Kinder Start

Our Kinder Start program will commence next week on 4 November 2013 until 8 November. I would like to invite parents to attend a display, short information session, school tour and afternoon tea on Tuesday 5 November 2013. This will be a great opportunity to meet WPS staff, ask questions and see what great things are on offer for your children in 2014. The Information session will be between 6:00pm and 7:00pm in the school hall. It will also be an opportunity to ensure all enrolment forms have been completed. All new Kindergarten children who have returned their enrolment form will receive a free shirt with our emblem and the phrase: Get ready Wauchope Public. I’m on my way!

WPS staff will be on hand to assist with any enrolment enquires.

Fete

I am not in a position to announce a final profit from our school Fete. As soon as I receive the information I will include it in the next newsletter.

Swimming for Sport and Pool Parties

Please note that if children do not attend swimming on Fridays for sport then they will be ineligible to attend the end of year pool parties. This would involve students in Year 3 and Year 6.

School Evaluation Surveys

All parents who have their newsletters emailed will also be emailed a link to a parent school evaluation survey. If you do not receive a survey via email and would like to complete one you may collect a paper copy from the front office. This survey will assist our Low Socio Economic Evaluation and our Annual School Report (ASR) evaluation. The ASR questions will be about school leadership, school culture and school satisfaction.

Children in Years 3-6 will complete the student surveys during computer lessons and the WPS staff completed the teacher surveys at this week’s staff meeting.

2014 Class Formations

The staff at WPS have begun the process of forming classes for 2014. It is crucial that we have as much information as possible when we are forming these proposed classes. If you know your personal circumstances (e.g. possibly work related) have changed and you will no longer have your child attending WPS then please let us know as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2014 or you know families who are in this situation please complete and submit an enrolment form now so your child is placed in a class. The same applies if you know of any new families who are moving to Wauchope over the school holiday period.

Accurate student numbers at the commencement of the school year are vital and dictate our level of staffing. If you know your child won’t be returning Day 1 2014 (possibly due to holiday, overseas trip or extended stay with grandparents/relatives) but you know they will be returning to WPS then I would request you let me know in writing so we can include your child in our numbers.
I would also invite parents to submit in writing any special requests regarding their child’s class placement for 2014 addressed to myself (not the class teacher) before the end of next week, 8 November 2013. All requests will be taken into consideration when forming classes. However, there are no guarantees. Staff will be putting a lot of effort and time into ensuring that all classes are as balanced as possible taking into consideration factors such as academic levels, social development, relationships, behaviour, and male/female.

**Music Count Us**

Today our entire school assembled in the hall and sang a song called ‘Keep On’. Schools all around Australia sang the exact same song. Thank you Mrs Brassey for organising this opportunity for our children.

**Important Dates**

I would like to point out some important dates that you may like to put on your calendar. K-2 Presentation Day – 4 December, 3-6 Presentation Day – 3 December, 2014 Year 7 Orientation Day – 4 December, K-2 Concert and Disco – 10 December, Years 3-4 Disco – 10 December and Year 6 Farewell – 12 December. Please keep an eye on our newsletter and website for other dates that your child may be involved in e.g. Talent Quests, excursions, School Spectacular, Movie Day, Pool Parties etc.

**Snakes Alive**

I have had many reports that the children who attended this show last week had a very enjoyable time.

**Schools Out**

Good luck to the children who will be on the radio next Wednesday evening from 6pm on 2WayFM. I know they will love the experience. Thank you Mrs Dignum and Mrs Stephens for your time and efforts.

**Police Visit**

Students in K/1 have had a lesson on ‘Keep Them Safe’ this morning and students in Years 5/6 learnt about Cyber Bullying, the Internet and Internet safety.

**Sport**

We welcome back Piper T who competed at the State PSSA cricket carnival last week. Piper had a great week, played some good cricket, made new friends, bowled well, took wickets and I'm imagining did a fair bit of talking. Well done Piper.

**Creative Arts Performance**

Good luck to the dance group and choir who will be performing for the Bago Day Club next Thursday. Our choir will be signing at the Senior Citizens Centre next Wednesday also. Thank you Mrs Brassey and Mrs Dignum for coordinating these performances. I know our children will be wonderful.

**NSW public school terms and holidays**


**Teachers Federation**

Several members of the WPS staff attended a Teachers Federation dinner last night in Wauchope. It is my privilege to announce that Mrs McCudden received Life Membership to the Hastings Camden/Haven Teachers Federation. Congratulations Mrs McCudden.

**Donation Note**

Yesterday, a note was sent home notifying you of a disaster that has impacted on one of our families. The family who have two boys attending WPS (Kindergarten and Year 3) had their house burn to the ground on the weekend. The school has been able to assist with new uniforms. I have been informed that there have been many people/organisations assisting with clothing, linen etc. However, some assistance with some white goods etc. would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to make a donation to this family I would invite you to send in a cash donation in a sealed envelope and the school will present the family with a cheque. Thank you in advance.

