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**Term 4 Week 1
Newsletter
Thursday
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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 15 - Friday 17 October

- Year 6 Camp

Thursday 16 October

- P&C Meeting - 6:30pm

Friday 17 October

- Year 2 Walking Excursion

Wednesday 22 October

- Grandparent's Morning Tea
K-2 - 11.10am - 11.40am
Morning tea 11.40am - 12.20pm
3-6 - 12.20pm - 12.50pm
- State Athletics Carnival

Thursday 23 October

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Friday 24 October

- Musica Viva Australia - Free Performance Years 3, 4 and 5

Tuesday 28 October

- Stage 3 Police Cyber Talks

Wednesday 29 October

- Board Short Fundraiser - Gold Coin donation
- Year 2 and 4 Lifeguard Talks

Friday 31 October

- Year 4 Big Banana Excursion
- World Teachers Day!

Tuesday 4 November

- Boys Leadership speeches

Wednesday 5 November

- Girls Leadership speeches

Thursday 6 November

- P&C Colour Rush

Friday 7 November

- Year 3 Beach Excursion

Tuesday 11 November

- Remembrance Day



Social Media – Get your kids off it!

I'm sure all parents are aware of the warnings and dangers of children being on social media. It is extremely topical in all sections of the media and with the police and at Government level. Social media is fraught with danger on many levels for young minds. Please also limit screen time. It is having a detrimental effect on children. Encourage other activities such as being outside and playing sports, games, riding a bike, joining a sporting team, playing an instrument, swimming, reading. Anything else!

World Teachers' Day in NSW

World Teachers' Day in NSW is celebrated on Friday 31 October 2025 and is an opportunity to recognise all 170,000 primary, secondary and early childhood teachers working in NSW. I know we have fantastic teachers at Wauchope PS! You may consider having your child write a little thank you note to their teacher. That would probably make someone feel special.

State Athletics

Good luck to Poppy M, Amaya D and Aspen C who will be flying the WPS flag at the PSSA State



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Grandparents Day

There is something very special when it comes to relationships between grandparents and their grandchildren. We hope as many pops and nans can join us on Wednesday 22 October. If you want to order some food online for you and your grandchild, please do so before 8:00pm Sunday 19 October. Morning tea will be available between 11:40am and 12:20pm. The children will be given the vouchers. Grandparents may visit K-2 classrooms between 11:10am and 11:40am and visit 3-6 classrooms between 12:20pm and 12:50pm.

School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Applications are now open for 2026 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. Note: some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

athletics carnival in Sydney next week. What an amazing experience for our girls.

2026 Class Formations

The staff at WPS will shortly begin the process of forming classes for 2026. It is crucial that we have as much information as possible when we are forming these proposed classes. If you know your personal circumstances (e.g. possibly work related) have changed and you will no longer have your child attending WPS then please let us know as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2026 or you know families who are in this situation please complete and submit an enrolment form now, so your child is placed in a class. The same applies if you know of any new families who are moving to Wauchope over the school holiday period.

Student numbers at the commencement of the school year are vital and dictate our level of staffing. If you know your child won't be returning Day 1 2026 (possibly due to holiday, overseas trip or extended stay with grandparents/relatives) but you know they will be returning to WPS then I would request you let us know in writing so we can include your child in our numbers.

I invite parents to submit any special requests regarding their child's class placement for 2026 in writing addressed to myself (not the class teacher) before the end of Week 5, 14 November 2025. All requests will be taken into consideration when forming classes. However, there are no guarantees. Staff will be putting a lot of time and effort

into ensuring that all classes are as balanced as possible taking into consideration factors such as academic levels, social development, relationships, behaviour, and male/female. Please note it is not appropriate to request individual teachers.

Student Leadership Opportunities - 2026

Mr Beard will share information on this great opportunity for Year 5 students in the very near future. The first part of the process is being nominated. Nominations are going out to Year 5 students soon. This is followed by speeches to Year 5, on either Tuesday November 4 (Boys) and Wednesday November 5 (Girls) followed by an election narrowing the field to 16 and then final prefect speeches and election on Thursday 20 November. Aboriginal Students in Year 5 will also be able to be nominated for the Aboriginal Ambassador position early this term. Sporting House Captain elections will be held on Tuesday 25 November.

