

Term 3 Week 2
1 August 2025

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Knowledge conquers all



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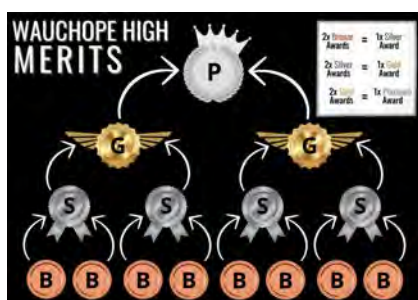
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Students receive merits by consistent demonstration of the School's Core Values (Best Effort, Care and, Respect and Safety)

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

@wauchopehighschool

IN THE SCHOOL KITCHEN



LEMON MERINGUE



NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS



Wauchope High proudly welcomed close to 800 students/staff from our Bago Community of Schools for an incredible NAIDOC Celebration. Students from Beechwood, Huntingdon, Rollands Plains, Comboyne, Long Flat and Wauchope Public Schools joined us for a day filled with Culture, Connection and Pride. From a Powerful Assembly to engaging Cultural workshops lead by our amazing Community Mentors and Facilitators! Finishing with the much-loved Staff vs Students NAIDOC Cup, the day was unforgettable. Marrungbu (thank you) for all who was involved & a special Marrungbu to our Community Mentors, Facilitators, Caity, Mrs James, Toni and the Bago Small Schools AEC team for making this celebration such a huge success. ❤️🖤🟡



NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS



VACCINATION CATCH-UP

Is your child
in year 7
or year 10?



Provide your consent for routine
school vaccinations online



SAVE
THE DATE

Year 10 Catch-up
Vaccinations will be held
at school Term 3 Week 3
Friday 8th August 2025

Year 7 Catch-Up
Vaccinations will be held
at school Term 4 Week 3
Tuesday 28th October
2025

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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CHS VOLLEYBALL



VOLLEYBALL

In Week 1, Term 3 - WHS Open Girls Volleyball team travelled to Sydney to compete in the CHS state knockout finals. The girls represented the school wonderfully, placing 6th overall in the state. We tied with a powerhouse Sydney school at the end of the first day and they beat us by 5 points in countback. This means we were 5 points away from being in the top 4. Other coaches were heard telling their teams that Wauchope High is always a strong team and this is a testament to the girls hard work that the Sydney schools know we are tough to beat. Congratulations girls on an amazing achievement this year.

ZONE ATHLETICS



Thirteen students from Wauchope High School went to Stuart Park in Port Macquarie last Wednesday to compete at the Lower North Coast Zone Athletics Carnival. The weather was not ideal, with showers and cold conditions, but the day was very successful for our athletes and well run by the organisers. Of the 13 competitors, 8 finished in the top two for at least one of their events, giving them an opportunity to progress to the North Coast Carnival at Kingscliff. This was a great individual achievement for each student, but Peytyn D also claimed the 14 Years Age Champion, which was a terrific result. Samarli, Flynn, Zara, Riley and Emily attended the North Coast Carnival yesterday (31st July), with Zara, Riley and Emily putting in outstanding performances to reach the CHS (State) Carnival in their respective throwing events. Samarli won her 100 Metres heat but missed out on qualification by one place in the Final. She finished fourth in the 200 Metres. Flynn was also unlucky in the Long Jump and 1500 Metre events.

50TH INTERSCHOOL VISIT

The 50th Cumberland Interschool Visit was contested at the end of last term, and the opinions of organisers, competitors and spectators alike were that the entire event was a tremendous success. As has been the case throughout the visit's long history; there were tensely fought matches, incredible individual performances and a massive outpouring of school spirit.

To celebrate the huge achievement by both schools in reaching the 50-year milestone, the first dinner that had both teams attend was held on Tuesday night at the Wauchope RSL Club. All 230 participants enjoyed the lovely meal, as well as the poignant (and sometimes amusing) words of the speakers during the evening. The captains from both schools cut the ceremonial cake and there was also an exchange of gifts to mark the occasion.

Wednesday morning saw a Welcome Assembly to introduce the visiting team and staff to the Wauchope school community. At its conclusion, the competition began with an array of sports played on the school oval, Wauchope Tennis Courts and the Port Macquarie Turf Hockey precinct. Wauchope got off to the perfect start in the Junior Boys Touch, scoring a dominant 9-1 victory with 4 tries to Peytyn Donovan and 3 to Matthew Coombes.

The Open Girls Hockey could have gone either way, with missed opportunities from both sides, but the final result was a nil-all draw. One of the biggest surprises of the competition was a 1-all draw in the Open Boys Soccer, as Cumberland is usually very strong in this sport. Jack Gibbs scored Wauchope's goal after a nice pass from Coby Annetts. Wauchope were victorious in the Junior Girls Netball 19-12 but went down 25-5 in the Open Girls Netball.

