

Term 4 Week 2
24 October 2025

WHS NEWS

Knowledge conquers all

WHAT'S ON?

CATCH-UP VACCINATIONS
TUES 28 OCT

REMEMBERANCE DAY
TUES 11 NOV

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SPECIAL MENTIONS

HSC EXAMS

Good luck to our Year 12 students who are sitting their HSC from Thursday 16th October - Friday 7th November, we wish you the very best and are very proud of you all.

13 years of schooling is almost complete!!!



YOU'VE GOT THIS

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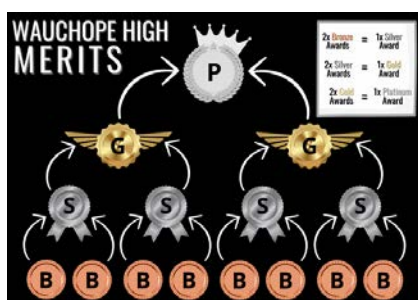
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Students receive merits by consistent demonstration of the School's Core Values (Best Effort, Care and, Respect and Safety)

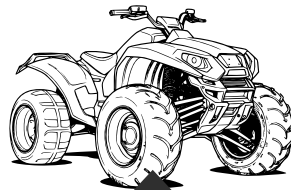
Receiving these awards gives you a chance to get an invite to our annual Reward Day!!

@wauchopehighschool

COOKING TIME



FARM VEHICLE SAFETY COURSE



Look for our
reels on our
socials for more
behind the
scenes fun!!



Our Year 11 Primary Industries students recently travelled to Taree to complete the farm vehicle safety course in fine weather and sunshine.

They completed the 2 day course covering quad bikes and side by side vehicles in rather dusty conditions. They honed their skills in cornering, steep hill decent and active riding over obstacles.

There was also time spent in the classroom as well as toolbox talks completing pre operational checks, then washing and post operational shutdowns. Other than suffering through a 40 degree day, melting in the shade with the local tree snake, all students completed the course 🙌

A big thank you to Karina for her help.

SCHOOLS OUT RADIO SHOW



Our school hosts the School's Out Radio Show on 2way FM 103.9 once a month on a **Wednesday from 6-8pm** 🎧

Make sure to tune in and hear our students have fun, learn a new skill & realise that speaking over the radio is "a lot less daunting when nobody can see you" 😂😂 They play awesome music, talk all things Wauchope High and add in their own personal segments. Any student interested should go and speak to Ms Moore for more information! Here is a pic from last term with our presenters 😊

Listen online on **Wednesday 12 November** at <https://2wayfm.com.au/> or tune in the old fashioned way with your radio 📻

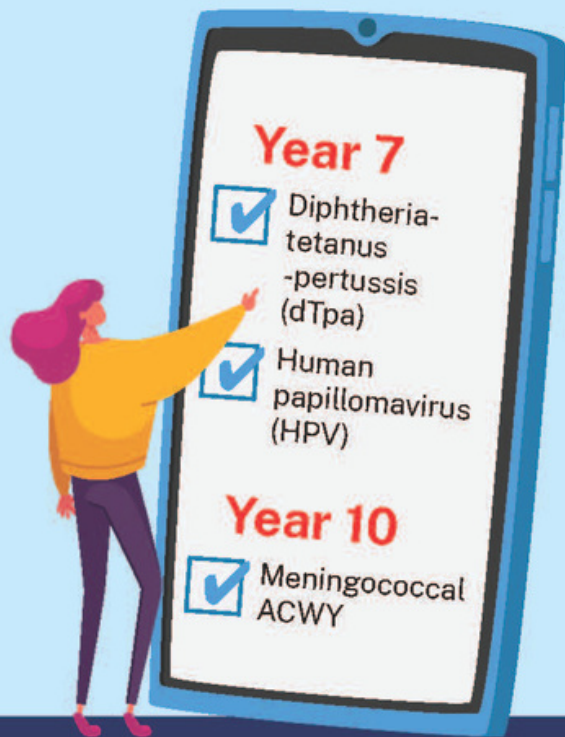


VACCINATION CATCH UP

Is your child
in year 7
or year 10?



Provide your consent for routine
school vaccinations online



Scan the QR code to
give your consent now



To provide online consent visit:
<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>

For more information visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

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NSW Health

NSW School Vaccination Program 2025 - Catch Up Vaccinations **Tuesday 28th October 2025.**

The following catch up vaccines are offered free of charge to Year 7 students at school on Tuesday 28th October 2025.

Year 7 students

- diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine (1 dose)
- human papillomavirus (HPV) (1 dose).