Year 6 Excursion

Year 6 set off for their Sport and Recreation camp on Wednesday. I'm sure you have been enjoying the photos on Facebook. They look like they are having a great time. A huge thank you to the WPS staff attending who have left their loved ones at home including all their creature comforts. Excursions would not be possible if I didn't have staff who volunteered to attend. Thank you, Ms Laing, Mrs Welch, Mr Taylor and Mr Beard.

TAFE Car Park

Please do not park across our neighbours' driveways or in businesses car parks. Eg the

Last day of Term 3 Finals Fever



TAFE car park. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Year 2 Excursion

Good luck to our Year 2 students for their adventure tomorrow. Please pack plenty of water.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is on this evening Thursday 16 October commencing at 6:30pm.

Year 4 Big Banana Excursion

Good luck to our Year 4 students for their fun adventure in week 3. Please make sure all notes and money have been returned.

Bandanna Week

This fundraiser will be run by the canteen during week 3. Stay tuned.

Higher School Certificate

I'd like to wish all our ex-Wauchope Public School students the best of luck for their HSC exams that start today. 13 years of schooling and preparation comes down to this. Hope the parents of the students survive also.

Children Love Routine

Staying calm and being organised in the morning will help you and your child feel positive about the day ahead. It will also help you reduce stress, which is good for everyone's wellbeing. One of the best ways to stay calm and get organised is to have a morning routine for school. A routine will help your child know what's happening and remember what they need to do.

Tips to Help with Your Morning Routine

Get your child to have a bath or shower the night before, so you don't need to make time for this in the morning.

Make sure your child gets to bed with plenty of time for a good night's sleep. This will help your child wake up refreshed.

Get up 15-30 minutes earlier than you think you need to. This will give you more time in the morning.

Think about an alarm for children who find it hard to wake up or don't like getting out of bed.

Encouraging Cooperation and Good Behaviour

Tackle the morning as positively as you can. You and your child could do this by sharing one thing that you're each looking forward to during the day.

Give your child calm, clear instructions about what you want them to do, and follow up with praise as soon as they start to cooperate.

Encourage children to do more for themselves as they get older and more independent. For example, a 5-year-old can do things like putting their lunch box in their bag. An 8-year-old can get dressed on their own, make their own breakfast, and tidy up after themselves.

Cut down on distractions like television, tablets, and other devices, unless screen time is a special treat for being ready on time.

Give your child positive recognition for good behaviour rather than attention for arguing, whining or stalling.

Make it fun! Perhaps play a game to encourage your child to be ready on time.

Cameron Osborne
Principal

Last day of Term 3 Finals Fever



P&C News

Upcoming P&C events

P&C General Meeting

Thursday 16 October 6:30pm in the Staff room or email us via wauchopepspandc@gmail.com for the zoom link! Come join us!

Grandparents Morning Tea

Wednesday 22 October - Hurry, orders close 19 October 8pm, limited stock.

<https://wauchope-public-school-pc.square.site/grandparents-day>

Colour Run 2025

Thursday 6 November -The Colour Rush 2025 is almost here, get excited! Who will win the Graham Seers Bike and slime Mr Osborne? Loads of prizes to be won! Share the link with family and friends <https://www.mycase.com.au/events/wpspccolourrush2025> Keep an eye out for weekly Teacher sliming targets! Funds raised go towards funding the installation of the School hall's airconditioning! Contact us for any questions about our events or to volunteer via: wauchopepspandc@gmail.com

Wauchope Public School

COLOUR RUSH

Thursday 6 November 2025

SCAN THE CODE TO ENTER OR VISIT:
[HTTPS://WWW.MYCASE.COM.AU/EVENTS/WPSPCCOLOURRUSH2025](https://www.mycase.com.au/events/wpspccolourrush2025)

HOW TO FIND YOUR CHILD / STUDENT

STEP 1 - Use the search function by entering name or class then select
STEP 2 - Click the donate button
STEP 3 - Enter your details and donation amount
STEP 4 - Share the page to family and friends to support this event and your child to win prizes!

Spread the word! Share our campaign!

