Class Structure
Below is a list of the Wauchope Public School staff for 2014. Once our staffing entitlements are published in late February we may be in a position to increase our intensive literacy and numeracy support.

We welcome some new casual teaching staff to our school. Many of them have been teaching casually at WPS over the past few years. Welcome Robyn Reeves, Sharon Randall, Miranda Davison, Kelly Cowan, Jordan Humphries, Danyelle Taylor, Julia Storm and Meagan Lee.

### Wauchope Public School Staffing 2014 – Term 1

#### Kindergarten
- K/1LF - Lisa Falk
- KMM - Michelle Millard
- KJB - Julie Best
- KLB - Lisa Barnett
- KDB - Darren Beard / Miranda Davison

#### Year 1 and 2:
- 1JL - Janet Lovett / Maree Hunt
- 1KB - Kerry Burn / Maree Hunt
- 1KN - Kelly Newell / Maree Hunt
- 2HL - Deb Hurrell
- 2NW - Nikki Woolner
- 2MG - Marg Gardner
- 2WD - Katrina Daly / Erin Weatherby

#### Year 3 and 4
- 3MJ - Martin Jenssen
- 3EM - Erin Moore
- 3/4LR - Lee-a Rock
- 3/4MN - Mitchell Nicholson
- 4VM - Vicki Muir
- 4DW - Danielle Wheatley

#### Year 5 and 6
- 5AD - Amanda Darcy
- 5KC - Kelly Cowan
- 4/5VH - Vanessa Hollis
- 5/6JS - Jigh Sallustio
- 5/6WH - Wendy Henry
- 6SG - Sharon Gowan
- 6JM - Jim Moodie
- MC 3-6MD - Mark Dragos
- 3-6TR Literacy/Numeracy - Danielle Taylor / Sharon Randall
- IO/IS K-6KD - Karen Davis

#### Learning Support -
- Learning Support - Karen O’Reilly / Sharon Randall
- Reading Recovery - Cindy Dignum
- RFF/Training - Fiona Brasseys, John Baker, Cindy Dignum, Meagan Lee, Maree Hunt, Jordan Humphries, Helen Murray, Julia Storm

#### Library -
- Library - Annette McCudden / Robyn Secombe

One of our Assistant Principals, Andrew Kuchling was successful at merit selection for the Kempsey South PS Principal position over the holidays. Robyn Reeves has been appointed to replace Mr Kuchling. She comes to us with an incredible wealth of knowledge on the new English curriculum as she has been the English consultant for many years in District Office. We are very excited about having Mrs Reeves join us and she will be leading our staff in curriculum development this year.
Meet the Teacher Evenings
I hope parents can find time to attend these evenings. Apart from finding out about routines, procedures, calendar events and class expectations you will get to meet an incredibly important person in your child's life for 2014, their teacher! Your child/ren will also get the message that you are very interested in their education and it is obvious that the school and home will be working together to develop/improve our children academically, socially and culturally.
I have included a map of the school so you know where your child’s classroom is located. K/1/2 classes = Monday 17, 3/4 classes = Tuesday 18, 5/6 classes = Wednesday 19. All sessions commence at 5pm.

Book Packs and P&C School Contributions
Thank you to the families who have either paid for the book packs or the voluntary contributions so promptly, we really appreciate it. Please ensure payment is made for the book packs at your earliest convenience and I hope you strongly consider paying the voluntary school contributions.

North Coast Cricket
Well done to Corey H and Josh G who travelled to Sawtell for a two day trial last weekend. Both boys have tremendous cricketing ability. Congratulations to Josh who has been selected in the North Coast team to play at the State Carnival in Wyong during Week 6. Good luck Josh.
Great to see Shaun Marsh score a hundred on first day of the test. Fingers crossed for Steve Smith tonight.

Band
Learning an instrument is a fantastic talent. We do have musical instrument tuition on Tuesday mornings. Please contact the school office if you require further information. I'd like to thank Mrs Henry who has donated a guitar for our music program. We would always welcome any donations of musical instruments that we may be able to possibly hire out to students.

Label Everything Please
Please clearly label everything your child brings to school. This includes items such as HATS, bags, lunch boxes, drink bottles, JUMPERS. EVERYTHING!

Swimming Carnival
This was once again a sensational day of fun, competition and participation. Congratulations to all children who entered races. The ability to swim is massively important and I was impressed with the talents of many of our children. Special thanks to the Wauchope Swim Club for catering tasty treats on the barbecue, the Wauchope Pool Staff, the many parent volunteers and the WPS staff for all their efforts. Special congratulations go to Mrs Gowan and Mrs Darcy for their excellent organisation. Good luck to our 41 strong Swim Team who will compete at the Hastings/Camden Haven carnival on Tuesday 18 February at the Wauchope pool. The Lower North Coast carnival will be in Kempsey on Wednesday 26 February and the North Coast carnival will be in Lismore on Wednesday 12 March. WPS swim caps are on sale at the canteen for $10. If your child can’t swim I strongly encourage you to consider having them attend swimming lessons.

