

Term 4 Week 6
21 November 2025

WHS NEWS

Knowledge conquers all



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WHAT'S ON?

SPORT ASSEMBLY
MON 8 DEC

PRESENTATION NIGHT
THURS 11 DEC

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Download the Ritchies Card app, or register a card online, and nominate Wauchope High School as a beneficiary of Ritchies Community Program.

RITCHIES IGA + LIQUOR

Christmas at Ritchies

CHANCE TO WIN A Mahindra

XUV700 AX7
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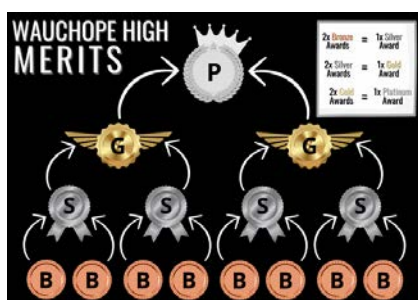
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Students receive merits by consistent demonstration of the School's Core Values (Best Effort, Care and, Respect and Safety)

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



@wauchopehighschool

IN THE SCHOOL KITCHEN



REMEMBRANCE DAY



On November 11th, our school community came together to observe Remembrance Day. This assembly was a time for students and staff, to pause and honour the courage and sacrifice of the men and women who have served in the armed forces. We played "The Last Post", observed a minute of silence at 11:00 am, and heard from our school leaders through readings and reflections. This meaningful event helps us remember the past and inspires us to work towards peace.



IN THE CLASSROOM - HSIE



START

Year 7 history brought ancient Egypt to life by mummifying apples using salt, bicarbonate soda, and careful wrapping. Students observed how the "mummification" process preserves the fruit over time, mirroring techniques used thousands of years ago. The activity sparked curiosity, hands-on learning, and plenty of enthusiastic predictions about which apple will last the longest!



FINISH



YEAR 12 FORMAL



Wauchope RSL Club
...the friendly club



Thank You

from Mrs Lauren Hinshelwood

Thank you to Jared and the staff at the Wauchope RSL,
thank you for the incredible venue, food and service.

Thank you to The School Photographer and Matt from Pose It photobooth
staff here making sure we have some gorgeous photos to remember the night.

Thank you to Al's Bakehouse for our dessert

Wauchope Colonial Florist for the flowers

Let's Get Lit for the light numbers and cookies

Thank you Mr Simeon James for creating the beautiful cutting cake and being our
DJ.

Thank you to Mr David Starr for doing the MC job tonight.

A huge thank you to Amy Young in the print room – the graduation assembly and
formal would not have been possible without her amazing work.

Thank you to Matty in Year 9 who chopped down a few more trees than first
intended, to make the beautiful timber centrepieces on the tables.

And thank you to everyone who helped set up and decorate today – Christy Howell,
Narelle Thorton, Amy Young and Leslie Keogh.

Thank you to Year 12, their friends, family and teachers for their fundraising
efforts and I also thank all of you for being here on this special occasion.



We hope everyone
had an amazing
night celebrating
13 years of
schooling!!

*We will let
everyone know
when the
professional
photos are
available as soon
as we get that
information 📷*

YEAR 12 FORMAL



LNC VOLLEYBALL TRIALS



On the 13th of November students from Wauchope High School trialled for the Lower North Coast open volleyball teams. All students involved gave a great effort despite it being extremely hot in the Wauchope Indoor Stadium. We were successful in having 9 girls and 7 boys picked for the zone team. These students will be trialling for the North Coast regional team on the 2nd of December. All participants should be proud of their efforts regardless of whether they were selected or not.



MULTISPORTS DAY



On Wednesday 19 November, our Supported Learning students had an exciting day at the Port Macquarie Stadium for the Multi Sport Day. The students participated in a variety of sports including golf, tennis, touch football, athletics, soccer, rugby league, basketball, and hockey. It was fantastic to see everyone showing great effort and enthusiasm throughout the day. Well done to all the students for their participation and sportsmanship!

VOLUNTEERING



Beechwood Primary Gardening Club

By Aria M , Year 7

The 'Volunteering' program allows us to engage with local organisations, learn about community needs, and contribute to them in meaningful ways.

