Quick Response (QR) Code for WPS

Our QR code that can be seen below will allow you direct access to our fantastic School Website. This will allow you easy access to our newsletters, school calendar, school handbook, canteen price list plus our brilliant and comprehensive gallery of school activity photos plus much more.

All you need to do is download a QR scanner app to your mobile phone (smart phone), scan the code and you will be directed to our WPS website.

These codes come to us from Japan where they are very common. QR is short for Quick Response. They are used to take a piece of information from a transitory media and put it in to your cell phone. You will soon see if not already QR Codes in magazine adverts, newspapers, on billboards and web pages or even on someone’s t-shirt. Once it is in your cell phone, it may give you details about that business (allowing users to search for nearby locations) or details about the person wearing the t-shirt, show you a URL which you can click to see a trailer for a movie, or it may give you a coupon which you can use in a local outlet.

I would like to acknowledge one of our many clever WPS staff members Jens Lindner for creating this fantastic technological improvement to the way we operate. Another first at WPS!

P&C Meeting

The P&C voted last week to organise a Fete for WPS in 2013. If you would like to be part of the organising committee please contact Mrs Garrett. It was this time last year that we had our fantastically successful P&C Fete raising over $20,000.

Talented Choir

Congratulations to the 36 children in our WPS Choir who left for Sydney on Tuesday morning. They have had the privilege of performing at the NSW Public Schools Choral Festival at the Sydney Opera House. An experience to remember.

I was in attendance last night and the concert was simply amazing.

Thank you to teachers Mrs Dignum and Mrs Brassey for making this experience happen.

2013 Bus Travel

Please note action is required by parents of children in Year 3 and Year 7 in 2013 re bus travel. Busways have posted letters to all parents in these grades. If you haven’t received this letter or require more information please contact Busways on 9497 1800.

New Uniform for WPS for 2013

Please see P&C Pre Order Form attached to this newsletter. This form may also be found on our School Website for your convenience.

Please note all labelled and sealed envelopes are to be given to the canteen as this is where our P&C Uniform Shop is located. Please do not send pre order forms to the front office.

There will be a two year change over period where either the old or the new shirts will be acceptable. However, the new shirt will become compulsory in 2015.

Kinder Start

Our Kinder Start program will commence in Week 5 on 5 November 2012. I would like to invite parents to attend a display, short information session, school tour and afternoon
tea on Tuesday 6 November 2012. This will be a
great opportunity to meet some WPS staff, ask
questions and see what great things are on offer
for your children in 2013. The Information
session will be between 6:00pm and 7:00pm in
the school hall. It will also be an opportunity to
ensure all enrolment forms have been
completed and presented to our front office
team.
WPS staff will be on hand to assist with any
enrolment enquires.

Surf Life Saving
Students in Year 3 should be
attending free Surf Life Saving
information sessions tomorrow.

Traffic Signs

The parking signs have been changed at the
eastern end of Waugh Street. It has become
another drop and kiss zone between 8:00am
and 9:30am and 2:30pm and 4:00pm. This is so
cars do not park across or near the pedestrian
crossing thus putting children in danger when
crossing the road.
I would suggest that if picking up your
children have them walk to the front gate and
look left or right to see which drop and kiss
zone you are waiting in. Please don’t leave by
more than a metre from your car during the
above mentioned times as you will run the risk of
being fined.
The Council has made this change at the
request of our P&C to assist with congestion at
the front of our school and to ensure the safety
of our children.

2013 Class Formations
The staff at WPS are currently beginning the
process of forming classes for 2013. It is crucial
that we have as much information as possible
when we are forming these proposed classes. If
you know your personal circumstances (e.g.
possibly work related) have changed and you
will no longer have your child attending WPS
then please let us know as soon as possible. Alternatively if you have a child starting
Kindergarten in 2013 or you know families who
are in this situation please complete and submit
an enrolment form now so your child is placed in
a class. The same applies if you know of any
new families who are moving to Wauchope over
the school holiday period. Student numbers at
the commencement of the school year are vital
and dictate our level of staffing. If you know your
child won’t be returning Day 1 2013 (possibly
due to holiday, overseas trip or extended stay
with grandparents/relatives) but you know they
will be returning to WPS then I would request
you let us know in writing so we can include your
child in our numbers.
I would also invite parents to submit in writing
any special requests regarding their child’s class
placement for 2013 addressed to myself before
the end of Week 5, 9 November 2012. All
requests will be taken into consideration when
forming classes. However, there are no
guarantees. Staff will be putting a lot of effort
and time into ensuring that all classes are as
balanced as possible taking into consideration
factors such as academic levels, social
development, relationships, behaviour, and
male/female numbers.