Year 10 students

- meningococcal ACWY vaccine (1 dose).

Vaccination will only be provided at school if consent has been received.

To provide consent for vaccination online, parents/carers will need:

- To complete online consent parents/carers need to visit the School Vaccination Program online consent portal (<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>).
- For detailed steps on how to provide consent please refer to the NSW Health webpage, How to Provide Consent (<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/online-consent-school-vaccination.aspx>)

For online consent parents/carers will need:

- their ServiceNSW log-in details, or to create an account with ServiceNSW if they don't already have one
- Medicare details for parents/carers and their child.

Benefits of online consent for parents/carers:

- SMS notification three days before the clinic to remind parents of the vaccination day
- SMS notifications on the day once vaccinations are given
- easy updating of their child's details online
- faster upload of their child's vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

For more information

- Please visit the NSW School Vaccination Program webpage <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school-vaccination.aspx>



**TUESDAY
28
October**

ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS

**Athletics
Carnival**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

24 Sep



12 YEARS - LAIKYN B & THEA H

15 YEARS - LEVI P & LEONI C

13 YEARS - THOMAS D-E & OHANA A

16 YEARS - RILEY C & TAHNIESHA D

14 YEARS - PEYTYN D & PEYTON MC

17+ YEARS - RODNEY B/DOMINIC D & EMILY B

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AGE CHAMPIONS 🎉🏆

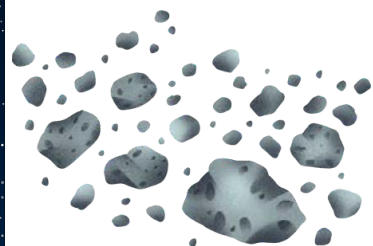
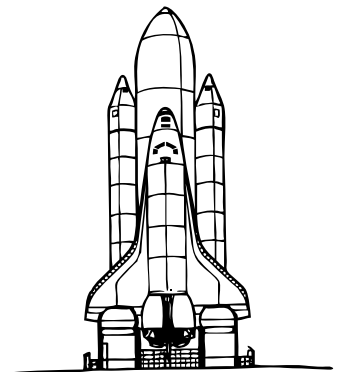
THE MAGICAL SPACESHIP



Congratulations Flynn S on
writing your own book!!

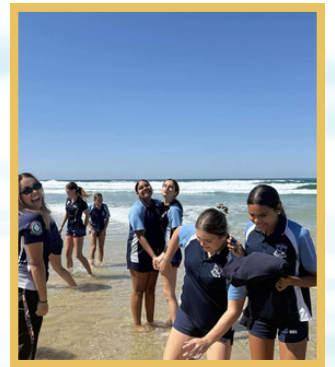
"The Magical Spaceship" is
available at our school library
for students to read 📖📖📖

Make sure you check it out 🙌🙌



**Well
Done**

BARAYA BARRAY WHALE SONG



Baraya Barray - Whale Song

Our students had an unforgettable experience late last term, as part of the Baraya Barray - Whale Song program, delivered by Red Room Poetry.

Surrounded by community and guided by Elders, Language Custodians, First Nations poets, artists and scientists, they learned deeply about whale song, Gathang language, and the cultural significance of whales in First Nations knowledge systems.

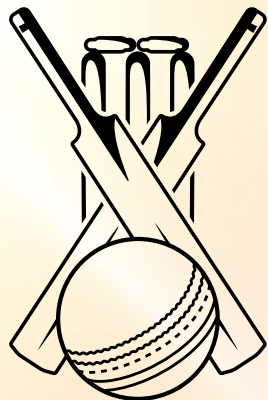
A truly magical moment was witnessing whales breaching out on the ocean - a powerful reminder of the deep connection between land, sea, and culture.

Our girls shone with pride, grace and strength, expressing what they learned through poetry, art, song and dance.

Their creations will soon be shared with the wider community, celebrating language, Country and culture.

Stay tuned for more from this incredible journey.

14S CRICKET



14s Boys Cricket Knockout

Wauchope High took on Macksville High at Fairmont Gardens last Thursday (16 Oct) in the 14s Boys Cricket Statewide Knockout. Macksville won the toss and elected to bowl in steamy conditions. Liam and Lloyed were quite solid early until an excellent yorker dismissed Lloyed, bringing Kale to the crease. Almost from the first ball he faced, Kale demonstrated excellent timing and placement, reaching 42 at the first drinks break, whilst given excellent support from Liam, who made 15 before being dismissed. Kale continued to score runs despite losing Jaxzyn and Peytyn quickly. Curtis came in and did a great job in hanging around, as well as turning the strike over when he could. By the second drinks break, Kale had reached 90 and had a full 10 overs to get the remaining 10 runs for his century. Sadly for Kale, he only managed 2 more runs before being caught for a fantastic 92, including nine 4s and two 6s. After Kale's departure, we offered little resistance and were bowled out for a good total of 135 runs. Macksville had a couple of early scares when Jaxzyn and Kale took a wicket each, before formed a solid partnership. Kale took a couple more, as did Peytyn and Tyrone. Hayden should have also taken at least two wickets, but the chances went down.