Recently, we visited Beechwood Public School, where we had the opportunity to help the students plant vegetables and flowers in their beautiful gardens. We also assisted them in taking care of their chickens and removing pests from the citrus orchard. It was a fun and rewarding experience that helped us understand the challenges that come with co-ordinating groups of small children and also the importance of taking care of our gardens and the environment.

A highlight of the visit was Ms Bulley giving us all Zooper Doopers because it was such a hot day. One of the key lessons we learned was how much organisation, patience and communication is needed to run an event like the Beechwood Public Gardening Club.

We want to thank Ms Bulley and Beechwood PS for welcoming us and providing such a valuable experience. We look forward to our next visit and continuing to make a difference!

Stay tuned for the next update as we explore more ways to give back to our community!

SCHOOL'S OUT RADIO SHOW



We had Neve, Indy, Oscar & Garrick present at our most recent radio show on 12 Nov.

They had an fun time presenting the weather, school news, their own personal segments and playing some awesome music.

Make sure you tune in for our last show of the year on **Wed 10 Dec 6pm-8pm!!**

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



YONDR CHECK



WHS will be holding another Yondr check on **Monday 1st December.**

Staff will be recording if students have their Yondr pouches, their phone is in it & the pouch is locked.

If a student can not show their Yondr on this date and weren't able to show their pouch on Monday 17th November, students will be billed **\$10** for the cost of a replacement. It is a requirement at WHS to have your Yondr pouch every day, regardless of having a phone or not.

Student use of mobile phones in public schools

After consultation with teachers, students and parents, **NSW high schools have banned the use of mobile phones** at school, starting Term 4, 2023. Mobile phones were already banned for primary students in NSW schools.

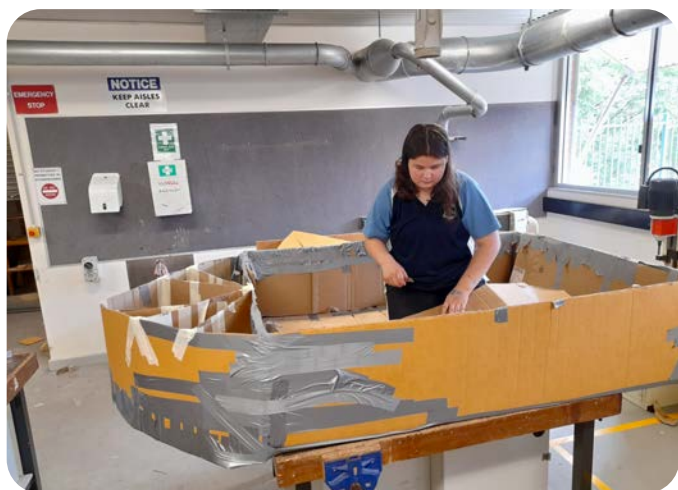
High school students are now required to leave their phones:

- in lockable pouches
- in lockers
- off and away in bags, or
- handed into school staff at the beginning of the day.

For more information on the NSW Department of Education's procedures, see [Student Use of Mobile Phones in Schools Procedures](#).



CARDBOARD REGATTA



Our Year 9 STEM students are busily finalising their cardboard masterpieces - Scruffy the Tugboat, The Hotdog boat, and Cleaveland Brown's Bathtub.

All students, families, and community members are invited to join us this **Saturday 22 Nov** to cheer on our students as they enter the 2025 Cardboard Boat Regatta, hosted by the Port Macquarie West Rotary Club. The event will take place on the water's edge beside the Marine Rescue building, near WestPort Club in Port Macquarie, kicking off from 8am.

We hope to see you there 🗣️



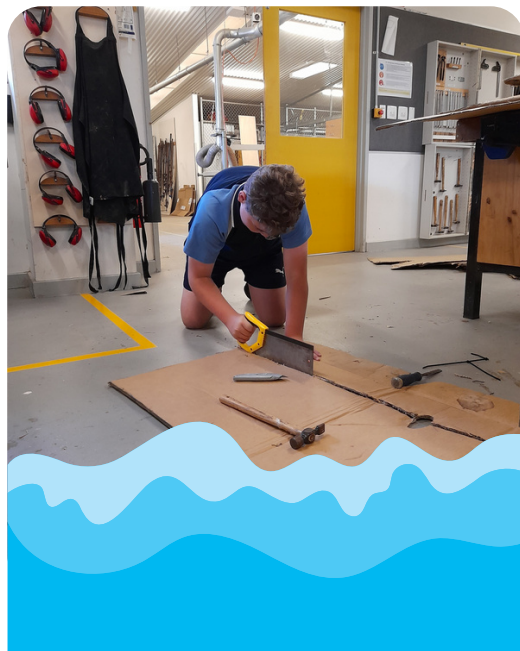
Rotary Club of Port
Macquarie West

CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA
SATURDAY. 8-30am-11am
22nd NOVEMBER 2025



