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Term 1 Week 3 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 13 February

- P&C Meeting - 6:30pm - Staffroom

Friday 14 February

- Lower North Coast PSSA Tennis

Monday 17 February

- Lower North Coast PSSA Boys and Girls Basketball

Wednesday 19 February

- Kindergarten Information and Afternoon Tea Welcome 2:00pm - 3:00pm
- Hastings/Camden Haven Rugby League Trials

Friday 21 February

- Hasting/Camden Haven Swimming Carnival - Port Macquarie

Monday 24 February

- Lower North Coast PSSA Boys and Girls Hockey

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

Tuesday 11 March

- North Coast Swimming Carnival - Kempsey

Wednesday 12 March

- Kindergarten Glasshouse Excursion

Thursday 13 March

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



Welcome to our 2025 Kindergarten Students

Student Numbers

As of today, our student population is 618. We have 570 students in mainstream and 48 in Supported Learning. We have 194 students who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

Class Structure

We have formed 33 classes this year. Seven are in Supported Learning and 26 Mainstream classes. The school is funding four extra classes to reduce student numbers across the school. The reason we have been stalling confirming classes is we are less than 3 or 5 new students away from being able to form a 34th class. This class would have been established in the Stage 1 area of the school. We would have collapsed the 1/2 composite and had four

straight Year 1 and four straight Year 2 classes. If we do enrol 3 or 5 new students, this term and don't have any students leave we would still make this class structure change but it would involve multiple student and class changes across Stage 1. This will greatly benefit our students learning and development. See class names on Page 2 and WPS staff below.

Library: Mrs Jordan Shields (Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs) and Mrs Danielle Wheatley (Thur/Frid)

Release from Face to Face (RFF)/Intervention: Mr Mitchell Nicholson, Mrs Vanessa Boyle, Ms Margaret Gardner, Mrs Jo Hansard, Mrs Ellie Woolnough (Thurs), Mrs Taylor Willoughby, Mrs Helen Pearse (Thurs), Mrs Michelle Taylor – Mon/Tues/Wed from Term 2.



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Class	Teacher
KLR	Mrs Lee-a Rock
KJL	Mrs Janet Lovett
KSS	Mrs Sally Smithwick
KVW	Mrs Vanessa Woolley
KNB	Mrs Nikki Beach
1LF	Mrs Lisa Falk
1KB	Mrs Kerry Burn
1MH	Miss Madeline Haywood
1/2MM	Ms Michelle Millard
2JC	Mrs Jodie Cass
2JB	Ms Julie Best
2KB	Mrs Kim Balderston
3SS	Mr Scott Spurrier
3KD	Mrs Katrina Daly
3JW	Mrs Ellie Woolnough and Miss Hannah Jeffrey
4AD	Mrs Amanda Darcy
4RB	Mr Robby Barron
4MH	Mrs Martine Harris
4BB	Miss Briony Belford
5CG	Mr Chris Geary
5CR	Ms Cathrine Robinson
5AL	Mr Ash Latimer
5/6CW	Mrs Cathryn Welch, Miss Jemma Emmeriks
6DB	Mr Darren Beard
6ML	Ms Megan Laing
6JS	Mr Jigh Sallustio
3-6JG	Mr James Grech
K-6RF	Ms Rebecca Faith
K-6SR	Mrs Shannon Ramm
K-6BC	Ms Rebecca Cole
3-6BB	Mrs Brooke Burgess
K-6RT	Mr Riley Taylor
K-6RW	Mrs Taylor Willoughby, Mr Cooper Reichelt

Learning and Support Teacher (LaST): Mrs Kelly Newell and Mrs Sharon Randall

Casual Cover: Miss Chloe Dwyer, Mr Cooper Reichelt

School Counsellor: Mrs Shona Ballard and Mrs Amy Cooper-

School Learning Support Officers (SLSO) - Supported Learning: Ms Lisa White, Mrs Donna Anthony (Mon/Tues/Wed), Mrs Nicole Potter, Mr Brad Baxter, Mrs Sheila McDougall, Mrs Toni Foster, Mrs Maddie Burling, Mrs Bec Underwood and Mrs Paris Wilton.