At the completion of the day events, Wauchope held a narrow 6-4 lead going into the first of the evening activities, which was the Futsal night. This sport is another area of strength for the Cumberland team, but the Wauchope teams were valiant in each of the four matches played.

There was a terrific result in the Junior Girls game, where an Ella Rogers goal proved the difference in a thrilling 1-0 win. Cumberland took the other 3 matches and snatched the lead in the overall competition 10-8 at the end of Day 1.

A beautiful sunny day greeted both schools on Thursday morning, allowing Athletics to proceed for the first time in a few years. There were some brave performances on the track by many of the athletes, as there is little time for recovery between events in a condensed 2-hour program.

The Boys secured a crushing 398-296 win, led by Rodney, Jack, Matt C, Peytyn, Flynn and Billy.

The Girls suffered an agonisingly close 345-355 loss, but were well served by Peyton, Eden, Tahniesha, Tayha and Chloe.

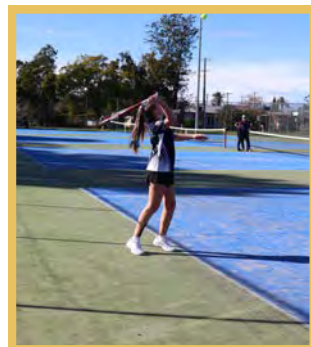
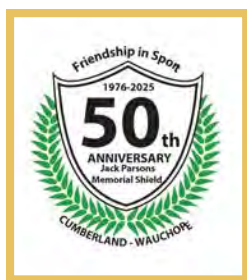
The next game was the Open Girls Touch, which produced a convincing 14-6 win to Wauchope.

Josie Boys was outstanding in scoring 6 tries, with Eden scoring 4, Tahniesha 2 and Peyton 1.

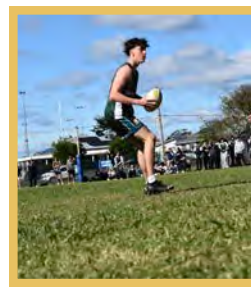
The Open Boys followed and after a closely fought first 10 minutes, Wauchope streaked away to a 17-7 victory. Kayden Donovan was the destroyer in the middle, but was ably supported by

Coby, Peytyn, Matt C, Noah, Matty D, Rodney and Riley. The Junior Girls Touch was a closer affair, but Wauchope ran out 5-1 winners with Peyton scoring 3 tries, then Eden and Clancie

bagged one each.



50TH INTERSCHOOL VISIT



The Junior Boys Soccer team made a statement in their match, posting two unanswered goals in a tremendous team effort. Be'jai Carney and Thomas Raymond kicked the goals, but the defensive prowess of this team was the key to their win. The Open Girls were very brave in their game, but a lone strike was enough to steal victory from them 1-0 in a gripping match. Finally, our Boys Tennis team tried their best and took a few games from their Cumberland counterparts but eventually succumbed to a 6-0 loss.

In a see-sawing day, the overall score between the two schools was at 18-all, before heading into the second exciting night of Volleyball and Basketball games at the Wauchope Stadium. A large crowd of parents and ex-students came along to cheer, creating a huge atmosphere for all the players from both schools.

The Boys and Girls Volleyball games were both epics, as each school fought back from a set down to force the matches to a deciding third set. In the Boys game, Cumberland took the first set 25-19 before Wauchope dominated the second 25-17. Cumberland regained their composure to clinch the third 15-10. The Girls game was the opposite, as Wauchope took the first set 25-20 and Cumberland the second 25-21. Wauchope led in the third, but Cumberland showed enormous grit to fight back and take the third 16-14.

Wauchope secured their first upset of the night with a spirited performance in the Junior Girls Basketball. It was a very physical game, with quite a lot of contact from both teams, but the Wauchope girls shot better than their opponents to win 26-16. Leoni Conduit was the leading scorer, but Eden, Jasmine and Brydee were outstanding in both defence and attack. The Junior Boys started well, but the polish of the Cumberland team shone through as the game progressed, giving them a 65-27 win.

The Open Boys Basketball match is often the highlight of a Cumberland visit, and this one was no exception. Cumberland held the lead throughout the game and appeared to be in a comfortable position, until the final two minutes. Wauchope edged closer and tied the scores at 33-all, as the crowd went berserk. Miscommunication in defence saw Rodney Burns unmarked to make a lay-up with 6 seconds on the clock to give Wauchope an unbelievable victory. Rodney, Matty D, Zach, Noah and Riley were the standouts for the Wauchope side. The final game of the night was the Open Girls Basketball, in which the Wauchope girls were greatly improved from last year's performance. Unfortunately, they could not control Kiana, who posted an incredible 36 points with 8 three-pointers. The final score was 56-14, with Marney top scoring along with Emily and Shayla. At the end of an amazing Day 2, Cumberland had once again taken the lead with the overall score at 26-22, with two more sports to end competition on Friday and determine the holder of the shield.