Come and join in the fun of a race against the clock at the Marine Rescue building on Hastings River, Port Macquarie

Students will be rowing the boats they made with cardboard and tape. Will they float or sink? So much fun and cheering to be done.



CULTURAL EVENTS

SistaSpeak & BroSpeak Update

Our SistaSpeak and BroSpeak programs have been running strong this term, with students continuing to show growth in confidence, connection, and self-awareness. Each week, students engage in meaningful yarns, cultural learning, and activities that support positive identity and relationships. We're proud of the way our young people are showing up for themselves and for each other, and we look forward to continuing this momentum throughout the term.



Birpai Buddies K-2

Each term, our AEO Caity, together with AEO Toni from Bago Small Schools, has been travelling out to Long Flat PS, Huntingdon PS and Beechwood PS to run our K-2 Birpai Buddies cultural learning program.

Birpai Buddies is all about connection, identity and belonging. Students – both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal – come together to learn about Aboriginal culture, language, stories, totems and art in a fun and hands-on way. The kids are always excited when Birpai Buddies day comes around, and it's been beautiful to watch their confidence and cultural knowledge grow throughout the year.

We are so proud of the engagement, curiosity and respect shown by the students across all three schools. This program continues to strengthen relationships between our communities and builds a positive foundation of cultural pride from an early age.

We hope to continue Birpai Buddies in 2026 and can't wait to see what our little learners achieve next. 🧡💜💖



HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

Wauchope High School
Year 7 2025
Orientation Day

Tuesday 2nd of December

Wauchope High School is excited to host its annual Year 7 orientation Day. Orientation day is an exciting and memorable day for both students and families as they embark on their high school academic journey.

Transport and Arrival

Year 6 students are encouraged to travel to school using the transport they will use next year, such as walking, buses or drop offs. Students should arrive through the front entrance between 8:30 – 9am, where they will be greeted by staff and peer support leaders.

THE STUDENTS WILL
experience a small taste of high school throughout the day, getting to know each other, our school and staff.

WHAT TO BRING
We will provide a sausage sandwich and zooper dooper for lunch. Students will need to bring their own recess, a water bottle, pencil case and hat.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Parents are welcome to attend an information session from 9 – 9:30am in our school hall.

UNIFORMS
will be available to purchase on the day.

TIMES
8:30am – 3:30pm
Students are encouraged to travel home using transport they will use next year.

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YEAR 7
2026



★ Year 6 Transition Success! ★

Yesterday our Year 6 students from Wauchope, Beechwood, Long Flat and Comboyne, who will be beginning high school at Wauchope next year, completed their third and final transition session. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they prepare for high school in 2026!

Students also received important information about our upcoming Orientation Day on Tuesday, 2nd December.

Please see the details below:

📢 Orientation Day Information

Wauchope High School will host its annual Orientation Day on **Tuesday, 2nd December**. Parents and students are welcome to arrive from 8:30am onwards. Families will be welcomed by our Executive staff and friendly Peer Support Leaders. Parents are invited to stay for an information session from 9:00–9:30am in the school hall.

💖 What Students Can Expect

Throughout the day, students will experience a small taste of high school life, meeting new peers, exploring our school, and connecting with staff.

📌 Important Information for the Day:

- Students must wear full school uniform and enclosed shoes.
- Students should bring recess, a water bottle, a hat, and their pencil case.
- A BBQ lunch and a Zooper Dooper will be provided.
- The school day finishes at 3:30pm. Students may travel home via local buses, walk, or be collected by a parent or guardian.
- Students are not permitted to bring mobile phones.

