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Term 1 Week 2 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 6 February

- Term 1 commences for all students K-6
- Kindergarten Start

Friday 7 February

- 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 12 February

- Complimentary Professional Kindergarten Photos

Thursday 13 February

- Stage 3 Rugby League Clinic
- P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Staffroom

Wednesday 19 February

- Kindergarten Information and Afternoon Tea Welcome 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Friday 21 February

- Hasting/Camden Haven Swimming Carnival - Port Macquarie

Wednesday 26 - Thursday 27 February

- Three Way Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday 27 February

- Lower North Coast Swimming Carnival - Kempsey

Friday 28 February

- Clean Up Wauchope PS Day

Monday 10 March

- North Coast Swimming Carnival - Kempsey

Thursday 13 March

- P&C AGM - 6:00pm
- P&C General Meeting 6:30pm



Welcome Back

It was fantastic welcoming back our lovely students today. Everyone looks magnificent and ready for a very productive and enjoyable year.

I'd like to especially welcome the large number of new enrolments and their families who have joined the WPS team for 2025. I know they will enjoy their time at the mighty Wauchope Public School.

Today, we also welcomed 88 Kindergarten students which is always a momentous occasion for families. Very exciting!

Kindergarten Start

Today and tomorrow Kindergarten will finish school at 1:00pm and parents are to collect their child from the classrooms. They finish school from next

week at 3:00pm and parents are invited to collect their children from the classrooms each day. Please be aware that for child protection reasons the gates will only be opened close to 3:00pm. Please be aware of the weather conditions with hat or umbrella for your comfort if required.

Complimentary Kindergarten Photos

Kindergarten students will have a professional photograph taken from 9:30am on Wednesday 12 February.

Kindergarten Information and Afternoon Tea Welcome

We will host a parent information session for our Kindergarten parents in the school hall from 2:00pm on Wednesday 19 February. This will conclude with



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Congratulations to James P-T on being elected as our Wauchope PS Aboriginal Ambassador. James was absent for Presentation Day.

Morning Supervision

Please note that staff are not on duty until 8:30am. Please have your children arrive at school after 8:30am or utilise the before school care facility (WOOSH).

Afternoon Departure

Please ensure your child knows exactly how they are getting home each day eg walk, pick up (and by who), bus, WOOSH, which gate etc. etc. Please train your children particularly for these first few weeks. Please try to have them know the plan before they leave your house as late changes and phone calls cause confusion in young minds.

Please remember Year 1 and 2 students will all leave via the MacKay Street gate near the silver seats. Kindergarten parents may collect their child from the classroom.

a lovely afternoon tea and be finished in time to collect your child at 3:00pm. It will also be a nice opportunity to meet the 2025 Kindergarten teachers.

Covid/Health Reminders

For the safety of our students and staff, we request that our school community continue to work together to keep each other healthy. If your child is unwell and is displaying any flu like symptoms, please keep them at home.

3-6 Swimming Carnival

This fun day is on tomorrow. Please ensure permission note and money has been sorted via School Bytes.

The Hastings/Camden Haven carnival will be on Friday 21 February in Port Macquarie, the Lower North Coast carnival will be on Thursday 27 February in Kempsey and the North Coast carnival will be on Monday 10 March in Kempsey.

PR1ME Mathematics

This is the explicit teaching program we will be using again this year for all grades. There will once again be a Semester 1 and Semester 2 student workbook. We will invoice parents in the very near future for \$15.00. Thank you in advance for this small contribution for your child's education.

Class Formation

The children in Years K - 6 have been placed in temporary classes today. Once we confirm all our students have returned and our anticipated new students have arrived, we will publish the classes/staff and confirm our 2025 class structure. We hope to have enough accurate

information to form the 2025 classes on either Monday or Tuesday next week. Our class structure and staffing allocation is totally dependent on student numbers. Until classes are confirmed students will only be using one exercise book.

Three Way Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will host three-way interviews in Week 5 for students in Years 1 – 6 on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 February. There will be an online booking system. Each grade will distribute information brochures early this term. A note detailing our student wellbeing and reward program will be sent via School Bytes on Monday.

Year 6 Shirts

The flash new Year 6 shirts were distributed today to those that placed an order. Mr Beard will do a second order in the near future for new students and any students who missed the first order or would like extras.

Student Equipment

Please ensure your child has the necessary equipment particularly if they are in Years 3-6. We want our students to feel confident and prepared when starting each lesson and having the right equipment assists with this. Equipment lists are once again in this newsletter.

Health Care Needs/ Medication

If your child has a serious health condition, I would ask that you ensure we have an up to date health care plan. If your child requires medication, please hand to office clearly labelled with student name and dosage.

Delayed Return to School

If you are on holidays or your child is unwell and will be returning to school after today Thursday 6 February, please email the school attention Mr Osborne or complete School Bytes and alert us to the date of your expected return. We will then be able to count your child in our student numbers which is crucial for staffing.

Accessing The School Reminder

If you do need to enter school grounds, please use the school intercom and go directly to the front office. This will ensure we know who the adults are at any one time in our school.

From the P&C Thank You



A huge thank you to Warren and Flynn for their hard work in the heat, refreshing the Supported Learning Drop-off garden. We also extend our gratitude to our WOOSH staff, who have been diligently working at our popular Vacation Care Program.

Up and coming events

February 13 6:30pm- First P&C general meeting for the year, come join us!

March 13 6pm - AGM followed by the general meeting at 6:30pm

For any information contact us via wauchopepspandc@gmail.com

P&C Uniform Shop

Thank you to Mandy, Sarsha, Tynnelle, Amber, Ash, and Kerry from the P&C for volunteering at the Uniform shop on January 18. They were inundated with purchases. It was great to see so many eager kids and friendly faces preparing for the new school year!

P&C Meeting

Everyone is invited to our first P&C meeting for 2025 on Thursday, February 13 at 6:30pm, in the WPS staffroom.

Enter via Waugh Street. We are hoping to see some new faces!

Bring your ideas of what you would like to see the P&C work on for this year!

Everyone is welcome!

P&C Thank you

A huge thank you to Ruth and the P&C for catering a beautiful morning tea and lunch yesterday as a thank you and acknowledgement of the incredible work the WPS staff do for the students at WPS. This not only encapsulates what they do in the classrooms every day but for the huge list of extracurricular activities the staff volunteer to do every year.

Thank you

A big thank you to a past parent Warren Salkeld and student Flynn who put in some big hot days revamping the Supported Learning Garden near the kiss and drop area. He will be donating some plants for some of our Supported Learning students to plant, water and nurture. Once the plants are in, we will publish some photos.

Mr Cameron Osborne

Principal

Kindergarten Start



Community News

Thank You



Wauchope Public School would like to thank Bunnings Port Macquarie for their very kind donation of noise cancelling headphones. We are very appreciative of their support of students with sensory needs.



2025 FARRER OPEN DAY

AUSTRALIA'S ONLY SELECTIVE BOYS AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL
8:30AM - 2:00PM MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2025

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL. Visit www.farrer.nsw.edu.au to register before 12th February. Wear smart casual and a hat. Light refreshments and lunch will be served.

Are you considering Farrer for your son? Our Farrer Open Day is a great opportunity to explore our exceptional facilities rarely seen in a public high school for both boarding and day boys in Years 7 - 12 and their families. Come and learn more about Farrer's broad curriculum, academic and employment pathways, exceptional, sporting and learning facilities.

We're proud of our reputation for developing responsible, respectful young men who thrive at school and in their careers beyond. Visit our website to register for our 2025 Open Day. Numbers are strictly limited!

FARRER MEMORIAL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL, 585 CALALA LANE, TAMWORTH 2340 NSW

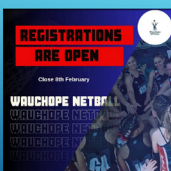


PORT MACQUARIE

U14 Boys & Girls / 25th Mar
U15 Boys & Girls / 26th Mar
U16 Boys & Girls / 27th Mar
U19 Boys & Girls / 2nd Apr
U12 & U13 Boys Girls / 3rd Apr



Entries close 17th March
Team fee \$210



- Registration fees include:
 - Competition Fees
 - Training Single
 - Training Costs
 - Uniform Fees
 - Team Photo
 - Presentation Night
 - Rego fees (\$250.00 10+ / \$200.00 9 & under)
 - (Even fees listed in a separate email)
 - Competition commences 22 March 2025

Wauchope Netball Club
PO Box 1000, Port Macquarie NSW 2444
02 6591 1000
www.wauchopenetball.com.au

First Day of Term 1





General Information for the start of 2025



Welcome to 2025! We have put together some general information which may be helpful to our families. When the school year begins, students will be in temporary classes for the first few days as class structures are dependent on enrolment numbers. Even small changes in enrolment numbers can mean one more or one less teacher for the school. We anticipate finalising classes early in Week 2 (week commencing 10 February), which is the first full week of school. When classes are finalised, we will communicate your child's class details to our families.

What will students need?

- **Library bag** – these are given to students upon enrolment so all students should already have one.
- **School bag, lunch box with an ice brick / gel pack and a drink bottle** (for water only). Consider including fresh, non-processed foods when packing lunches, and encourage your child to pack their own bags and lunches as much as possible.
- **Full school uniform** – see below for further details. If you have gently used uniform to donate, please send them in to the office. At times we provide used uniforms to families in need, and this is always appreciated.

