Principal/Year 2 Student Conversation

I was walking in the playground next to a Year 2 boy last week. I asked him about his weekend. After he finished he looked up at me and said “You know what Mr Osborne? This is a great school you know.”

Well, that made my day and I had to share it with you. What a great comment.

School Uniform

At Wauchope Public School we are continually striving to improve the students both socially and educationally. The saying goes it takes a village to raise a child is very true. One of our many focusses is our school uniform.

A huge part of what we are trying to achieve is increasing children’s self-esteem, learning to be part of a team, taking pride in our appearance and being proud of who we are, where we come from, what we look like and what we stand for.

The WPS children have been on a journey over the past few years and we are still working on improvements. The first part was to have every child in the school consistently wear the school hat. After a few mumbles and grumbles and some non-cooperation by some I am very proud to say that on any given day over 95% of students wear the school hat with pride. It is now rare that we have to remind children. It is just second nature and the culture has been changed. It is obvious that the culture has changed and the children feel very proud of the way they look.

The Photography Company MSP also commented on not only our students’ behaviour but how good they looked. However, they did point out one thing. Out of 118 Year 6 students in their Grade photo less than 20 children had the correct navy socks and black shoes on for the front row.

So there you have it. I’m asking for the WPS community to support us in our next quest. I would like all of our children to wear the navy socks and black shoes (apart from sport days). I can hear the moans already just like with the school hats and the new shirt. The great thing is that there are some very inexpensive black shoes available and the other great thing is that you can buy black runners or joggers. Another positive is that the Government has delivered funds to many parents’ bank accounts to be spent on our children’s education and school clothing. Unfortunately, the shoes that are being worn to school at present are bright colours such as orange, pink and green etc.
If we can work together on this expectation and use the school hat and school shirt as the precedence then I know we can change this culture within our school and I know that our children and school will continue to have very positive comments made about it/them. Once this culture has been changed and it is simply second nature, I’m sure people will comment on how good our children look.

Then next term as the days get cooler I’m sure I will be talking about the correct school tops but I will save that for another time.

As a result of us lifting our uniform expectations children in Year 6 will only be presented with their Gold Pass at the commencement of Term 2 if they fulfil the other criteria required plus wear the correct school uniform as stated in our Parent Information Handbook on our School Website.

Some may say Why start now? My response is that there is no time like the present.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Year 3 Excursion

Year 3 had an enjoyable time yesterday. Thank you to the Year 3 staff and particularly Mr Baker for organising this experience.

Easter Hat Parade

The children had an absolute ball on their Wauchope Easter Hat Parade today. There was an incredible variety of hats on show. We obviously have many talented hat makers in our school community. Thank you to all the families who donated chocolate for the raffles, sold tickets, donated cakes and goodies for the 50 cent tuck shop or came and assisted on the day. We couldn’t do it without your time and energy. It is always a brilliant day and the Wauchope community look forward to seeing our children march down the main street.

Close the Gap Excursion

Students who attended this day yesterday have informed me they had an enjoyable time. Thank you Mr Sallustio for coordinating the visit.

WPS Website

On the front page (top right corner) of our website is a calendar section. If you click on the words more details, a month by month calendar appears. All school activities and times are listed in this calendar. If you hover your cursor over an event, more information may be available. This is a tremendous source of information for our school community. Thank you to Mr Lindner who keeps this up to date and in my opinion it is one of the most informative school websites in the State.

Young Leaders Conference

Congratulations to Tony, Rhianna, Stephanie, Bailey, Piper, Harley and Taylah who represented WPS with distinction at this State wide conference in Sydney.

A huge honour was bestowed on our Captains Rhianna and Tony. They were invited on stage in front of 6000 people. That’s right 6000 people. They had to shake hands and publicly thank former Eels, NSW and Australian Rugby League player Nathan Hindmarsh.

The Wiggles

The children in our special education classes had an absolute ball at the Wiggles concert last week. I’d like to thank Mrs O’Reilly who organised free tickets through her cousin Jeff (the sleepy one!). The children and staff were on an incredible and very visible high on their return to school. Mrs Pelley did complain she was tired from dancing! Thank you W.P.S. staff for making this possible.
State Swimming
Good luck to Tom and Cheryl who travel to Homebush, Sydney to compete in the PSSA State Swimming carnival next week. They will have an incredible experience.

