

Term Week 6

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Wauchope High School Newsletter

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Wauchope School Leaders 2016

Calendar of events

Monday 30th May –Friday 3rd June	National Recognition Week
Tuesday 21st June	Parent Teacher Interviews 4pm –6:30pm
Tuesday 21st June	Year 10 into 11 & 12 Information session 4pm—4:30pm
Tuesday 28th June	P&C Meeting 7pm Lasiandra Room at the Wauchope RSL
Wednesday 29th June - Friday 1st July	Cumberland Interschool Visit

Congratulations to all the students and staff who helped to organise this year's Biggest Morning Tea event at Wauchope High School. Thank you to those parents and community members who attended and made a donation to this very worthwhile cause. I would also like to express a special thank you to Zalea for her work in organising this event and ensuring its success by raising over \$800 in support of the Cancer Council.



KEEP THE DATE
FREE
TUESDAY 21ST JUNE

I would like to extend an invitation to all parents/carers to take the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at the next **Year 7 – 12 Parent/Teacher Night** which will be held on Tuesday 21 June from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm. This evening provides both parents and teachers an opportunity to discuss how we can work together to ensure the best outcomes for your child. Booking information will be provided on our website, through email and in the Wauchope Gazette.

Year 10 into Year 11 Information Workshop - As Year 10 students begin to consider their subject choices for years 11 and 12 in 2017 we want to ensure that they understand the range of options available and that, in particular, they are well advised about making choices that keep their options and pathways into the future as open and as flexible as possible.

A Year 10 into Year 11 information session for parents and students will be held from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm on the afternoon of Tuesday 21 June. This will allow you and your child to attend the information session and then use parent/teacher evening as an opportunity to meet with class teachers to discuss subjects in detail.

The school will endeavour to offer as broad a curriculum as physically possible. It should, however, be noted that we cannot guarantee that all possible subjects will be able to run. In a small number of cases students may be asked to look at an alternative subject to the one they passionately want to pursue. This is a reality for students in all schools and not just something that we sometimes struggle with at Wauchope High School. Thank you for your understanding as we try to find a pattern of study that will work for all students.

Regards
Glen Sawle (Principal)

Year 10 into 11 and 12
Information Session from
4pm to 4:30pm

Parent Teacher Interviews
Year 7 to 12

4pm to 6:30pm

Congratulations Kitiara, first place in the Accuracy Skills Test



Ian Skaines , Head Teacher Building Trades North Coast TAFE, presented Kitiara with her award for first place in the Accuracy Skills Test at the Mid Coast Connect Careers Day held on the 10th of May at the Port Macquarie Racecourse. Congratulations and well done Kitiara who even beat some of the first year apprentices!

Year 8 Armidale Gats Day 2016



On Friday 13th May a team of 3 Year 8 students participated in the Armidale UNE Maths Gats Day. The team consisted of Ellen, Bridie and Phebe.

Competing against 57 other teams from schools including Bellingen, Coffs Harbour, Grafton, Macksville and Dubbo the team used their problem solving and mathematical skills in four activities throughout the day. The activities included a Free for All Contest of mathematical questions which were answered collectively by each team, a Jigsaw problem that each person were given a clue to a problem to solve together, solving a pattern problem without pen and paper against another team and a Smorgasbord contest where each



team could choose a 2 point, 3 point or 4 point question to answer.

The team performed admirably during the course of the day. They showed great teamwork and ability to help each other solve problems. The day finished with the teams using 15 A4 pieces of paper and a roll of sticky tape to make the highest free standing tower. At one point the girls had made the tallest structure but were eventually overtaken by a few teams, with the highest being 2.42 metres tall.

Professor John Pegg spoke to the teams at the end of the day and his main message was that it is fine to make mistakes as long as you learn from them and put into place strategies to equip yourself to succeed with similar scenarios in the future.

The students got to see mathematics in a different light as well as how other schools operate. The teams showed exemplary behaviour and did Wauchope High School proud.

Wauchope High School's Biggest Morning Tea

A great effort Zalea, raising \$814, at the Wauchope High School Biggest Morning Tea. The guests were entertained by the choir, lead by Mr Brennan. Piper and Indiah serenaded us with their beautiful voices.



Zalea, the organiser of the morning tea and raffle, Mr Sawle and Josh, who donated \$5 in remembrance of his grandfather .



On the job training for Year 11 Hospitality students as they serve coffee and tea to the guests under the watchful eye of Mrs James, TAS teacher and Year Advisor for Year 7 2017.



Yai Atem visited our school last Friday to speak to students of Year 9, he is a Sudanese survivor of the Second Sudanese Civil War. And the author of "*Under A Sudanese Star*"

where he documented the journey to freedom of a Lost Boy of Sudan.



