

Wauchope High School Newsletter



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Wauchope School Leaders 2016

Calendar of events

Monday 8th August - Friday 19th August	Trial HSC Exams
Monday 15th August - Friday 19th August	Science Week
Tuesday 16th August	P & C Meeting, Lasiandra Room, RSL
Friday 19th August	Sky Stories
Tuesday 23rd August	Cupcake Sale

From the Principal...

We celebrated Education Week 2016, 1 August – 5 August by starting the week with some rousing African Drumming, performed on our Monday morning assembly. The performance was given by our Links to Learning group and was a great way to set the tone for the rest of the week. Thank you to all the drummers involved.

On the 2nd August we celebrated with the BAGO Community of Schools Education Week Awards. Our School Director Mr Mark Youngblutt addressed the assembly and spoke about the diversity of opportunity and experience provided by our public schools. A highlight of the evening was in being able to publicly acknowledge the work of many different people from within our education community including students, staff, and parent and community members. Congratulations to all the winners and to all of those who continue to contribute to the work we do. Education is a partnership and it is through the strength of that partnership that we can work towards maximising the potential of all of our students.

On the afternoon of Thursday 4th August the school celebrated the achievements and work of our students at our Semester One Excellence Awards ceremony. I would like to congratulate all the students who received awards on the day and repeat my challenge to continue to strive to better those achievements in the future. Our true potential is an unknown that can only be approached by continually striving to achieve ever greater goals.

We have also seen student achieve significant goals in Public Speaking, the Australian History Competition and in numerous sporting arena's. Well done to all the students involved.

I would like to extend an invitation to all students, parents and community members to be part of our combined high schools Sky Stories evening on the 19th August. Come along and join us for some stargazing at Sancrox Reserve. It is currently a very interesting time in our night skies with a number of planets being observable.

Regards
Glen Sawle (Principal)

Excellence Awards

Our Excellence Assembly was held on Thursday 4th August where a total of 265 students received awards. Congratulations to all of those students. Thank you to all the parents, family and friends who came along to help celebrate the achievements of our talented students.



BAGO Community of Schools Education Week Awards 2016



On the 2nd August 2016 the Awards Night for Bago Community of Schools was held at Wauchope High School. The Awards night is a coming together of the Bago Schools which incorporates Long Flat Public School, Comboyne Public School, Rollands Plains Upper Public School, Beechwood Public School, Wauchope Public School and of course Wauchope High School. The Awards night honoured Students, Community, Teachers and also Non-teaching staff. It is a celebration of Education Week, which was highlighted in Mr Mark Youngblutts address when he spoke of Excellence, Diversity, Inclusiveness of working together to make our community strong.

Award recipients for Wauchope High School included, Tamika Cordell, Zalea Newman, Jenny Fraser, Elaine Smith, James Pike as well as Nicole Gough and Glen Sawle. It was a great night where the above people were honoured along with award recipients from of our feeder Primary Schools.

Wauchope's Distinctions in History

In the middle of Term 2 a number of Students from Wauchope High took part in the Australian History Competition. This competition attracts 28 000 participants from around Australia. Two Year 10 students, Owen McKittrick and Joshua Hughes, who took part achieved distinctions. Congratulations to these students on their achievement.

Legacy Public Speaking Competition



As part of Education Week celebrations a Legacy Public Speaking Competition was held in the school library. Students from each stage were competing for prizes and were invited to speak on any subject relating to the ideals of voluntary service, social justice, caring, personal effort, personal sacrifice and/or mateship. The student body presented a diverse range of speeches from anti bullying themes to reconciliation, suffrage, 'black lives matter' and capital punishment. The event was sponsored by the Port Macquarie Hasting Legacy Club, with funds from the Leventhal Legacy Scholarship. Chris McGeoch Treasurer and Director of the Port Macquarie Hasting Legacy Club and Les Bailey from the Holiday Coast Credit Union assisted Mrs McGufficke and Mrs Elliott on the judging panel. The school would like to thank the Legacy of their ongoing support and Les Bailey for his assistance. Winners were Cameron Lloyd, Sophie Wallace-Nowlan, Kimberley Driver and Zack Mason. Runners up were Bethany Clements, Jayde Willingham and Tamika Cordell. Congratulations to these students and all who participated.

Wauchope High wins Harry Wells Cup Under 14's



Wauchope High's Under 14 and 16.5 teams travelled to Stuart Park, Port Macquarie to compete in the Harry Wells Cup Gala Day competition, named after the legendary Australian centre of the 1970's, who resides in Port Macquarie.

The 16.5's won their first game against Westport, but narrowly lost their next two games to Regional and Newman College. This was a courageous performance from the boys, as they played all three matches with a bare 13 players, and not one of them came off at any stage. All of the boys were great in each game, but Keanu Turnewitsch was voted player of the day for his efforts in the vital dummy-half position.

The 14's team were also a little undermanned with only 14 players, but they too were courageous in their desire to stay on the field, despite fatigue and injury. They were able to defeat Regional and Port High in the Preliminary games, with every player fulfilling their role and playing terrific team rugby league, in both attack and defence.