As the final Macksville batsman came to the crease, we were told that they only needed a few runs to win, but this also meant that taking his wicket could give us the win. Macksville scored some runs, but then Peytyn bowled one of the batsmen. It turned out that the scores were tied, one of the rarest situations to occur.

It was decided to hold a "super over", six balls for each team with the highest score deemed the winner. Wauchope batted first and Liam was the chief scorer, taking 7 from the over. This gave Macksville a target of 8 to win, which they were able to achieve in 4 balls to give them the victory. Wauchope put up a great fight and were probably unlucky not to take win, but all the boys appeared to have fun and enjoyed the game.

They were all excellent ambassadors for our school, showing terrific sportsmanship.



*Strive
FOR
Greatness*



PYTHON AT SCHOOL

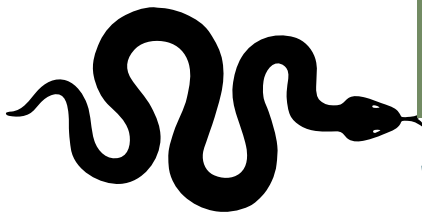
Snake wrangled by Nate



At the end of the last sport day of Term 3, Nate and Eligh were possibly the last students to enter the Hastings Street gate and walk up the path towards the COLA. Nate noticed something moving beside the path and quickly realised that it was a snake, a beautiful diamond python. As it was heading into the school (possibly after being disturbed by whipper snipping earlier in the day), Nate decided to pick the snake up, as it may have been injured or even killed by someone. It was amazing that close to 200 students must have walked straight past the snake without noticing it.

Many students saw Nate with the snake around the school, before Mr Hancock found them and asked Nate what his plan was. He said the plan was to release it near the river. They all walked down to the riverbank at the end of Hastings Street, the photos were taken, and Nate let the 1.5 metre beauty go free.

A lovely act of animal kindness by Nate.



DIAMOND PYTHON

FUN FACT

BE AWARE!

Diamond pythons are closely related to the commonly recognised carpet python. They are black in colour with cream or yellow, diamond-shaped blotches covering the entire length of their body. They are the most cold adapted python in the world.

Being a python, they are non-venomous. They constrict their prey in order to kill it and then consume it whole.

These pythons live in the coastal areas of New South Wales and are an arboreal species. They are expert tree climbers and perfectly camouflage in forest and woodland areas. Just like other pythons, they are carnivorous. Possums, rodents, bird and bats are their most common meal of choice.

Diamond pythons are commonly found living in suburban environments and are great for keeping unwanted rodents under control.



STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER

Student Support Officer

Jordan is our new Student Support Officer, located in the "Treehouse" in the upper F block.

Stop by for a chat 🙌



Jordan will work closely with the school counsellors and our wellbeing supports to assist students to develop social and emotional skills through strengths-based program and strategies that build resilience, coping skills and positive relationships.

Jordan will also have a pivotal role in working collaboratively with external and other government agencies in their support of students and their families.



BREAKFAST CLUB



🍴 FREE Breakfast Club! 🍴

Start your day right! Join us Monday to Friday, 8:00 am – 8:55 am for a tasty morning boost.

🍞 Toast

🍏 Fresh fruit

💪 Protein balls

🥤 Up & Go drinks

📍 Find us near M Block – we can't wait to see you!

Wauchope High School Wellbeing Team

SAFETY REMINDERS

Covered footwear is a practical requirement to ensure safety, hygiene, comfort, and regulatory compliance.

Students will be unable to participate in a range of subjects if they are not wearing safe enclosed shoes including

PE, Science, Agriculture, Food Technology,
Metalwork,
Woodwork and Sport.

A phone call will be made to parents if students arrive to school with unsafe footwear, with the chance they may be sent home due to this safety issue.

A big factor for our school especially, is the occasional arrival of snakes around our school (as seen on page 9!!)

as we are so close to the river and the weather has warmed up.

We need safe footwear worn at all times 🦶🦶



Only roll on deodorant is permitted at school due to the safety risks associated with asthma and respiratory health issues.

Please leave any spray deodorant/perfumes at home.

