

Term 1 Week 3
13 February 2025

WHS NEWS

Knowledge conquers all



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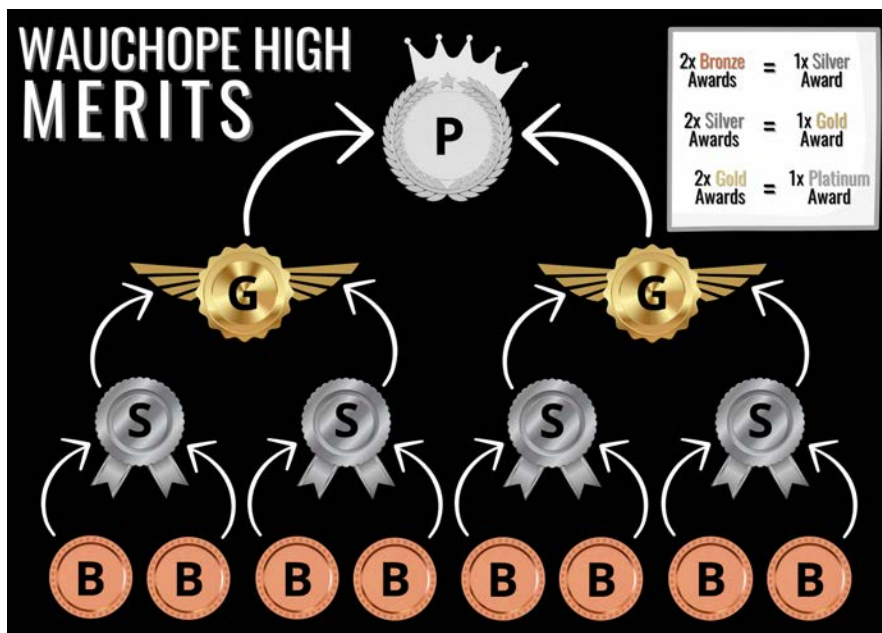
School Photo Day
Thurs 13th Feb
Thurs 20th Feb

Swimming Carnival
Tue 18th Feb

Year 7 Vaccinations
Thurs 20th Feb

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Year 7 Food Technology fun

SPECIAL MENTIONS



Students receive merits by consistent demonstration of the School's Core Values (Best Effort, Care and, Respect and Safety) The more Merits, the closer you will get to ultimate Platinum Award.

Receiving these awards gives you a chance to get an invite to our annual Reward Day!! (See page 4)



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SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

**ORDER YOUR
SCHOOL PHOTOS**
www.theschoolphotographer.com.au



Our School photo day is this **Thursday 13th February**.

All students have been given their envelopes and are welcome to pick up a Sibling envelope/spare envelopes from our Front Office.



We also have a catch-up School photo day on **Thursday 20th February** for any student missed and/or absent.

IN THE SCHOOL KITCHEN



YEAR 11

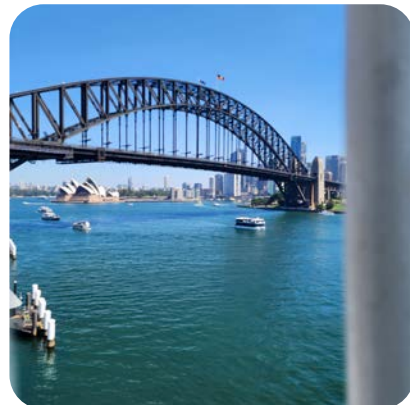


YEAR 7



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LUNA PARK REWARD DAY 2024



Throughout 2024, teachers at Wauchope High School, recognised the consistent efforts of our students throughout the year and recorded a Merit on our computer system. As students accumulated these Merits, they may have achieved Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Level. In Term 4, we looked at the highest achieving students and checked for negative incidents before inviting them to attend a Reward Excursion to Luna Park, Sydney, at a highly reduced cost to each student. Not every student invited attended the excursion, so staff moved down the list, from Platinum down to Gold and Silver, until we had enough students who qualified to fill the required number of positions available for the excursion.

