Girls Soccer

Congratulations to our super talented Girls’ soccer team. In front of a very supportive and vocal home crowd the girls played brilliantly to triumph 2-0 against another talented team, Avoca Beach Public School. This means the girls have made it to the final four schools in the entire State. Outrageous! They will compete in the semi-final and possibly the final in Newcastle in Term 4 Week 2. This was the girls seventh win this year. Keeping in mind that Wauchope PS is the PSSA Girls State Knockout defending champions from 2010.

An interesting statistic is that during the 2010 competition the girls didn’t allow any goals to be scored against them and in 2011 our defence has achieved the same result. To date our girls have scored 29 goals to nil. Well done girls and good luck. Very big congratulations to coach Mr Baker who apart from doing a great job coaching the team has also had to contend with an over excited Principal who has been making various tactical suggestions at random intervals.

International Day of People with Disability

Don’t DIS my ABILITY day is on 3 December 2011. This in an internationally recognised day.

Stage 3 Cultural Day

Students in Years 5 and 6 had a great day yesterday. It was a celebration of not only cultures from around the world but the culmination of a hard Term of work. All of the students had a passport and visited various countries in the world and sampled local foods, languages, traditional sports and activities. I went round the world in less than 80 minutes and enjoyed the traditions of Bali, France, India, Japan, China and Indonesia. The children who came dressed in cultural attire looked fantastic. I’m sure some photos will be placed on our brilliant website soon.

A big thank you to our Stage 3 teachers, who planned, prepared and taught the fantastic activities and special congratulations to Miss Woolner who organised and coordinated this fun day.
Assembly of Excellence

Today we had a very enjoyable assembly. Not only were students rewarded for their various academic and sporting abilities but we witnessed our talented Stage 2 and 3 dance groups performing. We also heard the entire school sing a beautiful song from Music Count Us In. Special mention to Ivy M, Sarah L and Zack for presenting their award winning speeches and to Courtney and Zack for compering the assembly. We enjoyed having our special guests attend including Mr Andrew Stoner, Mrs Garrett from our P&C, Mr Le Page from our School Council and members of the Star Lodge of Wauchope.

Thank you to Jens for collating the slide show of WPS 2011 activities that we enjoyed on our huge 3 metre wide automatic screen and data projector. This brilliant equipment was funded by our sensational P&C, the Star Lodge of Wauchope and the Anglican Church. I think everyone would agree that it is very impressive and our students will benefit from this facility for a long time to come.

Congratulations to the Stage 2 staff for organising the assembly in particular Mrs Kemp and Mr Baker.

WOOSH

I have been looking at the activities the children can participate at our P&C Vacation Care Centre. The children will have a ball. Some of the adventures include chips in the park, Movie Day, Port Venture Boat Cruise, Craft Day, Pirates of the Jellybean and Ten Pin Bowling. Congratulations to Alex and the WOOSH team and our P&C for the work they do and for providing this service for our families.

Sport:

Congratulations to our Girls Touch Football team who defeated Kempsey South PS 11-2 earlier in the week to become Lower North Coast champions. Well done girls and Coach Mrs Domanski. She also has had to contend with an excitable Principal! The girls will play Bowraville PS on the first Wednesday back at school in the North Coast final.

A reminder that the K-2 Athletics carnival is set for the first Friday of Term 4. If you are a K-2 parent this is a special event not to be missed. Try to get some time off work as our children grow up very fast, they don’t stay small and cute for long and these days are very special.

Recently I have seen many opportunities for children to register for summer sports like cricket, swim club, swimming lessons, tennis, nippers etc. I strongly believe that we owe it to our children to encourage them to play sport, not only to promote a healthy and active lifestyle but sport is brilliant for developing social skills, developing resilience, sportsmanship and making friends.

Children’s Hospital Thank You

I have received a lovely letter of thanks from The Children’s Hospital. Thanks to our SRC and community support we donated $611.05. Your generosity has made a real difference and has allowed The Children’s Hospital at Westmead to provide world class care and support in a healing environment and conduct ground-breaking research into the causes and cures of childhood diseases.

Book Week Celebration

It has been difficult to contain Mrs McCudden of late. She has been very, very excited about tomorrow’s parade and street walk. I would encourage all parents if you haven’t already, to visit the library and purchase some very inexpensive books. I bought four books for $20 for my children. I’ve also heard a whisper that a few staff members are going to dress up also so I’m looking forward to seeing that! Remember to make reading fun because it is!

Thank You

Thank you to one of our parents Mr Mark Thompson who removed an old, dangerous and ugly sign from our playground last week. We are planning to fertilise the grounds over the holidays. If you know of any inexpensive fertilizer please contact me at school tomorrow.
Term 4

I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Thank you to our students, staff and our families for all your commitment, support and cooperation throughout the term. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone on Day One Term Four Monday 10 October. Term 4 will definitely be fast and furious!

Some of the highlights for Term 3 have been our great success in the Tournament of Minds and the Maths Olympiad. Our choir singing at the Opera House was a brilliant experience, our PSSA sporting teams led by Girls soccer, netball, touch has experienced excellent success. Other highlights have been Athletics carnival, Year 6 Timbertown excursion, Year 3 camp at Yarrahappini, Education Week Open Day, Music Count Us In, our Kinder 2012 Parent evening, rugby league, touch and cricket Gala Days and of course today’s Assembly of Excellence.

Radio DJ


Special thanks to Mrs Jude Stephens and Mrs Cindy Dignum for making this experience possible.