SLSO - Mainstream: Ms Deb Johnson, Mrs Tania Williams, Mrs Jean Gayed, Mrs Kaela Croft, Ms Rochelle Pritchard, Mrs Cindy Bell, Mrs Cathy Williams, Mrs Bo-Deen Bailey, Mr Chris Wheatley and Mr Simon Ramm

Aboriginal Education Officer: Miss Tayla Wright (relieving)

General Assistant: Mr Mark Hurrell

Office Staff: Mrs Michelle Kelly (SAM), Ms Kylie Schofield, Mrs Leah Caller and Ms Michelle Birrer (Wed/Thurs), Mrs Melinda Auld (Tues/Wed/Thurs) and Miss Genevieve Rock (Thurs/Frid)

Technology Support Officer: Mr Jens Lindner

Executive

ES1: Mrs Lee-a Rock

Stage 1: Mrs Michelle Taylor (Term 2 Mon/Tues/Wed)/ Mrs Michelle Millard Term 1 and Thurs/Frid from Term 2.

Stage 2: Mrs Amanda Darcy

Stage 3: Mr Darren Beard

Supported Learning: Mr James Grech

Assistant Principal Curriculum and Support (APC&I): Mrs Michelle Corcoron and Mrs

Natalie Pepperell (Mon/Tues/Wed)

Assistant Principal Learning and Support (APLaST): Mrs Suzie Cash

Deputy Principal (DP): Mrs Kate Buczko - K-6 Wellbeing

Deputy Principal (DP): Mrs Anne Puchert - Support and Inclusion and identified complex cases

Principal: Mr Cameron Osborne

External Providers

As everyone knows, we try our best to accommodate more than 50 external providers on the school site to support our students and their families. Our school staff must complete an extraordinary amount of paperwork to ensure your child's safety, e.g. Working with Children Check, Child Protection training, Worker's Compensation, Personal and professional indemnity and Public Liability Insurance certificates. In addition, external providers submit an Engagement Agreement and complete an application for Therapy provision, which includes the parent request and the Service Provider page. After all paperwork has been submitted and checked, an office staff member begins negotiations for an agreed venue and time for sessions to be conducted. The external providers then use our facilities, rooms, and electricity and must be under the supervision of a WPS staff member. In the past, the school has not received any payment from external providers, and schools have not been given any funding to facilitate this process. All NDIS money goes directly to the external providers with no overhead costs. We

Swimming Carnival



Last Friday's carnival was a great success. Thank you to the parent volunteers, the WPS staff and organisers Mr Latimer and Mr Geary. I did notice several students were absent on the day. As parents I feel we need to insist and help our kids develop resilience by strongly encouraging them to attend all activities. It is better for their social and mental development. However, if you allow your children to avoid situations they will not learn how to deal with similar situations in life. Avoidance is not the answer and helps no one. If our children are not competent swimmers, I believe parents owe it to their children to teach or have them taught how to swim. It could save your child's life!

Congratulations to the following age champions and runners up. You are very talented!

Junior Boys - Darcy M

Junior Girls - Harper H

11's Boys - Alexander S

11's Girls - Melody C

Senior Boys - Brock C

Senior Girls - Jahara W

Please note the North Coast Swimming carnival has been moved to Tuesday 11 March.

don't even get a thank you box of chocolates! I know that some schools either do not have external providers on-site or are greatly restricting numbers. This year, to cover some of our administrative costs, we are charging the External Providers \$50 per student per year.

Drop and Kiss Zones - Waugh Street

The purpose of the Drop and Kiss Zone is for parents to stop and wait for their child to walk out to them, then drive off so the next parent can stop briefly and so on.

I fear some of our new Kinder parents don't know this rule.