Donations of boxes of tissues, wet wipes and paper towel for use in classrooms are appreciated at any time!

Stationery: Students in K-2 will be supplied with all stationery in the classroom. Please do not send K, Y1 or Y2 students with a pencil case. Year 3-6 students can bring stationery for personal use, packed in a medium-sized pencil case. Please note, these items are also available to use from a supply in each classroom. No student will be disadvantaged if they don't have their own stationery supplies.

- Glue stick (not runny glue)
- 2 whiteboard markers – finer tips are best
- 2 HB lead pencils – good quality, eg Staedtler
- Small range (eg 10) of coloured pencils
- Small range (eg 10) of Textas- Avoid connectors as these are very distracting.
- Pens: 2 blue, 2 red
- 30cm ruler (not bendy)
- Pencil sharpener (barrel type)
- Eraser
- Scissors (short blade)
- 2 highlighters

Uniform

- ✓ **Shoes: All black with black laces**, preferably supportive shoes suitable for sports rather than skate shoes. This helps ensure your child's feet are supported and helps avoid foot problems later in life.
- ✓ **Socks: Plain navy or black ankle socks.**

All other uniform items can be purchased from our school canteen. The Uniform Shop will be open Saturday 18 January 10am-1pm and Wednesday 5 February 1pm-3pm.

These items are NOT part of the WPS uniform:

Bike pants, leggings (unless under a dress), heavy boots, skate shoes, hoodies, shoes that are not all black.



Back to School Organisation: First Day is Thursday 6 February

- **Kinder students' first days:** To help our littlest students adjust to big school, they will have reduced hours for the first two days: Thursday 6 February- staggered start with 1pm departure. Friday 7 February: 9am-1pm. From Monday 10 February, Kinder students can arrive from 8:45am (class starts at 9am) and will stay the whole day. Kinder families have received further details including their start time on the first day. Please note, there was a

date error in the Kinder note which was posted, which read Monday 13 February rather than the correct date of Monday 10 February as the first full day for Kinder students.

- **Year 1 – Year 3 first day:** Year 1 – Year 3 are to go to the infants' silver seats when they arrive in the morning. One of our staff will gather the Year 3 students at 9am and walk them over to the Primary silver seats.
- **New students in Year 1 – Year 6:** Arrive at the office between 9:30am-9:50am and we will walk you to your rooms.
- **Year 4-Year 6** go to the primary area as usual.

School hours and departure routines: 8:30am-3:00pm

- **8:30am: supervision commences. 9:00am: classes commence. 3:00pm: End of school day.** Our Supported Learning families collect their children from 2:45pm at the Supported Learning kiss and drop on Campbell St.
- **Please avoid sending your child prior to 8:30am.**
- **Students must arrive at school no later than 9am.** Students arriving after this time are required to sign in at the office with a reason for their lateness **provided by the parent / carer.**
- **Kinder pick up** is from the Kinder classrooms at 3:00pm. Please be patient as we are mindful of ensuring every kinder child leaves with their parent / carer. This can take a few moments to coordinate.
- **Year 1 and Year 2 pick-up** is from 3pm at infants' silver seats (Mackay St gate). Any Year 1 or Year 2 students not collected by 3:10pm will be taken to the office. Students going to WOOSH or catching a bus will be walked to these locations by WPS staff.
- **Students in Year 3-Year 6** are to make their own way to the bus stop or off school grounds.

For the safety of students, only Kinder parents / carers should be on school grounds beyond the office. Other parents / carers need to sign in at the office to access our school grounds, including the uniform shop.

Mobile Phones

Please be aware that no student is to use a mobile phone in a NSW Public School, other than for a medical reason, ie to monitor blood sugar levels for students who have diabetes.

Ensuring your child knows the organisation for the day should mean they do not need a mobile phone. If your child needs to contact home for any reason throughout the day or at home time, their class teacher or the office can assist with making a call. If a student brings a phone to school, they must submit this to the office on arrival and retrieve it at 3pm. Phones are not to be used at all at bus lines. Thank you for your support with this.

Parking and Safe Driving

We often see Police and Council Rangers patrolling the streets surrounding the school to ensure safe driving and parking. Please adhere to all speed limits and parking signs, for the safety of our students and to avoid costly fines.

Staying up to Date

Vital information is found in our Newsletter and sent via email. All permission notes and attendance data will appear in the SchoolBytes app, backed up by an email alert. We update our Facebook page regularly with handy reminders and lots of photos. We are a big and busy school with lots of great things happening. Stay in the loop to make sure you don't miss a thing!

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