

Term 3 Week 8
12 September 2025

WHS NEWS

Knowledge conquers all



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WHAT'S ON?

YEAR 12 ACTIVITIES
MON 22-WED 24 SEP

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
WED 24 SEP

YEAR 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY
THURS 25 SEP

SPECIAL MENTIONS

WAUCHOPE HIGH SCHOOL'S GRADUATION ASSEMBLY

CLASS OF 2025

25TH SEPTEMBER 2025

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 9:15AM
FOR A 9:30AM START
MORNING TEA WILL BE PROVIDED

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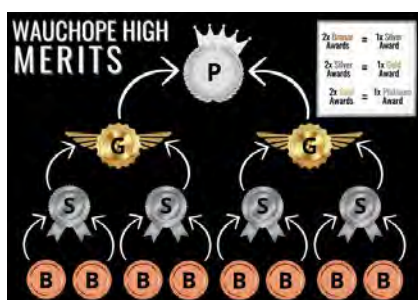
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Students receive merits by consistent demonstration of the School's Core Values (Best Effort, Care and, Respect and Safety)

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



@wauchopehighschool

IN THE SCHOOL KITCHEN



YEAR 9



YEAR 9



YEAR 7

COOKING TIME



YEAR 7



YEAR 7

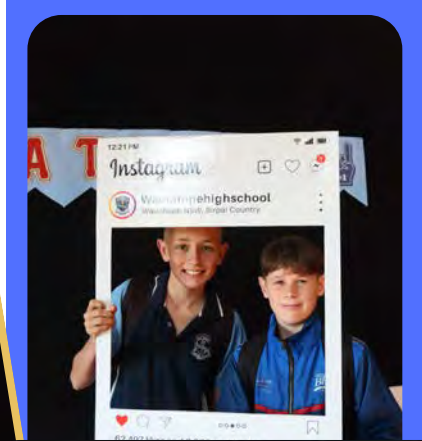


YEAR 7

*Pasta
dishes*



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



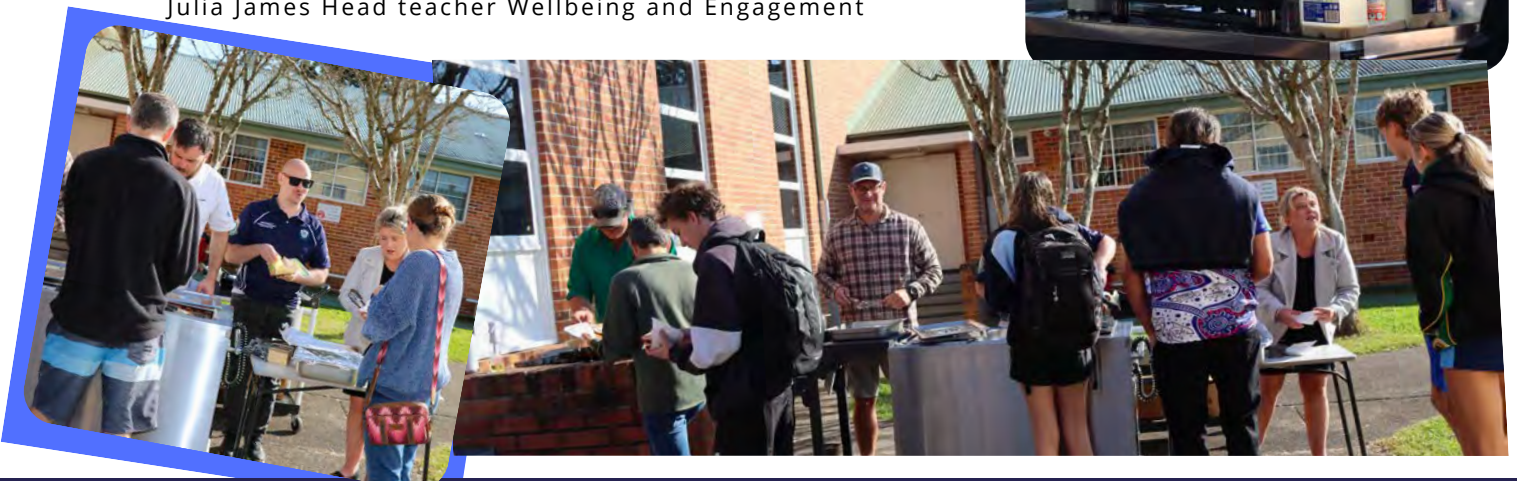
Celebrating Fathers and Special Men at Wauchope High School

Thank you to all the parents, carers, and special men who joined us for our Father's Day Breakfast on Thursday, 8 September. It was wonderful to see our school community come together to enjoy delicious bacon & egg brioche rolls, crispy hash browns, and freshly brewed coffee while celebrating the important role fathers and other significant men play in our students' lives. A

special thank you to Mr James and the TAS team for their continued effort in providing such amazing food and service at important Wauchope High School events.

