Lake Keepit Excursion

All the best to the Year 5 students who will travel to Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre next week. I’m sure you will have a wonderful time. I look forward to hearing about your exciting adventures on your return. I would like to take this opportunity to thank in advance Mr Kuchling (organising teacher), Mrs Darcy, Mrs Hunter and Mr Dragos for giving up their time, leaving behind family and taking on this very large responsibility of caring for approximately 80 students. Just imagine what lies ahead for these staff members. They will have the pleasure of dining for breakfast, lunch and dinner with 80 eleven year olds.

I hope parents have a chat with their children about doing the right thing, listening to instructions, behaving, displaying perfect manners, representing our school with distinction and the importance of going to sleep when asked!

Year 5 students not attending the excursion are expected to attend school as usual. If they are absent from school then they will be required to bring in a note explaining their absence on their return.

NAPLAN Assessments

These assessments will be held during Week 4 on the 15th, 16th and 17th May 2012. Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate. It is very important that children have had a healthy breakfast and a good night’s sleep on these days. We need their brains to be working at optimum levels.

The children will have the following tests over the three days: writing, language conventions, reading and numeracy. Each test will go for between 40 and 50 minutes.

The results of the tests will provide important information to our school about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

ANZAC Day

On Tuesday students who participated in the Wauchope Anzac March enjoyed a sausage sizzle. It was great to have over 70 students march with WPS Staff on Anzac Day. This was a 100% increase in participation from 2011. We hope to have even more students march in 2013. I received several very positive comments on the day from returned servicemen and community members. The staff and I were very proud of you. Well done boys and girls.

Thank you also to the following staff members who also marched on the day: Mrs Pelley, Mrs McCudden, Mrs O’Reilly, Mr Kuchling, Mrs Dignum, Mrs Johnston and Mrs Millard.

Our special School Anzac Service last Friday was a very special and well organised event. Our special guests Mr Dures, Mr Pike and Mr Kirby thoroughly enjoyed the service. I have received a letter of congratulations from one of our special guests. The letter complimented our student body on their behaviour and singing ability, our student leaders, and the organising teachers. Thank you to organisers Mrs O’Reilly and Mrs Domanski.
Mother’s Day Stall
Please see P&C information on this upcoming event.

Glass House Performance
Our choir will be performing in the Talent Identification Performance (TIP) at the Glass House on Saturday 12 May. Good luck to Jake T (Guitar) and Clay T (Drums) who will be playing at the concert. Students that will be performing at the Sydney Opera House will be part of a Massed Choir with other local Port Macquarie schools. The concert begins at 7:30pm and should conclude by 10:00pm. Thank you to Mrs Brassey, Mrs Dignum and Mr Moodie who are preparing our children.

Cross Country
The Years 3 – 6 carnival will be on tomorrow, weather permitting. Due to the Year 5 Lake Keepit excursion the following week we will be making every effort to run this event. Good luck to all runners and thank you to the organising staff members Mr Sallustio and Mr Kuchling. Parents and family are more than welcome to join us on the day.

Sport
Congratulations to our Girls Cricket team. They played very tough opposition on Tuesday and the game went down to the wire due to our teams’ skill and determination. The enthusiasm at the game was terrific. Thank you to Mr Merve Bourke for assisting with the coaching and to coach/coordinator Mrs Gowan for their time and effort. Our next cricket fix will be in August at a Milo Cricket Gala day.

Application for Opportunity Class Placement in Year 5 in 2013
Parents seeking opportunity for Year 5 entry in 2013 are required to submit an application by 18 May 2012. These are for schools around NSW who have an Opportunity Class. Please note this application is not for our schools enrichment classes. Information and forms can be found on the NSW Public Schools website.

Canteen
Our new canteen is absolutely sensational. However, please be advised that we do not have a phone line connected as yet so please try to order in the traditional way until this is rectified or send written notes (we have not got internet access either) directly to our Canteen Manager. Now we have a brand new state of the art facility why not consider volunteering to assist in the canteen. Very rewarding, meet new people, get to see your child/ren during the school day.

P&C Meeting
Please be advised that the next P&C meeting will be at 7:00pm in the school staffroom on Thursday 10 May. All parents are welcome to attend. The next WOOSH meeting will also be on that date commencing at 6:00pm in the WOOSH room.

-Mr Cameron Osborne-

Stage 2 News Term 2 2012
Term 2 will be another busy term for Stage 2. On Friday of Week 2, we will participate in the Cross Country at Andrews Park. In Week 4, Year 3 will be involved in the NAPLAN tests and the Life Education Van will visit our school from Weeks 6 to 9. Mrs Holly Sallustio is teaching 3/4MK while Mrs Kemp is relieving as Numeracy Consultant at Port Macquarie District Office. Miss Kate Hollis is teaching 3JB while Mr Baker is on leave and Mrs Karen O’Reilly is relieving as Assistant Principal on Stage 2.
For Sport this term, our focus will be on developing our skills in readiness for the Athletics Carnival. All Stage 2 students will participate in a variety of activities each Thursday afternoon including long jump, high jump, running and ball games.

