2012 Kindergarten Information Evening

Next Tuesday 30 August WPS will be hosting an information session for our 2012 Kindergarten parents. This is an event not to be missed. If you know someone who is starting school in 2012 please let them know about this evening. It will commence in the school hall at 4:30pm with lots of valuable information being presented. New parents will hear about Kindergarten programs, routines, procedures, meet WPS staff members, listen to 2011 Kindergarten parents experiences and be able to view work samples, school uniform display, P&C display and be taken on a school tour plus much more. It will almost be like an Expo! Child minding will be provided by some of our lovely staff and a light supper will be provided. The staff at WPS are looking forward to meeting many new parents and I’m sure many current parents will also attend.

Tournament of the Minds

Good luck to another talented group of students who are travelling to Coffs Harbour on Sunday to compete in this very special competition. We look forward to reading about the experience. Thank you to Mrs McCue and community member Mr Robinson for coaching and preparing the children and for giving up your Sunday to transport and support our WPS children.

Allergies

We do have many students at our school who have allergic reactions to various products including peanut butter and Nutella. When packing lunches please be mindful of this issue. You may consider using alternative spreads for lunch boxes.

Regional Maths Olympiad

Congratulations to the very clever Maths Olympiad team who travelled to Kendall and competed with seven other schools during the week. Our team was awarded second place. I had the very proud team report back to me their achievements on their return to school. Please read their report later in this newsletter. Thank you Mrs McCue for coaching, transporting and coordinating our team.

NSW Choral Festival

What an amazing experience the following WPS students had on Tuesday evening. Our students represented WPS at the NSW Public Schools Choral Festival. The entertainment was amazing and I know the parents, staff and myself were very proud of these very talented children. They will never forget the experience and will always be able to say that they have performed at the Sydney Opera House. Congratulations Ella, Tylah, Melissa, Bella, Maggie, Teisha, Jessica, Rebecca, Phoebe, Keely, Rahni, Matthew, Kim, Alexandra, Courtney, Olivia, Shayla, Rachel, Tahlia, Georgia, Danielle, Caine and Jayde. Special thanks to Mrs Brassey and Mrs Dignum for making this wonderful opportunity for the children.

K-2 Carnival

Due to recent wet weather this event has been postponed to later in the term. No date has been set as yet.
Music Count Us In

Next Thursday every student K-6 at WPS will be singing a special song titled *We’ve Got the Music*. Students from all over Australia will sing this song at the same time. Thank you to all teachers especially Mrs Brassey for teaching our students the song. I’m looking forward to this special event.

Year 3 Excursion

Year 3 set off for their first overnight excursion to Yarrahappini today. I know they will have a great time. We look forward to hearing what they got up to on their return.

North Coast Athletics

Good luck to our WPS representatives who are competing in Coffs Harbour tomorrow. They are all fantastic athletes for reaching this very competitive level. Read next week’s newsletter for results.

Legacy Week

Next week is Legacy week with Legacy Badge Day being on 2 September. Legacy week is a time to acknowledge the special place that veterans hold in Australia’s history and provides an opportunity to support the families of members of our armed services. This is not a school activity. I’m simply alerting our community about this week. You may see an opportunity in our main street to support this cause.

Thank you

You may have noticed that our school website and newsletter has been evolving this year. I would like to acknowledge one of our talented staff members Mrs Lee who using her graphic design skills has produced a very eye catching header for our newsletter. I think it looks brilliant! Thank you Mrs Lee.

Thank you also to Mums Mrs Thompson and Mrs Cordell who went through the lost property last week returning labelled clothing and washing lost property. A big job!

-Cameron Osborne-
P & C News

Canteen News
A BIG THANKYOU goes to all the helpers who gave their time to help at the Zone Athletics Carnival.

-Thank You-

Canteen Roster
Monday 29th P Orrell & D Bermingham
Tuesday 30th K Kucera & K Martin
Wednesday 31st D Bermingham & L Stewart
Thursday 1st M Corrigan & D Kennett
Friday 2nd B Pead & L Stewart

K-2 School Athletics Carnival
The K-2 Sports carnival is being postponed to later on in the term due to recent wet weather. No date has been set as yet.

FETE News

Date set for Fete is 22nd October 2011
The next Fete meeting is being held at the Wauchope Country Club on August 16th at 7pm, everyone is welcome, hoping to see some new faces on the night.

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

Bottle Lotto
We will be having a lotto bottle wheel at the Fete and we require donated items to run this stall.
If you are able to donate a bottle (e.g. soft drink, dolmino sauce, bbq sauce, chicken tonight) etc. basically any product that comes in a jar. You can even be creative and do lollies in jars. Please send in to the schools front office.

