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Term 2 Week 9 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 26 June

- Kindergarten Pirate Day
- PSSA Boys Soccer

Friday 27 June

- WPS Field Events Carnival

Monday 30 June

- 9:15am Flag Raising Ceremony
- Multicultural Public Speaking
- NC PSSA Boys and Girls Soccer

Tuesday 1 July

- PSSA Girls Cricket
- Semester 1 Reports distributed

Wednesday 2 July

- NC PSSA Boys and Girls Touch Football
- Stage 2 Silent Disco

Thursday 3 July

- 9:30am NAIDOC Assembly
- Boccia Tournament
- P&C Hot Chip Day K-2
- Boys and Supported Learning Kempsey Dance Eisteddfod

Friday 4 July

- P&C Hot Chip Day 3-6
- SRC Fundraiser - Beanies & PJs
- Last Day of Term 2

Monday 21 July

- School Development Day

Tuesday 22 July

- Term 3 commences for all students K-6

Thursday 24 July

- PSSA Basketball Gala Day

Friday 1 August

- Hasting/Camden Haven Athletics Carnival

Monday 4 to Friday 8 August

- Education Week



Kindergarten Pirate Day

Assemblies of Excellence

Congratulations to those children who received awards at Tuesday's special presentations. You have obviously made a great start to the year. Well done to our swimming and cross-country champions, public speaking winners, our talented Kindergarten and Stage 3 dance groups. Our choir also performed beautifully. Thank you, Mrs Rock and Mr Beard for coordinating these assemblies and Mr Lindner for all the technology and photos. Thank you also to our comperes Mrs Taylor, Ms Millard, Mrs Darcy and Mr Beard and James PT who did a great job with the Acknowledgement of Country.

I'll include in the newsletter part of my speech on Page 4 as parents may like to keep it to discuss with their children. At times we have all had disagreements often with our best friends or even family members. The speech was about building bridges and reuniting instead of being barriers.

Good Manners

We are aware that everyone has extremely busy lives. However, please remember manners when phoning the school. The office ladies are all extremely busy every day and juggle multiple tasks. They are just the messengers in many instances. We need to look after our lovely front office staff. We would be lost without them. Manners are free.

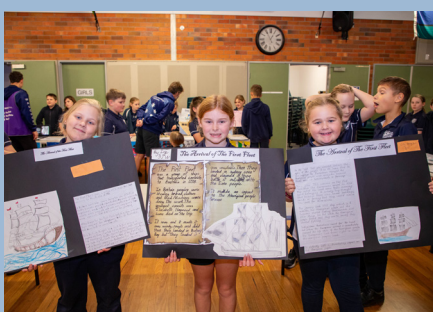


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Stage 2 Showcase

Gee wiz we do some good things at WPS. I loved visiting the hall to listen and see what Stage 2 have been studying in class. The smiles and the pride that they all showed me with their work made me feel great. Congratulations boys and girls.



Semester 1 Reports

We will be emailing the Semester 1 reports home on Tuesday 1 July via School Bytes. If you haven't been receiving information via School Bytes please ensure your email is correct with the office staff. Please see last week's newsletter for information on A-E reporting.

P&C Air Conditioners installed!

These have been installed. A huge thank you to the P&C and to everyone who supports the P&C fundraisers. Next terms fundraisers will include a Krispy Kreme drive, the Father's Day stall and breakfast and the Colour Run.

NAIDOC Week



WPS will be celebrating NAIDOC week next week. The week will start with a Flag raising ceremony on Monday morning. The students will be participating in cultural activities during the week. On Thursday we will host a NAIDOC assembly commencing at 9:30am. Community members are invited to attend.

Aboriginal Education Officer Position

This position is currently being advertised. Shortlisting and interviews will be next term. On Wednesday there was an opportunity for a Yarn Up about the position. The advertisement closes next week. The QR Code below will take you straight to the advertisement and there are

contact details included in the flyer if you have any questions.

WAUCHOPE PUBLIC SCHOOL ARE HIRING.
Aboriginal Education Officer

About the Role

- Aboriginal Education Officers provide assistance to teachers, Aboriginal students and their families to support improved learning, welfare and well-being outcomes for Aboriginal students.

Essential Requirements

- Valid Working with Children Check Clearance
- First Aid Certificate or willingness to undertake First Aid training
- Administration of Medications – training to be provided based on student needs.
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education and Training policy.
- This position is designated for the employment of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants must provide documentation upon appointment. More information can be found in the policy library under *Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent*.