On **Friday 13th December, 2024**, 5 staff members from WHS took 41 students to Luna Park, on the edge of Sydney harbour and in the shadow of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. It was a very early start, leaving WHS at 4:30 a.m.. We arrived at the venue at 10 a.m. with the students very excited to explore the rides and stalls that the venue had to offer. Some students were a little more adventurous than others as some of the pictures show. With other schools also attending the venue, students had to endure lengthy waits in lines for some of the experiences. Most of these schools had to depart before 2:30 p.m. which meant that WHS students had almost no crowd to contend with and could go on ride after ride without even having to wait in a line.

By the time we had to depart the venue at 5 p.m., most were exhausted, including the staff. With a dinner stop on our way back, we arrived back to WHS before 10:30 p.m.. Most had a sleep before being woken by the sudden stop of the coach outside the front of the school. Parents eagerly waiting for their child's description of their experience. All students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the long day.



So what does 2025 bring?

We again, are looking at a reward excursion in December. Details are unknown at this point but Raging Waters, Sydney (formerly Wet n Wild) is a possibility.

If students wish to be a part of this experience then they must follow the School's Core Values (Best Effort, Care and Respect and Safety) so that they receive a Merit for their consistent behaviour and achieve the highest level of the School's Merit System (Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze).

YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

The following vaccines are offered free of charge to students at school:

Year 7 students (Thursday 20th February)

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

Year 10 students (Date to be advised in Term 2)

- 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 or scan the QR code available.
- For detailed steps on how to provide consent please refer to the NSW Health webpage or scan the QR code available.

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)
- Printed consent forms are available and can be given to students where parents/carers cannot provide online consent, including for parents/carers or students who do not have a Medicare card or internet access. Please call Melissa Broderick on 65851400

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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**THURS 20TH
FEB**

CAREERS ROADSHOW

On Tuesday the 11th of February, students in Years 10, 11 and 12 were able to attend the 2025 University Roadshow.

This opportunity allowed students to hear from staff and students from Charles Sturt University (CSU), the University of New England (UNE), Southern Cross University (SCU) and the University of Newcastle (UON), regarding all things university.

They discussed the courses offered, accommodation options, applications, scholarships, and various pathways that can be taken to gain a degree.

Students were then able to approach each individual university's stand, to ask further questions and grab resources to help them make informed decisions about their career pathway.

We appreciate the University Roadshow coming to Wauchope HS and look forward to seeing you again in 2026.



SPORT HOUSE CAPTAINS 2025



Our students all voted on Friday 7th February
for their 2025 Sport Captains.
Let's make it an awesome year for sport!!

GORDON HOUSE CAPTAINS

Boys Captains:

Matthew A-D
(Captain)
Rodney B
(Vice-Captain)

Girls Captains:

Josie B (Captain)
Lily B
(Vice-Captain)

KENDALL HOUSE CAPTAINS

Boys Captains:

Noah F (Captain)
Jack G
(Vice-Captain)

Girls Captains:

Abby-Rose F
(Captain)
Eleanore J
(Vice-Captain)

LAWSON HOUSE CAPTAINS

Boys Captains:

Spencer M (Captain)
Zachary O
(Vice-Captain)

Girls Captains:

Marney R (Captain)
Chloe M
(Vice-Captain)

PATERSON HOUSE CAPTAINS

Boys Captains:

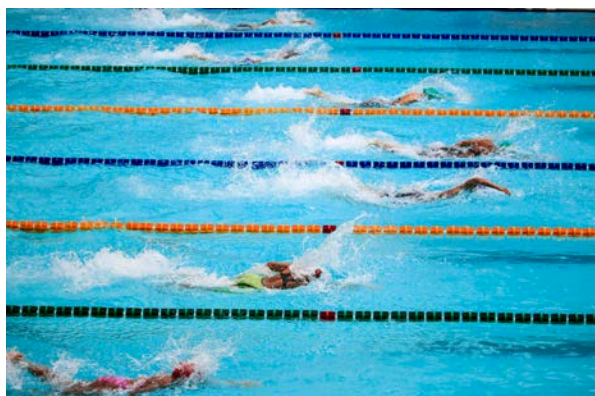
Jack T (Captain)
Ethan S
(Vice-Captain)

Girls Captains:

Chloe W (Captain)
Grace W
(Vice-Captain)



COMING UP!!



