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Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

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
- Premier's Reading Challenge
opens

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

Tuesday 10 March

- North Coast PSSA Swimming
- Kempsey



Swimming Carnival Champions

Road Safety at WPS

Last week, we included a brochure that includes a variety of safety reminders, so we all keep our children safe around roads. It only takes an instant for a dreadful accident to occur. From my experience accidents are usually caused by someone rushing, not concentrating or not following road rules. Please be vigilant and keep a close eye out for children who can at times be unpredictable, impulsive and forget road rules themselves.

One item that isn't in the brochures is to not park in front of the neighbours' driveways, school driveways and disabled parking. Thank you in advance to everyone working together to keep our students safe.

Parent/Student/Teacher meetings

We hope to see as many parents as possible join us for these meetings on either Monday 23 or Thursday 26 February. Return or bring the parent/student information forms for the class teachers.

Welcome to Country Event

Our Year 5 and 6 Aboriginal students are attending this event today. They are accompanied by Aunty Misty and Mr Sallustio.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Get excited Kindergarten! Tomorrow is the big day. Please remember to have your child's names on their teddy so we don't have any upset students or teddys. I used to love Big Ted on Playschool.



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Bus Safety Week reminds all road users to 'Be Bus Aware'

Our school bus operator Busways is reminding all road users, parents, and students to 'be bus aware' as part of Transport for NSW's Bus Safety Week campaign, running Feb 16 - 22. Bus Safety Week, part of the 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, sees Governments, bus operators, and emergency services raise awareness about the importance of being safe in and around buses and spread the message to 'Be Bus Aware'. The initiative provides a timely reminder to parents to have a talk with their children about bus safety; to motorists when giving way to buses; to pedestrians to make sure they are alert of their surroundings; and to cyclists to ensure they can see where buses are. We all have a part to play in bus safety.

For more information on bus safety or to learn about Transport for NSW's 'Be Bus Aware' campaign, visit <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/> or visit the Busways website <https://www.busways.com.au/>.



No smoking
means
no vaping



NAPLAN

All students in Years 3 and 5 should have received a note this week with information about this year's NAPLAN. Your child will sit a series of assessments over a two-week period. Next week each class will take home a note with the exact dates your child's assessments will be on. If you are uncertain of the process, please raise this at next week's Three-Way meetings. The assessments will take place between Wednesday 11 March and Monday 24 March.

Student Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Mobile phones and smart watches are not required at primary school. Every classroom has a telephone to streamline messages from parents and to promote teachers and parents making contact. If your child must have a mobile phone or smart watch, they are to register it at the front office before 9:00am and collect it again at 3:00pm. This rule is for a variety of reasons some of which are listed:

1. Child protection – we don't need students taking photos of each other or making videos and uploading on social media.
2. Distraction – A totally unnecessary distraction for humans under 12 years of age whilst at school
3. Students looking at inappropriate content.
4. Security – Unfortunately, expensive items sometimes go missing
5. Wasting time – Staff having to sort out phone issues when it should never happen as they should be secured in the front office each day.

Make Up/Nails/Jewellery

Please be reminded our students don't require fake nails or nail polish and don't require makeup etc. Let them be kids. Jewellery is a safety issue with earrings bigger than studs and necklaces accidentally being ripped off during sport or playtime.

Hastings Camden Haven Swimming Carnival

Good luck to our representative swim team for tomorrow's Hastings/Camden Haven swimming carnival. It is very important all selected team members attend as they are representing our school and in particular we don't want to let any relay teams down. Spectators are reminded to stay in the parent spectator area. Our team are to meet Mr Latimer on arrival, sit in the grandstand with him and sign out on departure with Mr Latimer. Mr Geary and Mr Sallustio will also be supporting the students at the carnival. Go WPS! Good luck:

Stephan B, Jarrod C, Wyatt C, Amaya D, Archie E, Heath G, Roxen H, Harper H, Aria J, Darcy M, Latisha M, Ayvah M, Kalaii-Rose N, Heath O, Taynarlah P-H, Tyler R, Alexander S, Claire S, Skylar S, Addison S, Cody S, Evie S, Summer T and Braxtyn T
The Lower North Coast carnival is on Wednesday 25 February in Kempsey.