Social Skills/Transition - Lyn McWhirter
School Counsellor - Fiona Harvey / Jenny Barnard
Assistant Principals -
Stage 1 - Darren Beard / Robyn Reeves
Stage 2 - John Baker
Stage 3 - Sharon Gowan
Special Education - Karen O’Reilly
Deputy Principal - Rose Pelley
Principal - Cameron Osborne
Office Staff - Sue Bourke, Cheryl Caruana, Michelle Kelly, Noeline Harman, Melinda Auld, Jens Lindner
SLSO’s - Elaine Andrews, Donna Anthony, Kaela Croft, Tracy Cutler, Toni Foster, Rosalyn Fuhrer, Jean Gayed, John Gayed, Debbie Harris, Susan Hollis, Geoff Parker, Nicole Potter, Judith Stephens, Lisa White, Tania Williams, Mary Schroder, Melissa Potter
Aboriginal Education Officer - Aunty Helen Archibald-Simmons
General Assistant - Mark Hurrell
Cleaners - Janice Elford and Gavin Waddell

Thursday 13 February 2014
WPS Choir
Once again our choir has been accepted to perform at the Opera House later in the year. Congratulations boys and girls and Mrs Brassey and Mrs Dignum.

P&C Meeting
There is a meeting tonight in the staffroom commencing at 7pm. All are welcome. Especially new Kindergarten parents.

The Logies
As you know our talented WPS students performed at the 2013 Schools Spectacular. The Schools Spectacular has been nominated in the ‘Most Popular Light Entertainment Program’ category. The semi-finalists for each category are chosen through the highest number of votes. Voting is free. You can only vote once so don’t forget to tell all of your family and friends to vote too. It takes approximately 5 minutes to vote online. To vote, or for further information, go to http://www.tvweeklogieawards.com.au/. We are in very good company – other shows within our category include Getaway, Dancing with The Stars, Sunrise and The Voice. It’s wonderful that the Schools Spectacular is being recognised by the industry in this way and reaffirms our status as a world-class arena show with incredible production value. Voting closes on March 2nd with nominations (short-lists for each category) to be announced on March 31st.

Is Your Child In A New Class
Without Their Friends?
In 13 plus years of education, your child will eventually find themselves in a class without their close friends. It’s normal for them to initially feel a little anxious about this, so how should you handle it? Tempting as it may be to request a class swap (which can be a logistical nightmare for schools and not always possible), here are some important things to consider first.

- Don’t rob your child of this opportunity to develop social skills.

School is a place where our kids learn important social skills as well as academic ones. Finding their place and making friends in a new group is a vital skill to develop and one they’ll rely on their entire lives. The classroom is one of the gentlest places to start learning this because:

- Teachers turn a “bunch of kids” into a team every year. They keep an eye out for students who aren’t mixing in, and create opportunities to pair them up with different children.

- There’s still recess, lunch and sport time to play with their mates. It’s also a great opportunity for them to learn about separating social time and work time.

- Lots of their classmates are in the same boat. Everyone is starting a new year, with a new teacher and a new classroom and many will be looking for new friendships too. Some kids choose a new “best friend” in every class they have, which builds a rich network of friendships over the years.

- Children learn different skills from different classmates. These days there are lots of opportunities for group work in class, when students team up and work through tasks together. Unlikely pairings can produce excellent workmates, who share a common language of learning and help each other along.

- You can gently help them make new friends. If you are able to spend some time in your child’s classroom (for example, by helping out with reading or maths groups) you’ll meet the other children and be able to suggest possible friends to your child. Your child will be thrilled to see you in their classroom and it also seems to fast track their sense of “belonging”. Encourage play dates with classmates.

If, after a couple of weeks, your child doesn’t seem to be settling in or is still anxious about their new class, by all means drop a note to the teacher or make an appointment to chat. Veteran parents and teachers tell us that more likely than not, your child will be absolutely fine and will have developed a new level of resilience from spreading their wings a little. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au

-Mr Cameron Osborne-

Dates to Remember

February
Thursday 13
☼ 7pm - P&C Meeting

Monday 17
☼ 5-6pm Stage 1 - Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 18
☼ HCH Swimming Carnival - Wauchope
☼ 5-6pm Stage 2 - Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 19
☼ Girls Forum Day
☼ 5-6pm Stage 3 - Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 26
☼ LNC Swimming Carnival - Kempsey

March
Tuesday 11
☼ Glasshouse Excursion - Year 2

Wednesday 12
☼ NC Swimming Carnival - Lismore
Thursday 13
☼ 6pm - P & C AGM
Monday 17 - Friday 21
☼ Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Tuesday 25 - Wednesday 26
☼ School Photos

Library News
Welcome back to all returning students and families, and hello to our new students and families for 2014.
During the holidays, some students entered the Town Library’s Summer Readers Club. Congratulations to Jake H, Mia P and Samuel B who all won prizes. They were presented at the assembly this week.
We would like to remind all parents that students K-2 need a Library bag to borrow. A recycled bag, an old pillow case or a bought bag are all suitable. Students 3-6 may borrow one book without a Library Bag, providing they have no overdue books. Students 3-6 may borrow 5 books at a time with a bag.
The Library is brim-full of good books (and even a few bad ones eg Andy Griffith’s Bad Book and Very Bad Book), and is open to classes throughout the week. It is also air conditioned, so is the COOL place to hang out at lunch. Come and see us.

