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## Term 3 Week 5 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday 13 - Monday 25 August

- Healthy Harold - Life Education

### Monday 25 - Friday 29 August

- Book Week - 'Book an Adventure'

### Monday 25 August

- Pop-Up Library

### Tuesday 26 August

- Book Fair 8:00 - 9:00am

### Wednesday 27 August

### Pop-Up Library

### Thursday 28 August

- Brave Ditto Show - K-2

### Friday 29 August

- Book Parade

### Tuesday 2 September

- Stage 1 Public Speaking Final

### Wednesday 3 September

- P&C Father's Day Breakfast 7:00 - 8:25am
- PSSA Girls Cricket

### Thursday 4 September

- Krispy Kreme Collection 3:15 - 6:00pm Front Gate

### Friday 5 September

- Father's Day Stall

### Tuesday 9 September

- North Coast Athletics Carnival

### Wednesday 10 September

- Netball Schools Cup Year 3/4

### Thursday 11 September

- P&C Meeting 6:30pm

### Tuesday 16 September

- 9:30am 3-6 Assembly of Excellence
- 12:00pm K-2 Assembly of Excellence

### Wednesday 17 September

- 4:30pm Night of the Notables 5/6CW



Healthy Harold - Life Education

## Road Rules Awareness Week



This is Road Rules Awareness Week (August 18 -24), please be reminded about the importance of safe driving around buses and schools. By promoting safe driving, awareness around buses, and highlighting commonly misunderstood road rules – we can help reduce road accidents and possible student injuries.

Remember:

- Buses are large, heavy vehicles that cannot stop quickly

- Please give way to buses
- Slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash – as children may run out from behind or in front of the bus unexpectedly
- Hold on while travelling and remain seated until the bus stops

## P&C Krispy Kreme drive

Please be reminded that tomorrow is the last day to order a box of Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

## NDIS/External Providers

Please be reminded that it is the parent's responsibility to notify external providers if there is a variation to routine on the day and time of your child's therapy session. Eg Book Parade, Easter Hat Parade, athletics carnivals etc. If you do not do this and they arrive at school, they will want to charge you money even after not completing the session.



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## Book Week

We are celebrating book week a week later as several staff are involved in an important meeting tomorrow. I'm sure the students at WPS will love what is planned for next week. The Book Fair is on Tuesday, and the Parade is on Friday. Other activities are pop-up libraries and an author's live stream.

## Father's Day Breakfast

Online orders close on Friday 26 August. Please order to avoid disappointment. Remember to order for your child as well if an adult is attending. Perhaps a wife/partner may like to remind the men in their lives as many may not be on Facebook or read the newsletter! Pops and Uncles are also most welcome. The breakfast is on Wednesday 3 September between 7:00am and 8:25am.

## Father's Day Stall

The Father's Day Stall is on Friday 5 September. Each class will take turns visiting the hall during the morning. Presents are priced between \$1 and \$12. Thank you in advance to our P&C and volunteers. You are wonderful!

## Year 6 Farewell

A few parents have requested the date for this. They must be securing hair appointments. The Year 6 Farewell will be on Monday 15 December. The Graduation assembly will be at school on the same day commencing at 9:30am. It might be nice to put in some leave for this morning with your work.

## Student Absences



Every student. Every day.

It is a parent's legal obligation to have their child/ren attend school as often as possible. Our school's current attendance rate is 89.9% which has improved from last year (Thank you). We are realistic about sickness and totally understand genuine absences. However, we have a list of students who attend school less than 70%. This is a concern for a variety of reasons. The Semester 1 report clearly displayed your child's attendance rate in colour. It is also a legal obligation that parents/careers inform the school of a reason for why their child is absent from school. On some days we have 50 students with no explanation. We legally must ask and remind parents to send us an explanation.

At WPS we are trying to make it as easy as possible for parents to alert us as to why their child is absent. The options available to you are: write a note to the class teacher, ring the front office, walk into the office and verbally give an explanation, respond to the daily SMS message, or email the school.

Thank you for your understanding with this.

## Paying for an Excursion

Some excursions have limited numbers. This could depend on tickets available, bus numbers or accommodation capacity. Please note that a position is only secured if the permission note is completed, and the money is paid. Just clicking the permission and not paying anything does not secure a position for your child.

## Lower North Coast Athletics carnival

Our team performed very well at this carnival on Monday. Our three relay teams all came third and have progressed to the North Coast carnival. We have 20 students who have qualified. Congratulations to: Taylah C, London M, Melody C, Shamana C, Aspen C, Charlie B, Amaya D, Aleria Y, Poppy M, Amelia H, Rylan C, Wyatt B, Brock C, Harrison M, Beaudee G, Archie E, Parker M, Roxen H, Jarrod C and Jimmy K. The North Coast athletics carnival is on Tuesday 9 September in Coffs Harbour. Thank you, Mrs Darcy for coordinating, training, supporting on the day and preparing the team for the North Coast carnival.

