



# Wauchope Public School

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**Term 1 Week 3  
Newsletter**

**Thursday  
12 February 2026**

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Thursday 12 February**

- P&C Meeting - 6:30pm

### **Thursday 19 February**

- Welcome to Country  
Aboriginal Land Council

### **Friday 20 February**

- Hastings Camden Haven  
Swimming Carnival
- Kindergarten Teddy Bears  
Picnic

### **Monday 23 February**

- Three Way Meetings
- Supported Learning Reviews  
Start

### **Tuesday 24 February**

- Ian Schubert League Stars  
Challenge
- Wauchope High School  
Twilight Evening

### **Wednesday 25 February**

- Lower North Coast Swimming  
Carnival-Kempsey

### **Thursday 26 February**

- Lions Club Eye Tests -  
Kindergarten/Year 1
- Three Way Meetings

### **Friday 27 February**

- Clean Up Australia Day
- Lions Club Eye Tests -  
Kindergarten/Year 1
- Lower North Coast Hockey

### **Thursday 5 March**

- Hastings Camden Haven  
Rugby League Trials

### **Friday 6 March**

- Lower North Coast Basketball

### **Monday 9 March**

- Lower North Coast  
Rugby League



**Wauchope PS Student Leaders 2026**

## **Student Numbers**

As of today, our student population is 599. We have 553 students in mainstream and 46 in Supported Learning. We have 195 students who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

## **Class Structure**

We have formed 33 classes this year. We have seven Supported Learning and 26 Mainstream classes. The school is funding four extra classes to reduce student numbers across the school. This reduction in numbers across the school will be incredibly beneficial for the

students both educationally and socially. All students should have taken home a note on Tuesday listing their class name, class teacher and Assistant Principal for that Grade. See class names and WPS staff below.

### **Kindergarten:**

KLR - Mrs Lee-a Rock

KSS - Mrs Sally Smithwick

KVW - Mrs Vanessa Woolley

KVB - Mrs Vanessa Boyle

KNB - Mrs Nikki Beach

### **Year 1:**

1LF - Mrs Lisa Falk

1KB - Mrs Kerry Burn and Mrs  
Melissa Mobbs – Wed



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## New Staff at WPS

I'd like to welcome our new Aboriginal Education Officer Aunty Misty, our new Teacher Librarian, Mrs Lisa O'Callaghan, Year 6 teacher Mr Patrick Armstrong and Mrs Anna Bolton in the front office.



## Welcome to Country Morning

WPS has been invited to this event at the Port Macquarie Lands Council on Thursday 19 February. We have organised a bus to take our Stage 3 Aboriginal students. Please complete the School Bytes permission note if you'd like your child to attend. The students will be accompanied by Aunty Misty, Mr Sallustio and myself.

1MH - Miss Maddy Haywood

1MM - Ms Michelle Millard

### Year 2:

2TC - Miss Michelle Taylor Mon/Tue and Mrs Jodie Cass Wed/Thu/Fri

2KB - Mrs Kim Balderston

2RB - Mr Robby Barron

2JH - Mrs Jo Hansard

### Year 3:

3SS - Mr Scott Spurrier

3KD - Mrs Katrina Daly

3MH - Mrs Martine Harris

### Year 4:

4AD - Mrs Amanda Darcy

4JL - Mrs Janet Lovett

4EW - Mrs Ellie Woolnough - Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu and Mrs Melissa Mobbs - Fri

### Year 5:

5CR - Miss Catherine Robinson

5AL - Mr Ash Latimer

5JN - Miss Hannah Jeffery Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri and Mr Mitchell Nicholson - Mon

5/6EW - Mrs Cathryn Welch Wed/Thu/Fri and Mrs Jemma Emmeriks Mon/Tue

### Year 6:

6DB - Mr Darren Beard

6ML - Ms Megan Laing

6PA - Mr Patrick Armstrong

5/6EW - Mrs Cathryn Welch Wed/Thu/Fri and Mrs Jemma Emmeriks Mon/Tue

### Supported Learning:

3-6JG - Mr James Grech,

K-6RF - Miss Rebecca Faith / Mr Cooper Reichelt

K-6SR - Mrs Shannon Ramm

K-6BC - Ms Rebecca Cole

3-6BB - Mrs Brooke Burgess,

K-6GS - Mrs Gina Spurrier

K-6DW - Mrs Danielle Wheatley

### Library:

Mrs Lisa O'Callaghan

### RFF/Intervention:

Mr Mitchell Nicholson Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri, Mr Jigh Sallustio, Ms Margaret Gardner, Mr Riley Taylor, Mrs Helen Pearse Mon/Tue/Wed, Mrs Jodie Cass Wed, Mrs Taylor Willoughby Term 2 onwards Mon/Tue/Wed

### LaST:

Mrs Kelly Newell and Mrs Sharon Randall

### Wellbeing:

Mr Chris Geary

### School Counsellor:

Mrs Shona Ballard and Mrs Amy Cooper

### Supported Learning:

Ms Lisa White, Mrs Donna Anthony (Mon/Tues/Wed), Mrs Nicole Potter, Mr Brad Baxter, Mrs Sheila McDougall, Mrs Toni Foster, Mrs Maddie Burling, Mrs Bec Underwood and Mrs Paris Wilton.

