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Term 1 Week 7 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 13 March

- K-2 Pink and Purple Day
- P&C AGM - 6:00pm
- P&C General Meeting 6:30pm

Monday 17 March - Friday 21 March

- NAPLAN

Monday 17 March

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

Wednesday 19 March

- North Coast PSSA Boys and Girls Basketball - Woolgoolga
- North Coast Swimming Carnival

Friday 21 March

- Harmony Day

Monday 24 March

- Stage 3 Adaptations - Mr Reid

Wednesday 26 March

- North Coast PSSA Boys and Girls Softball - Lismore

Thursday 27 March

- K-2 Cross Country Carnival
- Dental Presentations

Friday 28 March

- North Coast PSSA Rugby League 11's and Open - Coffs Harbour

Monday 31 March

- Debating Workshop - Laurieton

Thursday 3 April

- Lions Club Eye Tests

Friday 4 April

- WPS Cross Country Carnival



Pink and Purple Day

Kindergarten's First Big Adventure



Oh, my goodness you should have seen and heard the excitement of the boys and girls getting on the bus for their excursion to the Glasshouse yesterday. It was outrageous. The children absolutely loved 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and the bus rides were also very exciting. The kindergarten teachers somehow all appeared at work in Hungry Caterpillar shirts which I thought was pretty cool.

Ex-Cyclone Alfred

Thank you for everyone's understanding with the school closure. Once again, I apologise for the late notice on Wednesday evening, but the decision was taken out of my hands. The Department of Education was preparing for the worst-case scenario and had everyone's safety as priority number 1 when they made the decision. Hopefully, you made the most of it and spent some quality time with your kids.

K-2 Cross Country Carnival

This exciting event is on Thursday 27 March. Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 can wear their House colours. Class teachers may write your child's name on their hand in texta. Their competitive age is the age they turn in 2025.



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Pink and Purple Day

Our K-2 students looked wonderful supporting the Wauchope Lasiandra Festival today. The school was a sea of pink and purple. Just another excuse to have fun at school. The children are having another great day at WPS!



Surname starts with A-D
GORDON Green
 Surname starts with E-Le
KENDALL Yellow
 Surname starts with Li-Ri
LAWSON Red
 Surname starts with Ro-Z
PATERSON Blue
NAPLAN

Due to the school closure our NAPLAN assessments have been pushed back to starting on Monday 17 in an effort to give our students the best possible chance. Students all over Australia are sitting the same assessments online. The exception is Year 3 use pencil and paper for their writing assessment. Mums and Dads please ensure the boys and girls have a good night's sleep on Sunday night and a healthy breakfast on Monday morning to help fire up their brains. Please make every attempt to get your child to school on Monday as all Year 3 and 5 have their writing assessment first up. Good luck boys and girls. All you can do is try your best.

Harmony Day



This day will be celebrated on Friday 21 March. The SRC will sell orange wrist bands at the price of \$1 at recess and lunch for anyone who wants to share

the Harmony Spirit. The SRC will also sell some yummy pieces of orange cake for \$1 a piece until sold out. I might shout myself some Twisties to celebrate on the way home that day.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

Wauchope Public School would like students to wear orange in celebration of our diverse culture!

What can my child wear?

Anything orange including orange bows or ribbons, wrist bands (on sale for \$1), socks, t-shirt, shorts. *If it's not orange, it is school uniform.*

P&C AGM and General Meeting

The AGM is on this evening in the school staffroom at 6:00pm followed by a General meeting at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the P&C and particularly thank and congratulate the P&C Executive for all their hard work, time, effort and achievements. Special thanks to our President, Kerry Lopresti for the countless hours she spent supporting our school.

Good luck and thank you to all the parents who are willing to either continue in a position or be nominated to take on one of these important roles.

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Wauchope Public School is excited to be participating!

What is the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

The PRC is a statewide Challenge that encourages students to develop a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and enables them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to encourage each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

All students who complete the challenge and have their reading record validated by the school's PRC coordinator will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of NSW.

How many books do students need to read?

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are challenged to read or experience 30 books. 20 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books. Books can be read with a parent, carer, teacher or another student.

Students in Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 20 books independently. At least 10 of these books must be from the relevant Challenge booklists, and up to 10 books can be personal choice books.

Books must be added to a student's online reading record by Friday 22 August 2025 in order for their reading record to be validated and receive a certificate.

How do students log their reading?

Students can access the PRC's [Student Experience site](#) using their DoE username and password, or can log into the site via the Student Portal. A video guide explaining how to use the Student Experience site can be found [here](#). If your child is not sure of their username and password please contact me for assistance.

Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Shields

Screens wipe kids' words

I read an article in the paper recently about a topic we are seeing more and more of every year at Wauchope public School. Children are coming to school now with a whole range of issues caused by either too much screen time for the child or too much screen time for the parents. The obvious issue is a child's behaviour when they are dependent on a device, or the device is used as a behaviour management tool basically "sit there and play that, so you don't annoy me". The less obvious one that parents may not realise is the language problems children are arriving at school with. The article said that "Aussie kids miss out on more than 1100 adult words every day – representing almost 200 conversations – because of screen time, shocking new research has found."

"Just one minute of viewing for a three-year-old was linked to a loss of seven adult words and speaking five for themselves. The research said the average three-year-olds daily screen time was two hours, 52 minutes – meant they heard 1139 fewer words, spoke 834 fewer words and had 194 less conversations every day."

The researchers say that the amount of talk and interaction children experience is vital to early language development. "A language rich home environment is critical in supporting infants and toddlers with language development.

We need to be talking to and without children as often as possible to ensure language development. Do you do these activities with your children? Read to them, listen to them read

to you and ask them questions about what they have read, sing timetables, play board games, increase their coordination by throwing a ball to them, go to the beach or pool, kick a ball to each other, eat dinner at a dinner table away from television, enrol them in a sporting team (crucial for healthy lifestyle, coordination and social skills development!).

Emergency Contact Details

It is essential that emergency contact details are up to date to ensure parents can be contacted promptly if their child is sick or injured.

P&C Easter Donations

Please keep sending in Easter chocolate donations to the front office. The more donations we receive the more prizes the children could win.

Sport

The North Coast swimming carnival is back on Wednesday 19 March. Good luck to Melody and Aspen. I hope boys and girls in Years 3-6 are training for the upcoming Cross Country carnival on Friday 4 April. We are looking at a date for the PSSA boys cricket game after our NAPLAN testing week.

Commonwealth Day

Commonwealth Day is celebrated every year by 53 Commonwealth countries on the second Monday in March. This year it fell on Monday 10 March. The aim of commemorating Commonwealth Day is to promote understanding of global issues, international co-operation, and the work of the Commonwealth of Nations to improve the lives of its citizens.

Mr Cameron Osborne
Principal



P&C News

Complete our Fundraising survey <https://forms.gle/UkURpvtebGCMph3V8> for your child to receive a zooper dooper during the last week of Term 1!

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>

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

Up and coming events

Thursday 13 March- Tonight!

P&C AGM - 6:00pm - Come join us!

P&C General Meeting - 6:30pm

Friday 11 April

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

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

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 !