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Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Friday 21 February

- Hastings/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

- Teddy Bear Picnic
- Clean Up Wauchope PS Day

Monday 3 March

- North Coast PSSA Tennis - Grafton

Tuesday 4 March

- Lower North Coast PSSA Rugby League 11's and Open

Wednesday 5 March

- Lower North Coast PSSA AFL

Thursday 6 March

- K-6 Dental Presentation

Tuesday 11 March

- North Coast Swimming Carnival - Kempsey

Wednesday 12 March

- Kindergarten Glasshouse Excursion

Wednesday 12 March - Friday 21 March

- NAPLAN

Thursday 13 March

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



Road Safety at Wauchope PS

We have included a brochure in this week's newsletter that includes a variety of safety reminders, so we all keep our children safe around the school. It only takes an instant for a dreadful accident to occur. From my experience accidents are usually caused by someone rushing, not concentrating or not following road rules. Please be vigilant and keep a close eye out for children who can at times be unpredictable, impulsive and forget road rules themselves.

One item that isn't in the brochures is to not park in front of the neighbours' driveways, school driveways, disabled parking and bus bays. Thank you in advance to everyone working together to keep our students safe.

Parent/Student/Teacher meetings

We hope to see as many parents as possible join us for these meetings on either Wednesday 26 or Thursday 27 February. Meet the teacher who is teaching your child. Please make a booking online in School Bytes. If you are having any difficulties, please contact the office.

Kindergarten Information Afternoon

Yesterday we had a very informative afternoon with our new Kindergarten parents followed by a nice afternoon tea gathering. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend. Thank you to Mrs Rock and the Kindergarten teachers for this initiative.



Like us on Facebook

Hastings Camden Haven Swimming Carnival

Good luck to our representative swim team for tomorrow's Hastings/Camden Haven swimming carnival. It is very important all selected team members attend as they are representing our school and in particular we don't want to let any relay teams down. Spectators are reminded to stay in the parent spectator area. Our team are to meet Mr Latimer on arrival, sit in the grandstand with him and sign out on departure with Mr Latimer. Mr Geary and I will also be supporting the students at the carnival. Go WPS! The dream team is: Hazel BH, Brock C, Melody C, Wyatt C, Archie E, Ava F, Harper H, Jimmy K, Kady N, Kloie M, Darcy M, Latisha M, Kaliyah M, Urijah N, Addison S, Summer T, Jahara W and Mia W.

The Lower North Coast carnival is on Thursday 27 February in Kempsey.

Clean Up Australia Day

WPS will have a version of clean up Australia day on Friday 28 February. Feel free to send your child with gloves and a plastic bag.

Year 6 Shirts

The Year 6 shirts look hot! Mr Beard has sent out the second order form. The last day to order is Friday 28 February. Thank you, Mr Beard, for your time with this.

P&C News

P&C Upcoming Events

13 March

- 6:00pm - AGM
- 6:30pm - March General Meeting

NAPLAN

All students in Years 3 and 5 should have received a note this week with information about this year's NAPLAN. Your child will sit a series of assessments over a two-week period. Next week each class will take home a note with the exact dates your child's assessments will be on. If you are uncertain of the process, please raise this at next week's Three-Way meetings. The assessments will take place between Wednesday 12 March and Monday 24 March.

Principal Meeting – Congested Traffic

Please note that parking around the school will be extra congested on Monday 24 February due to Wauchope PS hosting a School Excellence Professional Learning Day for all the School Principals in the Hastings and Macleay Districts. This will involve all schools from Moorland PS in the south to Eungai PS in the north. This will involve over 60 people in attendance who will all have cars parked around our school. I apologise in advance and ask that you are prepared/organised to leave plenty of time both before school and after school, so your children are safe.

Our Aboriginal Ambassador and all of Stage 1 have the privilege of performing the Acknowledgement of Country to start the professional learning day. Just quietly, I'm looking forward showing off our school, what we do here, how our school looks and our wonderful students to that many principals.

Student Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not required at Primary School. Every classroom

has a telephone to streamline messages from parents. If your child must have a mobile phone, they are to register it at the front office before 9:00am and collect it again at 3:00pm. This rule is for a variety of reasons some of which are listed:

1. Child protection – we don't need students taking photos of each other or making videos and uploading on social media.
2. Distraction – A totally unnecessary distraction for humans under 12 years of age whilst at school.
3. Students looking at inappropriate content.
4. Security – Unfortunately, expensive items sometimes go missing.
5. Wasting time – Staff having to sort out phone issues when it should never happen as they should be secured in the front office each day or left at home.

