Athletics Carnival
The Athletics carnival set down for tomorrow has been postponed due to a very wet track. The carnival will now be held on Friday 20 July. We have included the proposed approximate program for your convenience.

Ian Lillico – Boys Education
Our special guest presenter for our School Development Day has also been postponed. Ian Lillico, who is an expert in Boys Education, was going to host a Wauchope PS parent information seminar on Boys Education and Parenting in general. We will be endeavouring to reschedule Ian for another date possibly in 2013.

Southern Network Dance Festival
Our three dance groups were simply the best at last week’s Dance Festival. The talent and the smiles were fantastic to watch. I’m sure every parent was extremely proud of their children. I was!
Thank you once again to our talented dance teachers.

Sport
Well done to our Under 10s and Opens Rugby League Teams for both making it through to their respective grand finals. Both teams were very narrowly defeated in the final.
Thank you to our supporters, Mr Gayed and especially Mr Sallustio for coordinating our boys.

Assembly of Excellence
Today we held a fantastic K-6 assembly to recognise and reward some hard working students, terrific sports people and talented performers. Congratulations to all children who received an award or performed at today’s assembly. Well done also to our student leaders who led the assembly.
Special thanks to Mr Beard and the K-2 staff who were responsible for coordinating this special event. Thank you to our P&C canteen who prepared the lovely morning tea that I tried very hard not to eat but in the end couldn’t control myself!

Education Week
Education Week will be held in Week 3 next term. Our Open Day where parents are invited into the classrooms will be on Thursday 2 August between 11:30am and 12:30pm. Families will be invited to stay and have an early lunch with their children followed by our major fundraising event for the year the P&C Walkathon.
On Monday 30 July the BAGO Community of Schools awards night will be held. This is an evening for us, with other local schools to recognise children, community members, non-teaching and teaching staff for their contributions to our school.
On the Wednesday Year 6 will be travelling to Comboyne PS for an activities day with other local schools and student leaders from Wauchope High School.

P&C
Eddie Caruana stepped down as President of our P&C at our last meeting. On behalf of the Wauchope school community I would like to congratulate and thank Ed for all the time, hard work and energy he has put into our school.
I would like to welcome and thank our Vice President Mrs Kim Thompson who was voted in as President for the remainder of the year.
Be fire safe this winter
Winter's chill has arrived and with it our scramble for heaters, electric blankets and open fires. Entertaining is now year round thanks to portable outdoor gas heaters. But with all these conveniences come fire dangers. Statistics reveal that almost half of all home fires are started in the kitchen and 43 per cent of all fire fatalities occur in winter. NSW Fire and Rescue reminds us to do a fire safety audit of our homes this winter, check smoke detectors are working and ensure appliances such as clothes dryers and dishwashers are running efficiently and safely. For more household fact sheets and useful videos on how to protect your home and family from fire go to www.fire.nsw.gov.au/

School holidays sorted
The school holidays are fast approaching. For great activities to keep the kids gainfully occupied check out the informative Go Play website which is full of ideas for kids aged up to 18 years. You can search by age, activity, region, date, time and by government organisation. Go to: www.goplay.nsw.gov.au

Happy Holidays
I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our WPS students and school in any way for another great term. Please have a safe and relaxing holiday. I look forward to another fast and furious term at WPS.

- Mr Cameron Osborne -

Funding for Aboriginal programs
Wauchope Public School has recently been the lucky recipient of funding to support our Aboriginal programs. The Coffs Harbour Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) and Aboriginal Affairs NSW contributed funding towards our NAIDOC week activities last week. The Holiday Coast Credit Union has provided a substantial amount of money as part of their Community Partnership Program for an Aboriginal Homework Centre to be run at the school. We thank both these organisations for their generous support of our school.

Home Readers – Thank You P&C
Nikya Y, Bodhi M, Lauren J, Phoebe H, Isaac F, Tyler W, Isabella P. Thank you to the P&C for the $5000 dollars to purchase new Home Readers. We have nearly 500 fabulous new books which are now in classrooms. A special thanks to Kaela Croft and Mary Schroder for helping to cover, register and sort the books ready for use.

