2014 Kindergarten

We have had some lovely visitors to our school this week. They are all wearing a WPS School Shirt that states: Get ready Wauchope Public. I'm on my way! The staff may have some made up that say: We are ready and waiting!
The children are having a great time at Big School and look ready to commence their schooling life.
I would like to thank Ms Millard, Mrs Best, Mrs Barnett, Mrs Pelley, Mrs O'Reilly, Mrs Croft (P&C), Miss Alex (WOOSH) and Mr Beard for attending and presenting at our very successful and informative Kindergarten Information evening. Thank you also to parents Mrs Thompson, Mrs Wright and Mrs Dingle for your assistance with uniforms and supper on the night.

Our talented Kindergarten teachers will be at a full day professionally learning course next Tuesday honing their skills on the fantastic L3 Literacy program.

Student Leadership 2014

Congratulations to the 30 Year 5 students who were nominated and presented leadership speeches to the Year 5 cohort on Monday. The Year 5 students and their teachers voted after these very impressive speeches. I would like to congratulate the 16 students below for making it through to the next round. The 16 boys and girls will now present a two minute speech to the Primary classes on Monday of Week 8, 25 November. Staff and students will then vote and our Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects (eight in total) will be announced on Tuesday 3 December 2013. Well done to: Abbie T, Cheyenne W, Emily W, Georgie J, Hayley G, Ivy M, Kimberley L, Marie E, Chad M, Hayden HT, Jack P, Jarren L, Lachlan M, Nathan G, Riley M and Riley M.

School Evaluation Survey

These surveys were emailed to parents last Friday morning. Please complete these by Friday 15 November if you wish. For those who have not supplied an email address there are paper copies available at the front office.

Canberra Excursion

Good luck to the 74 Year 6 students who will be attending this tremendous excursion. I know they will have a great time and will have very fond memories from the experience. I would like to thank in advance the WPS staff who have volunteered to attend this excursion. It is an extremely large responsibility and a very tiring experience. Taking care of 74, 12 year olds is not an easy task and probably not one a whole lot of people would line up for. Thank you Mrs Gowan, Mrs McCudden, Mr Sallustio, Mr Dragos and Mrs S Hollis. I also acknowledge that these lovely staff members are leaving behind family and various activities. Thank you. Please note that students who are not attending the Canberra excursion should attend school. If they are absent we will require a written note for our records.

Choir and Dance performances

Well done to our choir who performed for the Senior Citizens yesterday. This morning our senior dance group and choir will perform at the Bago Day Club. Well done boys and girls. Thank you Mrs Dignum and Mrs Brassey for your time and effort with the children.

Swimming Scheme

This very worthwhile program has commenced and is running very smoothly. The first three
days were a little cool! We have over 140 students participating across four grades. Thank you to the WPS staff for volunteering to support this program and thank you Mrs Muir for coordinating the two week program.

**School Magazine**

A second note has been sent home for your consideration. If you would like to pre-order a magazine please send in the slip and $15 to secure your copy.

**Schools Out**

Congratulations to the children who were on the radio last night with Mrs Dignum and Mrs Stephens.

**Semester 2 Reports**

We anticipate that reports will be sent home on Friday 13 December. I would just like to inform you that the cut-off date for the student absences recorded on the reports will be 27/11/13.

**Term 4 Reward Day**

The reward day this term will be a Talent Quest and will be held on Friday 13 December. If a child has not been on an orange or red light and has not been in the Fix It room during Term 4 then they will have that small reward as a thank you from us to them.

**Pool Parties**

As with every school excursion or sporting event if a child’s behaviour has been deemed unacceptable by me then they may be ineligible to attend/participate in a school event.

**Hastings/Camden Haven Cricket Team**

Congratulations to Josh G and Corey H for being selected in this team.

**Cricket Nets**

These are progressing tantalisingly slowly. We are eagerly awaiting when we can start our Wauchope PS cricket dynasty.

