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**Term 4 Week 2
Newsletter
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Upcoming Events

Thursday 23 October

- State Athletics Carnival

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

Thursday 13 November

- P&C Meeting - 6:30pm

Wednesday 19 November

- Multi Sports - Supported Learning

Thursday 20 November

- Final Leadership speeches

Monday 24 - Friday 28 November

- Swimming Scheme

Monday 24 November

- Art Group Excursion



Grandparents Day

This was a brilliant day yesterday. Thank you to those who were able to make it. It was definitely hot. The children loved seeing their grandparents at school. Thank you to the P&C and WPS staff for catering and serving so many tasty treats. Chief barbecue chefs, Mr Lindner and Mr Hurrell, Ruth in the canteen and Heather, Sue, Chloe and Jack. We provided 209 sausages, 200 drinks, 150 scones and 175 other sweet treats. The cakes were huge! Congratulations Wauchope Public School. You certainly know how to host a party!

Gold Assemblies

It has been wonderful rewarding the children who wear their uniform with pride, follow our

very simple school expectations and have a regular attendance record. Please note this is a reward. Not a right. Students behave in the expected manner and are rewarded. Congratulations boys and girls. You are gold!

Extra Gold Incentive

We realise that during the year some students may have a slip up or slight error of judgement and make themselves ineligible to earn the ultimate Wauchope Star. That's life. However, if this happens, we hope students still strive to earn their next level i.e. a student could earn their Gold over the next few weeks. As a further incentive we will be hosting a free BBQ for all students who have earned their Gold Star by Term 4 Week 8 on



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Year 6 Excursion

Year 6 had the time of their lives last week. Thank you, Mr Beard for organising and to Ms Laing, Mrs Welch, Mr Taylor and Mr Beard for attending.



Friday 5 December. By that date I'm hoping I am giving almost every student in the school a free sausage sandwich.

Stage 3 Cyber Safety Talks

Police Officers will give Stage 3 a Cyber safety presentation next week.

Board Short Fundraiser

Next Wednesday students are invited to wear board shorts with their usual school uniform. The gold coin donations will be going to the Port Macquarie Surf Lifeguards. Year 3 have a beach excursion coming up and Years 2 and 4 will have Surf Safety talks on the board short day.

Year 5 Leadership Opportunities

Nominations are being taken for the positions of 2026 Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects. The first speeches and election will be on Tuesday 4 November for the boys and Wednesday 5 November for the girls. Year 5 vote to decide the final 16 candidates. The final speeches and election day is Thursday 20 November. This will be followed by the House Captain election on Tuesday 25 November.

World Teachers Day

Next Friday 31 October is a day in the year where we can acknowledge the wonderful job our teachers do with our children. Apart from parents, for one year in their life, teachers spend more time than anyone else with your child. The WPS teachers are dedicated, committed and very caring. People are quick to complain but it's often nice to acknowledge people who greatly care for our children.

Swimming Scheme

This is an amazing opportunity

for our students in Years 2 and 3. It is a ten-day program and commences on Monday 24 November. The permission note and request for payment should be emailed via School Bytes on Monday.

2026 Class Formations

I would also 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. These requests should be about student relationships both positive and negative. All requests will be taken into consideration when forming classes. However, there are no guarantees. Staff will be putting a lot of effort and time 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.

Year 6-7 Transitions

These will be happening throughout Term 4. Please note if your child is not wearing their full school uniform, they will not be representing WPS.

Colour Rush Fun Run

This exciting event will be held on Thursday 6 November. I can't wait to see who else is being slimed.

State Athletics

We can't wait to hear how Amaya, Poppy and Aspen have gone at the State athletics carnival in Sydney this week. Great experience.

Year 2 Excursion

Year 2 loved their historical tour last Friday. Thank you, Mrs Taylor, for coordinating and Mrs Pearce for leading.



Big Banana Excursion

Good luck to Year 4 for their excursion next week. Please ensure all payments have been finalised.

Bandanna Week

Next week bandannas will be on sale for \$7 from the canteen.

Musica Viva

Students in Year 3 – 5 will enjoy a free performance tomorrow.