Make Up/Nails/Jewellery

Please be reminded our students don't require fake nails or nail polish and don't require makeup etc. Let them be kids. Jewellery is a safety issue with earrings bigger than studs and necklaces accidentally being ripped off during sport or playtime.

P&C Meeting

At last week's meeting the P&C voted to pay for the air-conditioning of the school hall. This is very exciting for the students at WPS, and we are all super appreciative. I'll update the community when I have an installation timeline. Other upcoming projects the P&C are paying for is a Cola adjacent to the barbecue area and a replacement shelter over the Infants Bubblers. Gee wiz they do

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.



Port Macquarie



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

KIDS GO FREE! until 2 March

Walk or run for breast and ovarian cancer research


SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025
Westport Park, Port Macquarie

REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT MOTHERSDAYCLASSIC.COM.AU

*Up to two free Child (12 and under) registrations with every paid adult or concession. Ends 11.59pm 2 March 2025

www.smallsteps4hannah.com.au

HANNAH'S STORY



These sessions aim to create more awareness and empower members of the community about the early warning signs of coercive control and the tragic but inspirational story of Hannah Clarke, her three children and family.

Presented by **Michael Jeh**
DV Prevention Educator

Wednesday 13th March 2025
8pm
Wauchope Club Hall
High St, Wauchope
RSVP by 10th March 2025 to
0800 740 728
www.smallsteps4hannah.com.au



a great job for the students at our school. If you didn't support their fundraising initiatives then these great additions/improvements wouldn't be possible so thank you.

School Intruder/s

Unfortunately, we have had two incidences where our school has been entered, and items stolen. On one occasion we had barbecue equipment including a barbecue lid/cover taken and the second incident was even more upsetting. This person wearing a backpack (with his phone in the pocket of backpack and wearing an ACDC hat/cap) stole Kindergarten toys and equipment from the kindergarten area (that's right stealing from 5-year-olds on their second ever day at big school between 3:37am and 4:05am on Friday 7 February). He, at a minimum, stole foam planes, bubble wands and play-doh, would you believe? I just can't comprehend how low this is. Please contact the police if you have information or evidence of these thefts. I wonder how much fun this adult is having playing with his bubbles, throwing his aeroplanes and playing with play-doh.

Bus Safety Week reminds all road users to 'Be Bus Aware'

Our school bus operator Busways is reminding all road users, parents, and students to 'be bus aware' as part of Transport for NSW's Bus Safety Week campaign, running Feb 17 - 23. Bus Safety Week, part of the 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, sees Governments, bus operators, and emergency services raise awareness about the importance of being safe in

and around buses and spread the message to 'Be Bus Aware'. The initiative provides a timely reminder to parents to have a talk with their children about bus safety; to motorists when giving way to buses; to pedestrians to make sure they are alert of their surroundings; and to cyclists to ensure they can see where buses are. We all have a part to play in bus safety.

For more information on bus safety or to learn about Transport for NSW's 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, visit <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/> or visit the Busways website <https://www.busways.com.au/>.

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Kindergarten Information Afternoon



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Excellence, Opportunity and Success



February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Wauchope Public School P&C Association (P&C) extends a warm welcome on behalf of the Wauchope Public School community to those returning for another year and to all our new families!

The P&C is a not-for-profit organisation run by a dedicated group of volunteers whose objectives are to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students, and teaching staff into close cooperation. Our collaboration assists in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promotes the recreation and welfare of the students. The P&C holds fundraising and social events and proudly operates the Canteen, Uniform Shop, and WOOSH (Wauchope Out of School Hours), which are all important services for our school community. **Without P&C volunteers, these services would be unable to operate!**

The P&C welcomes all members of our community to be active participants. There are many ways to get involved, from being a committee member to volunteering in the canteen or offering one-off support for fundraising events. We welcome your energy and ideas for new initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for students at WPS.

Membership is open to all parents and carers of pupils attending the school, as well as all local community citizens. General meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Annual membership is \$0.50 and entitles you to be involved in the decision-making of the P&C.

