WPS P&C Out of Control

If you haven’t attended the last few P&C meetings then you have missed out. They are the place to be if you want to find ways to spend your valuable fund raising and voluntary school contributions funds. The P&C have recently purchased and installed three reverse cycle air conditioners, two fantastic navy blue shade structures with Wauchope Public School emblazoned on them and 33 speakers, one for each of our Interactive Whiteboards. They are about to purchase another interactive whiteboard and data projector for the technology room, a huge sign to be erected at the front of the school, and a promotional television monitor for our front office area. The P&C have also agreed to enhance our Infants playground area by laying a large cement slab for handball, hopscotch and other hard surface games. These are definitely exciting times and the P&C are on fire! Our P&C also think that having the School Canteen price list on our website is a great idea!

The next plan is to investigate the possibility of installing new fixed playground equipment suitable for our Years 3-6 children.

WPS takes delivery of free trees

As part of the International Year of Forests we are planting several native species of trees to continue to beautify our school environment and provide shade for our students in the future. This has been an initiative of Forests NSW as part of the Hastings Forest Taskforce.

Walk Safely to School Day

WPS is promoting this initiative on Friday 20 May. We hope that the day may promote regular exercise habits in young Australians, lesson traffic around schools and reduce pollution. We also hope to reinforce pedestrian behaviour, remind parents that children, ten years and younger should hold hands with an adult when crossing roads and promote the benefits of walking.

Talented Netballers

I watched our girls play North Haven in their PSSA knockout Round 2 game with interest as my daughter has just made her Under 5s netball debut. It would appear that we have a very talented netball team on our hands with all girls showing great anticipation, strong passing and gap running. Neither height nor size mattered on the day as our girls weaved their magic in every position. Well done girls and good luck for the third round against Tacking Point PS. Thank you Mrs O'Reilly for coordinating and coaching the team.

Cameron Osborne

PSSA North Coast Soccer – Girls

Girls selected are Larissa, Georgia & Emily; these girls will play in Sydney on Monday 30th May.
Football Mid North Coast
Football Mid North Coast is running a come and try football day for all girls (all ages) at
WHEN: Sunday 22/5/11
WHERE: Wayne Richards Park, Port Macquarie
9.30am to 11.30am
WHERE: Taree recreation ground
2.00pm to 4.00pm

The girls do not need to be registered and experience is not a requirement. Come along and play some fun games including football competitions with plenty of prizes and giveaways with each session finishing with a BBQ. Plus they will get to meet Special guests-Newcastle jets ‘w’ league and NNSWIS players Hannah Brewer, Maddie Searl and Bronte Bates.

MERIT AWARDS
3JB - Krishnan, Dakota, Amachi
3MJ - Jay Jay, Jack
3-4LR - Leah, Ben
3-4MR - Piper, Piper, Joshua
4DJ - Jake, Kristan, Caitlin
4VM - Teighan, Joe
4KH - Maddy, Andrew
5HE – Adam & Jasmine
5SJ – Kelsey, Manning, Daniel & Georgia
5/6WM – Jessica & Tayla
6VH – Brodie & Elise
6NW – Sarah
6JS – Larissa & Zoe

Stewart House makes a difference

Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle. Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Training provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school. All others costs associated with the childrens' stay are met from charitable donations (teachers salaries, school fundraising and parents).
Woosh News & Vacation Care 2011

The Woosh Vacation care list is available for parents during the July 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 3rd June. As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Alex at the centre for availability after the 7th June on 0412852441.

Anybody who may be interested in joining our Woosh committee are most welcome to attend. Just once a month at 6:00 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 interests 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.

Netball News

On Friday the 13th of May the school netball team headed off to a home game against North Haven. Many of the opposition were really tall but Wauchope managed to hold possession of the ball for the majority of the game. All of the attackers did really well and did a great job of passing. Our defenders made many intercepts and stopped the opposition from getting the ball. The shooters did well getting the ball despite the tall defenders and their aim was spot on. Wauchope’s team effort brought triumph to Wauchope with a score of 35-5. A big thankyou to Mrs O’Reilly and Ms Hollis for coaching us and to Mrs Bourke for umpiring. Also big congratulations to all the girls in the team which includes Sarah, Jekiesha, Nicara, Laine, Maddy, Courtney, Chloe, Rhiannon, Emma & Tyla.

By Courtney

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

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Dear parents of K-2 children

We have had to move the K-2 Assembly to Friday’s starting at 2:00pm in the new school hall, starting this week (20/05/11). We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause and would like to assure you that this is now our permanent time slot for the weekly K-2 Assembly for the remainder of 2011.

Regards
Mr Beard and the K-2 Staff.
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!

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: _______________