Important December Dates for your Calendars

- 2 - Year 6 Statewide Public High Schools Orientation Day
- 5 - Cool for School Day
- 11 - P&C Meeting
- 11 - K-2 Presentation Day
- 11 - 3/4 Presentation Day
- 12 - 5/6 Presentation Day
- 12 - Kindergarten Pool Party
- 15 - Year 1 Pool Party
- 15 - Year 6 Graduation/Year 6 Lunch/ Year 6 Farewell
- 16 - K-2 Christmas Concert
- 17 - Stage 2 Pool Party
- 17 - Stage 3 Pool Party
- 17 - Year 2 Taree Pool Party
- 18 - Last day and Year 6 Guard of Honour

Why are Under 16s being “Banned” from Social Media?

It's not a ban; it's a delay to having accounts.

Age-restricted platforms won't be allowed to let under-16s create or keep an account. That's because being logged into an account increases the likelihood that they'll be exposed to pressures and risks that can be hard to deal with. These come from social media platform design features that encourage them to spend more time on screens

and make it more likely that they will see negative, upsetting or manipulative content.

For example, the pressure to view disappearing content and respond to a stream of notifications and alerts has been linked to harms to health - these include reduced sleep and attention, and increased stress levels. Over-exposure to harmful content can also impact immediate and long-term health and wellbeing.

While most platforms currently have a minimum age of 13 for account holders, delaying account access until 16 will give young people more time to develop important skills and maturity. It's breathing space to build digital literacy, critical reasoning, impulse control and greater resilience.

It also means there's extra time to teach under-16s about online risks and the impacts of harms, as well as how to stay safer online and seek help when they need it. This will give young people a better chance to prevent and deal with issues once they turn 16 and can have full social media accounts.

As the law will apply to all under 16s, parents and carers will no longer need to choose between allowing them to set up accounts on platforms that may negatively affect their health, or making sure they are not socially excluded. No under-16s have to feel like they're 'missing out'. Parents and carers won't have to say 'yes' or 'no' to social media accounts, instead they can say 'not yet'.

Which platforms will be age-restricted?

Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat,

TikTok and YouTube meet many of the conditions the legislation

uses to define an 'age-restricted social media platform'. eSafety is considering self-assessments by those companies – including why they believe that they are, or are not, required to comply with the minimum age for accounts.

Through industry engagement we have heard that several platforms are considering changes to their services in response to the social media age restrictions.

eSafety is engaging with a broad range of services in the expectation that some under-16 users may migrate to other platforms. We have also requested self-assessments for WhatsApp, X, Roblox, Pinterest, Discord, Lego Play, Reddit, Kick, GitHub, HubApp, Steam, Twitch and platforms provided by Match Group. This request does not mean that they are age-restricted platforms, only that eSafety would like further information.

More generally, age restrictions will apply to social media platforms that meet three specific conditions, unless they are excluded based on criteria set out in legislative rules External link made by the Minister for Communications in July 2025.

The conditions for age restriction are:

- the sole purpose, or a significant purpose, of the service is to enable online social interaction between two or more end-users
- the service allows end-users to link to, or interact with, some or all of the other end-users

- the service allows end-users to post material on the service.

Platforms that have the sole or primary purpose of enabling messaging or online gaming are among a number of types of services that have been excluded under the legislative rules.

Multiple purpose platforms

It is important to note that many platforms have multiple purposes.

For example, some messaging services have social-media style features which allow users to interact in other ways apart from messaging. If the primary purpose of the service changes due to the noticeable common use of these social-media style features, then they may be included in the age restrictions.

Also, online gaming services that enable online social interaction through features and functions such as direct messaging, group chats and livestreaming may be included in the age restrictions if the service's sole or primary purpose changes.

The way online services are used can change over time, many services have multiple purposes, and new services are constantly being developed. So the platforms which are age-restricted may change depending on whether they start to meet, continue to meet or no longer meet the legislative rules for exclusion.

Compliance and enforcement

eSafety does not have a formal role in declaring which services are age-restricted social media platforms. However, platforms we believe to be age-restricted will be informed of this by eSafety, to help them understand their legal obligations under the

Online Safety Act. We will also share our view publicly. These platforms must comply with the law when the minimum age requirements take effect on 10 December.

eSafety's view will also underpin our decisions to use enforcement powers under the Online Safety Act if a platform does not take reasonable steps to implement the age restrictions. Where a service disagrees with eSafety's use of these powers, it has the usual legal rights to challenge and seek a review of our decisions by a court.