Information Session
On Wednesday 25 June 2025 at 2pm, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Recruitment and Advisory (ATSIRA) team will host an online Yarn Up (information session) about this role. The session will provide a detailed overview of the recruitment process, including applying for the position and interview to build confidence in your application. Scan the QR code for more information or email us, aboriginalemployment@det.nsw.edu.au

APPLY NOW

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking

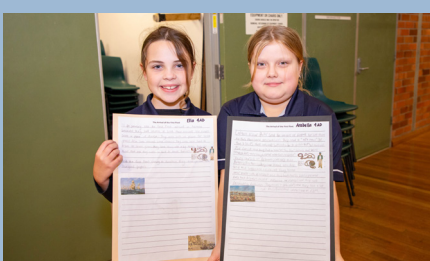
Four students are participating in the Multicultural Public Speaking competition at Hastings Public School on Monday against students from all over the region. Good luck to Felicity, Jahara, Addison and Ijah.

Sickness

In order to keep everyone healthy especially with us leading into the school holidays where young children may be visiting grandparents and other relatives, please keep your child home if they have any flu-like symptoms.

3-6 Athletics Carnivals

Monday was a brilliant day for the students in Years 3-6 and some talented Year 2 8-year-olds. Everyone tried their best in the sprint races, but the real fun was rotating through novelty events all day. The children were constantly involved in some sort of fun, energetic activity. Every time I looked up from the finish



line a saw children all have a great time. For the life of me I can't understand why so many parents allow their children to stay at home and miss out on such a fun and social day. If they are legitimately sick then no worries. However, 114 years 3-6 students being absent on a Monday is highly irregular. You really are doing your children a disservice. Thank you, Mrs Darcy, for coordinating the day, to the lovely parent helpers who had to put up with me, the WPS staff who were packing gear, transporting and setting up from 6:45am and then the pack up, and the great WPS team for their hard work on the day.

Thank you to the canteen helpers Sue, Chloe, Mark, Kristy, Pete and Bec for their help at the carnival and a big thank you to Troy and Bodhi for saving the canteen by providing a generator.

Tomorrow we will have the 3-6 Field Events carnival at school. Please don't give them the day off for this. I promise it won't hurt them. They might even have fun.

Kindergarten Pirate Day

Kindergarten dressed up today and have become very loud and scary. Some WPS staff were tied up and forced to walk the plank. Congratulations mums and dads for being so clever with costumes and makeup.

Stage 2 Silent Disco

Stage 2 will enjoy a silent disco next Wednesday. Thank you, Mrs Newell, for coordinating this cool experience for the boys and girls.

Boccia Tournament

Good luck to our supported

learning Boccia team as they go head to head with the best of the rest next Thursday. I still have fond memories of travelling to Sydney with our team a few years ago. My fingers are crossed for you boys and girls.

P&C Hot Chip Days

Thank you to the Wauchope Lions Club and our P&C for coordinating these yummy days. Tomorrow is the last day to order. If a student is absent next week, then the funds will be a donation to the P&C. Thursday is K-2 and Friday is 3-6.

SRC Fundraiser

On Friday 4 July the SRC will be holding a pyjama and beanie day to raise money for the Mark Hughes foundation that raise vital funds for brain cancer research.

Students can wear their PJ's and beanies for a gold coin donation. There will also be a week long lolly guessing comp held in front of the canteen where students can guess how many skittles in the jar for 50 cents. The winner will be announced on Friday.

Kempsey Dance Eisteddfod

Good luck to the Boys and Supported Learning Dance groups. They will perform at the Kempsey Dance Eisteddfod next Thursday 3 July.

Sport

Congratulations to our PSSA boys soccer team for their win today. The boys had convincing wins against Westport PS yesterday and the girls conceded by one point!

Last Day of Term 2

Friday 4 July is the last day of Term 2.

It's about connection, understanding, and the choices we make every day in how we treat each other.

Imagine two best friends. Let's call them Sally and Alison. This applies to boys as well. Their names could be Jake and Tom. For years, they were inseparable here at school – shared lunches, played together every break time, helped each other with homework. They were a team, always looking out for one another. Their friendship felt strong and unbreakable.

But one day, something changed. It started small, a silly argument over a game at lunchtime. Words were exchanged, maybe a bit too harsh. Instead of talking it through, they let the silence grow. Soon, that small argument felt like a huge canyon between them. They stopped talking, stopped playing together, actively avoided each other in the walkways. What was once a strong connection had become a painful distance.

One afternoon, feeling hurt and angry, Sally thought, 'That's it. I don't want anything to do with Alison anymore. I'm going to build a wall around myself, ignore her completely, maybe even encourage others to leave her out too. I'll make sure she knows she's not welcome near me.' Sally was planning to build the biggest, strongest emotional 'fence' possible.

Just as Sally was deciding how high and thick her 'fence' should be, a wise teacher, noticing the sadness behind Sally's anger, quietly asked, 'What are you hoping to achieve by building that fence, Sally?'

