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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to school.

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to you. As some of you may know I have spent several years supporting students with disabilities in the Port Macquarie area. My special education journey began many years ago in South Africa and New Zealand before immigrating to Australia ten years ago.

At the end of last year I was appointed into the role of Assistant Principal (Special Education). I am excited to be part of the Wauchope Public School community and I look forward to meeting and working with all of our students and their families.

The addition of an IO/AU class marks the beginning of an exciting journey for Special Education at Wauchope Public School. We now have three special education classes which are staffed by very capable and compassionate staff. Your child and the Special Education staff will be sharing a very special experience this year. We will spend many hours together discussing, socialising, creating, expressing and learning. This relationship, like any other, will be based on trust and mutual respect for one another.

In order to ensure the smooth running of the Special Education Area, please note the following:

Drop off and Pick up
Due to staff commitments in the mornings, we would appreciate it if you could drop your child off after 8.50 am. Students from K-2AP and K-6KD may be dropped off in the Special Education playground outside Karen Davis’ classroom. To support student sensory needs afternoon pick up for K-2AP and K-6KD will be at 2.50pm from the classroom. We would appreciate it if you would wait outside the classroom. Students in 3-6JG follow mainstream arrival and dismissal processes.

Communication books
All Special Education students will have a communication book. By providing relevant information on your child’s night / morning etc. will assist us to better understand your child. The better the understanding the teacher has of your child, the more they can individualise their programs to support your child.

I look forward to meeting you and your family. Please feel free to contact the school office if you need to make an appointment to meet with me and/or your child’s teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Anne Puchert
Assistant Principal (Special Education)

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