In HSIE, we will be studying the unit, ‘State and National Parks’ in Year 3 and in Year 4 we will be studying ‘Places Then, Now and Tomorrow.’ Thank you to all parents who have made a payment for the Year 3 and Year 4 Camps. The Year 3 Camp to Yarrahapinni is on 16th and 17th August (Term 3, Week 5). Please pay the second instalment by 25th May and the last instalment by 29th June. The Year 4 Camp to Camp Elim, Forster, is on 1st and 2nd November (Week 4, Term 4). Payments are due on 23rd July and 3rd September.

Our Assemblies will continue to be on Fridays at 11.30 in even weeks this term. However, due to the Cross Country this week, there will be no Assembly this week. Our first Assembly this term will be in Week 3. 3/4MK will be the class hosting this Assembly. Our next Assembly will be in Week 4 and will be hosted by 3MJ.

-Mrs Karen O’Reilly-

Stage 3 News Term 2 2012

Stage 3 have a very busy term ahead. In Human Society and Its Environment we will be studying Identity and Values, looking at the influences that have shaped our nation and the significance of particular people, places and events. This will have a perfect introduction with our teaching around the significance of ANZAC day. Our focus for Science and Technology will be Earth’s Place in Space and in sport we will be covering the skills necessary for our Athletics Carnival. The Cross Country carnival for all students in Years 3 to 6 will be held on Friday 4th May. Classes will be paired and assisted by Mrs McCudden for three one hour Puberty Talk sessions. If you have any concerns relating to these sessions please advise your class teacher. The Term 2 focus for PD/H/PE is Drug Education.

Class work 5-6AK

In class we have made persuasive advertisements that we shared at our assembly. They will be available at http://www.wauchope-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/video-s.

-Mr Andrew Kuchling-

Anzac Assembly

On Friday 27th April Wauchope Public School held a special assembly to commemorate Anzac Day and those who served in the war.

We started our assembly by welcoming our special guests which were Mr Pike, Mr Dures and Mr Kirby. Mr Dures and Mr Kirby gave two very interesting stories about Anzac Day and the war. Mr Kirby started off with a story about Simpson and his donkey. We learnt a few interesting facts about Simpson and how he carried many wounded for many days without sleep. Mr Dures proudly commended Wauchope Public with doing such a great job with the Anzac Day March. The school leaders said a few words about Anzac Day. We then sang a song called Lest We Forget. Teachers commented at how affected they were by the beautiful singing. Ms Henry was very impressed and said “It was very emotive and made me feel privileged to be there.” Bella and Mike laid an impressive wreath on the steps made by Mrs Stephens. Mr Pike then performed the Last Post on his 80 year old Bugle. He did a great job.

Sam and Mike held the Australian flag while we observed one minute of silence. Our assembly was very informative and created a great sense of pride in our school and our War Heroes.

-by Alyssa O and Jayde W 5/6WH-

School Calendar

May 2012

- School Cross Country Y 3-6
- Fri 4th
- K-2 Assembly – 1HL
- Fri 4th
- Year 5 Excursion “Lake Keepit”
- Tue 8th – Fri 11th
- Thu 10th
- P&C Meeting
- Thu 10th
- Woosh Meeting
- Fri 11th
- K-2 Mother’s Day Stall
- Mon 14th
- Stage 3 Assembly – 6SG
- Tue 15th – Thu 17th
- NAPLAN
Book Club
Book club orders due back 11th May 2012!
Sorry no late orders accepted.

P & C News

Upcoming events
K-2 Mother’s Day Stall: Friday 11th May
Wauchope Public School P&C Association Re: (New School Shirt)
Uniform Meeting
The next P&C uniform meeting will be held today, Thursday 3rd May 2012 at 7pm in the schools staff room.
For further information please contact: Kim Thompson on 0408 861 898.

Welcome to all new and existing families
The next P&C meeting is being held on Thursday 10th May 2012 at 7pm in the schools staff room.
Everyone is welcome to attend.
Remember together we can make a difference to our school.

Easter Raffle Winners for 2012
1. Teagan A KJB
2. Mandy McCudden
3. Duncan
4. Maddie K 5/6WH
5. Jackson Brookes
6. Mary Hollis
7. Ava T KLF
8. Ava T KLF
9. Sharon Ridgeway
10. Amber T 4VM
11. Kody M 3LR
12. Natasha J 2MG
13. Callum
14. Lorraine Swift
15. C.E. Thomas
16. Ball Family 2MG
17. Aiden F 1JL
18. Kate Wilds
19. Jed M 3LR
20. Josh M 5/6AK
21. Grace T 4DN
22. Taylor H 1KN
23. Natasha J 2MG
24. Riley H 1JL
25. Charlotte W 5MD
26. Guy Parker
27. Curtis W KLB
28. Kim M 2NW

Contributions
Each year the P&C asks for a voluntary financial contribution to support the P&C Association.
It is important to note we are a not for profit organization and every person on the
association is a volunteer.
In light of the current economic climate the amount has not been increased, the amounts
are $25.00 per child and $40.00 per family.
Letters and Envelopes have been sent home.