Over 50 prizes to be won!!
TEACHER SLIMING TARGETS - who would you slime?
Keep an eye out for draw times and more!

contact us via: wauchopepspandc@gmail.com
Our amazing event sponsors:

WAUCHOPE DENTAL
Graham Seers
SUNDIAL DENTAL

COLOUR RUSH

PRIZES

HIGHEST OVERALL WINNER = Graham Seers Cycles Bike Valued up to \$829! AND Slime Mr Osborne!

HIGHEST K-2, 3-6 AND SUPPORTED LEARNING

1ST
\$400 Gift Voucher

2ND
\$200 Gift Voucher

3RD
LEGO kit + \$50 Toyworld Voucher (Valued at \$100)

HIGHEST CLASS = Pizza Party (Donated by Domino's)

HIGHEST STUDENT IN EACH CLASS
Lego (Donated by Deadly Science)

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES
(Sponsored by Wauchope Dental)
Over 50 prizes to be won!!
Every \$10 you raise gets an entry into the lucky draw.

EVERY CHILD WHO RAISES \$10 OR MORE...
Will receive a lucky door entry, a pair of coloured UV rated sunglasses, wristband, PLUS a Zipper Dooper!

Each student can only win one prize in the Highest Fundraiser Category.
The student who wins Highest Overall Winner cannot win Highest K-2, 3-6 or SL.
Higher K-2, 3-6 or SL cannot win Highest in class etc.
But EVERY \$10 will receive an entry in the LUCKY Door Prizes!!

Busways
13 Oct 2025

Beechwood Public School
Wauchope Public School
St Joseph's Primary School, Wauchope
Wauchope High School
St Columba Anglican School
Heritage Christian School
Mackillop College, Leichhardt PI Campus
Mackillop College, Ocean Dr Campus
Newman Senior Technical College
Port Macquarie Adventist School
St Agnes Primary School
St Joseph's Primary School, Port Macquarie
St Joseph's Regional College
St Peter's Primary School, Port Macquarie
Westport Public School

School Bus 5529 - PM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,
Commencing 20 October 2025, Afternoon School Bus 5529 will operate on revised path and time as detailed below.
Afternoon School Bus 5529 will not service:
1. Redbank Rd between Stoney Creek Rd and the Redbank bridge.
Revised path:
From Hursley/Stoney Creek continue Stoney Creek Rd, left Pembroke Rd, left Redbank Rd turn around at 71 Redbank Rd then via Redbank Rd, right Pembroke Rd, then as normal. Times are unchanged from Beechwood and Wauchope to Hursley Rd/Stoney Creek Rd. Service will arrive later at Mortons Creek Rd/Beechwood Rd, as shown below.

Current arrival time	Location	Revised arrival time
4:30pm	Mortons Creek Rd/Beechwood Rd	4:45pm

Reason for proposed change:
Scheduled maintenance work on the bridge at Redbank Road, Wauchope for 1 month.

Please refer to your school's timetabled services at: <https://www.busways.com.au/school-revision-school-timetable> and select the link adjacent to your school's name. *New timetable 13 Oct 2025*.

For further information, please contact Busways Customer Service on 1300 69 2929 or info@busways.com.au. Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS
(4231) 58 529 3051

[busways.com.au](https://www.busways.com.au)

positive partnerships
Working together to support autistic school-aged students

Free workshop

2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers
Port Macquarie, NSW

Scan the QR code or click here to register

This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Wednesday & Thursday
19 & 20 November, 2025
9:30am - 2:30pm

The Westport Club
25 Buller Street
PORT MACQUARIE NSW 2444

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided

Interpreters available upon request

For more information or to register visit:
<https://www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC>
or email anachae@positivepartnerships.com.au

0466 364 903

Grandparents Day Morning Tea

FOOD AVAILABLE TO ORDER

WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER

- Scone with jam & cream
- Selection of delicious cakes
- Sausage Sandwiches
- Fruit Juice
- GF options

ORDERS CLOSE SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER @ 8PM

ORDER BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR ONLINE:
[HTTPS://WAUCHOPE-PUBLIC-SCHOOL-PC.SQUARE.SITE/GRANDPARENTS-DAY](https://wauchope-public-school-pc.square.site/grandparents-day)

QR CODE

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