

Term 1 Week 5
28 February 2025

WHS NEWS

Knowledge conquers all



WHAT'S ON?

Year 12 HSIE Camp
Wed 5th Mar

NAPLAN
Wed 12th Mar

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*WHS Swimming Carnival
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SPECIAL MENTIONS



President of the Wauchope Junior Rugby League Football Club, Jamie Donovan addressed the student body at the Monday Assembly to raise awareness of and promote the growing Girl's game, whether League Tag or Tackle.

He had Tahniesha, Ruby and Rose show the various parts of the uniform included in a registration in any age division. The Wauchope Club is seeking new female players to join their ranks for the 2025 season, and there are now flyers around the school and in this newsletter to let potential players know who to contact.

Jamie then made a very generous donation to the school, giving 24 pairs of brand-new League Tag shorts and tags. As our school continues to develop in the sport of League Tag, these new shorts and tags will be a massive boost to make our girls look amazing and be more functional than our current equipment.

Thanks so much to Jamie and the Wauchope Junior League Club for their valuable support of our school.

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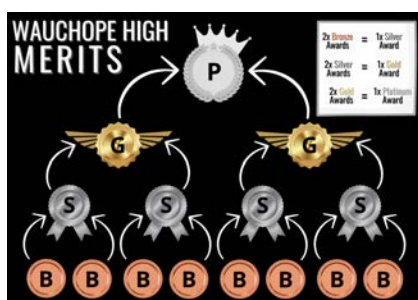
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@wauchopehighschool



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!!

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On Tuesday 11th February, our Science staff celebrated the 10th Anniversary of International Women's & Girls in Science.

Our school wouldn't be the same without them. All their hard work and dedication make them even more amazing.

Thank you Susie, Janet & Merinda.



IN THE SCHOOL KITCHEN



YEAR 9



YEAR 10



YEAR 11



SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2025



The 2025 Swimming Carnival was held in perfect conditions at the Wauchope Pool on Tuesday 18th February. One of the most exciting aspects of the day was the total attendance of 286, which exceeded the previous three year's numbers.

The House Colour Dress Up of the Year 12 crew was outstanding, as was their commitment to the Floatie Races, with some spectacular blow-ups on display. All of the students that attended seemed to enjoy their day, taking the opportunity to participate in a range of activities including the competitive races, House Volleyball Competition, Swim Throughs and Relays.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2025

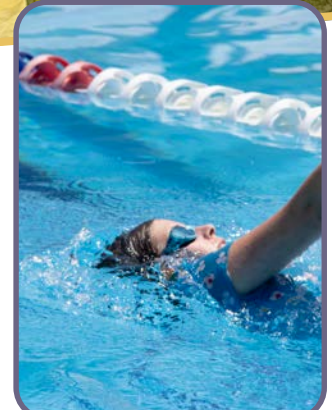


After the points were collated from the races, Volleyball and Swim Throughs, the results were:

Gordon 1st
Lawson 2nd
Kendall 3rd
Paterson 4th



A big thank you to all of the staff who helped make the Carnival such a great day on our calendar.



NAPLAN INFORMATION

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN will take place from **Wednesday 12th March** to **Monday 24th March**.

The timetable for assessments is provided below.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling. In preparation for NAPLAN 2025, our school will undertake activities to help students to become more familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests.

These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

Students and parents can access the [public demonstration site](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required or recommended.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's Year Advisor.

DATE	PERIOD 1 & 2	PERIOD 3 & 4
Wed 12th March	Year 9 Writing (42 mins + instruction time)	Year 7 Writing (42 mins + instruction time)
Thurs 13th March	Year 9 Reading (65 mins + instruction time)	Year 7 Reading (42 mins + instruction time)
Mon 17th March	Year 9 Language (45 mins + instruction time)	Year 7 Language (42 mins + instruction time)
Tues 18th March	Year 9 Numeracy (45 mins + instruction time)	Year 7 Numeracy (42 mins + instruction time)
Wed 19th March	Writing catch-up test	Reading catch-up test
Thurs 20th March	Language catch-up test	Numeracy catch-up test
Mon 24th March	Final writing and reading catch-up opportunity (7&9)	Final numeracy and language catch-up opportunity(7&9)



WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Over 20 of our Aboriginal students attended the AECG Welcome to Country event on Friday 21st February, supported by our AEO Caitlin. Aboriginal students from different schools across the Birpai Barray attended and we all came together as one, providing an opportunity to connect, celebrate culture, and strengthening our students sense of belonging. The event acknowledged the traditional and ongoing custodians of Birpai Country and set a positive tone for the year ahead.

