**News Flash**

Wauchope Public School has been awarded the Allen & Yvonne Cook Award for the Wauchope Show. Congratulations to all our Wauchope Public School children who entered art and craft. You are all champions! Special thanks to Mrs Domanski who co-ordinated our schools entries and to our teaching staff for their support.

**Congratulations Year 3 and Year 5 students**

Students in Years 3 and 5 can breathe a sigh of relief after having this week completed the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The children have completed assessments in language, grammar, reading, writing and numeracy. We look forward to viewing our school’s results during the second half of the year to gauge our progress and plan our schools future directions, teaching and targets. Well done boys and girls. Boys and girls you can feel comforted in that all Year 3 and 5 students in every school in Australia have completed these tests this week.

**Bon Voyage Year 5**

I would like to wish our Year 5 students attending Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Camp all the best for their excursion commencing on Monday 16 May leaving WPS at 7am. I know you will all have a brilliant time. We look forward to hearing about your experiences and stories on your return. I would also like to thank in advance the accompanying teachers Mr Moodie, Mrs McCue, Mrs Johnstone and Miss Haldane for giving freely of their time by leaving at home family and being on duty 24/7 so our Year 5 students have this experience. A reminder that students not attending the excursion should attend school as usual.

**WPS raises money for Breast Cancer**

Wauchope Public School was a sea of various shades of pink and red last Friday. You should have seen the smiles of delight on the children’s faces. Some photos are on our website for your perusal. I noticed the toffees and cupcakes were the most popular treat. The children had a great time and enjoyed the very inexpensive treats on offer. I was overwhelmed by the positive community support with many, many donations added to by the WPS staff who displayed their cooking talents. I felt compelled to over indulge in support of this worthy cause. Fund raising and class discussions for these special causes assist our children to develop an understanding and empathy for those who are or have been affected by various health issues. We are aware of the current economic climate and as a result the decision was made not to request a gold coin donation.

**Assemblies**

Congratulations to all of our award winners at Mondays Infants assembly. It was also great to see so many parents come along and share with their children’s success. It has been reported to me that people were taking photos in the playground. I would ask that parents only take photos of their children after they have received their award and not during recess. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

**Sport**

Tylah and Emma were selected to participate in the LNC netball trials at Kempsey last Friday. Both girls made it through and have been selected as members of the Lower North Coast team. Well done Tylah & Emma.
**WOOSH/P&C Meeting**

All parents are welcome to attend tonight’s WOOSH meeting commencing at 6.00pm in the WOOSH room and the P & C meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Cameron Osborne

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**Scholastic Book Fair**

These are some of the books that have been purchased for our library through bonus points earned from your participation in Scholastic Book club; both the P & C and Mrs McCudden would like to thank the parents & students for their continued generous support, contributions & commitment to our Book Clubs.

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**Great Success at Show – Well Done Bree**

Ribbons were awarded for horse riding

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**MERIT AWARDS**

KLE – Amarlie, Lucy, Noel & Justin  
KLF – Campbell, Max, Tracey & Emily  
KMM – Caden, Roxy, Ellie & Paige  
KSW – Violet, Riley, Shakira & Koby  
KWH – Harolleigh, Bradyn, Chloe & Lachlan  
1DP – Layla, Jasmine, Jye & Aiden  
1HL – Courtney, Jessica, Ella & Jayden  
1KB – Jacob, Brock, Scarlett & Zac  
1NL – Nicole, James, Zane & Jayden  
2CS – Ella, Bethany, Cameron & Leah  
2HP – Noah, Garet, Nina & Ruby  
2MG – Sandy, Emily, Cameron & Eliza  
2RD – Jacob, Zoey, Jake & Bryson  

**Citizen of the Week**  
Laure KLE & Ashley KMM

3JB – Ryan, Samantha, Nathan  
Maths – Ethan  
3MJ – Jazzmynne, Alex, Taia  
Maths – Harrison  
3/4LR – Jayden, Tiana, Zac & Leah  
4DJ – Sarah, Tiarna, Abbey, Jasmine, Joshua  
Maths – Stephanie & Ken  
4VM – Dale, Reece, Jayed  
Maths – Clay, Libby, Sam & David  
4KH – Lani, Zeke, Tara, Laura & Rowan  
Maths – Connor & Tara

**Citizen of the Week**  
Sophie 4DJ

**View Club Garage Sale**

Proceeds raised donated to local Primary Schools.  
Saturday 21st May  
Uniting Church  
8am to 12 noon  
Donations of any saleable items welcome. Deliver to Uniting Church hall or contact 65851856 or 65851268 for further information.
**Canteen News**

**Breakfast**

Breakfast is served every morning at the School Canteen from 8.30am.

Set menu is:

- A small cup of juice or milk with 2 pieces of toast with butter and a spread cost for this $1.00.

**New Canteen Price Menu out Now**

A new Canteen price menu was sent home last term. If for some reason your child/children didn’t receive the new price menu, please collect one from the canteen.

Winter Clothing now in stock

*Track suit pants and zip up jackets are now available at the canteen

**WOOSH NEWS**

The next WOOSH meeting will be held in the WOOSH room on 12th May at 6pm all new and existing families are more than welcome to come.

