Welcome
Welcome to what is promising to be another fantastic year at Wauchope Public School. It was great to see all of our WPS children return yesterday. I would like to especially welcome all of our new students and their families to WPS. I know you will have a brilliant time at our school. I’m looking forward to meeting our Kindergarten students next week when they start their schooling life with us on Wednesday 6.

Excellence, Opportunity and Success is our catch phrase and that is exactly what you will get at WPS.

New Staff
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Emma Carson who will be teaching Year 5 this year. Miss Carson is participating in the teacher exchange program with Mr Moodie between England and Australia during 2013. Her school principal has informed me that Miss Carson is an enthusiastic, talented and dedicated teacher. She will add a fantastic and interesting dimension to our staff this year.

Temporary Classes
This week we will form temporary classes for 2013. These classes may change depending on our student population. The number of Kindergarten students who start next week will be a critical factor for our final class formation. Our final student enrolment numbers will be submitted to the Department of Education Staffing Unit during Week 3. We will then be notified of our actual staffing entitlements.

Shortly after this time we will be in a position to confirm our class structure for 2013. We have to abide by certain formulas and student numbers dictate how many classes and staff we will be allocated for 2013.

Thank you for your understanding with this process.

Best Start Assessments
These assessments are being administered in every NSW Public school. It is a great opportunity for our Kindergarten staff to spend time one on one with their new students gauging exactly what academic level they will begin school at. This will assist the teachers in planning their teaching programs.

All Kindergarten students will begin school at the time indicated in the individual letters that were posted last week. We will have plenty of staff on hand to assist your children on the day and over that week. My recommendation is to take photos to capture the moment and then try not to delay your departure. At times children will be upset but they do calm down very quickly after parents have left. If you don’t work on Wednesday I recommend organising a coffee date with some other Kindergarten parents!

Good luck and enjoy!

School Development Day
On Tuesday 29 January the WPS staff participated in a day focussing on Boys Education with Dr Ian Lillico. It was a very informative and worthwhile day. I would like to thank Nicole our canteen manager who catered for almost 80 staff members on the day.

The exciting news is that Dr Ian Lillico will present a parent information session on parenting both boys and girls on Wednesday 27 February at 7pm in our school hall. Please mark this date and time in your diary as it is a tremendous opportunity not to be missed. I know several WPS staff members will also attend this night. I will provide more information on the evening in upcoming newsletters.
After School Care Facility
Congratulations to our P&C who carried out a fantastic make over to this facility over the holidays. Brightly painted walls, a new office and kitchen look great.

Swimming Carnival
The annual WPS swimming carnival will be on Friday 8 February for children eight years and older. Novelty events will be held for non-swimmers. WPS house captain elections will be on tomorrow. Good luck to all participating students.

WPS Swimming caps
Swimming caps for sale now at the school canteen for: **$10.00 each**
-Mr Cameron Osborne-

Dates to Remember

February
Wednesday 6
- Kindergarten start school
Thursday 7
- 9.30am Kinder Photos
Friday 8
- Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 13
- Rugby League Clinics Years 1-4
Thursday 14
- 6.00pm P&C Meeting
Monday 18
- 5pm Stage 3 Information Evening
Tuesday 19
- 5pm Stage 2 Information Evening
Wednesday 20
- 5pm K-2 Information Evening
Friday 22
- Hasting Camden Haven District Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 27
- Parent Information Session on parenting both boys and girls (7pm in school hall) with Ian Lillico

March
Friday 1
- Clean Up Australia Day

QuickSmart News
The QuickSmart Numeracy program for 2013 will commence next week (Week 2). 28 Year 5 students will work with Mrs Fuhrer and Mrs O’Reilly for three half hour sessions each week. There will be an information evening for parents in the next few weeks.

P & C Canteen News
New School Uniforms
Please be advised that we only have sizes: *4 *6 *8 in the new school shirt available at the moment.
We placed an order early in January which should be delivered by the middle of March.
We apologies for any inconvenience caused.
-Kim Thompson-

Canteen Roster Term 1 Week 2
Monday 4  P Marsden & A Dawson
Tuesday 5  S Fraser & S Reynolds
Wednesday 6  S Fogg
Thursday 7  K Weston & K Thomas
Friday 8  
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

Kindergarten Best Start Testing
Max P and his teacher Mrs Falk during the Best Start Testing session