### Mainstream:

Ms Deb Johnson, Mrs Tania Williams, Mrs Kaela Croft, Ms Rochelle Pritchard, Mrs Cindy Bell, Mrs Cathy Williams, Mr Chris Wheatley, Mr Simon Ramm, Mrs Leah Caller, Mrs Lisa Vogel, Mrs Kiera Martino, Mrs Sharni Edwards and Mr Brandon Grogan.

### Aboriginal Education Officer:

Mrs Misty Donovan

### General Assistant:

Mr Mark Hurrell

### Office Staff:

Mrs Michelle Kelly (SAM), Mrs Kylie Schofield, Mrs Anna Bolton and Ms Michelle Birrer (Tue/Thu in library)

## P&C

The first P&C meeting for 2026 will be on this evening in the school staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend. Hopefully some of our new Kindergarten parents can attend. The meeting will commence at 6:30pm. Please enter through the electric gate on Waugh Street. Your lovely Principal will be there to greet you.

## Notice of P&C Annual General Meeting

Wauchope Public School P&C Association AGM – 6:00pm 12 March in the school staffroom. Followed by the March monthly meeting commencing at 6:30pm. All positions will be declared vacant. Membership to be a P&C member is \$0.50c. Please note this has to be paid at the meeting prior to be eligible to vote.

## Kindergarten

Kindergarten have made a wonderful start to the year. We had a lovely parent welcome afternoon tea and chat last week. It has been a pleasure observing the boys and girls walking around the school in their class lines and when I visit their classrooms and see their smiles, enthusiasm and excitement about learning. I'm sure they will be tired each afternoon. Please ensure good/consistent bedtime routines, plenty of sleep and a healthy breakfast. The School Photographer took individual photos yesterday. Parents will receive these free copies late in the term. Our three sets of twins have been on the Channel 7 news and on the front page of the Port News. The first big event for Kindergarten is the Teddy Bears picnic on Friday 20 February.

## SAIP/External Providers:

Mrs Melinda Auld (Tue/Wed/Thu) and Miss Genevieve Rock (Mon/Wed/Fri) – School funded

## Technology Support Officer:

Mr Jens Lindner

## Deputy Principals:

Mrs Kate Buczko and Mrs Anne Puchert

## Principal:

Mr Cameron Osborne

## Three Way student/Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will host three-way (student/parent/teacher) interviews in Week 5 for students in Years K – 6 mainstream classes on Monday 23 and Thursday 26 February. I strongly encourage all parents to attend to meet the person who will spend the most amount of time with your child this year other than yourself! Be there or be square! Fantastic if as many parents of Aboriginal students can attend so you can help your child complete their personalised learning plan with the teacher. There will be an online booking system. It went live on Wednesday morning. Please be aware it's only open for a certain period of time. Information re this went home in a note on Tuesday. Each grade will distribute information brochures during this meeting. A note will be sent home this week via School Bytes. Please contact the office or class teacher if you are having trouble booking. Please note that due to a prior commitment Class 5/6 EW will host meetings on Monday and Wednesday that week.

## School Bytes – You must be on this!

All parents need to be on School Bytes, so you receive permission

notes, notes on upcoming activities, communications and the weekly newsletter. If you are having difficulty accessing School Bytes, please contact one of our friendly office staff.

## School Uniform

Thank you so much to all our parents who have presented your children beautifully for a successful start to the school. The children look magnificent. Your child/ren will be rewarded by a weekly tick in our Wauchope Star level merit system. I'm so proud of how good our students look. Please be reminded that students only leave our school for representative activities if they are in full WPS school uniform.

## Swimming Carnival

Last Thursdays' carnival was a great success. Thank you to the parent volunteers, the WPS staff and organiser Mr Larimer. It was a fun day and extremely successful

Congratulations to the following age champions and runners up. You are very talented!

*Junior Girls - Summer T*

*Junior Girls Runner Up - Amaya D*

*Junior Boys - Heath G*

*Junior Boys Runner Up - Wyatt C*

*11 Years Girls - Harper H*

*11 Years Girls Runner Up - Marley G*

*11 Year Boys - Darcy M*

*Senior Girls - Claire S, Addison S*

*Senior Boys - Alexander S*

*Senior Boys Runner Up - Arthur K*

Good luck to our 20 strong representative team. They will be competing at the Hastings Camden Haven carnival on Friday 20 in Port Macquarie.