In 1987 Yai Atem was driven from his village by advancing government militia. Yai and thousands of other young boys and girls ran for hours and then days with the army at their heels, plunging deeper and deeper into unfamiliar country, until they found themselves too far from home to safely return to their families.

Thus began Yai's incredible journey on foot across South Sudan and Ethiopia, a trek lasting several years, in which he and his friends face starvation, dehydration, disease, malnutrition and attacks by wild animals and prowling militia. Of the twenty thousand Lost Boys and girls who fled during the Second Sudanese Civil War, over half did not survive their desperate flight to freedom.

Many years after he and other Lost Boys of Sudan were rescued and repatriated across the world by the UNHCR. Yai Atem tells this confronting and powerful story with equal parts honesty and humility, inspiring all who hear it with a deep sense of awe in the strength of the human spirit, and in the essential power of hope.



Mind Matters

Students have been asking about the purpose of Mind Matters.

The Mind Matters course aims to develop basic research and writing skills which prepare students for the senior school. (Years 9 -12)

During term 1, students began looking at collaboration, teamwork, and social skills for learning. We also covered planning, organisation and time management. Students had varying degrees of success with these areas. This foundation is aimed to set them up for the next part of the course – identifying, defining and beginning to search around a topic of their choice.

In Term 2 students are expected to submit three class activities for assessment.

Their proposal – a short piece of formal writing outlining their proposed topic.

Formal paragraphs – an extended response outlining the way they learn best.

Their scrapbook – a record of their progress through the course which should contain their thinking, planning and rough drafts.

In this course, the feedback is primarily descriptive so as to encourage students to respond to the comments being provided rather than simply look at an out of context mark. We are providing parents with a half yearly report which includes a student self reflection.

We are now posting coursework onto the "Edmodo" platform. We would like to invite parents to join us in this digital space to support and encourage the students to achieve their personal best for this project. This link should get you there! Can we request that parents/carers please supply a plastic display folder or cardboard A4 envelope for research purposes.

<https://support.edmodo.com/hc/en-us/articles/205008314-How-to-Sign-Up-Parents-Teacher->

COMING SOON!



IF IT'S A
GOOD BISCUIT...
IT'S A
DINKUM!

During the wartime winter of 1942, in the remote country town of Warrabadanga the female workers at the Dinkum Biscuit Factory are battling to keep the biscuits baking. For these ordinary Aussie women in a town devoid of men, life is challenging. Not only are they fighting to save the factory machinery from being sold for scrap, they're running a 'Mum's Army' Civil Defence Unit, putting on a show for the 'War Effort' – and coping with the sudden arrival of two thousand American airmen who've been stationed just outside town.

MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

It is now time to enter the ICAS Mathematics Competition, which will be held in the School Hall on Tuesday, 16th August. **The entry fee has been kept at \$5.00 and can be paid to the Front Office by Friday, 1st July (Week 10, Term 2).**

The P&C and the Mathematics Faculty are subsidising the balance of the \$8 entry fee. Our thanks to the P&C for their involvement in this important extension activity for our Mathematics students.

If students wish to practise, there are some past papers on our Moodle site

<http://web2.wauchope-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/moodle/> .

For more details see the ICAS website <http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au>.

School contacts are Mrs Ann Taylor and Mr Ray Grimson (Mathematics Head Teacher).

Message to Parents/Carers

Keep Kids Safe: #parentscheckthecheck!

Parents or carers who engage the services of a private tutor or coach have an important role to play in helping to keep their children safe.

From 1st April 2016 adults who provide private tuition or coaching services to children will need to obtain a new Working With Children Check.

The Certificate for Self Employed People will no longer be valid after their expiry date and the certificate holders will need to apply for a new Working With Children Check.

Parents or carers should ask their child's tutor or coach for their name, date of birth and their Working With Children Check number.

They must then go online and verify the tutor or coach is not barred from working with children in NSW.

Verifying that a tutor or coach can work with children is quick and easy – just follow the simple steps at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/parentscheckthecheck

If you suspect that an adult is providing services to children without a Working With Children Check you can go online to make a confidential report or phone (02) 9286 7219.

Help to keep kids safe by sharing **#parentscheckthecheck** with your family and friends through your own social media networks.

Wauchope High School University Shield Team



Last week defeated Camden Haven High School 26-6

Tyreek, Josh, Jesse, Dean, Sam, Zac, Logan, Jared, Cooper, Kane Jarod, Bailey, Jed, Luke, Tristian, Tyrell, Josh, Matt

Coach: Mr Hancock

Wauchope High School Buckley Shield Team



Last week was defeated by Camden Haven High School 20-12

Jack, Nathan, Riley, Corey, Zac, Tylee, Tyler, Cooper, Zac, Zarn, Brock, Lachlan, Lincoln ©, Nathan, Bryce, Tarj.