Year 6 Excursion to Canberra
This year students in Year 6 will travel to Canberra to learn about our parliamentary system as well as exploring a range of exciting and unique venues, such as Questacon, the Dinosaur Museum, Parliament House, Canberra Deep Space Communication Centre, the War Memorial, the Australian Institute of Sport, CSIRO and the National Gallery. These wonderful experiences will take place in Week 6 of Term 4 at a cost of $500. Please be aware that the initial deposit of $100 was due at the end of Week 8 and parents are asked to have paid $250 by the end of Term 2. The final balance is due at the end of Term 3. Please make earlier payments at any time. If you are experiencing financial difficulty I urge you to contact the school front office, your child’s teacher or Mr Jones at your earliest convenience so that we can be of assistance.
On Friday, 15th June, our girls’ netball team participated in the Hastings/Macleay Netball Gala Day at Port Macquarie. Thirteen teams from schools in Kempsey, Port Macquarie, Wauchope and the Camden Haven competed, with each team playing four games. We are very proud of Kiara D, Sarah W (captain), Jakeisha W, Maihali S, Maddy B, Molly S, Ashleigh W, Gabbi F, Layne F and Piper T. Not only did they remain undefeated all day but they displayed great sportsmanship on and off the field. Results were as follows; WPS defeated Port Primary 32-2, WPS defeated Beechwood 28-2, WPS defeated Tacking Point 25-7 and WPS defeated Hastings PS 19-4. Thank you to Holly Lewis for umpiring, all the parents that transported the team and also assistant coach, Mrs Newell. Well done girls!

Aboriginal Homework Centre

Thanks to the generosity of the Holiday Coast Credit Union, WPS will operate a homework centre for Aboriginal students from Years 3 to 6 in Terms 3 and 4. This will be each Monday, commencing in Week 2 (23rd July). A teacher will supervise the students with the help of an Aboriginal SLSO (teacher’s aide). Students in Years 3 to 6 have been given a permission note which must be returned to Aunty Helen before the end of the term. A bus will be provided to transport students home if they live within the town limits.

Mrs Pelley and Mrs O’Reilly were very pleased to accept the cheque from the Holiday Coast Credit Union last Monday evening.

-Karen O’Reilly-

Athletics Carnival Program

School Calendar
Assembly Award Winners

Merit Awards

KLF - Liam S & Nathaniel L
KMM - Lucy D & Riley C
KJB - Alivia A & Tamika C
KLB - Lilly A & Jessie M
K/1GI - Kelly W & Xavier L
1KN - Lesley S, Laura F, Koby M & Ryan L
1JL - Eliza B & Elaina C
1KB - Ashley S & Lucy W
1HL - Brodie D & Molly C
2MG - Madeline N & Elie B
2RD - Tyler W & Madeline C
2NW - Melanie W & Eli W
2AB - Scarlett K & Caylem D

Citizen of the Week
Violet R – 1HL

Student of the Week
Riley I – KLF

Wauchope Wonder’s
Johnathan S – KLB
Riley I – KLF
Jaxson M – 1KB
Jacob S – 2RD
Kyron C – 2RD
Riley W – 2MG
Ebony D – 3JB
Travis J – 4VM

Slapped Cheek

Symptoms – mild illness, fever, red cheeks, itchy lace-like rash and possible cough, sore throat or runny nose. Children can come to school as they are most infectious before the rash appears.