Public Speaking
Good luck to all of our children who have been participating in the grade public speaking competition. Speaking in front of an audience is not an easy task but teachers are continually amazed at how confident many of our children can be. The Stage 2 and 3 finals of this competition are on Friday 5 April.

Sport
Bayley P and Jarrod P have been selected for LNC AFL and will attend North Coast Trials at Maclean. Josh G and Rhianna T have been selected for LNC Soccer and will now attend North Coast Trials.

Rugby League
Tony T, David H, Loc H (12yrs) Jack P, Lachlan M (11yrs) have been selected for Lower North Coast in Rugby League. All boys will now travel to Grafton to participate in North Coast trials. Well Done!

Student Attendance
Student attendance will again be a focus for us in 2013. Last year our student attendance figures moved in a positive direction and we are again looking for further improvement this year. Parents can help by setting their expectations early. Don’t let your child develop a pattern of poor school attendance. Higher student attendance does lead to higher achievement. Please make sure your child attends everyday unless they are sick. If your child is absent please send a note explaining the reason. Unexplained absences will be queried both as a courtesy to parents and in our quest for maximum attendance.

Emergency Contact Details
It is essential that emergency contact details are up to date to ensure parents can be contacted promptly if their child is sick or injured. If you have changed address or your phone numbers – particularly mobile - please let the office know either by sending a brief note or dropping into the office. Updated medical information is also important for the care of your child. Students who have specific allergies, medical conditions or other health problems are required to alert the school and provide documentation for any special care or procedure that may be required. Where a child needs medication at school parents should deliver the medication to the office, in its original packaging and clearly labelled with child’s name and directions for administration.

School zone safety
A reminder to parents about the operation of school speed zones around the Easter holidays. School zones exist for the safety of children and families; they will operate on Thursday 28 March, then resume on Tuesday 2 April. Forty-kilometres-an-hour school speed zones operate across New South Wales at all school sites on gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil-free days. Find out more: http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/children/schoolroadsafety/schoolzoneprogram.html

Practise to be a journalist
This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist. http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snip ASP

Head Lice
Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx

Term 2 School Development Days
Please note that there will be two School Development Days at the commencement of Term 2 this year on Monday 29 April and Tuesday 30 April. The Department of Education has added the extra day State wide to assist schools with the preparation and planning for implementation of the new National Curriculums. These are pupil free days and parents are reminded that the first day for children to attend in Term 2 is Wednesday 1 May.
**K-2 Assembly**
Please note there will be no K-2 Assembly on Wednesday 3 March. The next assembly will be on the 10 March.

**Happy Easter**
On behalf of the WPS staff I’d like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable four days with family and friends. We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 2 April. It is just bad luck that we are not here on April Fool’s Day (a few relieved teachers I’m sure). Enjoy.

**Family Mealtimes**

**Importance of Family Mealtimes**
Eating meals together provides children with structure and routine, which can improve behaviour. Children often copy parent’s behaviour, so by setting a positive example for your children at the dinner table, it may increase their intake of fruit and vegetables and decrease fussy eating. Meal times are a good time to communicate with your children. Use this opportunity to have family conversations and as a time for open communication with your children.

**Family Mealtimes**
Encourage good manners and behaviours. This is a good time to teach your children to use cutlery and to say “please” and “thank you” at appropriate times. Turn off the television during meal times to help facilitate conversation. Make mealtimes fun! Don’t confront children about their eating patterns at this time; ignore their fussy eating and have light conversation. Involve children in the preparation of meals; this will teach them vital cooking skills and should be fun as well.