Thank you

Book Club
Book Club orders due back: Monday 29th August

WOOSH News and Vacation Care 2011
The next WOOSH meeting will be held in the WOOSH room on 8th September at 6pm. All new and existing families are more than welcome to come.

The Woosh Vacation Care list is available for parents during the September / October 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 26th of August. As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Alex at the centre for availability after the 30th of August on: 0412 852 441.

WOOSH (Wauchope Out Of School Hours Care) currently has vacancies for after school care. If any parents like to enrol their child please call Alex on 0412 852 441.

Urgent Request
The P&C is looking for volunteers to assist at the FETE being held on Saturday 22nd October 2011, all money raised from the FETE will go towards vital resources & projects for Wauchope Public School.
If you are able to help please complete the slip below and return to the school office, attention Kim Thompson.

P & C general meeting
The next Wauchope Public School P&C meeting will be held Thursday night, 8th September at 7.30 pm in the school staffroom. All existing and new families are welcome to come along.

I am able to assist at the FETE on Saturday 22nd October 2011

Name: _____________________________
Contact Numbers: _____________________________
Times available on the day: _____________________________
On 1st – 3rd of August Georgia, Nicara and I travelled down to St Mary’s in Sydney to play in the State touch football championships. The North Coast Team won 10 out of 13 games. Overall the team came 5th on a count back.

-Emily L. 5/6JM-
North Coast Athletics Carnival

The following students are representing WPS at the North Coast Athletics Carnival:

Georgia M - 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Shot Put
Maihali S - 200m
Courtney M - 800m, Long Jump
Tylah B - High Jump, Shot Put
Lachlan W - 100m
Josh G - 100m
Jayden B - 100m
Tony T - 100m, 200m, Long Jump
Jesse R - 100m
Dylan P - 200m
David H - Shot Put

Junior Boys Relay
Hayden B, Zeke M, Josh G, Tony T

Senior Boys Relay
Jesse R, Matthew S, Kane M, Dylan P

Wauchope Junior Cricket Registration

Dates - Saturday 3rd September and Saturday 10th September
Time - 9.00 am to 12.00 noon
Venue - Hastings Co-operative Family Store High St Wauchope

Senior Boys Relay
Jesse R, Matthew S, Kane M, Dylan P

The Regional Maths Olympiad

On the 18th August the Regional Maths Olympiad team went to Kendall services club to represent our school at the Regional Maths Olympiad tournament. In the team were Josh, Matt, Joel, Jayde, Dylan and Zack. Our topic was Renewable Energies and we chose Wave and Tidal Energy. It took around four and a half weeks to complete the long term challenges.

The first thing we had to do was set up our display then to present the presentation to the judges. We had to show them our poster and all the maths involved in our topic. The next thing we did was a spontaneous task when we had to make birds out of egg shaped tangrams. After that we had a maths relay and we came 1st out of the primary schools.

The last thing of the day was the awards. The two Melville High schools won the High school competition and Lansdowne won the primary competition but our school came 2nd out of the primary schools. We had heaps of fun at the Regional Maths Olympiad.

-Josh, Joel and Matt-

Blanket Drive - Can You Help?

The Port Macquarie Neighbourhood Centre is collecting for the homeless and disadvantaged. Blankets, Sleeping Bags, New Thongs, Books, Clothing

Please drop off by mid October to:
- Port Macquarie Neighbourhood Centre, Cnr Muston St & Dodds St PMQ PH: 6583 8044
- Port Macquarie Library, Grant St PMQ PH: 6581 8755
- Wesley Uniting Employment, Level 1, 9 Short St PMQ Ph: 6588 1700
- Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre, 3 Waugh Street Wauchope Ph: 6586 4055

For more info contact Julie at Port Macquarie Neighbourhood Centre on 6583 8044
The *Jolly Phonics* program is used as a tool in Kindergarten to develop the students’ reading skills. Children learn all single sounds and letter blends using a program that incorporates music, physical actions and the development of reading skills. One basic skill is ‘learning letter formations’ where children are taught how to form each letter in the correct way. They use their finger to simulate how the teacher forms the letter in the air or on the board. As soon as the students know how to do that, they move on to form letters using a pencil. Our kindy kids are then going through the stages of blending and segmenting words to develop reading and writing skills.

On behalf of the staff of Wauchope Public School, we would like to invite you to our Kindergarten (class of 2012) Information Night. During the afternoon/evening you will have the opportunity to meet the staff of Wauchope Public School, participate in a school tour and discuss the Kindergarten program for 2012.

Please join us for a light afternoon tea. Child minding will be available while you explore the school.

**When:** Tuesday 30th August 2011  
**Time:** From 4:30pm till 6:00pm  
**Where:** School Hall  
Wauchope Public School  
Waugh St, Wauchope  
Phone: (02)6585 2277  
**Email:** wauchope-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au