Sally explained the plan, wanting to shut Alison out completely.

The teacher listened patiently and then said gently, 'I understand you're hurting. Building a fence might make you feel protected for a moment, but it will also keep you isolated. What if, instead of building a fence to keep Alison out, you thought about building a bridge to perhaps meet her halfway?'

Sally was taken aback. A bridge? After everything that had happened. It seemed impossible. But the teacher's words stuck. Sally thought about all the good times, the shared laughter, the support they used to give each other. Was building a wall really the best way forward?

Later that day, Sally saw Alison sitting alone, looking just as unhappy. Taking a deep breath, Sally made a different choice. Instead of building that wall of anger and silence, Sally decided to build a small bridge. It wasn't easy, but Sally walked over. 'Hey,' Sally started, feeling a bit awkward. 'That argument we had... it was silly. I miss hanging out.'

Alison looked up, surprised, then a small smile appeared. 'Yeah,' Alison replied. 'Me too. I'm sorry about what I said.'

They stood there for a moment, that first step taken across the newly built 'bridge' of apology and honesty. It wasn't a giant structure instantly fixing everything, but it was a start. They began talking again, slowly rebuilding their connection, piece by piece.

That 'wise teacher,' you know, wasn't necessarily building the bridge for them. They simply offered a different perspective,

encouraging Sally to see another possibility besides building walls. The real work, the brave step of building that bridge, came from Sally choosing connection over conflict.

Here at our school, we face challenges all the time. We might have disagreements, misunderstandings, moments where we feel hurt or angry. In those moments, we have a choice, just like Sally did.

Will we choose to build fences – walls of silence, gossip, exclusion, or unkindness? Or will we choose to be bridge builders?

Building bridges means choosing empathy – trying to understand someone else's feelings. It means choosing kindness, even when it's difficult. It means having the courage to apologise, or to forgive. It means reaching out to someone who looks lonely, including others in your games, or offering a helping hand with schoolwork. It means seeing past the disagreement to the person standing opposite you.

During Term 3, I encourage every single one of you – students and adults – to be bridge builders. Let's focus on strengthening our connections, resolving conflicts with understanding, and making our school community a place where everyone feels welcome, supported, and valued. Let's build bridges of kindness, respect, and friendship that make our school stronger and better for everyone.

Let's have a fantastic term filled with learning, growth, and connection.

Mr Cameron Osborne
Principal

Assembly of Excellence Awards Years K-2

Student Excellence Awards	
Class	Student
1/2MM	Amarnie C, Stephan B, Florence S
1KB	Levi G, Charles S, Millie T-C
1LF	Keira H, Ayah L, Jack J
1MH	Oliver T, Lewis T, Noah M
2JB	Harper W, Dominic W, Tommy C
2JC	Alexandria L, Mason C, Cohen N
2KB	Awhina F, Heath G, Jack B
K-6RT	Matthew S, Austin R
K-6SR	Peyton H, Elzar D
KJL	Laiten T, Stella Y, Macie H-G
KLR	Oliver D, Skye C, Sienna C
KNB	Jesse R, Laylah M, Bellamy D
KSS	Makenzy P, Ziggy L, Oscar G
KVW	Anastasia L, Ophelia H, Arlo J



Assembly of Excellence Awards Years 3-6

Student Excellence Awards

Class	Student
3-6BB	Charlie-Leigh B, Lincoln B, Xander H
3-6JG	Teisha-May B, Samuel M, Chace R
3JW	Ruby B, Ahzara M, Robert D
3KD	Pharrah S, Hazel G, Felicity B
3SS	Briona J, Caitlin M, Amelia C
4AD	Cody H, Alexis P, Ruby P
4BB	Sasha M, Aleah R, Zakarah B
4MH	Emily D, Marley G, Lachlan T
4RB	Eveenah L, Archie M, Kady L
5/6CW	Harrison R, Emily W, Amy L
5AL	Evie G, Billie E, Ellyanna W
5CR	Claire G, Tyrone D, Arthur K
6DB	Drae C, Rosealee W, Ebony W
6JS	Amelia H, Jack C, Addison L
6ML	Connor H, Wyatt B, Jessica C
K-6BC	Kyharne R, Frankie E
K-6RF	Alexa T, Travis J

Sport Awards

Swimming Champions	Brock C, Melody C, Harper H, Darcy M, Alexander S, Jahara W
Cross Country Champions	Kyinayra C, Wyatt C, Tyrone D, Amaya D, Beaudee G, Lucy I, Melody C, Brock C

Public Speaking Awards

Public Speaking	Mya P, Ijah W, Zoe S, Jahara W
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Community News

July School Holidays

Puppets & Papercraft

Monday 2 July
Wauchope Library
NAIDOC Week crafts
Make a NAIDOC Week craft and a NAIDOC Week poster.