Happy reading
Mrs McCudden and Mrs Secombe

Next P&C Meeting - Welcome to all the new and existing families. The next P&C meeting is being held tonight, Thursday 13 February at 7pm in the school’s staffroom. With the start of a new year it would be great to see some new faces. Come and meet others that have an interest in the School and enjoy contributing to the community. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated – many hands make light work.

P & C Canteen News

Canteen Roster Term 1 Week 4
Monday 17 P Marsden
Tuesday 18 HELP NEEDED
Wednesday 19 Jacki
Thursday 20 L Stewart
Friday 21 K Thomas & K Dragos

Thank you for all your support.
In case you are unable to work on your allocated day please contact the Canteen Manager, Ms Nicole O’Hagan prior to the day you are working, to enable her to organise a replacement.

Thank You P&C Association
REMEMBER TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR SCHOOL.

Community News

Wauchope Junior Rugby League - U6- U16
Dates: FRI. 14/2/2014 3.30pm - 5.30pm
SAT. 22/2/2014 9am - 12midday
Location: Lank Bain Sporting Complex, Beechwood Rd. Wauchope. (Jnr. League grounds)
Cost: $100 per child ( includes Wauchope JRL polo shirt )

Contact: Cassie Linards  65 864 792

Physical Culture - Physical Culture resumes soon for 2014! All are welcome, bring a friend. Phone Wendy on 6585 4224 or 0408 231 253 for details.

Healthy North Coast - Healthy North Coast was launched mid last year and is an online hub, where as part of the community, it supports everyone in getting healthy and staying healthy. Healthy North Coast contains accessible, easy to understand, reliable and up-to-date health information that can be used locally. Whether families in your community want tips on healthy eating, where to find their local gym, or how to access a health professional or health service, Healthy North Coast is the place to go.
For more information please contact: Alex Lewers
Healthy North Coast Coordinator
P: 02 66185419
www.healthynorthcoast.org.au
Rainbow Serpent and Rainbow Readers
Early Literacy Groups 2014
Invite you to …

SHARE STORIES - CRAFTS - MUSIC - FUN ACTIVITIES
- Meet other parents with young children
- Have a cuppa and a yarn

WHERE:
- Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre (3 Waugh St).
- Bunyah Land Council (High Street, Wauchope)

TIME:
- 10:00 am - 12 noon

For more info, please contact:
Dee or Donna
6583 4242
Aunty Rees
6585 3277

Regional Individual and Family Support
Northcott provides support to individuals with disabilities and their families living in the regional areas of Far North Coast / Mid North Coast, Orange/Gunnedah/Central West, New England and the Riverina-Murray. By offering support in a holistic way, regional individual and family support workers help promote genuine inclusion in all aspects of the community.

Services may include:
- Individual and family support
- Home visits to families
- Advocacy for families and individuals
- Assistance for clients to access community services
- School visits
- Assistance with acquisition of equipment
- Group programs for all ages such as support groups, peer workers, sibling groups.
- Early intervention and a range of community and disability specific services in the local area
- Provision of information about a range of community and disability specific services either run by Northcott or available from other organisations
- Spinoff activities such as youth and recreational activities
- Referrals to other services
- Access to regional centres
- Assistance

Geographical areas:

Funding:
The service is funded by Ageding, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services and supported by Northcott.

Contact:
Coffs Harbour Office
21 Sinclair Street, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450
Phone: (09) 6611 2986, Fax: (09) 6652 7201
Email: coffsharbour@northcott.com.au

Pre-School to Adult Classes
- Ballet (RAD)  * Jazz
- Baby Ballet  * Hip Hop
- Tap  * Private Lessons
- Performance Classes  
- Boys Hip Hop

Individual attention
for all students in a friendly, caring, family environment

Principal: Miss Amy Henson RAD RTS
Phone: 0412 856 525
info@extravadancestudios.com.au

CLASSES AT “THE DANCE ROOM”
WAUCHOPE INDOOR STADIUM
“where dance is fun”
School Map 2014

- Basketball Court
- 1-6 Shelter
- Wash Shed
- K-3 PlayGround
- K.1 Shelter
- K.2 KC
- Library
- Upstairs
- Waucho Street
- Campbell Street
- Administration

Excellence, Opportunity and Success

Term 1 Week 3
Thursday 13 February 2014