## Thank you

Our school once again benefited by running the canteen at the LNC carnival. Huge thank you to Sue Peterson and Ruth Thompson. They were supported by our favourite Wauchope Lions Club consisting of Bev Douglas, Bruce Cant, Jim Callija, Bob Jones, Greg Cavenagh, Wall Dylho, Gordon Douglas and Jim Munro. They do a magnificent job! Thank you also to Mr Hurrell for your support with transporting gear, set up and pack up.

## Sport

Our PSSA boys touch team played a brilliant game last week and were narrowly defeated. Hold your heads up high boys. You were very good. Thank you, Mr Latimer, for your time coaching and coordinating games. We are very proud of Rylan C who represented the North Coast in boys netball last week.

## Online Computer Games Information

### *Set healthy boundaries:*

Kids respond well to healthy boundaries and form life-long healthy habits from them. Set time limits, keep gaming consoles out of the bedroom where you can hear and see a lot of what is happening as you go about your own business.

### *Respect classifications:*

Classifications are in place for a reason, and in some cases, you can be fined for ignoring them. Safe on Social is seeing far too many young people (from Year 1) playing R and MA15+ games. Please check the classification before you allow your child to play a game. They are exposed to things that, in some cases, they are not able to handle emotionally at such a young age. And with shooting, rape and other violence in games there is a global concern around desensitisation in young people.

### *Choose a user name that does not reveal any personal information:*

Don't reveal any personal information to other players: Stranger danger is 24x7 make sure they never meet up with someone they have met online.

Make sure game software is kept up to date: Don't forget!! Your credit card is often attached, and software updates always include security patches to make sure that your credit card details can't be hacked and stolen.

### *Watch out for scams:*

If you type "free Vbucks" into Youtube, you will see more than 4 Million results. All set up to scam your credit card. Make sure you speak to your child

about this and that they know that the only place they can get Vbucks is in the game store. Better still, get them a kid's Visa/Debit card. Put their pocket money and birthday money on it, and then they will learn the value of money, and you can teach them how to budget at the same time.

### *Find out how to block and report:*

Learn how they can communicate with strangers in the game and at a minimum, learn how to block and report so you can help your child if they are being bullied or harassed. Remember that the average age of a gamer is 34-36 years.

### *Think about your own screen use:*

Children take their cues from adults. Bluntly telling your kids to wrap up their Fortnite session while you are yourself glued to your phone sends mixed signals.

### *Play the game with your child:*

Acknowledge their gaming as a legitimate interest rather than an activity to be demonised. Let them know you are willing to meet them halfway and that you understand gaming isn't just a time-waster; there is a greater chance they will reciprocate when you suggest a non-screen-based activity.

### *Look at the home environment and talk to your child:*

Gaming is often escapism, and there may be a reason your child is trying to shut out the real world — and you in particular. What's going on that might cause your child to keep you at arm's length? Excessive game playing can be used as a thought blocker to cope with stress.

### *Encourage healthy habits and interaction with nature:*

Sitting around the house all day can lead to boredom, and Fortnite is a ready alleviator of that boredom. So consider activities that will get kids off the sofa and out in the fresh air.

Go on a family bush walk or picnic somewhere, plant a small veggie patch in the backyard. You don't have to take them surfing or horse-riding every day. It is enough that you do something that is fun and involves leaving the house. Whether it's growing veggies in the garden or building a model plane together, kids love meaningful collaboration with their parents. A long-term project in which you have a shared interest will also allow you to bond.

### *Allow access only after homework and other household chores are done:*

Consider whether your child should be allowed to play before they have, for instance, done their homework. The consensus is that it is best that online games are reserved for after everything else has been done.

### *Don't let gaming consoles become the babysitter:*

If you find yourself relying on video games to keep your children quiet, reflect on whether it is you, or your child who has developed the addiction. Not all video games are created equal. Even if you have decided to allow games, you might wish to steer your child towards a non-violent and creative entertainment, such as Minecraft, rather than the mass shoot-out that is Fortnite.

**Cameron Osborne**  
Principal

**Wauchope Public School**  
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## Krispy Kreme Fundraiser!

**Original Glazed Dozen** \$26.00 per dozen  
12 x Original Glazed Doughnuts

**Assorted Dozen** \$34.00 per dozen  
4 x Original Glazed  
2 x Choc Iced Ring  
2 x Choc Iced Custard  
2 x Strawberry Sprinkles  
2 x Strawberry Jam Doughnuts

Scan the QR code or order:



Or order via: <https://wauchope-public-school-pc.square.site/krispy-kreme-fundraiser>

Paper order forms available via the office.  
Orders close at 6pm 22 August, NO EXTENSIONS!

Pick-up between 3:15pm- 6pm on Thursday 4 September at the front gate!

