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Term 1 Week 6 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 6 March and Friday 7 March

- Wauchope PS is Non-operational

Thursday 6 March

- K-6 Dental Presentations - postponed
- Students with additional needs information session 5:00pm - 6:00pm - postponed

Saturday 8 March

- International Womens Day

Monday 10 March

- Stage 3 Adaptations with Jamie Reid

Tuesday 11 March

- North Coast Swimming Carnival - Kempsey postponed
- PSSA Cricket game vs Beechwood PS (TBC)

Wednesday 12 March

- Kindergarten Glasshouse Excursion
- Kindergarten Aboriginal PLP afternoon 3:15pm-3:45pm

Wednesday 12 March - Friday 21 March

- NAPLAN

Thursday 13 March

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

Friday 14 March

- K-2 Pink and Purple Day
- North Coast Swimming Carnival - Kempsey (new Date)

Monday 17 March

- Stage 3 Adaptations with Jamie Reid
- Lower North Coast Boys and Girls Softball



Teddy Bear Picnic

Teddy Bears Picnic

Kindergarten had a wonderful day with their teddys on Friday. The expressions on their faces were sheer joy! Thank you to the kindergarten staff for making the day so much fun for the boys and girls. Thank you also to the P&C who contributed the special treats on the day.

NAPLAN

These important assessments for students in Years 3 and 5 commence on Wednesday 12 March. Every class has a different timetable over the two-week testing period. The assessments will occur in either the main computer lab, mini computer lab or library. Every Year 3 and 5 student was given an individual timetable so

parents can ensure a positive, calm and healthy start for their testing days. Please ensure they have had a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.

Please note, students in 5AL received a new NAPLAN dates letter yesterday.

Response to Tropical Cyclone Alfred – closure of school

As our community knows we were trying to keep Wauchope Public School open. This was while many schools around us started closing. However, I was instructed at 5:55pm on Wednesday evening that Wauchope Public School would be non-operational for the next two days. I apologise for this late notice and for any inconvenience



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Kindergarten Aboriginal PLP Session

Parents of Aboriginal students are invited to attend a session at the Kindergarten rooms on Wednesday 12 March between 3:15pm and 3:45pm to create a Personalised Learning Plan for their child.

International Women's Day - Saturday 8 March

This day is celebrated on 8 March each year. It is a day to celebrate the contribution women have made across the world to their communities and the progress that has been made for equality. It is a time to raise awareness about the unjust treatment that many women and children are still facing around the world and in Australia.

International Women's Day was first declared in 1910 with the first event held in 1911.



I managed to produce a cake for morning tea for the women of WPS. However, no one was at school to share it with me!

Kindergarten 2026 - Additional Needs

This information session for 2026 parents has been postponed due to inclement weather.

Dental Presentations

These presentations have been postponed.

this announcement has caused. I do hope all our families and their houses, businesses, friends and families are safe during the next few days.

I have included the standard email that has been sent to all Public Schools in the Port Macquarie and surrounding areas.

Due to potential impacts from Tropical Cyclone (TC) Alfred, including a heightened risk of flash flooding and riverine flooding, our school will be non-operational from Thursday 6 March and Friday 7 March 2025.

We request you do not send your children to school.

The out of school hours care will not be available.

We are expected to **resume operations on Monday 10 March 2025** unless we provide further updates.

Preparing for Tropical Cyclone Alfred

The NSW SES have asked that families prepare their homes for strong winds, by putting away loose items around their home, trimming trees away from properties and not parking vehicles under trees or powerlines.

Prepare an emergency kit with essential items including medications, documents, pet food and family photos.

Please stay safe around flooding and road closures. Never drive, walk, ride through, play or swim in flood water, and avoid any unnecessary travel. Floodwater may be deeper or faster flowing than it appears and can contain hidden debris.

Download the Hazards Near Me App to stay across the latest

warnings and information.

For more information, visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au

Call the NSW SES on 132 500 if you need emergency assistance in floods and storms. In a life-threatening emergency, call Triple Zero (000).

Caring for your child

There are a range of normal distress responses that your child might display given the current weather event impacting our community. Staying connected and engaged with your child is one of the best ways to support them. Provide truthful but simple information that will help them understand what's happening.