We are asking for your support with a general contribution of \$30 per child or \$50 per family (for families with more than one child). This payment is an important source of funding for the P&C. Funds raised are spent on material support for the school, benefiting all students. If you are unable to contribute these amounts, please give what you can at any time during the year.

***Families that contribute in term 1 will be entered into a raffle to win a \$50 uniform voucher.
The winner will be drawn and notified on the last day of Term 1.***

The School's major projects for 2025 are:

- Airconditioning installed in the hall.
- Additional 12 security cameras in key areas for child safety.
- Stage 1 of the Multipurpose hard surface courts adjacent to the car park for all to enjoy.

Contributions can be made via <https://wauchope-public-school-pc.square.site/2025-general-contribution> or via direct deposit or with cash or cheque (payable to Wauchope Public School P&C Association, drop it off at the Office), in an envelope labelled "P&C general contribution" with your child's name and class.

Our bank details are: **Bank:** Regional Australia Bank. **Account name:** Wauchope Public School P&C Association
BSB: 932 000 **Account No:** 5000 66316 **Reference:** *Your Child's name.*

With your contribution, the P&C looks forward to supporting the School in 2025 and beyond. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the P&C at wauchopepspandc@gmail.com

We wish you a successful year at Wauchope Public School.

Kindest regards,

Wauchope Public School P&C Association



2025 Sponsorship Opportunities

Do you know a local Business that would like to sponsor a P&C Event this year? Every year Wauchope Public School P&C Association hosts several fundraising events to support and assist in our objectives for the School Community.

This years events include:

Mother's Day Breakfast

Mother's Day Stall

Father's Day Breakfast

Father's Day Stall

Easter Raffle Easter Egg Drop for K-2 Kindergarten

Major Fundraiser event

Grandparents Morning Tea

Christmas Raffle

contact us via wauchopepsandc@gmail.com



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Road safety at Wauchope Public School

Parents and carers are responsible for their child's safety when travelling to and from school

Travelling safely by car

Ensure your child:

- is correctly buckled up for their age and size according to the law
- uses a forward-facing child car seat or booster seat, if aged between four and seven years old, or until they reach a height of 145cm
- always gets in and out of the car through the 'Safety Door'
- this is the rear door on the footpath side of the car.



Kiss and drop zone

Safety tips for drivers:

- always follow our school's procedures
- remain within 3 metres of your car
- max 2 mins stopping between 8:00am and 9:30am
- max 2 mins stopping between 2:30pm and 4:00pm
- make sure children use the Safety Door to get in and out of the vehicle.



Driving and parking safely near school

You can help keep our children safe by:

- dropping your child off and picking them up on the school side of the road
- never calling them across the road
- parking responsibly even if it means you need to walk further to the school gate.

Staff car park

Remember:

- the staff car park is for staff use only
- do not use the car park to drop off or pick up your children
- teach your children to enter and exit the school grounds using the pedestrian access gates located on Campbell, Waugh and MacKay streets.

Walking safely

Always hold your child's hand until they are at least 8 years old,

- on the footpath
- when crossing the road
- in a car park.

Until children are 10 years old, they should be closely supervised in the traffic environment and hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.



Choose a safe place to cross the road

Lead by example and always choose the safest place to cross the road. Talk with your child when walking with them and remind them to....

- STOP!** - one step back from the kerb.
LOOK! - continuously both ways.
LISTEN! - for the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK! - whether it is safe to cross.

The pedestrian crossings on Campbell st and Waugh st are the safest place to cross the road.



Riding safely

Many children enjoy riding their bicycle or scooter to and from school and it's great for you to join them to stay active. Children should ride away from the road.

Encourage your child to be a safe rider by:

- always wearing a correctly fitted helmet – it's the law
- riding on the footpath, keeping to the left and giving way to pedestrians
- walking their bike across intersections and pedestrian crossings
- using quieter streets, bicycle paths or shared paths if possible
- taking special care at driveways.



Adults should always supervise children under 10 years old. Adults are permitted to ride on footpaths with children under 16.

Travelling safely by bus

Bus travel is a great way to safely get to and from school.

Safety tips:

- always meet your child at the bus stop – never on the opposite side of the road.
- hold your child's hand at the bus stop and stand a few steps back from the edge of the road when waiting at the bus stop.
- Wait until the bus has gone, then choose a safe place to cross the road.

Applications for a school bus pass: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-school-travel-pass>