Clean Up Australia Day

WPS will have a version of clean up Australia day on Friday 27 February. Feel free to send your child with gloves and a plastic bag.

Year 6 Shirts

The Year 6 shirts look great! Mr Beard has sent out the second

P&C News

Up and coming P&C Events

Thursday March 12

6:00pm AGM

6.30pm General meeting

Family Contributions are now open. We are asking for your support with a general contribution of \$30 per child or \$50 per family (for families with more than one child). This payment is an important source of funding for the P&C. Funds raised are spent on material support for the school, benefiting all students. If you are unable to contribute these amounts, please give what you can at any time during the year.

Families that contribute in term 1 will be entered into a raffle to win a \$50 uniform voucher, for further information go to:

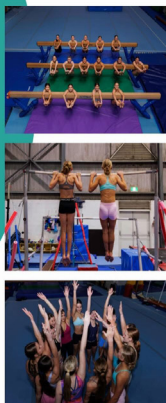
<https://wauchope-public-school-pc.square.site/2026-general-contribution#cHYVeJ>

Community News

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GYMNASTICS
CLUB**

Classes we offer:

- Kindy Gym
- Girls recreational
- Boys recreational
- Adult gymnastics
- Bounce Class
- Competitive Programs



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Facebook: Port Macquarie Gymnastics Club



order form. The last day to order is Friday 27 February. Thank you, Mr Beard, for your time with this.

Stage 3 Science

Mr Reid will be running his exciting Stage 3 Science lessons again this term. Mr Reid will be at next month's P&C meeting to talk all things Science.

Ian Schubert League Day

Good luck to the students representing our school at this Gala Day next week.

P&C Meeting

We had 12 parents attend last week which was fantastic. I've invited the new principal of Wauchope High School, Mrs Karen Noble to attend next months meeting on Thursday 12 March at 6:30pm. It would be a great opportunity for our parents to hear about her vision for Wauchope High School.

Lions Club Eye Testing

This is free and open to students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and selected or requested Supported Learning students. Please return the blue permission note.

Deepfake abuse – a criminal offence

The NSW Government has introduced new laws to better protect people from image-based abuse, including deepfakes, to target the growing misuse of AI and other emerging technologies to harm, shame or control others.

Creating, recording or and/or distributing intimate images, audio or video content of any person without their consent, or threaten to do so, is a criminal offence in NSW.

This law now includes content

created by artificial intelligence (AI) known as 'deepfake' and carries the following legal consequences:

People who engage in such acts can face serious criminal penalties of up to 3 years imprisonment, a fine of \$11,000 or both.

Courts can also order offenders to remove harmful content, with penalties for not complying of up to 2 years imprisonment, a fine of \$5,500 or both.

If you see harmful and/or distressing content online, please report it to [NSW Police onlineExternal link](#) or phone 131 444 and/or the [eSafety CommissionerExternal link](#).

Schools promote safe online behaviours, and address image-based abuse through mandatory parts of the NESA PDHPE K–6 and 7–10 syllabuses. Students learn about consent, privacy, respectful relationships and online harms from primary years. In addition, programs developed by NSW and Australian Government agencies complement mandatory curriculum delivery.

Learning and support resources for a safe experience online and to support a person who has experienced harm are provided by [eSafetyExternal link](#) at esafety.gov.au/key-topics/image-based-abuseExternal link.

Mr Cameron Osborne
Principal



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



2026 Sponsorship Opportunities

Do you know a local Business that would like to sponsor a P&C Event this year? Every year Wauchope Public School P&C Association hosts several fundraising events to support and assist in our objectives for the School Community.

This year's events include:

- Easter Raffle Easter and Egg Drop for K-2 and Supported Learning
- Mother's Day Breakfast
- Mother's Day Stall
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Father's Day Stall
- Grandparents Morning Tea
- Major Fundraiser event Colour Rush
- Christmas celebrations

contact us via wauchopepsandc@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

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 correspondence

Treasurer

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

Vice Presidents, K2 & 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!



Stage 3 Science