**FETE NEWS**

From this week there will be an A4 sheet posted in each class room asking for assistance on the day with stalls, if you would like to be a part of this great and fun day, please fill in this form with all details.

You will be contacted at a later date and also receive a roster for the day.

Once again a big thankyou because without your help this day wouldn’t be a success.

Thank P & C Association.

The next Fete Committee meeting will be held at the Wauchope Country Club on 2nd June at 7pm. If you would like to be involved in this exciting group, please call: Jo Garrett on: 0417852777

**Date set for fete is 22nd October 2011**

The next Wauchope public school P & C meeting will be held on 12th May at 7.30 pm in the school staffroom

All existing and new families are welcome to come along.

**Canteen Roster**

Monday 16th K Brown & D Bermingham
Tuesday 17th W Batty & R Thompson
Wednesday 18th E Scott & T Bellangary
Thursday 19th A Roberts & N Moran
Friday 20th C Pursehouse & B Brien

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**School Calendar**

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**Helping Your Child to Read at Home (Kinder to Year 6)**

During Weeks 3 and 4 this Term, we will be running a program for parents on how to support children with Reading.

The aim of the sessions is to explain, demonstrate and give parents the opportunity to practise some of the processes of reading so that they will have the confidence to help their children at home.

There will be two sessions of approx 1 hr each, run out-of-school hours, either in the afternoon or evenings.
Library News

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an initiative from the Premier’s Department to encourage children to read. Wauchope Public School has taken part in the Challenge since it began. Last year we were recognised for our efforts by being invited to take four students to Darling Harbour who had completed the Challenge for the official presentation.

Children in Kindergarten to Year 2 automatically complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge because they have books read to them in the Library. Children in Years 3 to 6 must read 20 books to complete the Challenge, 15 from the Challenge List and 5 of their own choosing. The Challenge List can be found on Google at NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge. This year children can enter their own books online by logging on using their school user name and password and following this procedure:

Go to NSW Premiers Reading Challenge
Log on using your WPS user name and password Click submit.
A new page will appear. From the left hand side choose Student Reading Records.
A new page will appear called Proxy Student Reading Record. Fill in these boxes only
School Wauchope Public School
Grade Use the dropdown box and click on the grade you are in
Challenge Level All
Last Participation All Years
Leave all the rest blank
Then click the Search button.
A new page will appear containing a list of all the children in your year. Click Select at the end of the line with your name on it.
A new page will appear. Click Add at the end of the page to add your books.
Another new page will appear for you to add your books. You need to click Add after you enter each book. The system will only allow you to enter 5 books that are not part of the Challenge. The books will be arranged in alphabetical order as you enter them.
When you have entered 20 books it will say Congratulations. You have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge.
You do not need to enter all your books at once. You can add them at any time. Entries must be finalised by 16 August so they can be validated by me and submitted. Good reading.

Book Week Fair

As in the past we will be celebrating Public Education Week during May. May is also Family Reading Month, where we encourage parents to read to their children each night. Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held on one day only Tuesday May 31, from 8am till 5pm. This is the Book Fair that also has lots of novelties and posters. The children will be viewing the books in the week before the Fair and taking home a Wish List. Credit card facilities are available at this Fair. We urge your support, as this is a major fund raiser for the Library, and many beautiful books are available.
Good reading
Mrs McCudden

Book Club orders due Friday 13 May

Talented Speakers Perform

Last term the finals of our Public Speaking competition were held. Many young speakers entertained us with many informative, funny and entertaining presentations.
Walk Safely to School Day will be held on Friday 20th May 2011. Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- walking with them the whole way to school;
- if they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop; and
- if you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

THANKYOU
A big thankyou to everyone who participated in Pink Day and the 20c tuckshop. As a result of our efforts we raised approximately $980 for the Relay for Life. Congratulations!

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Healthy Harold-Life Education Program

Dear Parents,
The time has come again for Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van to visit our school. The van will be at our school from Wednesday 1st June to Wednesday 15th June, 2011. During this time all classes will visit Healthy Harold and undertake learning activities specific to their age and needs. Below is a brief outline of the range of programs in which students will be participating:
- Harold’s Surprise – Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) – Healthy choices, importance of physical activity, safety.
- Harold’s Mystery Tour – Stage 1 (Year 1) – Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making.
- Harold’s Heroes – Stage 1 (Year 2) – Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.
- Harold’s Diary – Stage 2 (Year 3) – Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles.
- Mind Your Medicine – Stage 2 (Year 4) – Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication.
- The Burning Issue – Stage 3 (Year 5) – Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence and refusal.
- Think Twice – Stage 3 (Year 6) – Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.
- All Systems Go – Stages 1 and 2 (Years 1-3) – Function of body systems, peer pressure, second hand smoking, and safety with medicines.
- It’s Your Call – Stage 3 (Year 5 -6) – Definition of legal drugs, decision making, emotions, peer pressure, risk taking, problem solving.

Teachers of composite classes will choose the program which best suits the needs of the students in their care.
The cost of this wonderful program is $7.00.

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Healthy Harold-Life Education Program
Permission Slip

I give permission for my child __________________ of class __________ to attend the Life Education program and enclose $7.00 being payment for attending the program.

Signed: __________________________ (Parent/Guardian)
Date: __________________________