Student Leadership

On Tuesday we heard from our 16 candidates for the 2012 leadership positions at Wauchope Public School. All children spoke very confidently and obviously have displayed very good leadership qualities. I’d like to wish the following good luck and congratulations for making it to this stage out of a field of 68 original nominations. Well done Mike J, Jordan M-M, Dylan S, Ella A-S, Bella C, Jake T, Sarah W, Sam Y, Gabby C, Klaudia M, Manning L, Josh J, Alyssa O, Maddie B, Brooklyn L and Daniel S. Our eight leaders will be announced at the Years 3-6 Presentation Day on Friday 9 December commencing at 9:30am in our school hall. Letters will go home to these 16 students notifying them if they are either receiving a leadership role for 2012 or not.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 2011 leaders who have done an outstanding job representing our school in 2012. If our 2012 leaders are as good as this group then WPS will be in very good hands!

Industrial Action

This action set for Tuesday 29 November has been postponed as negotiations continue.

Kinder Transition

We thoroughly enjoyed this program last week. It seemed a little quiet and a lot less colourful around the Kindergarten rooms this week.

School Spectacular

Some very excited and talented girls left on their big Sydney adventure yesterday morning. They are in for a very exciting but strenuous few days with several rehearsals and performances ahead of them. I’m happy to report that Mrs McCue and Mrs Dignum were also very excited and they looked very fresh. I know Mrs Domanski, Mrs Brassey and Mrs Pelley will not be as refreshed when they return from their very large day with a bus load of students who are attending the Matinee performance on Friday. The bus leaves at 6:30am sharp and will return at approximately 10:30pm.

Swimming Scheme

It is great to see so many students participating in this program. A massive thank you to our staff members who are making it all possible by instructing the students and teaching our children this vitally important skill. Congratulations also to all the parents who have already ensured that their children can swim. Thank you Mr Beard for coordinating this incredibly worthwhile program along with the support of the Wauchope Swimming Pool staff.

Student Numbers

I am requesting that if you know your child won’t be returning to school in the first few days (possibly an extended holiday or stay at the grandparents) to notify me in writing that your child/ren will be returning to Wauchope Public School (with date if known). This is so we can include them in our student numbers. These numbers are vitally important as once I have submitted them staffing confirm the allocation of teachers and office staff we will have for 2012. Sometimes one or two children can give us an extra class and teacher or alternatively we could lose a staff member.
Australian Government assistance for National Capital Excursion

Year 6 students from our school have recently returned from an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy as well as scientific and sporting activities.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $30.00 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. The cost of the Canberra excursion had this $30 discount factored in.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. Some of the activities enjoyed by the students included Questacon, New Parliament House, Old Parliament House, Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, Dinosaur Museum, National Museum of Australia and The National Capital Exhibition.

Students who attended were a credit to their school showing outstanding co-operation and behaviour at all the venues we visited. They thoroughly enjoyed the activities and gained a vast array of knowledge about our democratic system, our national capital and a plethora of other exciting topics.

- Kevin Jones-
Deputy Principal / Organising Teacher

Getting organised

On the School A to Z website, listen to Shannon Lush’s advice about how to organise your household in a way that will leave you with more time to enjoy your family.
Go to:

Toys recycling

With Christmas fast approaching, have you considered donating your youngest child’s unwanted toys to charity? Many families feel the pinch over this time and donations to all charities are much appreciated. A new resource for quality used goods is Second Chance Toys (www.secondchancetoys.com.au), an Australia-wide community initiative to rescue and recycle gently used plastic toys by donating them to children in need. Check out the website for more information, or donate at your local op shop, charity or drop off bin.

-Cameron Osborne-

Band Lessons

As indicated in earlier newsletters we are attempting to offer music lessons on a user pay basis in 2012 run by a private company called Bluegum 2. Interested students have taken notes home. If you have not received one and are interested we have posted the expression of interest on the school website and there are spares at the office. Please keep in mind that there is a financial commitment for those intending to join. Below is the link to the note.

- Kevin Jones-
Deputy Principal / Organising Teacher

Canteen constructions continue
P & C News

P & C Meeting

The final meeting for this year will be held on Thursday 8 December at the special time of 6 pm in the schools staff room, followed by dinner and refreshments at the Bago Tavern at own cost around 7 pm. Please come along for a great evening and celebrate a great year. Everyone is welcome!

Canteen News

Healthier Bread

New healthier bread is now being used at the school canteen and will be delivered daily. If you have any suggestions or improvements you would like to see in the school canteen, please send a letter / note to the school canteen or front office marked - “Attn Nicole O'Hagan - Canteen Manager” we thank you in advance for suggestions.