⚠️ Please Note:

To attend Orientation Day, students must have completed the NSW Department of Education enrolment application and have been offered a place at Wauchope High School. If you have any questions, please contact the school on 6585 1400 and ask for Julia James Head Teacher

Wellbeing and Engagement.

We can't wait to welcome our future Year 7 students to Wauchope High School! 💙

LOST PROPERTY

Invisalign retainers have been found in a borrowed school blazer. If you are missing your retainers, please come and see the Front Office.

We also have a lot of other lost property so come and ask if you are missing any belongings.



Rhys M

Harley G

Aria M

Syd B

Zarhli W

Dakoda M

Emma-Lee P

Elijah V

Cruz R

Jayden H

Colt H

Georgia N

Jax M

WORD WIZARD

Formal (*adjective*)

a formal event held for students in their final year of high school, primarily in Australia, to celebrate the end of their school careers

QUOTE CORNER

QUOTE

"All I want is good music, great friends, bright lights, and late nights."

- **unknown**

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GOTCHA!

Congratulations to the term 4 week 3 winners of the \$5 Gotcha canteen vouchers:

Garrick P - **Year 10**

Be'Jai C - **Year 9**

Jacob S- **Year 9**

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

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Wauchope CWA Christmas Market Day

**When : Saturday
6th December 2025**

9am – 1pm

**Where : inside the CWA Rooms
High St, WAUCHOPE**

Lots Stall holders including plants, craft, honey products, Avocados, cakes, sweets, glass ware, plus lots more..... Santa will be in attendance and you can have a photo taken...

Come along and start or finish your Christmas shopping.

CWA will be providing Devonshire teas all day. \$8. Tea / Coffee, Scone, Jam, Cream or buttered.

There will be a sausage sizzle on the day as well.

Plenty of parking at rear of building.

For more details contact Doreen 0400 237 729 or email

wauchopecwa@gmail.com

RITCHIES  TIMBERTOWN

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Saturday 22nd November | 10am - 3pm
Shop 1/245 Oxley Highway, Wauchope, NSW



ATTRACTIONS ON THE DAY

- » Sausage Sizzle
- » Raising funds for Comboyne Tigers RLFC
- » Children's Activities & Fire truck Wauchope Rural Fire Service
- » Face Painting by Wild Child
- » Free Showbags
- » Samples

Ritchies **IGA** Fine Food & Wine Merchants
SOVEREIGN PLACE

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Saturday 29th November
10am - 3pm
1/15 Chancellors Drive, Thrumster, NSW

FREE ATTRACTIONS ON THE DAY

- » **Sancrox RFS** with Children's activities
- » **Hastings Beekeepers** with fun activities and a LIVE BEE display
- » **Koala Hospital** with Children's activities
- » **World's your Oyster Raffle!** by Marine Rescue Port Macquarie
- » **The Duff Quartet** Live Music
- » **Troppo Bob Magic Show** and balloon twisting King
- » **Face Painting** by Wild Child
- » **Free Showbags**
- » **Samples**
- » **Cupcake Decorating** The Cheesecake Shop

PLUS Liquor tastings from 3pm. 18+ only

Troppo Magic

Wild Child Face Painting

THE CHEESE CAKE SHOP BAKED IN VICTORIA

THE DUFF QUARTET

WORLD'S YOUR OYSTER RAFFLE!
\$24,000 IN TRAVEL PRIZES

MARINE RESCUE NEW SOUTH WALES

RITCHIES **IGA WAUCHOPE**

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Saturday 6th December | 10am - 3pm
42 Hastings Street, Wauchope, NSW

ATTRACTIONS ON THE DAY

- » **Sausage Sizzle**
Raising funds for Wauchope Thunders Rugby Union Club
- » **Children's Activities**
Wauchope SES & Tennis Club
- » **Face Painting**
by Wild Child
- » **Christmas Raffle**
Wauchope Tennis Club
- » **Troppo Bob Magic Show**
- » **Balloon Twisting King**
- » **Characters in Costume**

PLUS Liquor tastings from 3pm. 18+ only

Troppo Magic

Wild Child Face Painting

THUNDER

SES NSW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

WAUCHOPE TENNIS CLUB

Be advised that the roadworks on Redbank Road have been delayed. As a result, School Bus S529 will remain on its current diversion and will not return to normal operation until Mon 1st Dec 2025.



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 PI 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/Stoney 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

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