School Canteen

Our new canteen plans have been developed and the Tender process is occurring as we go to print. We are hoping that the building will commence early next term with the anticipated completion being January 2012 ready for business for Day 1 2012.

-Cameron Osborne-

Library News

Book Fair

A huge THANK YOU to all those families who have supported the Book Fair. The Book Fair will close at 12pm on Friday September 23, as all money has to be banked by 2pm.

Book Week Parade

The Parade begins this Friday 23 September at 9.15 at the basketball court and after that there will be a 50c tuck shop, followed by a parade through the main part of town. The theme for Book Week is “One World Many Stories”.

-Annette McCudden-
P & C News

Canteen News
The canteen needs volunteers for breakfast from 8.30am to 9am. If you are available to help on any morning please contact Nicole O’Hagen acting canteen manager.

Canteen Roster
Monday 10th
Tuesday 11th
Wednesday 12th
Thursday 13th
Friday 14th
R Smith
W Batty & R Thompson
A Cordell & L Wagner
M Corrigan
M McKinnon & D Partridge

Thank You
Special thanks goes to our Major Sponsors for the School Fete:
Toy Topia - Wauchope
Wauchope RSL
Wauchope Motors
Essential Energy
Wauchope ANZ Bank

Thank You

FETE News
Date set for Fete is 22nd October 2011
Keep a look out for the Fete colouring competition which will be available from the schools front office first week back.

The next Fete meeting is being held at the the Country Club on Thursday 22nd September at 7pm, everyone is welcome, hoping to see some new faces on the night.

If anyone has finished items at home e.g. (craft items, jams ,dress up costumes or any other items that they will be donating to the Fete, would they please send them into school as soon as possible.

The Fete Committee is in the process of organizing all the stalls for the big day.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to all families that have generously donated to the Fete.

A huge THANK YOU goes to all children and families for donating drinks for the Fete.

A special thank you goes to Chaine Boaden for donating ice cream and toppings and Mrs A McCudden for keeping a daily tally.

- Kim Thompson -

Thank you to all the children who brought in drinks for the Great Fete Collection. The winning classes were 3-4MK and KLF. These children have already received their free ice cream day. As a matter of interest, nearly 2000 poppers were brought in, as well as over 1000 cans of cordial and over 600 bottles of water. This has been a fantastic effort-thank you to everyone who contributed.

-Annette McCudden-

New Time for P & C Meeting
The next Wauchope Public School P&C meeting will be held on 13th October at 7.00pm in the school staffroom.
All existing and new families are welcome to come along.

Urgent Request
Second hand jewellery
Old stockings

WOOSH News and Vacation Care 2011
The next WOOSH meeting will be held in the WOOSH room on 10th November at 6pm. All new and existing families are more than welcome to come.

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

We would like to invite students to draw, paint or collage an A4 size piece of art highlighting the work that we do entitled ‘The Art of Giving’. The students are welcome to come up with ideas on how their donations or shopping with us can make a difference e.g. a picture of their donation, shopping at the store or the Salvation Army helping someone. These works of art will be displayed in the store from Monday 3 October until 11 October for customers, family and friends to vote for the best one. The closing date for this competition is 3 October 2011.

The prizes will be presented to the winners at 7pm on Thursday 13 October at the customer loyalty open night.

Any queries can be directed to John Preston the Wauchope Store Supervisor 6586 4296 or Hazel Barrett Store Manager 6581 3776.

October School Holidays
@ Your Library

Our Enchanted Forest
Celebrating International Year of Forests

Our Enchanted Forest is a delightful light-hearted drama activity for school aged children and their families. It follows a storybook format and the audience help present the story about the animals and trees that live here.

- All children must be accompanied by a supervising adult
- Free of charge
- Bookings not required

After this National Park activity, you are invited to listen to more stories and to share some tree craft!

Wauchope Library
High Street (near Post Office)
Wednesday 5 October
10.30am – 11.30am
See you in the Library! Happy Holidays!
ENRICHMENT CLASS FOR 2012

For 2012 we are considering the possibility of two enrichment classes. These are a 3/4 and 5/6 enrichment class which will draw students who are currently in years 2, 3, 4 and 5 to form these groups.

All students in years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be given the opportunity to apply and be considered for the enrichment classes. After the testing process has been completed the school panel will meet and determine which students are the best applicants for the two classes.

Application for the class will be either:

- class teacher nomination
- parent nomination

Students will be selected for the class on the basis of:

- exhibiting superior skills in Key Learning Areas, particularly Literacy and Numeracy
- teacher recommendation based on student performance
- current achievement aligned to stage outcomes
- achievement levels in NAPLAN Testing
- achievement levels in State competitions
- results from standardised aptitude testing

All students will complete the OLSAT standardised test and a writing activity under the supervision of Mrs Pelley.

A committee consisting of Mrs Pelley, Mrs McCue and Mrs Kemp will make the final decision about the students in the class.

You will receive a letter if your child is nominated for the enrichment classes and you will need to sign, acknowledging the nomination of your child and give permission for he/she to be included in the testing process for the 2012 classes. You will also be asked to complete a questionnaire about your child and return it to Mrs Pelley.

It is very important that you adhere to the dates on information that is sent home.

**If you would like your child considered for placement in the enrichment class for 2012 please complete the form below and return it to Mrs Pelley by Friday 23 September.**

If you have any questions about the enrichment program for 2012 please contact Mrs Pelley on 65852277.

I would like to nominate my child _____________________ of class _______ to be considered for placement in the enrichment class for 2012.

Parent's Name: __________________________________________
Parent's Signature: _______________________________________
Date: ___________________