Wednesday 4 July
Wauchope Library
NAIDOC Week crafts
Make a NAIDOC Week craft and a NAIDOC Week poster.

Thursday 5 July
Wauchope Library
NAIDOC Week crafts
Make a NAIDOC Week craft and a NAIDOC Week poster.

Friday 6 July
Wauchope Library
NAIDOC Week crafts
Make a NAIDOC Week craft and a NAIDOC Week poster.

Monday 9 July
Wauchope Library
NAIDOC Week crafts
Make a NAIDOC Week craft and a NAIDOC Week poster.

Wednesday 11 July
Wauchope Library
NAIDOC Week crafts
Make a NAIDOC Week craft and a NAIDOC Week poster.

Thursday 12 July
Wauchope Library
NAIDOC Week crafts
Make a NAIDOC Week craft and a NAIDOC Week poster.

Friday 13 July
Wauchope Library
NAIDOC Week crafts
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Monday 16 July
Wauchope Library
NAIDOC Week crafts
Make a NAIDOC Week craft and a NAIDOC Week poster.

Wednesday 18 July
Wauchope Library
NAIDOC Week crafts
Make a NAIDOC Week craft and a NAIDOC Week poster.

Thursday 19 July
Wauchope Library
NAIDOC Week crafts
Make a NAIDOC Week craft and a NAIDOC Week poster.

Friday 20 July
Wauchope Library
NAIDOC Week crafts
Make a NAIDOC Week craft and a NAIDOC Week poster.

Bookings: mncilibrary.org.au/school-holidays

CALL OUT - NAIDOC SPORT CHALLENGE

Tuesday 8th July: 10am-2pm

Hosted by HASTINGS NAIDOC COMMITTEE in collaboration with BASKETBALL NSW at the PCYC - 12 Owen street Port Macquarie

3 on 3 Basketball & 6 aside Futsal

4 players per team
(3 on court + 1 sub)
2 teams combined for futsal
(6 on court + 2 subs)

AGE GROUPS
10-12 years
13-15 years
15 years - Adults

REGISTER NOW!
*Scan QR Code
*Hastings NAIDOC Facebook

SAVE THE DATE: NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY THURSDAY 10th JULY 2025 WEST PORT PARK PORT MACQUARIE 10AM - 2PM ALL COMMUNITY WELCOME

Join us in celebrating Indigenous culture and history this NAIDOC Week. Cultural performances, dance, art, weaving, song, jumping castles, inflatable soccer, petting zoo, pony rides, free activities and lunch. Plus so much more.

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

FUNDRAISER RAFFLE
WAUCHOPE SOCCER CLUB

We are fund-raising to celebrate the huge achievements of Harry, Angus and Archie being selected for a development tour in the UK with Westham

PRIZE IS A BRAND NEW TM7 TICKETS ARE \$25 EACH

ONLY 300 TICKETS AVAILABLE

DRAWN 30TH AUGUST AT THE HASTINGS HOTEL FUNDRAISER NIGHT

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS
In person at our canteen or Online using the QR code

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Rebecca Curtis
0412055784

RAFFLE OPEN TO NEW RESIDENTS ONLY

HOT CHIP DAY

The Wauchope Public School P&C, in conjunction with the Wauchope Lions Club, will be holding the super popular hot chip days.

K-2 Hot Chip Day on Thursday 3 July
3-6 Hot Chip Day on Friday 4 July

Chips \$4.50 per serve
Meal Deal - 1 x Chips & a Popper \$6.00

Order via: <https://wauchope-public-school-pc.square.site/>
OR scan the QR code to order!
Orders close: 6pm Friday 27 June

ONLINE ORDERS ONLY

Note: Children can only order hot chips for their allocated day, and you must complete a separate order (item in cart) for each child.

Note: If students wish to purchase other items for lunch, this needs to be completed as a normal lunch order. ****Cannot guarantee chips are gluten free

Thank you for supporting the Wauchope Public School P&C Association!

Upcoming Events- Term 3

JULY 22 KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUT DRIVE ORDERS OPEN

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST SEP 03

FATHER'S DAY STALL SEP 05

MAJOR FUNDRAISER - COLOUR RUN SEP 11

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THESE EVENTS AMAZING! Contact us to volunteer wauchopepsandc@gmail.com

P&C Upcoming events

Hot Chip Days - last 2 days of this term

Thursday 3 July - K-2

Friday 4 July - 3-6

Term 3 Events (It's going to be HUGE!)

From Tuesday 22 July - Orders commencing for Krispy Kreme Donut Drive

Wednesday 3 September - Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 5 September - Father's Day Stall

Thursday 11 September - Major Fundraiser - Colour Run