-Cameron Osborne-

**Dates to Remember**

**November**

**Monday 4 – Friday 15**

- Intensive Learn to Swim Program

**Monday 4 – Friday 8**

- Kinder Start Program - 9.30-10.30am

**Saturday 9**

- 9.00am – 12 noon
  Uniform Shop Open

**Monday 11 – Friday 15**

- Year 6 Canberra Excursion

**Thursday 14**

- 5.30pm WOOSH Meeting
- 7.00pm P & C Meeting

**Monday 18**

- Surf Safety Year 3/4

**Wednesday 20 – Friday 22**

- Year 4 Camp - Elim

**Monday 25**

- 11.30am Student Leadership Speeches & Election

**Tuesday 26 – Saturday 30**

- School Spectacular Choir Trip

**Friday 29**

- School Spectacular Day Excursion

**December**

**Tuesday 3**

- Years 3-6 Presentation Day

**Wednesday 4**

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

**Thursday 5**

- P & C Meeting

**Tuesday 10**

- 4pm-6pm K-2 Concert and Disco
- 6.30pm-7.45pm Year 3/4 Disco

**Wednesday 11**

- Science Trap 3/4HS & 5/6WH

**Thursday 12**

- Year 6 Farewell
- Stage 2 Pool Party
- K-2 Movie Day

**Friday 13**

- Term 4 Reward Day – Talent Quest

**Tuesday 17**

- Stage 3 Pool Party

**Wednesday 18**

- Term 4 concludes for Students

**Thursday**

- Staff Development Day

**Friday**

- Staff Development Day
- Term 4 concludes for Staff

**Student of the Week**

Tahlia C – 4VM
Chloe B – 1JL
Amarlie E – 1JL
Abygail M – 1JL
Landen A – 1JL

**Congratulations**
On Thursday 31 October 2013, Senior Constable Wendy Hudson came from Port Macquarie Police Station to inform the senior students of our school about an issue facing children today. She focussed her discussion on Cyber Bullying. Wendy showed us a Cyber Bullying video, it was very sad. It was about a boy who is in High School. He was bullied by texting, name calling, rude photos and emails. Wendy also talked about how important it is to change our pictures on Facebook, Kik etc. to something like an avatar or picture of a flower instead of a picture of you.

Finally, Wendy discussed how you should only trick or treat with a family member at Halloween and not to do it on your own. Always have an adult that you trust nearby when trick or treating. You must return home before dark and only accept packet lollies.

I strongly believe that Senior Constable Wendy Hudson’s information on Cyber Bullying is to be taken notice of by all students. I must be safe when using the internet now and when I am older. - By Meghan 5JB

P & C NEWS

P & C General Meeting - The Wauchope Public School P & C General meeting is being held: Thursday, 14 November 2013 at 7pm in the schools staffroom.

Change of Meeting for December - Meeting for December is being held Thursday 5 December at 5.30pm followed by the P&C Xmas Party at 7.00pm at Bago Tavern at own cost.

Please advice Brenda Wright if attending for booking numbers.

If you require any further information, please contact Brenda Wright, Secretary of WPS P & C 0400 452 273.

WOOSH Meeting - The next WOOSH meeting is being held Thursday 14 November at 5.30pm in the schools staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend

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.

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.

WOOSH News

Vacation Care - January Vacation Care is Monday 6 Jan – 24 Jan 2014

Pupil Free Days - Term 4 Pupil Free Days are Thursday 19 Dec and Friday 20 Dec 2013

Term 1 2013 Pupil Free Day is Tuesday 28 Jan 2014

The closing date for all of the above registrations is Monday 2 December 2013.

After School Care 2014 - After School Care 2014 list is also available for registration. The closing date for this is Friday 10 January 2014. These lists are up on the board on the WOOSH room now. Please come into the centre and place your child’s name on the lists with the required days clearly ticked. As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Miss Alex on 0412 852 441 at the centre for availability after Tuesday 3 December.

Thank you WOOSH Committee-

P & C CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Specials Term 4

Kings Fried Rice
Singapore Noodles
Potato Bake $4.00
+ a Popper Milk flavoured

2min Noodles $2.00

Chicken, Avocado, Lettuce, Cheese Wrap with Dijonaise Mayo $4.00
Hot Dog + Sauce $2.20
Until stock runs out.

Canteen Roster Term 4 Week 6
Monday 11 P Marsden
Tuesday 12
Wednesday 13 S Fraser & L Stewart
Thursday 14 K Dragos & S Lyon
Friday 15 L Wagner & KA Thomas

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

Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion – Students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined elsewhere in the newsletter. We hope that the excursion is a rewarding experience for all students.