-Cameron Osborne-

School Leaders 2013
Nominations are currently open to Year 5
students for School Leadership positions in
2013. Interested students must return a Leaders
Criteria form to the front office by Friday 19
October.
Each child who nominates will be given the
opportunity to present a one
minute speech at
a Year 5
leadership
assembly. Year 5
will then vote on
the final 16
candidates who
will present a two
minute speech to
the primary school in Week 6.
This is a wonderful opportunity and all students
are strongly encouraged to apply.
Remember, the cut off for nomination forms is
Friday October 19.
School Calendar

October
Thu 18 State Athletics Carnival
Fri 19 Year 3 Surf Life Saving lessons
Fri 19 K-2 Assembly - Class 2MG
Mon 22 Bain Park Opening
Thu 25 Year 3/4 Cricket Gala Day
Fri 26 K-2 Assembly - Class 2NW

Assembly Awards

4/5KH Hayden M, Gemma J, Devani N
5MD Colin S, Tiarna T, Tristan O, Taylah D, Noah T
5AD Jasmine K, Lani S, Josh H, Dylan B
5/6WH Matthew H, Maddison P, Gabby C
5/6AK Manning L, Sophie B, Josh M, Alix S, Andrew H
6JS Ben H, Brock H, Teisha F, Rahni M
6JM Tamika C, Brandon M, Tori W, Jessica G, Hayden B
6SG Jack C, Aaron B, Tom S, Melissa F

Citizen of the Week
Samantha O – 6SG

Wauchope Wonder
Crystal W – 5AD

P & C News

Huge clearance sale!!
Now on at the schools canteen
Light blue school shirts now...$10.00 each
School sports shirts now...$10.00 each
Winter track pants now...$10.00 each
Long sleeve light blue polo shirts: $10.00 each

New School Uniform

Pre-ordered & Pay, Order Form
The Canteen will take orders (prepaid) for the new School Polo Shirts from Monday 15 October till Wednesday 5 December 2012.
All Polo Shirts can be paid for in cash, cheque (All cheques’s must be made payable to WPS P&C Canteen) or credit card.
If sending payment in to the schools Canteen you must have:
Order form filled out
Correct Money enclosed/cheque or Credit Card info IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.
There are 3 sample shirts at the school canteen for size comparison (6, 10 & 14).
There will be poly/cotton shirt available-more information on this soon.

All pre-ordered polos can be picked up from the canteen on Friday 7 December between 3pm and 6pm by an adult or any date after that from the Canteen.
The new shirts will be available for sale from this time onwards at the canteen.

Order forms are available at the School Canteen, School Office and on the School’s Website.

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Next Meetings

Welcome to all new and existing families.
The next P & C meeting is being held Thursday 8 November 2012 at 7pm in the school’s staff room.
The next WOOSH meeting will be held Thursday 8 November 2012 at 6pm in the Woosh room.
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Fete
Following the huge success and support we received for our school Fete last year - the Wauchope Public School P&C is looking at the possibility of putting on another successful Fete next year (2013). We are looking for any persons interested in joining the Fete Committee. For further information, please call Jo Garrett on 0417 852777.
P&C Treasurer 2013
As the present P&C Treasurer will not be standing for re-election in 2013, the P&C would like anyone that may be interested in taking on this role (starting from the AGM being held in March 2013) to contact the school office to obtain a copy of the NSW P&C Federation's Operational Guide for P&C Treasurers. This Operational Guide details the role and obligations of the Treasurer position. No professional experience in accounting or bookkeeping is required (as the Wauchope Public School P&C's accounts are professionally audited each year) however, basic bookkeeping experience would be an advantage. If you have any queries please contact Nancye Hughes on 0417 440 030.

WOOSH News
Vacation Care, Pupil Free days and After School Care 2013
WOOSH will be operating for the two staff development days at the end of this term. Dates will be Thursday 20 December and Friday 21 December.
WOOSH January Vacation Care (which is Monday 7 January to Friday 25 January) as well as the Staff Development Day – Tuesday 29 January 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 all registrations is Monday 3 December 2012. As we have to undergo a priority procedure, please phone Miss Alex at the centre for availability after Wednesday the 5 December.
After school care 2013 list is available as well. Closing date is Monday 7 January 2013. Please contact Miss Alex on 0412 852 441 after Wednesday 9 January 2013.

Thank you, the WOOSH Committee

Canteen News
Lunch time specials for Term 4
Available every-day
Hot Dogs - $2.00 each
Beef Burgers - $3.00 with lettuce and mayo
Chicken Caesar Salad Wraps (hot) with – lettuce, Caesar dressing and parmesan cheese.

Canteen Roster Term 4 Week 3
Monday 22  L Stewart
Tuesday 23  R Thompson
Wednesday 24  L Wagner & S Fraser
Thursday 25  K Bailey & A Cordell

Friday 26  M McCudden & D Partridge
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

Book Club
Book Club orders due back Thursday 25 October.

Port Macquarie Triathlon Club
Port Macquarie Triathlon Club is proud to once again be organising the Camden Haven Triathlon Festival on the 24th/25th of November 2012
LUSC Junior races on Saturday from 1pm Biathlon (wade/run) for 5 to 10ys olds - $10 Triathlon (swim/bike/run) for 11 to 15yr olds- $15 Race show bags to the first 100 junior entries received. Seniors/teams race on Sunday the 25th
Great event for your first Triathlon - you will love it!

Basketball returns to Wauchope
After many years of absence, we are attempting to resurrect Wauchope Basketball.
Where: Wauchope Indoor Stadium
When: Thursday afternoons/nights – Cost $5.00
Junior: 5.30 – 7.30pm pick-up games & training
Senior: 7.30 – 9.30pm pick-up games
Contact: Anthony Jones on 0417 527 554 or www.gettingbetterhurts.webs.com