As noted in our Regulatory Guidance, eSafety will be taking a proportionate and risk-based approach to compliance, initially focusing on services with the greatest number of end-users, where there are higher risks of harm, accounting for the steps providers are implementing to prevent the youngest users from having accounts.

Parents and carers

Please see this link. Also below are two parent information sessions you can register for. [eSafety Commissioner's webinars](#) External link:

The changing face of cyberbullying: protecting your child in 2025

29 October, 12:30 to 1:15 pm

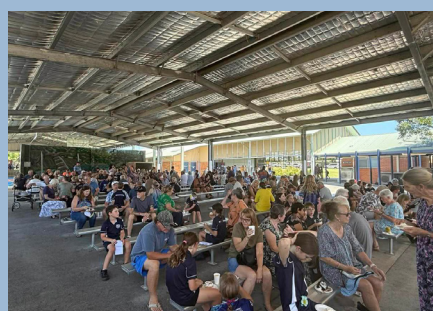
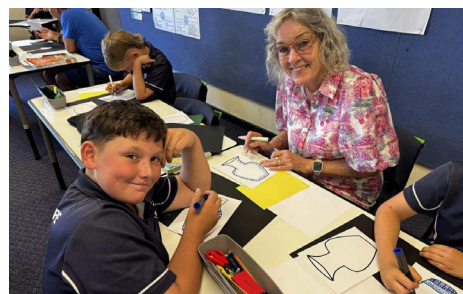
Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online.

6 November, 12:30 to 1:15 pm

Also check out the [Cyber playtime videos](#) External link to learn more about cyber safety, online stranger danger, passwords, phishing and being kind online. For families with children 5 to 8 years of age.

Cameron Osborne

Principal



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COLOUR RUSH

Thursday 6 November 2025

SCAN THE CODE TO ENTER OR VISIT:
[HTTPS://WWW.MYCASE.COM.AU/EVENTS/](https://www.mycase.com.au/events/wpsscocolourrush2025)
[WPSSCCOLOURRUSH2025](https://www.mycase.com.au/events/wpsscocolourrush2025)



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

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COLOUR RUSH

PRIZES

HIGHEST OVERALL Graham Seers Cyclery Bike Valued up to \$829! AND Sliming 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.

Billabong 200 Family Pass
 2 x \$100 Bunnings Vouchers
 4 x \$25 Kmart Vouchers
 Variety Prize Packs & More!

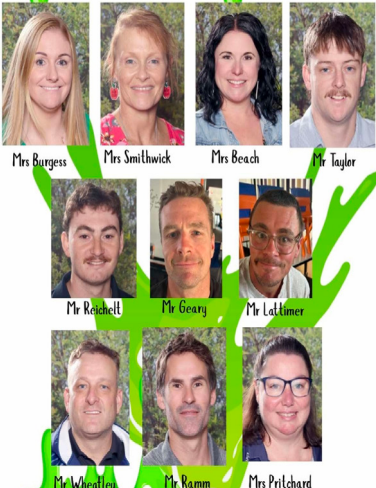
EVERY CHILD WHO RAISES \$10 OR MORE...
 Will receive a lucky door entry, a pair of coloured UV rated sunglasses, wristband, PLUS a Zooper Dooper!

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.
 Highest K-2, 3-6 or SL cannot win highest in class etc.
 But EVERY \$10 will receive an entry in the LUCKY Door Prizes!!

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Colour Rush 2025

Which teacher or SLSO would you slime?



Mrs Burgess Mrs Smithwick Mrs Beach Mr Taylor

Mr Mitchell Mr Geary Mr Lattimer

Mr Wheatley Mr Ramm Mrs Pritchard

P&C News

Upcoming P&C events

Colour Run 2025

Thursday 6 November -The Colour Run 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/wpsscocolourrush2025> Keep an eye out for weekly teacher slimming targets! Funds raised go towards funding the installation of the School hall's air-conditioning!

Contact us for any questions about our events or to volunteer via: wauchopepspandc@gmail.com

P&C General Meeting

Thursday 13 November 6:30pm in the Staff room or email us via wauchopepspandc@gmail.com for the zoom link! Come join us!



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Please place orders **online** by **Friday October 31** via Scholastic Book Club Loop.
 Didn't receive a magazine? No problems, scan the QR code to log in and view the online version.

All purchases made by you earn reward points for our school library. Thank you for supporting our library.