I don't want any of our parents to receive a fine from the Ranger or Police. Waugh Street is often patrolled by these two organisations. In the Drop and Kiss Zone you can't park or leave your car. You have to stay within 1.5m of your vehicle.

School Uniform

Thank you so much to the majority of our parents who have presented your children beautifully for a successful start to the school. The children look magnificent. Your child/ren will be rewarded by a weekly tick in our Wauchope Star level merit system. I'm so proud of how good our students look.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten have made a wonderful start to the year. It has been a pleasure observing the boys and girls walking around the school in their class lines and when I visit their classrooms and see their happiness, enthusiasm and excitement about learning. I'm sure they will be tired each afternoon. Please ensure good/consistent bedtime

routines, plenty of sleep and a healthy breakfast. We took some group photos on Monday and the School Photographer took individual photos yesterday. Parents will receive free copies later in the term.

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 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.

Three Way Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will host three-way interviews in Week 5 for students in Years 1 – 6 Mainstream classes on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 February. There will be an online booking system. Please note that Ms Best will be on leave, however, her class will have their meetings in Week 7. Each grade will distribute information brochures during this meeting. A note will be sent home this week via School Bytes.

Wellbeing Brochure

Every student will have a Wellbeing brochure sent via School Bytes soon explaining our system and processes that support and encourage the students.

School Bytes – You must be on this!



All parents need to be on School



The first P&C meeting for 2025 will be on this evening in the school staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend. Hopefully some of our new Kindergarten parents can attend. The meeting will commence at 6:30pm. Please enter through the electric gate on Waugh Street.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wauchope Public School P&C Association AGM – 6:00pm 13 March in the school staffroom. Followed by the March monthly meeting commencing at 6:30pm. All positions will be declared vacant. Membership to be a P&C member is \$0.50c.

Uniform Shop Hours

Just a reminder the uniform shop is open Monday to Thursday between 2:00pm and 3:00pm. Access is via main entrance on Waugh Street.

Community News

WAUCHOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Knowledge conquers all

Please join us
anytime
between
5pm and 7pm

Date: 25th
February

Wauchope High School invites you to our Open Night! Join us as we highlight the exceptional programs, facilities, and opportunities that make Wauchope High School a great place to learn and grow.

Bytes, so you receive permission notes, notes on upcoming activities, communications and the very informative weekly newsletter. If you are having difficulty accessing School Bytes, please contact one of our friendly office staff.

Year 6 Shirts

The second and final order for the Year 6 shirts is being taken now. The cut off date is Friday 28 February.

Year 5 Excursion

The expression of interest note for this exciting excursion has been sent home via School Bytes this week. There is a \$50 deposit if you would like to secure your child a position on this excursion. It will be at Coffs Coast Adventure Centre from Wednesday 7 May to Friday 9 May. This deposit is due by Friday 18 February so we can start planning room allocations and student groups etc. The approximate total cost of the excursion will be \$380 for your future planning/budgeting.

Year 6 Swimming



Please be aware this note and request for payment has also been sent home. Year 6 will walk to the pool each Friday for sport from Friday 21 February to Friday 28 March.

Bell Times

Please note the bell times below for 2025.

- Teacher supervision commences at 8:30am
- The first bell for class sounds at 8:57am
- Recess is between 11:00am to 11:30am
- Lunch is between 1:00pm and 1:45pm
- Home time for Years K-6 mainstream is 3:00pm
- Supported Learning is 2:45pm

Safer Internet Day

Safer
Internet
Day 2025

Tuesday
11 February

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day. We all owe it to our own children to keep them safe online. Please abide by the age restrictions for social media platforms. They are in place for very real reasons. Feel free to explore the below link and help your child/red be safe online. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/newsroom/whats-on/safer-internet-day>

Opportunity and Selective High Schools

Applications for OC and SHS entry in 2026 close on 21 February 2025 and late applications will not be accepted. Parents can apply at the Selective high schools and opportunity classes website.

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Principal

Kindergarten Classes



Swimming Carnival



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