If they want to talk, listen to your child, and answer their questions simply and honestly. Be prepared to answer the same questions repeatedly as some children may need to hear the news a few times or may need time to process. If you cannot answer the question, it is okay to say, "I don't know how to answer that". Adults can shield young children from traumatic events by not letting them see or hear media reports.

Support can be accessed through the following services:

- Kids Helpline 1800 551 800 or www.kidshelp.com.au External link
- Lifeline 131 114 or lifeline.org.au
- headspace 1800 650 890 or www.headspace.org.au External link (12 years old and above)
- Mental Health Line 1800 011 511 - provides advice and can link callers to the mental health services in the Local Health District.

Kindergarten Teddy Bear Picnic



As always, the safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority.

Anaphylaxis and Asthma Plans

We take our students health care needs extremely seriously. If your child needs for a health care plan you must complete the correct plan with your GP and give the school a copy.

K-2 Pink and Purple Day

Our school will be very colourful next Thursday 13 March as our K-2 students support the Wauchope Lasiandra Festival by wearing Pink and/or Purple.

Whole School Reward System Reminder

This system involves students earning a stamp/tick/sticker on a chart/booklet each week for following our School Expectations:

Respect

Responsible

Resilience

All WPS students are expected to engage in learning, display positive behaviour, wear correct school uniform and attend school regularly. We want to reward positive attitude and behaviour. The children's uniform look incredible all wearing their black shoes with navy/black socks.

The Student Reward System is designed to progress during the year with students attaining levels of achievement.

Students will be presented with certificates of achievement at various stages of the year usually at the start of Term 2, 3 and 4 with the ultimate Wauchope Star being presented at the end of

Term 4.

Once a student has earned 10 stamps (one per week) they will receive a Bronze Certificate. Some children may take more than ten weeks to earn this certificate. Once they have achieved Bronze they then work towards Silver, Gold and then a Wauchope Star.

P&C AGM and General Meeting



The AGM is on Thursday 13 March commencing at 6:00pm followed by the General meeting at 6:30pm in the school staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

Sport

Good luck to Aspen C and Melody C as they take on the best of the best of the North Coast next Friday (note new day). Special congratulations to Brook C and Tyrone D for being selected in the Lower North Coast rugby league team. We wish Ameilia H all the best for her upcoming hockey trials. The boys cricket game has been postponed until next Tuesday (TBC).

WPS Dance Groups

Our dance groups have commenced dance auditions. Each dance group has sent home an expression of interest to parents of students who have said they would like to trial. The note is to simply alert parents to the cost and commitment for parents' information so we then

Clean Up Wauchope PS Day



Community News



COME TRY, COME BACK TO HOCKEY

WARRIORS WHC
(WAUCHOPE HOCKEY CLUB)

2025 Come and Try/Come back to Sessions
All new and current players welcome

REGISTER NOW

www.wauchopehockeyclub.com



SCAN ME

No registration required

DATES - MARCH 11 AND 18

JUNIORS: 5 - 6PM

SENIORS: 6 - 7PM

VENUE - PORT MACQUARIE HOCKEY COMPLEX

COST - FREE

BBQ and drinks provided

ExtravaDance




Bring a Friend Week!!
Monday 10th March -
Saturday 15th March

Head to www.extravadancestudios.com.au to
book your class!

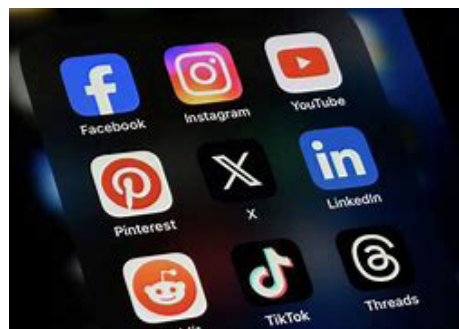
know anyone who is selected will be present at the evening Dance Festival and/or Eisteddfod and is happy to pay the costume fee. Please return those notes as soon as possible to the dance teachers.