By embedding cultural awareness at the start of the school year, we foster respect, understanding, and inclusivity within our school community. Our very own Milton O proudly represented Wauchope High School, delivering his deadly speech with confidence in front of all who attended. ❤️🖤🟡



PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

Generous Donation of Photographic Equipment.

Early this term Wauchope High School were the very lucky recipient of a photographic and studio lighting equipment donation. Julie Howard a retired professional photographer from Port Macquarie kindly donated her incredibly expensive studio equipment, camera and lenses. Julie spent her career as photojournalist, studio photographer in advertising and real estate photographer. She had her photographs featured on the cover of Time Magazine.

Wauchope High School and the CAPA department would like to thank Julie for her generous donations.

During weeks 2 and 3, Year 11 Visual Arts students had the opportunity to learn about and use the equipment to produce some fabulous studio portraits in the hall. Learning about art making practice, the students were able to make connections between contemporary studio lighting techniques and the dramatic lighting created by Baroque painters from 17th century. The students took a range of photographs of each other before turning the photographs into composed collages to be rephotographed.



WHS OPEN NIGHT



On the 25th of February, Wauchope High School warmly welcomed our Year 7 students and students from our primary feeder schools to our Open Night.

It was a wonderful evening where students and their families had the opportunity to meet our dedicated teachers, explore our learning spaces, and experience the vibrant school community that makes WHS so special.



SPORT CHAMPIONS



*Swimming
Carnival
2025*

*Age
champions*

13 Y

Ellie R

Herby D

14 Y

Melia M

Peytyn D

15 Y

Bella GB

Billy N

16 Y

Tahniesha D

Riley C

17+ Y

Suraya C

Jack G

Congratulations to all the winners!!

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!

Congratulations to the term 1 weeks 4 & 5 winners of the \$5 Gotcha canteen vouchers:

Zachary W, Year 8 Shane D, Year 8
Hayley W, Year 9 Thomas R, Year 8
Conner R, Year 8 Jackson D, Year 9

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



Wauchope High School warmly invites your family to a meet and greet afternoon.

This will be an opportunity to build connections, get to know your students school mentor and create your students Aboriginal Personalised Learning Plan

Date: Monday 3rd of March
Time: 3:30pm - 5:30pm

A sausage sizzle be provided

Please RSVP to the school on 65851400 for catering purposes and book in a time with your student's mentor

Julia James - Head Teacher Wellbeing



Every Monday & Tuesday Lunch



**ART
CLUB**

Bring your lunch and your creativity

D6 ART STUDIO



GIRLS AGES 10-17

REGISTER NOW!



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GET INVOLVED

GIRLS TACKLE TEAMS

GIRLS LEAGUE TAG TEAMS

Additional players required for teams:

Girls tackle: 13s, 15s, 17s

Girls League Tag 10s, 12s

Come try it out 27th Feb at Lank Bain Sporting complex 4.30pm

League tag 14s and 16s teams are taking expression of interest emails to wauchopejrregistrar1@outlook.com



KIDS UNDER 16 are FREE!

The Comboyne Show is on this Saturday & Sunday, and the weather is looking perfect—sunny and 29°C both days!

Entry:

✓ Kids under 16 – FREE!
✓ Adults – \$10

Just:

✓ 1 hour from Port Macquarie
✓ 35 mins from Wauchope
✓ 1 hr 15 mins from Kempsey
✓ 50 mins from Taree
✓ 30 mins from Long Flat

🎪 Entertainment for all ages!
🦎 Reptile Solutions – Encounter amazing reptiles!

🌟 Troppo Bob – Magic & laughs!

🐰 Old MacDonald's Animal Nursery – Get up close with farm animals!

🦎 Circatrus Stilt Walkers – Be amazed!

🎨 Jumping Castle & Face Painting – Fun for the little ones!

☀️ With perfect weather, it's the best weekend to be at the Comboyne Show! See you there! 🎪🦎🐰

www.comboyneshow.org



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.