Coach: Mr Whittock

*For more game photos check
out the official Wauchope High
School Facebook page*

Sporting Achievers



Rhianna, Abbie, Olivia and Chloe were selected in the **North Coast Open Girls Football** team to play at the state finals



26 students represented Wauchope High School at the **Zone Cross Country** at Kempsey Racecourse on Friday 27th May. Kurt, Riley and Emily have all qualified for the North Coast Carnival at Murwillumbah on 17th June.



Tyrell and Tristian were selected in the **North Coast Boys Touch Team** to play at the State Trials at Ulladulla.



David was selected in the **Northern NSW under 15's Rugby League Team** to play at Toronto in June at the State Trials.



On the 30th May, our Girls Open Soccer team hosted Round 4 of the CHS knockout competition, meeting little known Coffs Harbour High School. Going in on the back of last year's success, the girls went into the game fairly relaxed and confident. This soon vanished when Coffs, less than 3 minutes into the game, slotted their first goal, making the team very nervous.

Nerves were soon replaced with a desire to overcome our strong opponents and the girls began to fight back, as the score line reflected at half time, when we were leading 5 – 1. A second goal by Coffs in the second half did little to shake Wauchope High's resolve and, at the end of the game we celebrated with a convincing 9 – 2 win.

All girls played exceptionally well, with football skills and maturity that exceeded my expectations. Their settled approach saw them again come away with the win. Goal scorers were Georgia W (2); Rhianna T (3); Larissa W (3) and Abbie. Round 5 sees the squad travel to Alstonville on the 6th June to play off for the title of North Coast Champions.



FUTSAL

MONDAY 16th May: 14 Years Girls and Boys –

They both represented well and played their best, despite most of the team having not played futsal before. They unfortunately did not make it into the finals.

THURSDAY 19TH May: 19 Years Girls and Boys

– The boys team was made up of footballers who stepped up on the day to have a go, despite little experience. They represented the school with pride and had fun. The Girls team was undefeated all day, coming away with the title of Hasting School Champions.

Friday 20th May: 16 Years Girls ONLY – Despite some stiff competition from Camden Haven High School, the girls played 6 games in total and remained undefeated on the day, again being named Hastings School Champions.



Lunch Box Ideas

CATEGORIES



Sandwiches and wraps



Meat and fish dishes



Vegetarian dishes



Salads



Cakes, biscuits and treats



Dips and snacks



Supporting local disadvantaged young people to complete their driving hours to obtain their P1 Drivers Licence

Information Session:

When: Thursday 16th June 2016
Time: 11.00am
Where: Wauchope Neighbourhood Centre
3 Waugh St Wauchope
RSVP: PH: 6586 4055

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



P & C Meeting

Tuesday 28th June 7pm
Wauchope RSL
Lasiandra Room

Wauchope Netball Club

Fancy Dress Disco

Where: Wauchope RSL
When: Saturday 18th June 2016

High School Age only

Any High School age person **including boys** are welcome to attend

Bring a friend along

Time: 6.30pm till 9.30pm

Cost-\$5.00 per person,
Or \$10.00 per family

Lots of Prizes for: Dancing and games

Parents welcome to enjoy all the clubs facilities, maybe dinner or a relaxing drink while the teenagers are having a ball at the disco

**PORT MACQUARIE
JUNIOR RUGBY UNION**



The Port Macquarie Junior Rugby Union are hosting a night of Rugby Union for girls on the 3rd June at Stuarts Park starting at 5pm.

So girls if you have played before, or are just wondering what it is all about we would love for you to join us for some fun.

James Perrett from NSW Rugby will be teaching skills and training for all skill levels. Girls aged from 4 to 18 years are welcome.

Selections for the MNC team will most likely occur on this night for a tournament in Coffs Harbour in July for U14's, U16's and maybe U18's.

For further information please contact Craig Smith

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Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminars Series

Is this you?

Most of the time, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won't eat her dinner. Or your six year old won't share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

What is a Stepping Stones Seminar?

Stepping Stones Triple P seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability. Seminars are for large groups of parents – possibly 20 or more. It's an informal presentation, a little like a public forum. There are three seminars that each last about 90 minutes and cover a different topic. We encourage parents to try to attend all three.

When: Wednesday 15th June 2016

9.30am – 11.00am

Seminar 1 – Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability

11.15a.m – 12.45p.m

Seminar 2 – Helping Your Child Reach their Potential

1.15p.m – 2.30pm

Seminar 3 – Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour

Where: Bourne House, level 1, 10-12 Short St, Port Macquarie

Light refreshments provided

Cost: FREE as part of a research project

Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2-12 years

How: RSVP by contacting the NSW Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team Call (02) 9114 4106 or email fhs.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au

Local contact for more information: The Family Support Network, St Joseph's Family Services, Port Macquarie – (02) 65834242 or dstephens@sjfs.stagneparish.org.au

Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarships



Information for NSW Social Housing Residents

NSW Government's Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarships mean you can get the skills you need to get the job you want and your course fees will be covered.

Young people (aged 15-30) who meet the Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarship criteria are eligible for a government subsidy which covers their Smart and Skilled course fee. Priority is given to people living in social housing.

Am I eligible for a Fee-Free Scholarship?

To be eligible, you must meet the Smart and Skilled eligibility criteria. You must be:

- an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen; and
- no longer at school; and
- living or working in NSW; and
- aged 15 years or over

OR

- a NSW apprentice or new entrant trainee undertaking a qualification on the NSW Skills List.*

* citizenship and residency status requirements to undertake an apprenticeship or traineeship can be found at:
www.training.nsw.gov.au/aacs/advice_instructions/citizenship_residency.html

You must also:

- want to study a Smart and Skilled subsidised Certificate I, II, III or IV level qualification on the NSW Skills List (see the Course Finder at smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au); and

- be aged between 15 and 30 years when you start training; and
EITHER
- be eligible for a Smart and Skilled concession fee; OR
- meet the out-of-home care criteria.

Am I eligible for a Smart and Skilled concession fee?

Commonwealth Welfare recipients and their dependants are eligible for a Smart and Skilled concession fee. For further details, please refer to the fact sheet *What is concession-eligible?* (see *For more information* below).

Do I meet the out-of-home care criteria?

If you are aged 15-17 years and currently in out-of-home care or aged 18-30 years and have previously been in out-of-home care, and your training commences on or after 1 January 2016, you meet the out-of-home care criteria.

'Out-of-home care' is as defined in section 135 of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1985* and comprises two main types: statutory care and supported care. For further details, please refer to the fact sheet *Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarships for young people in out-of-home care* (see *For more information* below).

Where can I train and what can I do?

You can enrol in any Certificate I to Certificate IV qualification on the NSW Skills List - including those that support apprenticeships and traineeships - with a Smart and Skilled Training Provider of your choice.

Information on qualifications and approved training providers can be found at smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au

How much is the Fee-Free Scholarship worth?

The Fee-Free Scholarship covers the fee you would have otherwise paid for the course.

Training Providers may still charge fees for 'incidental expenses', such as for essential tools or for field trips but must let you know of any additional fees for incidental expenses at enrolment.

How do I apply for a Fee-Free Scholarship?

You do not need to lodge a formal application.

If you meet the Fee-Free Scholarship eligibility criteria (see above), the Smart and Skilled Training Provider you choose will tell you if you are eligible at enrolment and confirm you have been provided a scholarship.

There are 50,000 scholarships for 2015/16.

If you are living in social housing, or on the waitlist for NSW social housing, and meet the Fee-Free Scholarship eligibility criteria, you are guaranteed a scholarship to start training even if the yearly limit is reached.

How will the Fee-Free Scholarship be provided?

If you are eligible for a Fee-Free Scholarship, your student fee will be paid directly by the NSW Government to your Smart and Skilled Training Provider.

Eligible students are entitled to one Fee-Free Scholarship per financial year, and a maximum of two scholarships between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2019.

What does "NSW Social Housing" mean?

For the purposes of Fee-Free Scholarships, NSW Social Housing includes tenants of:

- public housing (owned and managed by the NSW Government or managed by a community housing provider)

- community housing (owned and/or managed by community housing providers)
- Aboriginal housing (owned and/or managed by the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) and Aboriginal Community Housing Providers)
- clients receiving crisis accommodation/supported accommodation (Specialist Homelessness Services)
- clients receiving private rental assistance funded by Family and Community Services (for example: private rental subsidy, rental bond loans, tenancy guarantees).

Potential students will need to be clear on whether they are on the waitlist and eligible for social housing or fall within the above definition of social housing.

Student Declaration

The student declaration at enrolment will ask you to confirm that the information provided, including your social housing and out-of-home care status, is true and correct.

For more information:

For more information and supporting fact sheets see smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/for-students/fee-free-scholarships or contact 1300 772 104 or smartandskilled.enquiries@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Training Providers should contact Training Market Customer Support on training.market@industry.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 9266 8008.

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