External Providers

As mentioned in a previous newsletter External Providers are being charged a one-off payment of \$50 per student as a very small fee for covering the administration and cost of utilizing the school facilities as part of their business. Unfortunately, it is out of our control how external providers make this payment ie they pay it or they charge parents. Please note we have had to hire a School Administrative Officer for three days a week for this term just to complete the external provider administration. Wauchope Public School receives zero payment from any external providers who work in our school. All profits go to the external providers.

Parents also need to consider that while they are receiving therapy at school and not after school hours, they are missing out on part of the education in class time.

Social Media



Please consider taking your children off or greatly limiting access to social media especially if you do not have the time to

closely supervise your child/ren. Their minds are too young to be responsible users. There are far too many risks involved, some that can become very serious. This is the main reason it is the law that children must be a certain age before they can legally have Facebook/Tik Tok/etc. This means no primary aged children should be on any form of social media.

I have also observed the use of social media, and the constant use of devices is having an adverse effect on children's social skills. Their behaviour changes when they are on the devices and their behaviour changes when they are asked to go off them. Please consider reducing the amount of time they spend on their devices and send them outside to play, be social, play a game, read a book or play sport in an organised team.

On another note, researchers are also pointing out that adults constantly being on devices is having an adverse effect on children's behaviour/social skills. Parents are not talking, not playing, not interacting with their children. Many children are crying out for adult attention. This is especially crucial between the ages of 0 and 10 for children.

I hope all parents are reading with their children every night. Make it fun for them!

Mr Cameron Osborne
Principal

P&C News

Happy P&C Day!

On this P&C Day 5 March, we extend our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all that you do. Your dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to our school community make a world of difference.

From organising events and fundraisers to supporting our students and staff, your contributions help create a vibrant, inclusive, and nurturing environment for everyone. Your passion for education and your selfless service inspire us all.

So, thank you Mandy, Tyn, Sonia, Ash, Amber, Warren, Lauren, Sue, Felicity, Sarsha, Jess, Sabrina, for giving your time, energy, and resources to make our school a better place. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for each and every one of you!

Fundraising Survey

Complete our Fundraising survey <https://forms.gle/UkURpvtbGCMph3V8> for your child to receive a zooper dooper!

Enter the draw for a \$50 Uniform voucher, contribute now! Winner announced last day of term!

<https://wauchope-public-school-pc.square.site/2025-general-contribution>

Up and coming events

Thursday 13 March

P&C AGM - 6:00pm

P&C General Meeting 6:30pm

Friday 11 April

Mega Easter Raffle draw - its going to be EGG -citing!

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ASSOCIATION



WAUCHOPE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13 MARCH 2025 WPS STAFF MEETING ROOM 6PM (OR VIA ZOOM)

Vacant Executive Positions: President, Vice Presidents K-2 & 3-6, Treasurer/s, Secretary plus other roles available.

**HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AGM OR
ALL VACANT POSITIONS DUTIES
EMAIL:WAUCHOPEPSPANDC@GMAIL.COM**

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EASTER RAFFLE

DRAWN FRIDAY 11 APRIL

**WE ARE NOW TAKING DONATIONS OF
EGGS OR EASTER RELATED ITEMS!**

**DROP OFF YOUR EASTER EGG
DONATIONS AT THE WAUCHOPE
PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICE**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS !



NSW Department of Education

Save the date

Kindergarten 2026

Information session for students with
any additional need enrolling at Wauchope Public School

Where: Wauchope Public School - library

When: Thursday, 6 March 2025, 5-6pm

Who: Parents, carers, external providers and Preschool staff

Why: This meeting will give you critical information that you need to identify your child's support needs in 2026.

What we will cover:

- Timelines for enrolment for Kindergarten 2026
- Enrolment process
- Levels of support (support options)
 1. Mainstream with additional support.
 2. Mainstream with funding.
 3. Support Class



Attendance Info



Wauchope PS - Attendance Competition

We're excited to launch our **Attendance Competition** to encourage and celebrate school attendance! Each term, two classes will win—one for the **highest percentage of attendance** and another for the **highest percentage of explained absences** (because we

understand that sometimes kids get sick and need to stay home). The winning classes will be treated to a special Mr Osborne sausage sizzle. This friendly competition is all about building positive attendance habits. Let's make it fun and see which classes come out on top! Stay tuned and watch the school's Facebook page for announcements!