2012 Class Formations

The staff at WPS is currently beginning the process of forming classes for 2012. 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 in 2013 please let us know as soon as possible. Alternatively if you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2012 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 2012 (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 me 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 2012 in writing addressed to myself before the end of this year. 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 (Except of course for our Enrichment and Special Ed classes).

Intensive Swimming

I encourage all non-swimmers to take advantage of this year’s swimming scheme. Thank you to Mr Beard for coordinating this fantastic program.

Kinder Start

Our Kinder Start program will commence in Week 6 on 14 November 2011. I would like to invite parents to attend a display, short information session and morning tea. This will be a great opportunity to meet some staff, ask questions and see what great things are on offer for your children in 2012. The morning tea will be between 9:30am and 10:30am in the school hall on Wednesday 16 November. It will also be an opportunity to ensure all enrolment forms have been completed and presented to our front office team.

New Assistant Principal

It has just been confirmed that Ms Christy Beveridge will be joining the wonderful WPS staff as Assistant Principal in 2012. Ms Beveridge will be teaching and supervising Kindergarten. Including Ms Beveridge we will have eight new teaching staff join us. Their names are Andrew Kuchling – Assistant Principal, Lisa Barnett, Wendy Henry, Julie Best, Amanda Darcy, Sharon Gowan and Danielle Wheatley.

On other staff news it has been remiss of me to publically congratulate two of our staff members Mr Sallustio and Miss Prior who were married (to each other!) over the October holidays. All the best!
Excursions

Year 4 set off for their excursion yesterday to South West Rocks. I’m sure they will have a great time and look forward to hearing of their adventures. Year 6 returned from Canberra on Friday and from all reports had a sensational time.

State Athletics Carnival

Welcome back Georgia M and Jes R from their fantastic experience of competing at Homebush Stadium in this PSSA State carnival. From all reports the two students competed brilliantly. Not many people can say they have competed at this level so well done!

Girls Cricket

Today, I met with Miss Kara Sutherland who plays cricket for the NSW Breakers and is a Grafton girl. Kara told me about an all-girls 8 a side cricket competition that will be held one week night a week in East Wauchope starting in a few weeks. When I receive the information flyer I will distribute it to all interested girls. It would be nice if we could have a Wauchope team enter. It may take an organised parent to possibly coordinate some interested girls so they can participate in this great game.

Selective High School Entry 2013

Online applications are currently open. Online applications close Monday 21 November 2011. The selective high school placement test will be on Thursday 15 March 2012. There are 17 fully selective and 23 partially selective high schools in the State. More information and application forms can be found at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Fete Thank you

The staff of WPS would like to acknowledge and thank the fantastic Fete committee and all of the wonderful people who gave up their time to assist on stalls, preparation, setting and packing up the sensational Fete. We propose to have a morning tea on Friday 11 November in the old school hall commencing at 11:05am and concluding at 11:30am. If you are on the committee or assisted on the day then please come along and enjoy a cuppa with some of the WPS staff.

-Cameron Osborne-

Congratulations to Mrs Sally Webber who received a special National Teachers Award last week at a special ceremony. Mrs Webber has had a tremendously positive impact on many, many children over her long and distinguished career. From the staff of WPS, well done Mrs Webber!

BAGO Community of Schools

Good luck to the children involved in the Street Parade and various performances at Bain Park this Friday. We will leave WPS after 11am. A sausage sizzle and refreshments will be on sale at the park and each school will perform for your entertainment. I believe our choir, junior dance group and possibly our drama group will perform. If you do get a chance to join us on the day you may see a WPS Bunyip. Special thanks to the students in 5SJ who have assisted in creating our Bunyip. All welcome.

Touch Football

Congratulations to our girls touch team who went down to a very talented team in the North Coast final on Sunday. The girls should feel very proud of their achievements. It has been a pleasure to watch you progress through this competition. Thank you to the huge and supportive crowd who watched the girls play in very hot and uncomfortable conditions. Well done Mrs Domanski for all your time and effort with the team.

The Children’s Hospital at Westmead

Where can you get information and help for school aged children with medical, developmental and psychological conditions? www.physicalasanything.com

National Teachers Award

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P & C News

P&C General Meeting

The next Wauchope Public School P&C meeting will be held on 10 November at 7.00 pm in the school staffroom. All existing and new families are welcome to come along.

Canteen News

Canteen Roster Term 4

Week 5
Monday 7th L Stewart
Tuesday 8th W Batty & R Thompson
Wednesday 9th A Cordell & L Wagner
Thursday 10th D Kennett
Friday 11th M McKinnon & D Partridge

FETE News

A huge Thank You goes to:
Port Macquarie Orthodontics
for donating to the School Fete.

Special Thanks

goesto our Major Sponsors for the School Fete

Port Macquarie Orthodontics, ANZ Bank–Innes
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Energy, Lewis Quality Meats, Mid Coast
Uniforms, M & S Print, Novotel Resort Coffs
Harbour, Power House Museum–Sydney,
Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb, Wauchope
Country Club, Wauchope Motors, Wauchope
RSL, Wauchope Sports & Trophies, Wauchope
Toy Topia, Wauchope Travelworld, Wooshka
Hair Salon, Yamba Big 4

Thank You

WOOSH News

The next WOOSH meeting will be held in the
WOOSH room on 10th November at 6pm. All
new and existing families are more than
welcome to come.

Silent Auction

The silent auction for:

1) cricket pad signed by Brett Lee
2) Port Macquarie Orthodontics $1000 voucher

will close on Monday 7 November at 3pm. If
you wish to place a bid please call to the front
office or phone 6585 2277.

