



# Wauchope Public School

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**Term 4 Week 8  
Newsletter**

**Thursday  
4 December 2025**

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## Upcoming Events

### Thursday 4 December

- Gold Reward Barbecue

### Thursday 11 December

- K-2 Presentation Day 9:30am
- 3-4 Presentation Day 12:00pm
- P&C Meeting 6:00pm

### Friday 12 December

- Kindergarten Pool Party
- 5-6 Presentation Day 9:30am

### Monday 15 December

- Year 6 Graduation Assembly 9:30am
- Year 1 Pool Party
- Year 6 Barbecue 12:30pm
- Year 6 Farewell 5:30pm

### Tuesday 16 December

- K-2 Christmas Concert 1:30pm

### Wednesday 17 December

- Stage 2 Pool Party
- Student Leader Lunch

### Thursday 18 December

- Stage 3 Pool Party
- Year 2 Taree Fun Day

### Friday 19 December

- Year 6 Guard of Honour 2:40pm
- Out of Uniform Day

### Saturday 17 January 2026

- Uniform Shop Open 10am-12pm

### Tuesday 27 January - Friday 30 January

- School Development Days

### Monday 2 February

- Term 1 commences for all students
- Kindergarten Start

### Thursday 5 February

- Swimming Carnival



**Cool for School Day**

## Social Media New Restrictions

From Wednesday 10 December 2025, social media age restrictions will come into effect across Australia. If I was a parent with primary aged children, I'd take this opportunity to absolutely enforce this. I'd also take it as an opportunity to ensure my children were not playing 18 plus online games. The alarm bells are ringing for everyone. Our kids are being massively affected by screen time, social media and violent games. Perhaps under the Christmas tree should be heaps of board games, colouring in books, novels, card games and sports gear to have alternative activities for your kids.

Age-restricted social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Kick, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, Twitch, X and YouTube will have to take reasonable steps to prevent Australians under 16 from creating or keeping accounts.

This change aims to give young people more time to develop essential skills and maturity before engaging fully on social media.

### Benefits of the Restrictions

Delaying social media use can have a lot of positive effects for young people. The delay means giving themselves time to build confidence and self-awareness without the pressure of likes, comments, and comparisons.



**Like us on Facebook**

## Cool for School Day

This was a fun day for all students. The entire school population had an absolute ball. Congratulations Year 6, Ms Laing and the Year 6 teachers for raising \$4,500. Amazing.



It can help protect their mental health, reducing the chances of feeling anxious or left out because of what they see online.

Waiting also supports healthy brain development. It allows them to strengthen focus, self-control, and practice real-world social skills before facing the constant notifications and feedback that social media brings.

Without digital distractions, young people tend to sleep better, pay more attention in school, and spend more time on hobbies or time with friends and family.

## Kindergarten Twilight Tours

This event was a massive success and extremely well attended by our 2026 newest students and parents. The highlight was seeing the Kindergarten rooms, enjoying afternoon tea and receiving gifts. Thank you to Ruth for opening the Uniform Shop during this convenient shopping time.

## 2026 Student Numbers

Planning is well under way for 2026. Please ensure you notify the school if you are moving away from the area and your child will no longer be enrolled at WPS. This will greatly assist with our class formations.

## Presentation Days

Please be reminded that our three Presentation Days next week will be as set out below:

11/12 Thursday K-2 9:30am

11/12 Thursday 3-4 12:00pm

12/12 Thursday 5-6 9:30am

Parents of award winners and performers should have received an invitation. Please enter and depart through the Mackay Street gate. Please be reminded that if you have any

flu-like symptoms whatsoever, please do not attend. This is to keep our school community safe leading into the school holidays.

## Gold Reward Barbecue

We had 519 students enjoying a free sausage sizzle today. Thank you Mr Lindner and Mr Hurrell for cooking!

## Swimming Scheme

Intensive swimming comes to a conclusion tomorrow. A huge thank you to the WPS staff who have been escorting the students to and from the pool in this heat and getting in and out of the water for our students. Being able to competently swim is a life saving skill that all children need to be able to do. I would encourage parents to continue seeking swimming lessons for your children.

## Uniform Shop Holidays Opening Hours

The Uniform shop will be open on Saturday 17 January between 10:00am and 12:00pm. Enter and exit via the MacKay Street gate.

## P&C Meeting

The final P&C meeting and then Christmas celebration will be on Thursday 11 December at an earlier start time of 6:00pm.

## End of Year Party Days

Please ensure you have completed any permission notes and returned money if required.

Kindergarten – Friday 12 at pool and school

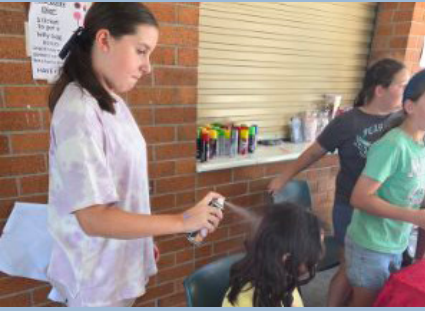
Year 1 – Monday 15 at pool and school

Year 2 – Thursday 18 at Taree

Year 3/4 – Wednesday 17 at pool and school

Year 5/6 – Thursday 18 at pool and school

## Cool for School Day



## K-3 Computer Usernames

During the summer school holidays, the usernames of students in Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 (Class of 2026) will be set to the department's new shortened format (student initials and the last four digits of their student reference number, such as JS1234 for example). Your child's teacher will be able to print off a login credentials card if you need it.

## International Day of Disability

This day is held on 3 December. The day aims to promote awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability.

This year's theme, 'Fostering disability-inclusive societies for advancing social progress', recognises the important role people with disability play in creating a more inclusive and sustainable world for all.

## Physical Culture

Once upon a time I was a Physie dad before I graduated to an ExtravaDance dad, so I know all about what is involved with being successful and competing in Physie. I believe it is so good for a girl's development and confidence being able to confidently perform on stages all around NSW. A few WPS girls competed at the Nationals on Sunday. It's a massive event and they can only compete if they placed at Zone competitions. Congratulations to: Sophie P - 11 yrs National finalist, Latisha M - 8 yrs National finalist, Mya P - 8 yrs National semi-finalist, Alearia Y - 8yrs National semi-finalist, and Sophie A - 11yrs.

Special congratulations to Latisha and Sophie for being a National finalist. This means top 15 in Australia. Wow!

**Cameron Osborne**

Principal

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### Kindergarten Twilight Tours



### P&C News

### Upcoming P&C events

### P&C General Meeting

The final P&C General Meeting for the year!

Thursday 11 December at the early time of 6:00pm followed by our Christmas party. Email us via [wauchopepsandc@gmail.com](mailto:wauchopepsandc@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

**K-2**

**Christmas Concert**

*Please join us as we celebrate together through song and dance at our very special Christmas Concert !*

**TUESDAY 16 DEC AT 1:30PM**

**Wauchope Public School Hall**

*Students are invited to wear their brightest Christmas clothes to school for the day*