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Term 1 Week 7
Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 11 March - Monday 23 March

- NAPLAN

Thursday 12 March

- P&C AGM 6:00pm
- P&C General Meeting 6:30pm
- K-2 Pink and Purple Day

Wednesday 18 March

- Supported Learning -
Come and Try Athletics

Friday 20 March

- Harmony Day -
SRC Cake Sale
- PSSA Girls Cricket

Tuesday 24 March

- 3-6 Cross Country

Thursday 26 March

- K-2 Cross Country
- Hastings Camden Haven
Netball
- PSSA Boys Cricket
vs Beechwood

Monday 30 March

- North Coast PSSA Rugby
League - Coffs Harbour
- Stage 1 - Planetarium
Incursion
- Term 1 Snapshots distributed
via School Bytes

Tuesday 31 March

- Stage 2 Silent Disco
- Year 6 Regatta

Wednesday 1 April

- Primary Public Speaking
Finals
- P&C Easter Raffle drawn

Thursday 2 April

- Easter Hat Parade
- Last day of Term 1



K-2 Pink and Purple Day

K-2 and 3-6 Cross Country Carnivals

These events are coming up in Week 9. 3-6 will be on Tuesday 24 March and the K-2 carnival will be on Thursday 26 March. I hope our keen students have been training for these events. At WPS we have four sporting houses listed. To have even numbers of students in each team students are allotted a team much like the Sorting Hat off Harry Potter (not similar at all) and put into teams. On carnival days your children can wear their colours with pride. Class teachers may write your child's age on their hand in texta. Their competitive age is the age they turn in 2026.

Surname starts with A-D	GORDON Green
Surname starts with E-Le	KENDALL Yellow
Surname starts with Li-Ri	LAWSON Red
Surname starts with Ro-Z	PATERSON Blue
	NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 have started this two-week assessment period. Students all over Australia are sitting the same assessments online. The only exception is Year 3 use pencil and paper for their writing assessment. Mums and Dads please ensure the boys and girls have a good night's sleep prior to their test and a healthy breakfast



Like us on Facebook

Easter Hat Parade

Students K-2 will be having an Easter Hat parade on Thursday 2 April. Parents might like to start thinking about creating an Easter Hat. Good luck everyone.

P&C Easter Donations

Please keep sending in chocolate donations to the front office. The more donations we receive the more prizes the children could win.

P&C AGM and General Meeting

The AGM is on this evening in the school staffroom at 6:00pm this evening followed by a General meeting. All are welcome to attend. The new Principal of the High School, Mrs Karen Noble will be in attendance from 6:30pm.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the P&C and particularly thank and congratulate the P&C Executive for all their hard work, time, efforts and achievements. Special thanks to our President, Kerry Lopresti for her time and effort throughout 2025.

Good luck and thank you to all the parents who are willing to either continue in a position or be nominated to take on one of these important roles.

Emergency Contact Details

It is essential that emergency contact details are up to date to ensure parents can be contacted promptly if their child is sick or injured.

Supported Learning Athletics

I know the students attending the special athletics come and try day next Wednesday will love the experience. Thank you Mr Taylor for coordinating this experience.

to help fire up their brains. Good luck boys and girls. All you can do is try your best. Thank you, Mrs Corcoran, for all your time coordinating NAPLAN at WPS.

Pink and Purple Day

Our K-2 students looked wonderful supporting the Wauchope Lasiandra Festival today. The school was a sea of pink and purple. The children are having another great day at WPS! Thank you, Mrs Smithwick for planning a fun day for the students.

Harmony Day

This day will be celebrated on Friday 20 March. The SRC will sell orange wrist bands at cost price (\$1) at recess for anyone who wants to share the Harmony Spirit. The SRC will also sell some yummy pieces of orange cake for \$1 a piece.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Thank you, Ms Laing and Mr Armstrong, for supporting the SRC with this fun day.

***Wauchope Public School
would like students to wear
orange in celebration of our
diverse culture!***

What can my child wear?

Anything orange including orange bows or ribbons, wrist bands (on sale for \$1), socks, t-shirt, shorts. If it's not orange, it is school uniform.

Screens wipe kids' words

I read an article in the paper recently about a topic we are seeing more and more of every year at Wauchope public School. Children are coming to school now with a whole range of issues caused by either too much screen time for the child or too much screen time for the parents. The obvious issue is a child's behaviour when they are dependent on a device, or the device is used as a behaviour management tool basically "sit there and play that, so you don't annoy me". The less obvious one that parents may not realise is the language problems children are arriving at school with. The article said that "Aussie kids miss out on more than 1100 adult words every day – representing almost 200 conversations – because of screen time, shocking new research has found."

"Just one minute of viewing for a three-year-old was linked to a loss of seven adult words and speaking five for themselves. The research said the average three-year-olds daily screen time was two hours, 52 minutes – meant they heard 1139 fewer words, spoke 834 fewer words and had 194 less conversations every day."

The researchers say that the amount of talk and interaction children experience is vital to early language development. "A language rich home environment is critical in supporting infants and toddlers with language development.

We need to be talking to and without children as often as possible to ensure language development. Do you do these activities with your children?



COME-TRY RUGBY

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH
4.30PM
ANDREWS PARK
GIVE-AWAYS & FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
BRING A FRIEND
U5S - U16S
ALL WELCOME

WAUCHOPETHUNDERRUGBY.COM.AU

Pink and Purple Day



Read to them, listen to them read to you and ask them questions about what they have read, sing timetables, play board games, increase their coordination by throwing a ball to them, go to the beach or pool, kick a ball to each other, eat dinner at a dinner table away from television, enrol them in a sporting team (crucial for healthy lifestyle, coordination and social skills development!).

Commonwealth Day

Commonwealth Day is celebrated every year by 53 Commonwealth countries on the second Monday in March. This year it fell on Monday 9 March. The aim of commemorating Commonwealth Day is to promote understanding of global issues, international co-operation, and the work of the Commonwealth of Nations to improve the lives of its citizens.



Sport

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Hastings/Camden Haven rugby league teams: Jaivyn H, Ihaia PT, Ariaah J, Harmony N, Allysa S, Mia C and Kiki W. Their Lower North Coast rugby league trials were on Monday. Congratulations to Ihaia PT, Allysa S, Kiki W, Mia C and Ariaah J on selection in this team.

Good luck to our PSSA girls cricket team for their game on Friday 20 March.

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 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 wauchopepspandc@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!



P&C News

Up and coming P&C Events

Thursday 12 March

6:00pm - AGM

6.30pm - General Meeting

With special guests, Wauchope High School Principal Karen Noble and Science Teacher Jayme Reid.

Family Contributions are now open. Donate in Term 1 to win a \$50 uniform voucher. For further information go to: <https://wauchope-public-school-pc.square.site/2026-general-contribution#cHYVeJcontribution#cHYVeJ>

Wednesday 1 April

EGG-cellent Easter Raffle draw now open HOP on line to order your tickets!

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/wauchopepseaster2026>

Donate at the school office for a chance to win a family pass to the Wauchope Show.

The P&C welcome our 2026 Sponsors, thank you for supporting our school community this year!

**Hastings Hire
Wauchope Dental**

Wauchope Public School P&C ASSOCIATION

EASTER RAFFLE

DRAWN WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL AT 11 AM

TICKETS ARE \$2 EACH!

MAJOR PRIZES

EASTER ADVENTURE HAMPER:
WILDNETS \$100 GIFT VOUCHER
WAUCHOPE SHOW FAMILY PASS
STONEY AQUA PARK SESSION PASS
MEGA EASTER EGG PACK

LARGE EASTER PACK HAMPER:
HYDRO GOLF PASS
LARGE EASTER EGG PACK

EASTER HAMPER:
\$25 TOY WORLD VOUCHER
EASTER EGG PACK

PLUS LOADS OF CHOCOLATE, EASTER EGG AND CRAFT PACKS!

[HTTPS://WWW.RAFFLETIX.COM.AU/WAUCHOPEPSEASTER2026](https://www.raffletix.com.au/wauchopepseaster2026)
OR SCAN THE BELOW QR CODE

ALL FAMILIES THAT MAKE A DONATION TO THE RAFFLE GO IN THE DRAW TO WIN A WAUCHOPE SHOW FAMILY PASS. GIVE YOUR DETAILS TO THE OFFICE!

PAPER TICKETS AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL OFFICE

*ADDITIONAL PRIZES MAY BECOME AVAILABLE BASED ON DONATIONS RECEIVED!

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TEMPORARY FENCING
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February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Wauchope Public School P&C Association (P&C) extends a warm welcome on behalf of the Wauchope Public School community to those returning for another year and to all our new families!

The P&C is a not-for-profit organisation run by a dedicated group of volunteers whose objectives are to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students, and teaching staff into close cooperation. Our collaboration assists in providing facilities and equipment for the school and promotes the recreation and welfare of the students. The P&C holds fundraising and social events and proudly operates the Canteen, Uniform Shop, and WOOSH (Wauchope Out of School Hours), which are all important services for our school community. **Without P&C volunteers, these services and events would be unable to operate!**

The P&C welcomes all members of our community to be active participants. There are many ways to get involved, from being a committee member to volunteering in the canteen or offering one-off support for fundraising events. We welcome your energy and ideas for new initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for students at WPS.

Membership is open to all parents and carers of pupils attending the school, as well as all local community citizens. General meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. Annual membership is \$0.50 and entitles you to be involved in the decision-making of the P&C.

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.
The winner will be drawn and notified on the last day of Term 1.***

The P&C will donate this year to the School's current major project:

- **Stage 1 of the multipurpose hard-surface courts**, located adjacent to the staff car park, will include line-markings for netball, basketball, volleyball, pickleball, cricket and handball. These courts will support both educational and recreational use for our students and create opportunities to host competitive events with local schools, showcasing Wauchope Public School as a place of exceptional learning and community engagement.

Contributions can be made via direct deposit or with cash or cheque (payable to Wauchope Public School P&C Association, drop it off at the Office), in an envelope labelled "P&C general contribution" with your child's name and class or via our website <https://wauchope-public-school-pc.square.site/2026-general-contribution>

Our bank details are **Bank:** Regional Australia Bank. **Account name:** Wauchope Public School P&C Association
BSB: 932 000 **Account No:** 5000 66316 **Reference:** *Your Child's name.*

With your contribution, the P&C looks forward to supporting the School in 2026 and beyond. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the P&C at wauchopepspandc@gmail.com

We wish you a successful year at Wauchope Public School.

Kindest regards,
Wauchope Public School P&C Association