P & C News

P&C Voluntary Contributions

Each year the P&C asks for a voluntary financial contribution to support the P&C Association. Over the last year the P&C has purchased:

- 3-6 Playground equipment valued at over $60,000.00
- Home readers to the value of $5000.00
- Library shelving
- Stopwatches for sports/swimming carnivals
- Toilet deodorizers
- Three reverse cycle air conditioners for administration staff and office areas
- Six sun shelters & carry bags with WPS printing
- Thirty two sets of speakers for the interactive whiteboards
- A 26 inch TEAC TV with an inbuilt DVD player for the front office to display school achievements and events
- An interactive whiteboard for the computer room
- A set of rugby league football jerseys for our senior Football team
- Two concrete slabs (16m x 7.5m & 8m x 3m) – which has been a great resource the K-2 children
- Allocated funds towards the new automatic dropdown screen in the new hall
- Two soccer goal keeper shirts for the school soccer team

As a result of the above purchases P&C funds have become depleted, however the P&C remains committed to supporting Wauchope Public School by providing funds, equipment and resources for its students in all areas including academic, cultural, arts and sporting. The P&C thanks those families that have paid the voluntary contribution in 2012 and asks those families that have not yet paid to consider sending in a contribution.

In light of the status of the economy the amounts have not increased for many years and remain at $25.00 per child and $40.00 per family, however these amounts are not “set in stone”– if are unable to send $25 or $40 any amount that you contribute will be gratefully appreciated. If you require a contribution letter and envelope to be sent home please contact the School Office.

Together we can make a difference to our school
Dates for your Calendar Term 3

Tue 17th July  Walk-A-Thon sponsorship forms will be sent home
Tue 17th July  Canteen lunch order notes for BBQ Lunch on Education Day will be sent home
Thur 2nd August  Walk-A-Thon
Thur 2nd August  BBQ Lunch for Education Day

The canteen is seeking helpers for the BBQ on Thursday 2nd August. If you are able to help, please contact Ms Nicole O’Hagan.

Welcome to all new and existing families

The next P&C meeting is being held on Thursday 9th August 2012 at 7pm in the school staff room.

Everyone is welcome to attend.
Remember together we can make a difference to our school.

Woosh News

The next Woosh meeting is being held on Thursday 9th August 2012 at 6pm in the Woosh room.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Woosh Vacation Care

The Woosh Vacation Care list for July holidays 2012 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 registration was Friday 1 June 2012. As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Miss Alex at the centre for availability after the 4 June on 0412 852 441.

Canteen News

Canteen Special

- Long sleeve light blue polo shirts $10.00 each
- Navy blue socks: $1.00 a pair.

Available at the canteen till stocks last. Get in quick for a great bargain.

Volunteers Needed

The canteen requires helpers for the Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival on Friday 20th July at Blackbutt Park. If you are able to help on the day, please contact Ms Nicole O’Hagan at the canteen.

Thank you for your support.

Canteen Roster Term 3 Week 1

Monday 16th  A Smith & P Marsden
Tuesday 17th  A Roberts
Wednesday 18th  L Stewart
Thursday 19th  J Beryl
Friday 20th  N Hughes & A Cordell

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.

Welcome to all new and existing volunteers, who are graciously donating their time to volunteer in the School Canteen.

If you are able to help in the Canteen please contact: Nicole O’Hagan (Canteen Manager) at the School Canteen.

Our WPS Dance Group

Have a kick these school holidays!

AFL School Holiday Camp – Port Macquarie
When: Thursday 5th July
Where: Wayne Richards Park, Koala St, Port Macquarie.
Who: Boys and girls aged 5 – 12 years old
Time: 11.00am – 4.30pm
The cost of $25 includes:
- Day of skills, activities and games
- AFL Fan Show Bag
A great day learning skills and playing games in a fun and safe environment
To Register Contact AFL Development Officer Rachel Lowe on 0457 389 504.

School Holiday Tennis Clinics

When: Wednesday 4th July
Thursday 5th July
Wednesday 11th July
Thursday 12th July
Time: 2pm-5pm
How much: $10 per child
Where: Wauchope Tennis Court
For further information please ring Bob on 0400 446 085
2013 Kindergarten Enrolments are now being taken

Please contact the school for information packs containing enrolment forms.
Phone: 6585 2277
Email: Wauchope-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Office hours:
8.30am – 3.00pm

All Kindergarten classes in 2013 will have a maximum of 20 students.

Parent Information Evening
Term 4
Kindergarten Start Program
Term 4
Best Start Testing
Wed 30 Jan - Tues 5 Feb 2013
Kindergarten Students commence 6 Feb 2013