Canteen Roster Term 4

Week 8
Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} November
Tuesday 29\textsuperscript{th} November
Wednesday 30\textsuperscript{th} November
Thursday 1\textsuperscript{st} December
Friday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December

NEED HELP PLEASE
A Roberts
L Stewart
A Roberts & A Cordell
D Kennett & A Sydenham

School Uniforms

Are your child’s school uniforms looking a little old and worn? Now is the time to purchase new uniforms ready for the start of school in 2012.

Mrs Nicole O'Hagan (Canteen Manager) has stocked the canteen with uniforms ready for the big rush.

For the convenience of parents the school canteen will open on the following days to enable school uniforms to be purchased prior to school commencing

- Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} January 2012: from 10am till 2pm
- Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} January 2012: from 8.30am till 2pm
- Saturday 28\textsuperscript{th} January 2012: from 10am till 2pm

Fete News

The final meeting for the Fete committee will be held on 1 December at 7pm at the Wauchope Country Club. Everyone is welcome!

WOOSH News

The next WOOSH meeting will be held in the WOOSH room on 9 February 2012 at 6pm. All new and existing families are more than welcome to come.

Help Needed

If you are able to help decorate for the K-2 disco being held at the new school hall on Monday 12 December from 9am, please contact: Joe on 0417 852 777

K-2 Disco / Christmas Concert

Where? WPS New Hall
When? Monday 12 December 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Year 3-4 and Year 5 – 6 Disco

Where? WPS New Hall
When? Wednesday 14 December 5.00pm - 6.30pm Year 3-4
7.00pm - 9.00pm Year 5-6

The cost for both DISCO’s are $5.00 per child and includes a packet of chips and a popper. All money raised will go towards purchasing resources for your child’s classroom. Children will need to be escorted to and from the Disco by a supervising adult. So, get their dancing shoes out and send them along for a great time!!

Show Bags for sale

Show bags will be available on the nights for purchase.

How much? $5.00 per show bag

(Pirates, Girls rock, Girly Shirley and Enchanted Princess)
Merit Awards

KLE – Noel O & Tyla T
KLF – Finlai W & Kohan P
KMM – Josie R & Dean A
KSW – Lakya S & Dylan P
KWH – Chakyl S & Dennis M
1DP – Caleb B & Halli H
1HL – Riley W & Jessica P
1KB – Brock O & Scarlett K
1NL – Jeremy S & Jayde J
2CS – Cameron P & Sophy M
2HP – Ashley K, Josh G, Kurt W & Hannah A
2MG – Morgan J & Jordan P
2RD – Nicola A & Steven H

Citizen of the Week

Shakira R – KSW
Zack G – 2CS

Wauchope Wonders

Jaecob N – KLE
Tegan A – KLE
Harry N – KSW

School & My Autograph Books

Partnering to raise money for your school! Buy a book today and see why they have become so popular! Kids are loving them because they are gorgeous and “all new”!! Kids are loving collecting their friends autographs and quirky sayings. Perfect for school, holidays, sport events, concerts, birthday parties!

Buy online for Christmas today (no later than 14th December) for only $9.95 and we donate 30% of that money straight back to your school.

We have books for boys and books for girls! Go online now to order in time for Christmas to www.myautographbooks.com.au

DONATION CODE for your school (Must be filled in to receive donation)
WauPS

Buy today and we donate 30% of all sales to your school!

How to Order

Go to www.myautographbooks.com.au
1. Click on “shop” page
2. Enter number of books required
3. Fill in name & address details
4. Enter WauPS in ‘donation code’

Pay with confidence through Paypal

Christmas orders MUST be in by 14th December to guarantee delivery in time for Christmas.

School Calendar

December
Thu 1st
Fete meeting
Thu 8th
K-2 Presentation Day
Thu 8th
P&C meeting
Fri 9th
Year 3-6 Presentation Day
Mon 12th
K-2 Disco – Christmas Concert
Tue 13th
Stage 3 Pool Party
Wed 14th
Stage 2 Pool Party
Wed 14th
Year 6 Farewell
Wed 14th
Year 3-4 & Year 5-6 Disco
Fri 16th
Students last day of Term 4 2011
Mon 19th
School development day
Tue 20th
School development day

January 2012
Fri 27th
Commencement of Term 1 2012
(Staff development day)
Mon 30th
Students return to school
Mon 30th – Fri 3rd Feb
Best Start Testing
(Kindergarten)

February 2012
Mon 6th
First Day of Kindergarten classes
Thu 9th
Woosh meeting