**Selective High School Placement Applications - 2015**


All students seeking placement in a selective high school will be required to sit the Selective
High School Placement Test on Thursday 13 March 2014. Parents who wish their child to sit the test will need to apply by Friday 18 November 2013. Further information about the selective high school placement process is available on the Internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

QuickSmart

Congratulations to our clever QuickSmart graduates. Each child who completed the program received a special certificate and enjoyed a pizza party to celebrate. QuickSmart is a numeracy program that is proving to be very successful and beneficial. Thank you to Mrs Fuhrer and Mrs O’Reilly who coordinate and teach the program.

Student Leadership Speeches

Good luck to the Year 5 students who will present a one minute speech to their Year 5 cohort on Monday. Year 5 peer group and staff will then vote for eight of the students nominated. The top 16 students will then have time to prepare a two minute speech and present to Years 3, 4, 5 and staff.

-Cameron Osborne-

Dates to Remember

November

Monday 4
- Student Leadership Speeches

Monday 4 – Friday 15
- Intensive Learn to Swim Program

Monday 4 – Friday 8
- Kinder Start Program - 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 5
- 6.00pm-7.00pm Kinder Info Evening

Saturday 9
- 9.00am – 12 noon
- Uniform Shop Extra Hours

Thursday 14
- 7.00pm P&C General Meeting
- 5.30pm WOOSH Meeting

December

Tuesday 3
- Years 3-6 Presentation Day

Wednesday 4
- K-2 Presentation Day
- 2014 Year 7 Orientation Day

Tuesday 10
- K-2 Concert and Disco

Thursday 12
- Year 6 Farewell

Assembly Awards - Week 4

K-2KD Connor F
KJB Cheyenne E, Cooper D, Suraya C
KLB Jesse M, Chloe J, Johnathan S
KLF Jasmin R, Jacob H, Dylan D
KMM Erie G, George A & Nicolas B
1KB Tim H, Tia G
1KN Connor P, Mia P, Ava T
2NB Jessica B, Violet R, Nashelle S
2HL Seth M, Dareece D
2LR Tylar S, Marli L, Michael D
2MG Maddison S, Jayden N, Elaina C

Citizen of the Week

Tiffany T – KJB
Lana C – KMM
Kaal W – 2HL

Student of the Week

Haley S – 4/5VH and Marie E – 5AD

Work of the Week Award

Jake H – KMM
Marney R – KMM
Bella H – KJB
Jake T – KJB

Artwork Display

By Jake H - KMM
By Marney R - KMM
Kinderstart Program

Please be aware that our Wauchope P.S. Play Group finishes this Thursday, 31 October.

BUT!! Don't despair!!

Our Kinderstart program begins next week on Monday, 4 November. It will run throughout the week, Monday – Friday, from 9.30am to 10.30am.

As part of Kinderstart, next Tuesday night, a “Welcome to Kindergarten 2014” information evening will be held in the new hall from 6.00pm - 7.00pm. This night is aimed at giving you more information regarding the Kindergarten year, programs that we offer, uniforms, bus travel as well as a tour of the school and a chance to visit classrooms set up for Literacy and Numeracy activities that your child may experience next year. Child minding will be provided.

We hope to see you there!
- Kindergarten Teachers-

QuickSmart Numeracy News

Our Year 5 QuickSmart students graduated last Monday after another successful 30 week program. It is amazing how their numeracy skills have improved! They celebrated with a pizza party on Tuesday. Thank you Year 5 for all your hard work and dedication and a special big thank you to our tutor, Mrs Fuhrer.

This week we also commence a new QuickSmart program with our Year 4 students. These 28 children will continue QuickSmart for a total of 30 weeks in 2014. They are unable to start the program if they have not returned their permission note and they must attend school regularly to participate in this wonderful program.

I will be holding a QuickSmart parent information session next Tuesday, November 5th in the staffroom from 5pm to 5.30pm. (A note will be sent home to these students). - Karen O'Reilly

P & C NEWS

Urgent Help Needed - The canteen is seeking helpers for the breakfast shift, 8.25am till 9.00am any day. If you can assist please contact Nicole O’Hagan at the school canteen.

Winners Drawing Competition
K-2 - 1st Prize – Jake H – KMM
K-2 - 1st Prize Jocelyn T-S – 2HL- Black & White
Years 3-6 - 1st Prize Ruby M – 4DL

Uniform Shop Opening Extra Hours

Our School Uniform shop will be opening extra hours for your convenience.

Dates and Times:
- Every Friday afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.30pm on school days only.
- Saturday 9 November & 7 December 2013 from 9am till 12 noon.

January 2014

Thursday 23 and Friday 24 January 2014 from 8.30am till 3pm.

P & C CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Specials Term 4

Kings Fried Rice
Singapore Noodles
Potato Bake + a Popper
Milk flavoured

2min Noodles

Chicken, Avocado, Lettuce, Cheese Wrap with Dijionaise Mayo

Hot Dog + Sauce

$4.00

$2.00

$4.00

$2.20

Until stock runs out.

Canteen Roster Term 4 Week 5

Monday 4 P Marsden
Tuesday 5 L Brady
Wednesday 6 S Campbell
Thursday 7 J Beryl
Friday 8 D Partridge, M McCudden & K Kucera

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

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