NSW EDUCHAT



Student access to NSW EduChat

Information for parents and carers

NSW EduChat is a generative artificial intelligence tool owned and designed by the NSW Department of Education. It is designed to be safe, educational, secure and private.

Student access to NSW EduChat

Students in Year 5 to Year 12 will gain access to NSW EduChat in Term 4, 2025.

Safety of students using NSW EduChat

NSW EduChat data is secured. All data stays within the department. This means that students can input their work and personal identifying information safely into NSW EduChat.

Educational design of NSW EduChat

NSW EduChat does not simply provide the full answers to questions. It responds to students by asking open-ended questions. This encourages students to explore and share their thoughts and reasoning.

NSW EduChat only uses text. This means it cannot produce media such as pictures, video or music.

Using NSW EduChat for help with homework and assessment tasks

If schools advise that NSW EduChat can be used for homework or assessments, students should notify their teachers if they have used NSW EduChat in completing tasks. This includes using NSW EduChat for tasks such as, but not limited to, summarising study notes, definition of key terms or structuring text. Schools should communicate the ways in which students can reasonably notify their teachers.

Access to NSW EduChat at home

Students can access NSW EduChat at home through:

- the student portal at <https://portal.education.nsw.gov.au/>
- directly via chat.education.nsw.gov.au

Students will need to log in using their NSW Department of Education login. Only the student who logged in should use NSW EduChat.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this tool, please contact the principal.



For more information and access to the NSW EduChat parental privacy notice, visit: [Student use of NSW EduChat](#).



HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION



📢 Wauchope High School
Transition 2026 📢

Wauchope High School warmly welcomes all Year 6 students starting high school in 2026! ✨

✨ What's in store?

In these sessions, you'll get to:

- ✓ Try out taster classes
- ✓ Meet some of your teachers
- ✓ Explore your timetable
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Take a tour of the school
- ✓ Find out everything you'll need for high school

📅 Important Dates:

- Week 2 – 23rd October
- Week 4 – 5th November
- Week 6 – 20th November
- Week 8 – 2nd December

We can't wait to see you and start this exciting journey together! 💙💛

📞 Questions or enquiries?
Please contact the school on 6585 1400 and ask for Mrs Julia James, Head Teacher Wellbeing and Engagement.

YEAR 6

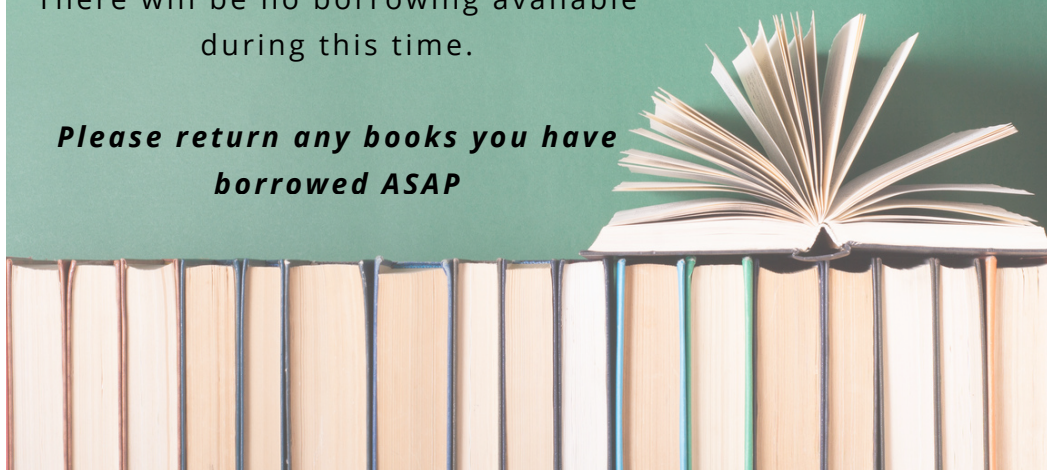
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SCHOOL NEWS

Our school library will be completing their annual stocktake in weeks 3 & 4 (27 Oct - 7 Nov)

There will be no borrowing available during this time.

Please return any books you have borrowed ASAP



Kiah P	Byron P
Dan R	Nate K
Herby D	Zak L
Darby D	Brooke L
Matthew C	Joshy C
Jacob S	Tayha H
Candice C	Amber C
Makedde K	Letiesha S
Ethan S	Amelia I
Nate Mc	Max H
Nevaeh D S	Forrest O

WORD WIZARD

Examination(noun)

a formal test of a person's knowledge or proficiency in a subject or skill

QUOTE CORNER

QUOTE

“Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential.”

— **John Maxwell**

GOTCHA!