Woosh News
The next Woosh meeting is being held on Thursday 10th May 2012 at 6pm in the Woosh room.
Everyone is welcome to attend!

50 cent tuck shop
A huge thank you goes to all students, parents, teachers and teachers aids who helped at the tuck shop. Without your support this event wouldn’t be possible.
The tuck shop raised $656.70
Thank you P&C association!

Canteen News
Canteen Roster Term 2 Week 3
Monday 7th S Fogg
Tuesday 8th K Kucera
Wednesday 9th A Cordell & C Bennett
Thursday 10th M Corrigan & L Occhiuzzi
Friday 11th D Partridge & L Potts
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.

New menu items are now available
We are introducing our new lite pie flavours:
• Apple
• Chicken Parmigiana and
• Spaghetti Bolognaise
The canteen has tried and tested these new pies and say: “they are yummy”.
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.
Jacqueline McGilvray’s Peg

With the arrival of the war on Australia’s doorstep in February 1942, air raid drills became a normal part of school routine, especially during the first half of 1942. The 280 students of Wauchope Public School came equipped with only wooden clothes pegs to bite on in the event of a bomb blast. They had to wear this wooden dolly peg on a string around their necks at all times. When a practice Air Raid Siren would sound they had to jog up to the middle of the top playground where numerous trenches were dug at different angles. These trenches were deep enough to conceal the teachers and all the children. They remained there until the all clear siren was sounded.

Netball News

On Thursday, 26th April, Layne F, Jakeisha W. and Sarah W. attended the Lower North Coast netball trials at Port Macquarie. All the girls were successful and were selected to participate at the North Coast netball trials next Monday (7th May) at Grafton. Congratulations Sarah, Jakeisha and Layne and good luck!

Horse Riding

Bree H – 3/4MK with her horse “Timmy” won at the Wauchope Show her last Champion Ribbon in the Arabian Class. Well done Bree! Her ponies name is Bindi Eye Classic Edition aka Timmy. Her results are:
1st in Best Presented horse of the show
1st in Led Australian Pony Stud Book gelding Champion Australian Pony Stud Book
1st in Led Arabian/Derivative gelding Reserve Champion Arabian/Derivative
1st in Led Pony Gilding
3rd in Ridden Pony Breed Classes
3rd in Pony Hack classes.

Rainbow Serpent & Rainbow Readers

Rainbow Serpent and Rainbow Readers Early Literacy Groups 2012

Invite you to...

Share stories, songs and other fun activities for young children

When: Tuesdays - 22nd March, 19th April, 24th April, 8th May
Time: 10:00 am - 12 noon
Where: Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre (3 Waugh St).

When: Tuesdays - 20th March, 3rd April, 17th April, 1st May
Time: 10:00 am - 12 noon
Where: Bunyah Land Council (High Street, Wauchope)

Enjoy friendship, a free cuppa and a yarn
Meet other parents with young children

For more info, please contact:
Cindy or Aunty Helen 6585 2277
Dee or Donna 6583 4242

Campbell Street Surgery

Campbell Street Surgery is now accepting new patients with Dr Deborah Brunt. Her interests are in Women’s Health and Young Families. Please contact our friendly staff on 6585 1388 for further information.

Campbell Street Surgery
43 Campbell Street
Wauchope NSW
Phone: 02 6585 1388
Fax: 02 6586 4244
VOLUNTARY POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Wauchope Public School is running a program to assist children (aged 5 to 12 years) to practice their reading.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- An adult who can both listen to and read to individual children
- Someone who has a bit of spare time each week
- No limit to the number of hours each week
- Minimum commitment 1hr /week
- Day(s) of the week to suit you
- Working 1 to 1 with the same children each visit
- No formal qualifications required except a love of reading and books

Simple training provided

REWARDS OFFERED

Lots of smiles and thanks from the children and their teachers
The satisfaction of making a difference..........

WHAT TO DO NOW

Contact the school office and leave your name and contact details
65852277
8.30am-3.15pm

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McDonald’s Port Macquarie will be hosting a Ladies Only Fashion Parade at Blue Illusion, 1/17-19 Horton Street, Port Macquarie on Thursday 10th May 2012 at 5pm. All proceeds raised go directly to Ronald McDonald House Charities in the Mid North Coast area. All ladies welcome to come and enjoy what will be a wonderful evening.

Please RSVP to: admin.mcd@bigpond.com or Phone: (02) 6583 7134 by COB Friday 4th May 2012.

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Thrive

“Thrive”, for primary school kids in Year 2-6. The usual format of the night consists of games, teaching from the Bible, songs, supper, video clips etc. It meets at the Presbyterian Church on Friday nights. The term program will not start again until the 4th May 2012 and currently has no space left for new members.
So if you are a member we will see you on Friday the 4th and if you would like to join the waiting list for membership you can contact Peter Huxley on 6585 1907.

-Peter Huxley & Karen Mason-