Friday was warmer and even more beautiful than Thursday, and the equation for Wauchope was simple. They needed to win the final Girls Tennis doubles match to clinch the result, and the Boys had to defeat the State-ranked Cumberland Netball team to draw the overall event.

50TH INTERSCHOOL VISIT

Suraya and Emily made short work of the doubles match, taking it 6-1, which then left everything up to the boys, and they didn't disappoint. Great shooting from Dominic and Matty D, defence from Zach and Rodney on the giant Cumberland Goal Shooter MacKai, along with some amazing intercepts from Riley, and then some steady play through the centre from Kayden, Coby and Noah was enough for the boys to achieve a phenomenal 24-15 victory. Crazy scenes ensued on the court, as the Wauchope crowd rushed in to sing the war cry, everyone recognising the importance of the win.

After 3 great days of competition, the scores were tied at 26-all, producing only the third draw in the history of the visit. This result stopped the 4-year winning streak of Cumberland but allowed them to retain the shield for another year. For Wauchope, it was very significant, as the draw was achieved with a young team of only 75 students, breathing life back into the competition.

Neville Parsons returned for the Presentation Assembly to present the Parson's Shield to both sets of captains and speak about the involvement of the Parsons family since the inception of the visit. He also presented the Most Valuable Team Members for both sides. There were joint winners for Wauchope in both categories; Coby A and Riley C in the Boys, with Suraya C and Marney R sharing the Girls award.

For Cumberland, Flynn D won the Boys award, while Georgie T became the first student to win the coveted award for the fourth time.



SCHOOL'S OUT RADIO SHOW



Two Year 7 students Oscar & Ruby presented the School's Out Radio Show on Wednesday 23rd July at 2wayfm Community Radio.

Both students did an amazing job presenting the weather, school news and their own stories and music choices for the 2 hour program.

Any student interested in joining the Radio Show, please see Ms Moore. Meetings are held every Thursday at Lunch 1 in SL7/F3.

Our next scheduled radio show is on Wednesday 13th August. Make sure to tune in and hear our students learning and perfecting a new skill.

<https://2wayfm.com.au/>



LUMINANCE ART GALLERY

Young & Emerging Artists Exhibition

22 July - 21 August 2025

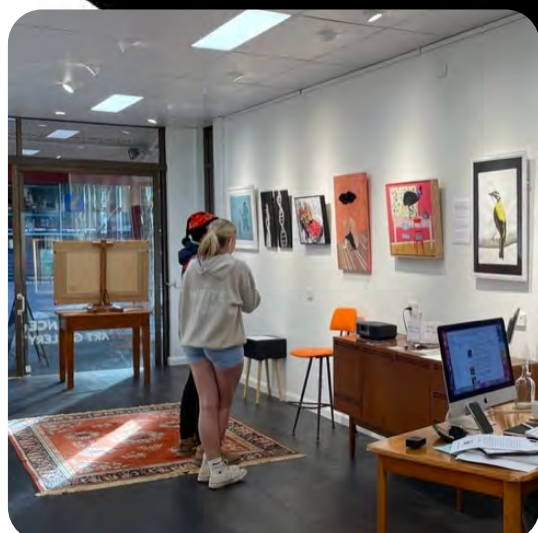
More than 50 artists from the NSW Mid North Coast submitted entries for the young and emerging artists exhibition. Twelve young artists aged 15 - 25 were shortlisted, alongside eleven emerging artists aged 25+. Lana Coopers artwork "Black-Chinned Honeyeater" was selected to be exhibited in the Luminance Art Gallery in Port Macquarie.

Lana is working towards completing her body of work in Visual Arts for her HSC. She has been developing her skills over the past few years both as a watercolour artist and a specialist in subject area of Avian Species.

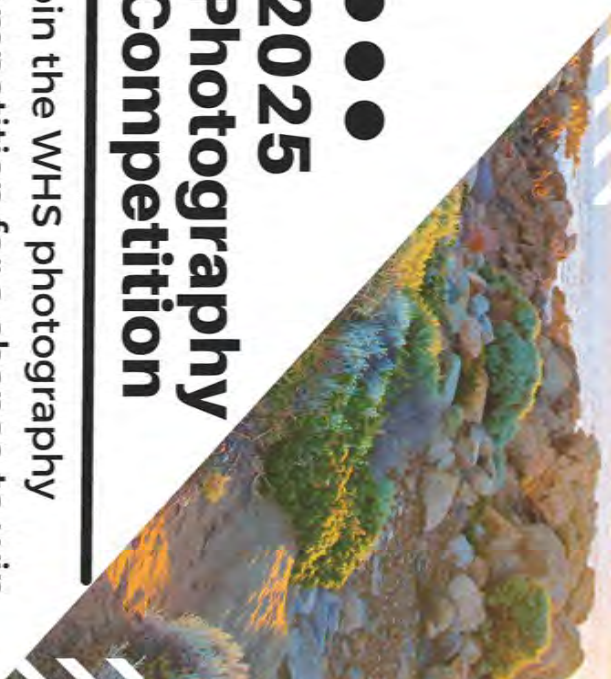
Congratulations Lana!