Intensive Swimming Program

Our Intensive swimming program commences
on Monday 21 November and runs for a period
of ten days. The last day for swimming will be
Friday 2 December. This program caters for
students from Year 2 – Year 6 who are non
swimmers or cannot swim a distance of 25
metres (half the Olympic sized pool).

Students will be given daily lessons under
the instruction of qualified Auswim instructors and
will practice skills like water confidence,
floating, swimming, treading water and water
safety.

The students will walk to the pool on a daily
basis under the supervision of teaching staff.

The cost for the program is $25.00. This
payment needs to be sent to the school office in
an envelope with your child’s name and class
on the front. Students will not pay on a daily
basis.

You can also use the pool tickets for entry into
the pool. Ten tickets need to be placed in an
envelope and forwarded to the school office.
Please write your child’s name and class on the
back of each ticket.

If you would like your child to participate in the
program please complete the form below.

Return the form with the money to
the school office by Wednesday 16 November at the very
latest as spots are limited.

Please note, the school now has Eftpos
facilities available if you wish to pay using this
method.

Permission Slip

Intensive Swimming Scheme

Monday 21 November to Friday 2 December

I would like my child ___________________
of class __________________ to participate in the
Intensive Swimming Program. Please find the
amount of $25.00/ten pool tickets enclosed.

Signed: ______________________________
Date: ______________________________

-Darren Beard-
BAGO Public School Launch

On Friday 4 November the public schools in Wauchope and the Hastings hinterland will be launching the Bago Community of Schools. Wauchope High School along with Wauchope, Beechwood, Byabarra, Comboyne, Huntingdon, Long Flat and Rollands Plains primary schools will hold a procession through Wauchope’s shopping centre at 11:30am finishing in Bain Park for a celebration of music, poetry, dance art and drama. This entertainment will commence at approximately 12:00 noon with a bunyip hunt, giant puppets and a range of diverse items from our local schools.

This concert will conclude at 1:00pm but you are welcome to roam about the displays or join us for lunch with sausage sandwiches and cool drinks on sale. You will be able to experience the wonderful world of public education up close and we welcome all members of the community to share in this celebration with us.

The Bago Community of schools gives us the forum to coordinate our educational ideas between schools and help make the transition from primary school to high school less stressful. It allows us to seek extra funding and resources for the children in our area and offer new and exciting programs.

We look forward to sharing this launch with you and hope you can visit Bain Park 4 November or wave to us as we walk through the shopping Centre.

If you would like more details please contact Narelle Bush, Deputy Principal, Wauchope High School on 65851400.

School Calendar

November

- Wed 2nd -
- Fri 4th
- Fri 4th
- Thu 10th
- Thu 10th
- Fri 11th
- Fri 11th
- Mon 14th –
- Fri 18th
- Wed 16th
- Mon 21st

December

- Thu 8th
- Fri 9th
- Tue 13th
- Wed 14th
- Wed 14th
- Fri 16th
- Mon 19th
- Tue 20th

January 2012

- Fri 27th
- Mon 30th

K-2 Presentation Day
- Year 3-6 Presentation Day
- Stage 3 Pool Party
- Stage 2 Pool Party
- Year 6 Farewell
- Students last day of Term 4
- School development day
- School development day

Merit Awards K-2

KMM – Ashlee S & Summer B
KLF – Campbell B
KWH – Charlotte M & Ryan L
KLE – Laura F & Lucy W
KSW – Harry N & Emily G
1NL – Sophie G & Meghan R
1DP – Samuel B & Savi J
1KB – Kiesha D & Thomas O
1HL – Poeb H & Nicky Y
2CS – Leah C & Roslyn S
2HP – Paul W & Alys W
2RD – Genevieve R & Riley H
2MG – Kayden S & Libby H

Citizen of the week

Jamal T – KMM
Noah M – 2HP

Wauchope Wonders

Chloe B – 3-4MK
Steven H – 2RD
Kye S – 4VM
Family Portrait Fundraiser
for School Spectacular 2011

Dear Parents,

We have booked Hydro Photographics to photograph our Family Portrait Day Fundraiser on Sunday 20th November 2011.

The cost is $20 for your 10 Minute Portrait Sitting, which includes the sitting and a free 9"x 6" print. The Photographs will be presented as Bordered COLOUR 9"x 6" size prints.

The $20 gets donated straight to the fundraiser. The Portraits are photographed at Lasiandra Park, Cameron Street - Wauchope

Times are allocated between 8.00am-10.00am. Please indicate on the slip below which time you would prefer. The school will then allocate your 10 Minute Portrait Sitting time slot. (See below)

You may choose to purchase photos individually (from $15) or as a special package. This is the best value photo package for your 10 Minute Portrait Sitting:

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When you purchase the full set of prints your free photo can be upgraded to an 18" x 12" at no extra charge.

Please Note: To keep this service affordable, the maximum number of family members in one sitting is 6 people. If you have more than 6 people, please call Hydro Photographics on 6581 4700 to schedule your personalised Family Portrait Sitting.

Please return the slip below with your $20 by 10/11/11 and times will be given to you on the week starting 14/11/11 via a note home.

Thank you for your support with this fundraiser.

Regards,
Fundraising Committee

-------------------------------------------- Return Slip to Organisation ---------------------------------------------

Name: __________________________ Contact Phone: __________________________

Please Circle Time Preferred: 8.00am 8.30am 9.00am 9.30am 10.00am
(These times are a guide only. Times are allocated in 10 min intervals)

Office use only: Date of Portrait – 20/11/11 Time of Portrait – am

(Organiser to write time allocated in the above slot and will return this slip back to family)