: Good luck to Jesse for the 50 metres freestyle at the PSSA State carnival and to Courtney for the State carnival in diving. We look forward to hearing about your results and experiences. Congratulations to Kirra, Larrisa, Emily and Georgia who have been selected in the Lower North Coast Soccer Team.

Drama Success: Congratulations to Jordan for auditioning at the Primary Drama Ensemble in Sydney recently. He was described by the co-coordinator as a live-wire and extremely talented. Good luck Jordan with future auditions.

2011 Years 3/4 Teachers
Maree Kemp, Vicky Muir, John Baker, Martin Jenssen, Karen Davis, Lee-A Rock, Katrina Daly & Kim Hunter.
Community Announcement:
Mosquito-borne diseases: information for school communities
Recent heavy rainfall and flooding in NSW has led to high numbers of mosquitoes in some parts of the state.
Mosquitoes can transmit a number of viral infections including Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus and there have been large numbers of these infections reported so far in 2011. More recently, a rarer but more serious mosquito-borne infection called Murray Valley Encephalitis (MVE) has been detected in western NSW.
It is likely that the risk period may extend through until Easter.
Mosquitoes are most active around dusk and in the first few hours of the evening and again at dawn. Rivers, creeks, wetlands and recently-flooded land allows mosquitoes to breed and so people living near or visiting these areas need to be especially careful to prevent mosquito bites.
Recommended ways to prevent mosquito bites
Cover up when outside and mosquitoes are active (especially around dawn and around dusk). Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting long pants and sleeves and covered footwear.
Use an effective personal insect repellent on all exposed skin. The best mosquito repellents contain Diethyl Toluamide (DEET) or Picaridin. Re-apply personal insect repellent according to directions as protection wears off. The stronger the concentration of an insect repellent, the less frequently it will need to be applied to stop mosquito bites. Repellents containing low concentrations of DEET or Picaridin provide shorter periods of protection and need to be reapplied more frequently.
Mosquito coils or plug-in vapourising mats are effective when used indoors. Devices that use light to attract and electrocute insects are not effective.
Ensure houses are fitted with flyscreens on the doors and windows to prevent entry of mosquitoes. When camping, use flyscreens on caravans and tents or sleep under mosquito nets.
If you require more information about mosquito-borne infections or measures to take to prevent mosquito bites, I would encourage you to make contact with your local public health unit.
C Osborne

EASTER HAT PARADE – 2011
The 2011 K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Friday 8th April and start in new hall. The parade will start at 9:30am. Students will parade around the town centre. Students will proceed in classes and cross the crossing near the fire station on Campbell Street. They will then follow the path to High Street and turn left. Classes will continue down High Street and turn left at Hastings Street. They will then follow Hastings Street and turn left at Young Street, finally heading back to the crossing on Campbell Street and assembling in our new school hall for the Easter Raffle.
Students are strongly encouraged to make their hats at home and bring them to school on the day of the parade. Remember, old caps can be easily converted by attaching cardboard rabbit ears etc.
A permission note will be sent home on Friday 25th March. Students who do not return the permission note will not be allowed to leave the school grounds to participate in the Easter Hat Parade.
All parents are welcome to attend and we look forward to welcoming the normal large contingent of parents and other family members. It would be fantastic if parents and guests lined the walking route and cheered on the students as they marched past.
HAPPY EASTER!
Canteen Roster

Mon 28th March  D Kennett & R Gillard
Tues 29th March  W Batty & R Thompson
Weds 30th March  D Bermingham & T Barnes
Thurs 31st March  A Roberts, E Scott & N Moran
Fri 1st April  C Pursehouse & B Brien

Uniforms
If you have any old or out grown uniforms at home please donate them to the school. At the end of each term we have a stall and the money raised goes to the fete fund raising committee.

Canteen News

WOOSH News
The next Woosh meeting will be held at the Woosh room on 7th April at 6pm. All new and existing families are more than welcome to come.

Fete Meeting
We are seeking donations for the School Fete, so now’s the time to clean out your cupboards and ask family and friends if they could help donate to this worthy cause. We urgently need goods for stalls:
Buttons, any size any colour, wigs for hair stand, 2nd hand books, nail polish, any craft items or material, dress up costumes, country/lifestyle magazines, glass jars with lids, 2nd hand jewellery & toys.
Items can be left at the school or Wauchope Sports Store.
Thankyou for your assistance, P & C.

The next Wauchope Public School P & C meeting has been set for: 7th April 2011 AT 7.30pm IN THE SCHOOL STAFFROOM.
ALL EXISTING AND NEW FAMILYS ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG.

Library News

Visiting Author
Next Thursday author Pat Duff is visiting the Library to read her stories about her hero, Dusty the little bull. Pat will be reading to Years 1 and 2 and talking about how she became an author. She will bring copies of her book which may be purchased for $16, and if more than ten books are sold, a percentage of sales will go to the school. Should you wish to buy a book, please send the money on Thursday 31 March with your child.

Need Help With Homework? Hastings Library runs a free service for Yrs 4-12 to help with homework, Mon-Fri from 4-8pm. Log on to www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au and enter your tutor. You will need your PMHC library card.

Library Bags
We have had brand new books that have been irreparably damaged due to wet weather, and children not caring for books. Please encourage your child to bring a Library bag and take care of our precious books.
**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.***

**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 organisation 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. This year we are trialling direct bank deposit by EFT, so please feel free to use this method if it suits you. The necessary details are:

BSB: 802214
Account Name: WPS & P & C Association
Account No. 73597
Reference: use your eldest child’s surname & class

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**2011 ICAS (International Competitions & Assessments for Schools) Competition.**

Wauchope Public School will conduct the University of NSW ICAS Competitions in 2011. The students will be required to nominate themselves and pay before Wednesday 6th April 2011. Test dates will be in Terms 2 and 3. This is an opportunity for capable students to pit their skills against students from across over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, Pacific and the USA.

The Subjects will be Computers ($7.00), Spelling ($10.00), Writing ($15.00), English ($7.00), Science ($7.00) and Mathematics ($7.00).

Please nominate the competitions you wish to enter and send the money to your child’s class teacher. My child ______________________ in class ________ will compete in the following competitions:

- English - $7
- Science - $7
- Maths - $7
- Computers - $10
- Writing - $15
- Persuasive Writing ($7.00)

_________________________  __________________________
Signed (Parent/Guardian)  Date

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**Head Lice**

Symptoms – itchy scalp, white specks stuck near the base of the hairs, lice may be found on the scalp. Children can attend school if head lice treatment has been applied.

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**Norco Milk Lids**

Promotions Ends 27th May

Please send all Norco milk lids as soon as possible there is a new box in the front of the canteen with a sign saying Norco lids.

Norco has advised that they will be running a new promotion and will advise us at a later date.

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

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**Bandaged Bear Day**

Don’t forget to wear your PJ's tomorrow for Bandaged Bear Day. A note went home on Tuesday with all the details. We are asking for a gold coin donation for this cause.