Lana Cooper, Black-Chinned Honeyeater, watercolour on art paper,



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Wauchope High School

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2025 Photography Competition

Join the WHS photography competition for a chance to win FANTASTIC PRIZES! To participate, submit a 5x7 print along with a \$2 entry fee per photo to the library.

CATEGORIES

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

ANIMALS

OPEN

COMPETITION CLOSING MONDAY AUGUST 25
FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE MRS HOWELL IN THE LIBRARY

WORD WIZARD

Education (*noun*)

the process of receiving or giving systematic instruction, especially at a school or university.

QUOTE CORNER

QUOTE

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

GOTCHA!

Congratulations to the term 3 week 2 winners of the \$5 Gotcha canteen vouchers:

Jax M - Year 7 Sophie S - Year 12
Rodney B - Year 12

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

At the Library

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NEW COLLECTION LAUNCH EVENT



DECODABLE READERS HELP

DECODE READING!

Join us for the launch of our new and fantastic decodable readers collection - aimed at primary age + dyslexic, struggling and early readers

We invite you to come along and hear from our guest speakers - Kelly King from Dyslexia MNC / SPELD NSW, Jess Manton from Specialist Education Services in Port Macquarie and Blake a local Youth Ambassador.

If you are a parent, carer, struggling reader or professional, come along to discover these new resources.

Morning tea provided

**Sat 26th July
@ 11:00am**

**Port Macquarie
Library - in the
Childrens Section**

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or call 6581 8755**

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At the Library

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**NEW
BOOK BITES**

TEEN FICTION WINTER 2025



Reserve your favourite!



The Floating World
by Axe Oh

- Sword for hire.
- Mysterious powers.
- Quest for treasure.
- Posts and destinies collide.
- Epic fantasy romance.

13+



Do You Ship It
by Beth Reekles

- Author of the Kissing Booth
- Best friends.
- Secret crush.
- Fantasy fandom.
- New couple to ship?
- Let's Cospo!

14+



This Dream Will Devour Us
by Emma Clancy

- Fortunes take a turn.
- Exclusive mystical gala.
- Decadent new world.
- Magical training program.
- Conspiracies, secrets, murder.

14+



Wandering Wild
by Lynette Nomi

- Disgraced Hollywood star.
- Ordinary teen girl.
- Reality TV adventure.
- Stranded in the wilderness.
- Can they survive the wild... and each other?

14+



The Lost Saint
by Rachael Crow

- Heart-broken girl.
- Post-graduation summer holiday.
- Catastrophic earthquake.
- Emerges in a 14th century battle.
- Handsome soldier.
- Treacherous journey.
- Heart pounding romantic mystery.

13+



The Edge of Everything
by Miranda Luby

- Lost in grief.
- Endangered bird encounter.
- Wildlife sanctuary.
- Romance on the horizon?
- Surprising and hopeful.

13+



A Good Kind of Trouble
by Brooke Blanton
& Melanie Soward

- Friendship and foody.
- High school drama.
- True history.
- Standing up for culture.





The Wauchope & Hinterland Expo

Time: 10am to 4pm

Date: Sunday 17th of August 2025

Location: Wauchope Show Ground, High Street Wauchope NSW 2446

Why not come and see if there is something for you!

- ❖ Indoor and outdoor stalls
- ❖ Local Business groups
- ❖ Sporting, Leisure and adventure clubs
- ❖ Local Community Groups
- ❖ Food stalls
- ❖ Local Educational and Health Services
- ❖ Animal Husbandry displays
- ❖ Hobby displays



Get your cameras ready for the Wauchope and Hinterland Photo Competition!

Prizes to be won for best photos that showcase Wauchope and hinterland landscapes, architecture, local icons or people.

The 12 winning photos will be used to create a Wauchope and Hinterland Calendar for 2026.

Submit 1 A4 photo to Priest Legal - 49 Hastings Street, Wauchope by August 1st to be in the draw! Competition open to all ages with entry \$1 per person.



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



=

3 days

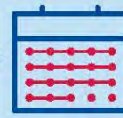


30 mins
per day



=

18 days



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

education.nsw.gov.au

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents/carers, please ensure to explain any absences your child may have from school. It is as easy as a simple text message response with a reason, or if you prefer; call, email or a handwritten note!

The Department of Education requires an explained absence within 7 days.