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## FATHER'S DAY Breakfast

Wednesday 3 September 7AM - 8.30AM

Order via: <https://wauchope-public-school-pc.square.site/>

Food available to order:

- Coffee from Coffee on High
- Egg and Bacon Bolls
- Ham & Cheese Croissants
- Fruit Muffin & Fruit
- Fruit Salad & Yoghurt
- Toast & Spreads
- Croissant & Spreads
- Scroll & Fruit
- Juice
- GF options available
- Father's Day Hamper Raffle \$2 per ticket

The popular PHOTO BOOTH will be operating again this year with a gold coin donation

Orders strictly close: FRIDAY 29 AUGUST 6PM

Come and celebrate Father's Day with a special breakfast!

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## FATHER'S DAY Stall

FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER  
EXCITING VARIETY OF ITEMS FROM \$1 - \$12

Children love the opportunity to buy something special for their Dad, Pop, Grandad, carers...

Your child's classroom teacher will escort your children to the hall to do their shopping. Each class will be allocated a time slot on the day.

Email the P&C via [wauchopepsandc@gmail.com](mailto:wauchopepsandc@gmail.com) to volunteer at this fun event!

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## Premiers Debating Challenge



Over two exciting days, Amy, Alma, Grace, Claire, Freya, Jensen, Jahara and Libby represented our school in the Premiers Debating challenge event at Hastings Public School. They tackled thought-provoking topics such as "Should all students learn a new language each term?" and "Should Years 5 and 6 be allowed to do all homework on technology?". Both teams worked together wonderfully and celebrated two fantastic wins. We're incredibly proud of their efforts. A big thank you to all involved for ensuring they arrived on time and ready to debate!

## Upcoming P&C events

### Krispy Kreme Doughnut Drive CLOSING Friday @ 6pm

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Drive Orders close tomorrow at 6pm - order now via : <https://wauchope-public-school-pc.square.site/krispy-kreme-fundraiser>

Paper ordering form available in the School Office.

**Pick-up between 3:15pm- 6pm on Thursday 4 September at the front gate!**

### Father's Day Breakfast

Wednesday 3 September - ORDERS NOW OPEN <https://wauchope-public-school-pc.square.site/fathers-day-breakfast>

### Father's Days Stall

Friday 5 September

### P&C General Meeting

Thursday 11 September 6:30pm in the Staff room or email us via [wauchopepsandc@gmail.com](mailto:wauchopepsandc@gmail.com) for the zoom link!

We need enthusiastic volunteers for our upcoming events contact us via: [wauchopepsandc@gmail.com](mailto:wauchopepsandc@gmail.com)

## Term 4

Major Fundraiser - Colour Run 2025

Thursday November 6

## 25/26 NIPPERS




### REGISTRATION DAY

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September @4.00pm  
In the club training room  
Merchandise will also be available

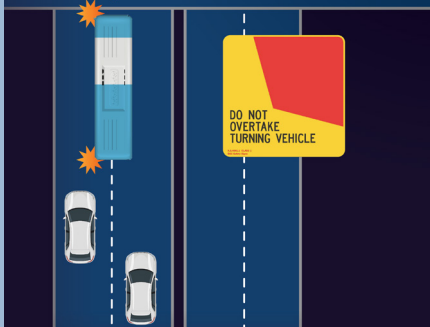


## Road Rules Awareness Week 2025

18-24 August




### DON'T OVERTAKE turning long vehicles.



### 300km Charity Walk

Raising Money for the Country Education Foundation. **\$300,000**



#### In Honour of

Christopher Mark Murphy

The walk honours the legacy of father and grandfather, the late Christopher Mark Murphy, former manager of rock band INXS and a passionate advocate for young people and the land.

#### Meet the Walking Team



Proudly supporting the Country Education Foundation and Hastings Education Fund empowering young people from across regional Australia through education and career support.

Support Us on This Journey to Transform Lives, One Step at a Time.



## Book Week

Next Week, Monday 25 August - Friday 29 August, WPS will be celebrating Book Week. A reminder that the book fair is on Tuesday 26 August from 8am. Carers can visit with their children between 8:00am and 9:00am. Students who do not have a carer able to make the book fair will be given an opportunity after 9am to visit the book fair. Parents may pay via EFTPOS, cash or by scanning the QR code on your child's wish list note. If your child has missed out on a wish list note extra copies can be found at the office or students can visit the library and get a spare. If you pay online students must bring the record of payment with receipt number and amount paid to school on Tuesday 26 August. Our annual book parade will be held on Friday 29 August. Students will parade around town from 10am, please see the permission note on school bytes for more information. In the case of wet weather students will parade at school and unfortunately no parents/carers will be able to attend. Book Week costumes should be based on a book character and this years theme is 'Book an Adventure'. All costumes must be school and age appropriate, no offensive language or inappropriate characters please. Thank you for your support of book week.

# BOOK WEEK 2025

WEEK 6, 25 AUGUST - 29 AUGUST



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|----------------|-------------------------|
| Monday 25/8    | Pop-up Library          |
| Tuesday 26/8   | Book Fair               |
| Wednesday 27/8 | Pop-up library          |
| Thursday 28/8  | Live Stream Performance |
| Friday 29/8    | Book Parade             |




Come dressed as your favourite character!



## Healthy Harold