## P&C News

### Up and Coming events

The first P&C General Meeting for the year!

Thursday 12 February

6:30pm in the School Staff room or via zoom, request the link via [wauchopepspandc@gmail.com](mailto:wauchopepspandc@gmail.com)

## Community News



**WANTED**

Interested in Giving Rugby Union a Go?  
Wauchope Thunder are looking for:

**Girls & Boys  
U6s to U12s**

Come Try Rugby on 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 4.30pm  
@ Wauchope Showground

Season Starts: April  
Training: Wednesday Nights @ Andrews Park  
Games : Friday's @ Stuarts Park PMQ  
Email: [wauchopethunderlings@outlook.com](mailto:wauchopethunderlings@outlook.com)  
Text: 0409 394 652

## Lions Club Eye Testing

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and some Supported Learning students will receive a permission note for this free service. Please return to your child's class teacher. They will be on at the end of Week 5.

## Year 6 Shirts

The second and final order for the Year 6 shirts is being taken now. The cut-off date is Friday 27 February. Please be reminded that we do like to have every Year 6 student in a Year 6 shirt for the whole grade 6 photo early in Term 2.

## Safer Internet Day

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day. We all owe it to our own children to keep them safe online. Please abide by the age restrictions for social media platforms. They are in place for very real reasons. Feel free to explore the below link and help your child/ren be safe online. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/newsroom/whats-on/safer-internet-day>

## NAPLAN 2026 parent and carer information

Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is undertaken by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN 2026 will take place from Wednesday 11 March to Monday 23 March. NAPLAN is just one part of our school learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school.

In preparation for NAPLAN, our school will undertake activities to help students become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

The public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) is available to see the types of questions, tools and functions used in the NAPLAN tests.

Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NESA website (<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan/parent-information>).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

## Uniform Shop Hours

Just a reminder the uniform shop is open Monday to Thursday between 2:00pm and 3:00pm at the canteen. Access is via main entrance on Waugh Street.

## Bell Times

Please note the bell times below for 2026.

Teacher supervision commences at 8:30am. The first bell for class sounds at 8:57am. Recess is between 11:00am and 11:30am. Lunch is between 1:00pm and 1:45pm. Home time for Years K-6 mainstream is 3:00pm. Supported Learning is 2:45pm.

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**WAUCHOPE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C  
ASSOCIATION NOTICE**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
12 MARCH  
WPS STAFF MEETING ROOM  
6PM  
(OR VIA ZOOM)**

*Vacant Executive Positions: President, Vice  
Presidents K-2 & 3-6, Treasurer/s, Secretary  
plus other roles available.*

**COME JOIN US!  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
EMAIL: [WAUCHOPEPSPANDC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WAUCHOPEPSPANDC@GMAIL.COM)**

# WPS P&C Annual General Meeting

**Come join us on Thursday March 12 @ 6pm in the School staff room**

## **What's an AGM?**

Under our constitution we are required to have a AGM, it is basically a wrap up of the previous year. Executive and important Subcommittee roles are declared vacant and nominations from current financial members list can be nominated or vote!

To nominate yourself

To become a financial member, you need to complete an application form and pay .50c before the March AGM, contact us via [wauchopepsandc@gmail.com](mailto:wauchopepsandc@gmail.com)

Positions available for nominations and voting:

### **President**

Is responsible for running meetings, liaising with the School, P&C and the School Community, oversee planning, compliance and acts as a spokesperson for the P&C

### **Secretary**

Is responsible creating meeting agenda's, minutes taking, maintaining P&C records and all correspondance

### **Treasurer**

Is responsible for financial compliance, maintenance and reporting of Association funds and assets

### **Vice Presidents, K-2 & 3-6**

Are responsible for backing up in the President's absence, supporting Executives in their roles, assisting with community networking, and running and planning events.

**Other important roles available, we can't operate without you!**



# SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS



In the interest of **CHILD SAFETY** there is **NO EXCUSE** for disobeying traffic control signs and road rules in the vicinity of a school. Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school zone.

## CHILDREN'S CROSSING

You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before a crossing and 10 metres after a crossing.



**PENALTY: \$562.00 + 2 demerit points** each time you stop on or near a children's crossing.

## NO PARKING

You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers. You must not stop for more than two minutes. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle.



**PENALTY: \$235.00 + 2 demerit points** each time you disobey a NO PARKING sign.

## NO STOPPING

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.



**PENALTY: \$423.00 + 2 demerit points** each time you disobey a NO STOPPING sign.

## BUS ZONE

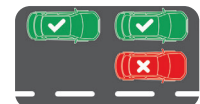
You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a bus.



**PENALTY: \$423.00 + 2 demerit points** each time you stop in a BUS ZONE.

## DOUBLE PARKING

A driver must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.



**PENALTY: \$423.00 + 2 demerit points** each time you double park.

**THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU**