Presentation Days
Both ceremonies will commence at 9:30am on Thursday 8 December for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 9 December for Years 3 to 6. Both ceremonies will be very special and we are looking forward to having many WPS family and community members join us as we reward many of our students for their achievements, abilities, citizenship, leadership and talents.

Semester 2 Reports
These will be sent home addressed to the parents/caregivers. Please take time to read these with your child/ren. If you would like to discuss your child’s report with the class teacher please arrange a suitable time to meet them.

K-2 Christmas Concert/Disco
The K-2 Christmas Concert will be on Monday 12 December and will commence at 4:30pm in the hall. The K-2 Disco will be between 5:30 and 6:30pm. Please ensure an adult is there to collect your child from the hall.

Enrichment Classes
Notes notifying parents of the outcome of this process went out earlier this week. Acceptance notes should have been returned yesterday.

Pool Parties
The Stage 3 Pool Party will be on Tuesday 13 December and the Stage 2 Party is on Wednesday 14 December. Please ensure you send your child with sun screen, hat, plenty of water and any other requested requirements.

K-2 Movie Day
This exciting day will be on Tuesday 13 December. Have fun!

Last Day of School
The last day of school for our wonderful students is Friday 16 December. The WPS staff will take part in two School Development Days on the Monday and Tuesday and their last day will be 20/12/11.

Students in Years 1 to 6 will commence the 2012 School Year on Monday 30 January 2012. Kindergarten students will receive a letter in late January notifying them of their Best Start Assessment/Interview time. Kindergarten students will then commence school on Monday 6 February 2012.
Year 6 Farewell – 3-6 Disco

This special event will commence at 6:00pm at the CWA Rooms. We will then walk to the school hall at 6:50pm ready for the disco. At 8:45pm parents will be invited to enter the hall to watch their children receive their Year 6 Graduation Certificates.

This is always a special evening. It will be sad for our students who will be leaving us. I am also mindful that it will be especially sad for these parents who will have their youngest child leaving our school thus ending a partnership between home and school that would have lasted at least seven years, often many more.

The 3/4 Disco will commence at 5:00pm and conclude at 6:30pm.
The Year 5/6 will commence at 7:00pm and conclude at 9:00pm.

Please ensure an adult is present at the conclusion of each disco to collect your child.

Thank you

As you can see there is a large number of organised events arranged for your children’s benefit/enjoyment. I’d like to thank all WPS Staff who have been involved in the organisation and supervision of the above mentioned activities.

A huge team effort!

-Cameron Osborne-

Library News

Premier’s Reading Challenge Success!
Congratulations to the 462 children from Wauchope Public School who received their Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates last week. Many of these children received the gold award for reading four challenges. If they continue and complete eight challenges they will receive a gold medal, so keep reading. The photo shows some children from Years 3 and 4 receiving their awards.

Library Books

Please ensure all Library books are returned before next Wednesday. If your child receives an overdue notice and the book cannot be found, please notify me at the Library before Wednesday. Books not found in the Library will have to be paid for. Thank you for your cooperation with this mammoth task.

Have a great Christmas and New Year, and don’t forget the Town Library is open all holidays with special activities for kids, and is free!

Happy reading.
-Mrs McCudden-

Make sure your child is ready for their new class in 2012

For many K-2 students the holiday break means a complete stop to all ‘school-type’ work and this often results in many children forgetting or dropping back at the start of the next year. There are some easy and fun things that can be done to help prevent this.

Next Monday (during the K-2 Disco) from 5.30pm-6.30pm in the Staffroom, we would like to invite parents of Kindergarten - Year 2 students to a useful information session on “Tips for the Holidays”.

Come and enjoy a cuppa while you wait for your children and get some good ideas!

-Aunty Helen in Action!-
P & C News

P & C Meeting
The final meeting for this year will be held tonight Thursday 8 December at the special time of 6:00pm in the schools staff room, followed by dinner and refreshments at the Bago Tavern at own cost around 7:00pm. Please come along for a great evening and celebrate a great year. Everyone is welcome!

A reminder for next year
The first P & C meeting for 2012 will be held on 9th February at 7pm in the schools staff room, everyone is welcome to attend.

Canteen News

Important Notice
As the year is coming to an end, the canteen will be running all stock down to a minimum, so please be patient as not all items will be available for lunches. 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: “Attention Nicole O’Hagan - Canteen Manager”
We thank you in advance for suggestions.

Canteen Roster Term 4

Week 10
Monday 12th D Kennett
Tuesday 13th A Roberts & K Kucera
Wednesday 14th L Stewart
Thursday 15th A Roberts & T Barnes
Friday 16th J Kennett & A Cordell

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 25th January 2012: from 10am till 2pm
• Friday 27th January 2012: from 8.30am till 2pm
• Saturday 28th January 2012: from 10am till 2pm

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: Jo on 0417 852 777

K-2 Disco / Christmas Concert
Where? WPS New Hall
When? Monday 12 December
Children arrive at 4pm
Concert 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Disco 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)

Canteen constructions

Lot’s of bricks..
Merit Awards

KLE – Chloe B & Zac C
KLF – Brodhi E & Tracey B
KMM – Marli L & Lachlan P
KSW – Koby H & Aliyah-May N
KWH – Daniel B & Lachlan G
1DP – Halli H & Portia S
1HL – Mason J & Jarrod F
1KB – Taya M & Jacob P
1NL – James P & Caleb P
2CS – Laura B & Cheryl W
2HP – Noah C & Lainey S
2MG – Rohdel M & Brady K
2RD – Jake J & Vaneet N
5-6JM - Jay, Corey, Samantha & Jamaine
5HE - Jessica, Baily, Will & Ksandra
5MD - Rahni, Chloe, Andrew, Tyler, Ben & Olivia
5SJ - Tony, Riley, Hayden & Tamika
6JS - Jacob, Bella, Corey, Jorden & Hollie
6NW - Samantha, Jacob, Zoe & Monica
6VH - Ashley, Lachlan, Kitiara & Benjamin

Citizen of the Week

Amber M – 2MG
Blake G – KLF

Wauchope Wonder

Phoebe H – 1HL
Courtney L – 1HL
Nathan A – 5HE

School Calendar

December
Thu 8th  K-2 Presentation Day -9:30am
Thu 8th  P&C meeting
Fri 9th  Year 3-6 Presentation Day - 9:30am
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
Mon 30th  Year 1-6 Students return to school
Mon 30th – Fri 3rd Feb  Best Start Testing & Interviews
            (Kindergarten)

February 2012
Mon 6th  First Day of Kindergarten classes
Thu 9th  Woosh meeting
Thu 9th  P&C meeting
CHIRP
(Community Helpers in Reading Program)

We have been so fortunate to welcome more than 25 members of the community into our school throughout 2011. These wonderful people have been visiting classrooms on a weekly basis providing reading support to individual students.

The feedback we have received is extremely positive from all those involved in this program. The CHIRP volunteers themselves have found it very enjoyable and rewarding working with the same child or children in the same class or classes each week allowing for continuity and a rapport to develop with the children. The teachers are really happy that students are being provided with such valuable and individualised reading support. And most importantly the students themselves have benefitted so much by having the opportunity to practise and improve their reading skills and develop their enjoyment of reading.

We would like to THANK everyone who has given their time so willingly this year. No matter whether you came for just a short time or every week of the year we appreciate your contribution and would love you to join us for a special afternoon tea.

WHEN- Next Tuesday, 13 December at 2.15-3pm
WHERE- At School (Check at the office for actual location)

Finally, if you would like to be involved in this program in 2012 please notify our school office on 65852277 and leave a message with your name and contact details and we will contact you in the New Year with details of our training time and how you can get involved.

CHIRP - AN INVITATION

You are invited to a “Thank you” afternoon tea.

When? Tuesday 13/12/2011 2.15pm-3pm
Where? Wauchope Public School

- Mrs Cindy Dignum -

Port Macquarie Library

You are invited to Port Macquarie Library’s Christmas Party.

When? Friday 9 December at 4pm

Songs, stories, dance, music, Christmas craft & lots of fun for everyone!

Plus the Launch of the Summer Reading Club!!

See you there!

Birpai Stories @ the Library!

Come on a storytelling journey with local guides from Sea Acres. Through local stories, you will share the Birpai people’s connection to our area’s landscapes and animals. After the stories, we will share a simple craft activity. A great way to start the National Year of Reading! All welcome and free

- Port Macquarie Library Wednesday 11 January with Steven Donovan 10.30am-11.30am
- Wauchope Library Wednesday 18 January with Arlene McInherney 10.30am–11.30am
- Laurieton Library Wednesday 25 January with Nardja Davies 10.30am-11.30am

Steven, Arlene and Nardja are all Guides from Sea Acres Rainforest Centre’s Yun Yi Barragay; Walk With Me Program.

Port Macquarie Library—Corner Gordon & Grant Streets – 6581 8755
Wauchope Library—High Street (near Post Office) – 6581 8162
Laurieton Library—Laurie Street (near School of Arts Hall) – 6581 8177

www.mnclibrary.org.au

See you in the Library! Happy Holidays!