Congratulations to the term 4 week 2 winners of the \$5 Gotcha canteen vouchers:

Harley L - **Year 9** Parker M - **Year 9**
David W - **Year 9**

Gotchas are awarded for doing the right thing and respecting our school values.



GOORI-BUGG HOSTS

The Worimi & Birrpai Youth Gathering

Cultural Workshops Include:

- Weaving
- Grass Skirts
- Fire Making
- Canoe Making
- Gunya Building
- Shell Necklaces
- Emu Egg Carving
- Beach Sand Designs
- Goori Song and Dance

Sat 1st Nov 2025

8am - 4pm

SALTWATER BEACH

Saltwater Rd Wallabi Point

Enquiries Please Contact
Uncle John Heath 0477 653 544
Email: gooribug25@gmail.com

THANKS TO THE SALTWATER TRIBAL COUNCIL & SUPPORTED BY








13 Oct 2025

Beechwood Public School
 Wauchope Public School
 St Joseph's Primary School, Wauchope
 Wauchope High School
 St Columba Anglican School
 Heritage Christian School
 Mackillop College, Lochinvar Pl Campus
 Mackillop College, Ocean Dr Campus
 Newman Senior Technical College
 Port Macquarie Adventist School
 St Agnes Primary School
 St Joseph's Primary School, Port Macquarie
 St Joseph's Regional College
 St Peter's Primary School, Port Macquarie
 Westport Public School

School Bus S529 - PM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,
 Commencing **20 October 2025**, Afternoon School Bus S529 will operate on **revised path and time** as detailed below.

Afternoon School Bus S529 will **not** service:

1. Redbank Rd between Stoney Creek Rd and the Redbank bridge.

Revised path:

From Hursley/Stoney Creek continue Stoney Creek Rd, left Pembroke Rd, left Redbank Rd turn around at 71 Redbank Rd then via Redbank Rd, right Pembroke Rd, then as normal. Times are unchanged from Beechwood and Wauchope to Hursley Rd/Stony Creek Rd. Service will arrive later at Mortons Creek Rd/Beechwood Rd, as shown below.

Revised time:

Current arrival time	Location	Revised arrival time
4:30pm	Mortons Creek Rd/Beechwood Rd	4:41pm

Reason for proposed change:

Scheduled maintenance work on the bridge at **Redbank Road, Wauchope** for 1 month.

Please refer to your school's timetabled services at: <https://www.busways.com.au/nsw/school-services/school-timetables> and select the link adjacent to your school's name, "New timetable 13 Oct 2025".

For further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on **1300 69 2929** or info@busways.com.au. Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS

(42311) SB S529 305U

busways.com.au



Movie Magic in Concert

PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS MUNICIPAL BAND

For the whole community, an hour filled with all your favourite songs from animated movies like The Incredibles, Frozen, The Lion King, and more!



2-3PM
Saturday, 1 Nov 2025



Port Uniting Church
1 Sherwood Rd



Dress up!



Tickets Sold at Door



All Welcome!

UNDER 3YRS FREE

4-12YRS \$5 EACH

13YRS+ \$10 EACH






THINKING ABOUT GETTING YOUR

DRIVER

LICENCE?



Getting a driver licence is an important step in accessing education, employment and health services, as well as connecting with your mob and Country.

There are a number of programs and services available to support you:

Driver Licensing access Program (DLAP)

A free program providing support to people in NSW who face extra challenges in getting a licence.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/driver-licences/driver-licensing-access-program>



Driver Knowledge Test (DKT) online

Complete an interactive course about the road rules and test your knowledge online.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/driver-knowledge-test-online>



Supervising Learner Drivers – the fundamentals

An e-learning course is available to support anyone supervising a learner driver.

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/young-drivers/supervising-learner-drivers>



[education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/road-safety-education](https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/young-drivers/supervising-learner-drivers)

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THINKING ABOUT GETTING YOUR DRIVER LICENCE?

RESOURCES



Services NSW

¹ [Driver licence support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities](#)

- proof of identity
- getting a NSW driver licence



On the move

² [Resources for secondary teachers, students and families](#)

Find road safety information including:

- Applying for your Learner licence
- Buying your safest car
- Breakdown safety



Department of Education information for teachers

³ [Helping young people get their driver's licence](#)
checklists and advice about driver education and driver training.



Web links

¹ <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/driver-and-rider-licences/driver-licence-support-for-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-communities>

² <https://onthemove.nsw.edu.au/families-students>

³ <https://edu.nsw.link/helping-young-people-get-their-drivers-licence>



[education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/road-safety-education](https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/young-drivers/supervising-learner-drivers)

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