Your support helps make our celebrations memorable! We hope everyone had a great time connecting and celebrating together.

Julia James Head teacher Wellbeing and Engagement



BASKETBALL KNOCKOUT



Our Wauchope High 15s Girls Basketball team travelled to Coffs Harbour to tackle Coffs (The Jetty) Harbour High School in Round 4 of the CHS Knockout series. As there is not a lot of basketball experience among the girls, they were quite nervous during warm-up.

The game began at a cracking pace, with the Wauchope team competing strongly through the first quarter. Brydee hit an amazing 3-pointer to make the score 7-3 at the end of the quarter. In the second, a lack of finish under the basket cost our girls and allowed Coffs to extend their lead at halftime. Excellent rebounding by Jasmine, Savhanna and JIarni helped keep the girls within reach.

Some great defensive plays by Tiannah, Elle-Lea and Candice in the third and fourth quarters frustrated the Coffs girls and gave Jasmine, Leoni and Tiannah the opportunity to score a basket each. Going into the final quarter at 21-9 down, the key was to hit one scoring shot to get us to double figures. Brydee managed to swish the mid-range 2-point shot to make everyone happy with their overall performance.

It was another very good team effort against a strong team in Coffs. The best and fairest points were awarded to Tiannah 3, Brydee 2, with Candice and Jasmine receiving 1 each. The game was a tremendous experience for the girls, giving them an idea of the standard of play required at this level.

2026 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES



LEADERSHIP

On Monday the 8th of September, after successfully navigating the application and interview process, we heard from the five students vying for a 2026 Leadership position at Wauchope High School. All five applicants represented themselves with pride and spoke about why they wish to be School Captain. The school then voted and we will find out the results on Thursday the 25th of September.



Good luck to each and every one of you and we know we are in safe hands moving forward into 2026.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Our Father's Day Stall was a great success!!

We hope our students found a great gift or something special for their loved ones for Father's Day.

We were able to raise \$170.60 for Legacy Wauchope 🙌



\$170.60
raised



R U OK? DAY



Ask
R U OK?
ANY DAY



Ask R U OK? Any Day

Because life happens every day
A big thank you to our school community for supporting **R U OK? Day** on Thursday the 11th of September. From wearing yellow and black, to enjoying a sausage sizzle and giving so generously, you helped make the day a meaningful reminder to check in with one another. A special thanks to our Careers Advisor Mrs Ostler and the SRC for running a great day. Let's keep the conversations going, because life happens every day, and any day is the right day to ask, R U OK?

Mrs James Head Teacher
Wellbeing and Engagement



YOUTH DANCE WORKSHOP



Our students recently attended the Saltwater Freshwater Youth Dance Workshop, where they had the opportunity to deepen their connection to culture through traditional dance, language and storytelling. This special event brought together students from across the coast to learn, share and celebrate culture.

We are incredibly proud of our students, who demonstrated strong leadership, respect and engagement throughout the day. We extend our sincere thanks to the organisers, facilitators, and community members who made this meaningful experience possible.



IN THE CLASSROOM



Year 7 History students have been looking at Primary and Secondary sources. Seraphina (Year 7) brought in a fantastic model of the 'HMS Bounty' made by her grandfather to show her class.

WORD WIZARD

Resilience (*noun*)

the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties.

QUOTE CORNER

QUOTE

"Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

— Nelson Mandela

GOTCHA!

Congratulations to the term 3 week 8 winners of the \$5 Gotcha canteen vouchers:

Miy K - **Year 10** Hayden M - **Year 10**
Carmen F - **Year 12**

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

Join our Team!

School Learning and Support Officers Wanted

ABOUT THE ROLE

Wauchope High School is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated School Learning and Support Officers to support students with diverse learning needs, including disabilities. Working alongside teachers, you'll help students achieve their educational goals while supporting their wellbeing.

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Current Working with Children Check Clearance
- Completion of mandatory Department of Education training

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to work effectively as part of a team
- Experience supporting students with emotional, physical, or intellectual disabilities
- Awareness of the needs of students with diverse learning requirements
- Strong communication skills

WHY JOIN US?

- Supportive and collaborative school environment
- Direct impact on student success
- Opportunities to develop your skills
- Work within a dedicated Special Education team

HOW TO APPLY

Send your cover letter addressing the selection criteria and your current resume to:

Mrs Julia James – Julia.storm1@det.nsw.edu.au or call (02) 6585 1400 for more information.

MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE IN STUDENTS' LIVES – APPLY TODAY



PMHVA

NEW VOLLEYBALL TRAINING

THURSDAY NIGHTS

AT PORT MACQUARIE INDOOR STADIUM
FROM 28TH AUGUST - 25TH SEPTEMBER

- ☒ BEGINNER / UNDER 16 : 4PM - 5PM
- ☒ INTERMEDIATE / UNDER 18 : 5PM - 630PM
- ☒ ADVANCED / OPENS : 630PM - 8PM



\$10 PER SESSION

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [HTTPS://WWW.REVOLUTIONISE.COM.AU/PMHVA/](https://www.revolutionise.com.au/PMHVA/)



PMHVA



5-WEEK VOLLEYBALL TRAINING PROGRAM

Port Macquarie Hastings Volleyball Association (PMHVA) is a growing local sports club dedicated to sharing the love of volleyball with our community.

Over the next 5 weeks, PMHVA is offering
**WEEKLY THURSDAY NIGHT TRAINING
SESSIONS FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS.**



When: Thursday Night Weekly from August 28th



Cost: \$10 general entry fee



Who can join? Everyone – all skill levels welcome!
(You do not have to be a PMHVA member to attend)

★ PORT MACQUARIE ★
INDOOR STADIUM

Please note: PMHVA has not yet secured permanent time slots within Port Macquarie facilities. For now, this is a limited 5-week program, but we hope to expand into regular weekly training sessions soon!

SESSION TIMES

BEGINNERS / UNDER 16S

4PM – 5PM

This session is for those players wanting an introduction into the sport, those semi new to the sport and wanting to explore their passion, and those under 16 at any skill level.

INTERMEDIATE / UNDER 18S

5PM – 630PM

This session is for those players under 18 or those with some experience in the sport but wanting to further their technical skills, further their knowledge in their own position on the court and learn more specific game plays and team techniques.

ADVANCED / OPENS

630PM – 8PM

This session is for those players with lots of experience in volleyball and our D1 athletes who want to add precision to their play and polish their skills.

PLEASE NOTE, THESE SESSIONS ARE FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN.

Hastings Education Fund

RESCHEDULED

CHARITY GOLF DAY and ANNUAL RAFFLE DRAW

Sunday 28

September

The Hastings Education Fund is a community-based fund that provides financial assistance and encouragement to local students who need help as they move into further education, training or chosen vocation and apprenticeships.

WHERE AND WHEN

Port Macquarie Golf Club, Ocean Drive,
Port Macquarie, Sunday 28 September
2025

COST

\$45 per player inc. green fees, steak/sausage sandwich, and choice of beverage – beer, wine, soft drink or tea/coffee. (For extra steak/sausage sandwich pay \$5 at the BBQ)

REGISTRATION

From 10a.m. for an 11 a.m. shotgun start

MEDLEY TEAMS EVENT

Teams of 4 with best 3 Stableford scores per hole to count. Mixed teams of men and women welcome. Opportunities to test your skills on Par 3's so bring some spare cash.

SOCIAL AND REGISTERED PLAYERS

WELCOME

Handicap, GolfLink Number and Club details to be provided when booking or please indicate if a social player

Golf Day entries open from Wed 13 Aug close Mon 22 Sept

Bookings and queries: Port Macquarie Golf Club Pro Shop 0478818330.

Thanks to PMGC Golf Professional James Single and his team for their assistance

Hastings Education Fund
Member of the Country Education
Foundation of Australia



WITH THANKS TO
OUR HOST SPONSORS

MANY GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES TO WIN WITH A COMBINED VALUE OF
OVER \$5,000 including:

- \$1000 J & H Tours voucher - use for your choice of flights, tour or accom, donors John & Helen Ross
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- \$500 Samsung Galaxy Watch5 Pro donated by Eclipse Technology Services Wauchope
- \$500 gift voucher-Harvey Norman Tech PMQ
- \$300 scenic seaplane flight for 2 with Eastern Air Services.
- \$250 multi-use Billabong Zoo voucher- donated by Trish & Chris Denny
- \$200 Banks Café dining voucher
- \$200 Malabar Indian Restaurant voucher
- \$200 Port Macquarie Golf Club restaurant & bar voucher
- \$200 Your Discount Chemist voucher
- \$165 Easy Burn fire pit donated by Bennetts Steel
- \$149 family pass donated by Billabong Zoo

Raffle ticket queries hastingseducationfund@gmail.com

MAGNIFICENT GOLF PRIZES including:

- ❖ Golf and lunch for 4 at The Vintage, Hunter Valley donated by Denise & Murray McKough plus Accor Accommodation Voucher for 1 night
 - ❖ "Stay and Play" golf package for 4 at Tallwoods Country Club courtesy of Susan Pace from Tallwoods.
- (More Details Over)

Thank You to our Other Generous Golf Day Donors and Supporters

Melique Beef Wauchope

KFC Port Macquarie-(Fran Scutts)

Finnians Tavern

Kew Country Club

Laurieton United Services Club

Wauchope Country Club

Laurieton Hotel

Coles

Cassegrain Wines

Lion/Tooheys

HEM Property

Sitting Pretty Hair Studio (Deanne McLean)

Bonny Hills Body and Beauty (Helen Shallick)

Arbonne Health Beauty & Wellness (Barb Smith)

Port Macquarie Driving Range (Tony Smith)



Coast to Country Charity Walk: A Journey of Grit, Giving, and Education

Coast to Country 300km Charity Walk

The Mission
Building Memory for the Country Education Foundation.