**Dates to Remember**

**March**
Friday 29
- Good Friday – Public Holiday

**April**
Monday 1
- Easter Monday – Public Holiday

**Thursday 4**
- Vet Presentations

**Friday 5**
- Public Speaking Finals

**Monday 8**
- 7pm Fete Meeting

**Wednesday 10**
- 2.10pm K-2 Assembly – Class 1KN

**Thursday 11**
- 6pm WOOSH Meeting
- 7pm P&C General Meeting

**Friday 12**
- 10.30am - School Anzac Day Service
- Last school day of Term 1

**Thursday 25**
- ANZAC Day

**Monday 29**
- Staff Development Day

**Tuesday 30**
- Staff Development Day

**May**
**Wednesday 1**
- School commences for K-6

**Wednesday 8**
- 9am – 12 Mother’s Day Stall K-6

-Cameron Osborne-

**Week 7 Assembly Awards**

**Citizen of the Week**
- Rosie M – KLB
- Brianna B - KMM

**Student of the Week**
- Jake H – KMM

**Wauchope Wonder**
- Caden B – 2LR

**Stage 1 Assembly Awards**
- KJB – Tiffany T & Dylan S
- KLB – Mikayla H & Leeanne T
- KLF – Liliarna L & Charley W
- KMM – Evie G & Shayla C
- 1DB – Nathaniel L & Ava U
- 1JL – Jaecob N & Ella G
- 1KB – Jyi L & Jayden S
- 1KN – Liam S & April G
- 2AB – Jessica B & Landon D
- 2HL – Hunter L & Alyssa M
- 2LR – Amarli H & Zane B
- 2MG – Brodie D & Campbell B

**Work of the Week Award**
- Lana C – KMM
- Aurora A – KMM
- Taj – KLB
- Frankie KLB
Work of the Week Display

By Lana

By Aurora

By Taj

By Frankie

P & C News

School Fete
19 October 2013 - 9am till 2pm
STORE MANAGER’S NEEDED
Our School Fete is a huge event and requires lots and lots of volunteers for the day. We require stall managers for the day:
- Craft
- Second hand toys and books, lollies, nail bling
- Chocolate wheel, monster raffle
Just to name a few.
If you are able to be a store manager, please contact:
Jo: 0417852777 or Kim: 0408861898

P & C GENERAL MEETING
The Wauchope Public School P & C General meeting is being held on Thursday 11 April 2013 at 7pm.
Everyone is welcome to attend.
If you require any further information, please contact Brenda Wright, Secretary of WPS P & C on 0400452273.

Fete Meeting
The next Fete Committee meeting is being held on Monday 8 April 2013 at the Wauchope Country Club at 7pm.
We are looking forward to getting organized for another successful fete and encourage everyone to attend.

WOOSH Meeting
The next Woosh meeting is being held on Thursday 11 April 2013 at 6pm in the Woosh room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Woosh Vacation Care
The Woosh Vacation care list for April School holidays (15-26 April) and Pupil Free Days (Monday 29 April and Tuesday 30 April 2013) is up on the board in the Woosh room now. Please come into the centre and place your child's name on the list with the required days clearly ticked. The closing date for both registrations is Monday 25 March 2013. Please note we are closed Thursday 29 April (ANZAC Day).
As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Miss Alex at the centre for availability on 0412 852 441.
Thank you, Woosh Committee

P & C Canteen News

WPS Swimming caps
Swimming caps for sale now at the school canteen for: $10.00 each
Specials at the Canteen
(This offer is until the end of Term 1 2013)
1 x Sausage Roll & 1 x Popper...$3.50
1 x Junior Pie & Popper...$2.50
1 x Hot Dog & 1 x Popper...$3.00

Canteen Roster Term 1 Week 10
Monday 1  Easter Monday
Tuesday 2  P Marsden
Wednesday 3  S Reynolds
Thursday 4  K Bailey & L Ferguson
Friday 5  K Weston & K 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

Leadership is Influence

The Wauchope Public School Leaders attended the National Young Leaders Day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on 25 March 2013. Tony, Rhianna, Stephanie, Bailey, Piper, Harley and Taylah learned a lot about leadership and now know to never give up.

At the end of the day all the WPS Leaders purchased a halogen pin to say “We have a bright future”.

It doesn’t matter if you have a badge or are even in Year 6, if you try to lead by example, include others and always be polite. You are a leader.

So work hard and never give up on your goals.

-By our School Leaders-