WHS SPORT HOUSES

GORDON - Surnames A-D

KENDALL - Surnames E-Le

LAWSON - Surnames Li-Ri

PATERSON Surnames Ro-Z

Our annual Swimming Carnival is on **Tuesday 18th February** at the Wauchope Olympic Pool.

Students will walk to the pool after a quick assembly & return before 3:30pm.

Permission & payment can be made on School Bytes or our Front Office.

Whole school carnival for all students, competitive races and novelty events for all swimming levels. Non-swimming activities also provided. House colours encouraged where possible as school uniform is not required on the day.

Don't forget your lunch, water, sunscreen & towel!!

photo

(noun)

a combining form meaning "light" (photobiology); also used to represent "photographic" or "photograph" in the formation of compound words: photocopy.

WORD WIZARD

QUOTE CORNER

QUOTE

"If you can dream it, you can do it."

- Walt Disney

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GOTCHA!

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

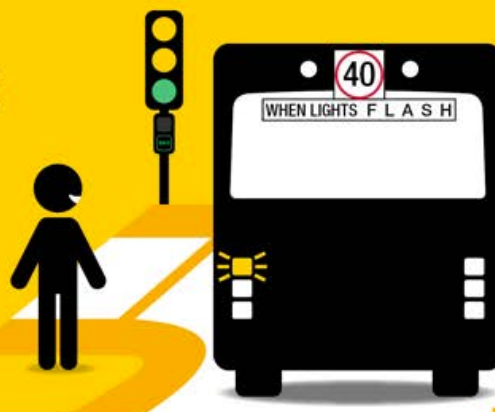
Make sure to put your Gotchas in the box in the library to go into the draw for a \$5 canteen voucher!!

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BE BUS AWARE

Stay alert and cross with care

Bus Safety Week 2025
Monday 17 – Sunday 23 February



BeBusAware.com.au



Bus Safety Week reminds all road users to **'Be Bus Aware'**

Our school bus operator Busways is reminding all road users, parents, and students to 'be bus aware' as part of Transport for NSW's Bus Safety Week campaign, running **Feb 17 - 23.**

Bus Safety Week, part of the **'Be Bus Aware'** campaign, sees Governments, bus operators, and emergency services raise awareness about the importance of being safe in and around buses and spread the message to **'Be Bus Aware'.**

The initiative provides a timely reminder to parents to have a talk with their children about bus safety; to motorists when giving way to buses; to pedestrians to make sure they are alert of their surroundings; and to cyclists to ensure they can see where buses are. We all have a part to play in bus safety.

The **'Be Bus Aware'** campaign has been developed with input from Bus NSW, NSW Police and Transport for NSW.

For more information on bus safety or to learn about Transport for NSW's **'Be Bus Aware'** campaign, visit <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/> or visit the Busways website <https://www.busways.com.au/>

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

Close 8th February

WAUCHOPE NETBALL

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► Registrations fees include:

- Competition Fees
- Training Singlet
- Training Costs
- Umpire Fees
- Team Photo
- Presentation Night
- Rego fees \$230.00 10+
\$200 6-9 Year olds
(can be paid in 4 instalments)
- Competition commences 22 March 2025

FIND US ON FACEBOOK AT WAUCHOPE NETBALL CLUB

REGISTER AT PLAY HQ
<https://www.playhq.com/.../WAUCHOPE.../4D6BAC97/REGISTER>

ENQUIRIES:
EMAIL: WAUCHOPENETBALLCLUB@GMAIL.COM
PRESIDENT: KARMEN MARCHMENT 0408 424 794

Attendance matters means explaining all absences



If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



Let us know

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing

Every day matters



GETTING TO SCHOOL BY BUS IN 2025

Bus passes

- All students catching the bus in 2025 will need a school travel pass.
- Under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS), eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.
- For more information about the School Student Transport Scheme and how to apply for a school travel pass, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer.

Bus timetables

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to busways.com.au/nsw
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to 'school timetables'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device. If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.
5. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.