\$300,000

In Honour of
Christopher Mark Murphy
The walk honours the legacy of father and grandfather, the late Christopher Mark Murphy, former manager of rock and roll band a passionate advocate for young people and the arts.

Meet the Walking Team

Proudly supporting the Country Education Foundation and Hastings Education Fund empowering young people from across regional Australia through education and career support.

Support Us on This Journey to Transform Lives, One Step at a Time.

Walking from Port Macquarie (34° 14' S, 150° 17' E) to Tamworth (32° 24' S, 150° 54' E)

We're proud to spotlight the upcoming Coast to Country Charity Walk, kicking off on October 14th from the PCYC in Port Macquarie and concluding in Tamworth on October 24th. Local mum Jeri Wambeck—is lacing up her walking shoes for an extraordinary journey with a powerful purpose.

From 14-24 October 2025, Jeri will take on the Coast to Country Walk, a 10-day trek from Port Macquarie PCYC to Tamworth, aiming to raise \$300,000. The funds will be split equally between the Country Education Foundation (CEF) and the Hastings Education Fund, both dedicated to supporting rural and regional young people to further their education, training, and employment opportunities. The walk also honours the legacy of Mr Christopher Mark Murphy OAM, former manager of INXS, whose deep connection to the land and unwavering support for youth continues to inspire

Jeri won't be walking alone. She'll be joined on the road by her brothers and sons. Behind the scenes, the all-important support crew will be led by her husband and the other children supporting - Jeri and Marlon have 7 kids!

The route will see the group cover 300 kilometres, passing through key communities including Wauchope, Beechwood, Bellangry, Yarowitch, Walcha, Woolbrook, Limbri, and Koolingal before arriving in Tamworth. Each town along the way offers a chance to connect with locals, raise awareness, and inspire donations.

The walk will begin just after sunrise—around 7:30 am—on the 14th of October at the Port Macquarie PCYC, with community members encouraged to come along, cheer the team on for the start. Please note people aren't able to walk with the C2C team due to road safety; however, you can cheer them on at various points along the walking route from Port Macquarie to Beechwood on Day 1 which will publish a map in an upcoming newsletter.

The Coast to Country Walk isn't just a fundraiser—it's a journey of connection, determination, and hope for a brighter future for our youth.

If you are interested in donating - **Donate here.**

Jeri is also looking for Businesses looking to Sponsor this event - if you are interested, contact Jeri on 0400543447 or jerichanel@gmail.com.

COME & TRY NIGHTS

WHEN:

Friday 12th September @ 5.15pm

Friday 19th September @ 5.15pm

WHERE:

Blackbutt Oval

Peppermint Crescent, Wauchope

Welcoming

Come along and see what athletics
is all about, enjoy a fun night
where everyone gets go!
Unleash your child's potential!!



MIXED JUNIOR CRICKET

REGISTRATIONS

Reduced fees to keep
kids playing cricket!



U10s \$50

U11s - U14s \$100

U16s \$150

Register by the 30th of September for your
chance to win a FAMILY PASS to BBL.



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beechwoodcricketclub@outlook.com



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FAMILY & YOUTH

A 'grosstacular' adventure with explosive scientific surprises

Premier Youth League Girls Trials 2026

AGE	Taree Zone Field	Rainbow Beach Lake Cathie	TIME
13s	Thursday 18th September	Monday 22nd September	5:30pm - 6:45pm
15s	Thursday 18th September	Monday 22nd September	6:30pm - 7:45pm
17s	Thursday 18th September	Monday 22nd September	7:30pm - 8:45pm

Premier Youth League Boys Trials 2026

AGE	Taree Zone Field	Rainbow Beach Lake Cathie	TIME
13s	Tuesday 23rd September	Wednesday 17th September	5:30pm - 6:45pm
14s	Tuesday 23rd September	Wednesday 17th September	7:00pm - 8:15pm
15s	Tuesday 16th September	Wednesday 24th September	5:30pm - 6:45pm
16s	Tuesday 16th September	Wednesday 24th September	6:30pm - 7:45pm
18s	Tuesday 16th September	Wednesday 24th September	7:30pm - 8:45pm

All players must attend both trials

Please arrive 15 mins early to sign in

All players to bring boots and shin pads



Mid Coast F.C. 2026 Trials

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>



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>