Mr Whittock was concerned about the welfare of the boys going into the Final, but his fears were soon erased, as the team rose to a new level to shut out the same Regional team they had narrowly beaten earlier. The final result was a resounding 24-0 win, ensuring the boys upheld a very proud record in the Harry Wells competition, winning at least one division over the last four years.

The team was superbly led by Lincoln Bell, but the undeniable star of the day was Tyler Styles, who won the Most Valuable Player award, which was voted by the NRL referees from each game.

The two teams were a pleasure to coach, and their behaviour throughout the day, both on and off the field, demonstrated what terrific ambassadors for our school all of these young men were.

Mr Hancock and Mr Whittock

Girls Rugby CHS State Final



Last Thursday Peter Besseling the Mayor of the Hastings Port Macquarie Council visited us at school along with three members of the Mayor's Sporting Fund Committee including Richard McGovern a former old boy of the school. We were very grateful to accept a cheque from the Mayor's Sporting Fund of \$800 which went towards supporting the girl's rugby teams who have travelled to Sydney twice this year for State Championships.



The mighty WHS U16's girl's rugby team travelled to Sydney to play in the CHS State Championships at Granville Park, Merrylands on Wed August 10.

Our first game was against Matraville Sports High School. We went down 10-20 after being ahead 10-5 at one stage of the game. Try scorers for WHS were Sammy Porter and Holly Auld.

Our second game was against Hunter Sports High School. Again we went down 10-20. We played much better in our second game. Try scorers for WHS were Sammy and Hotly again.

Our third game was unfortunately called off due to an injury. We were down 0-10 to Blacktown Girls High School who were about twice our size.



In the play off for seventh and eighth spot we defeated Wagga Wagga High School 20-5. Try scorers were Paris Rock, Sammy Porter, Shannah Schroeder, Lacey Hearfield .

We finished 7th which based on our performances on the day was a fair result. Pretty good to be 7th in the state. Well done girls. You have done us proud.

Wauchope High retains Parsons Shield

Wauchope High have retained the Jack Parsons Memorial Shield in the 41st Wauchope-Cumberland Interschool Visit which was held at Cumberland High School between June 29th and July 1st. Wauchope scored an emphatic 31-13 victory in this year's event, as they dominated their city rivals to secure 15 wins and a draw from the 22 contested activities over the three days.

Captains Dean Hollis and Chloe Houseman set the tone from the outset of the visit with their opening address, which was both witty but also an indication of the determination of the team to ensure victory. A quick meeting of billets and then the games began, with Wauchope stamping their authority immediately.



The Open Girls Touch was the first match played, with the Wauchope girls showing their class to win 17-1. Larissa, Chloe and Georgia were outstanding in this game, Cumberland having no answer to their speed and skill. This was followed by the Open Boys Touch, who avenged their defeat from last year to run out 16-9 winners, with Tylee scoring two tries in his promotion into the senior team. The Junior Girls Netball team, who were State Finalists earlier in the year, proved too powerful in a 42-20 win. The final afternoon activity was the Mock Trial, which amazingly ended in a draw, 294 points each.

The students had a brief trip to their billet's houses, before heading to the Auburn Basketball Centre for the night activities. Wauchope continued to demonstrate their dominance in the Open Boys and Girls Volleyball matches, winning both 2 sets to nil. Our girls are also about to embark on a State Finals campaign, which is a reflection of a very successful program running within the school.



Cumberland enjoyed their greatest success in the tournament in winning each of the four Basketball games, which is an area that they have dominated for quite some time now. At the end of Day 1, this meant that the overall score was very tight, with Wauchope narrowly leading 11-9.

At the beginning of Day 2, Wauchope were looking to gain the ascendancy. They got off to a perfect start with the Open Girls Hockey, who scored a 1-0 win, through a goal to Abbi Watson. However, Cumberland countered with a 7-0 win in the Junior Boys Soccer and were also too strong in the Open Boys Soccer, scoring a 6-1 victory. Jarod Thomas managed to kick the lone goal for Wauchope.

Wauchope responded mercilessly to the Cumberland threat, winning both the Girls and Boys Athletics, the Open Girls Tennis 6-0 and the Open Boys Tennis 5-1. Our Open Girls Soccer team, reigning State Runners-up and soon to play in a State Top 8 fixture, were clinical in a 14-0 rout. This left the Open Girls Netball team to finish the day on a high note, and with shooters Nicara, Maddi and Kiara on song, they were never troubled in a 35-16 victory. Wauchope had established an unassailable 25-13 lead with only 3 matches left to play on Day 3.



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Wauchope started the final day in a determined frame of mind, with the Junior Boys Touch team grinding out a hard-fought 5-3 victory. Jack, Lincoln, Sam and Bailey were all instrumental in this excellent win. It was then onto the showcase event, the Open Boys Rugby League match. Unfortunately, Cumberland could not match the skill, speed and measured aggression of the Wauchope boys, who are also still alive in the University Shield competition and are one of the best sides we have had in recent years. The final score was 68-6, with Zac scoring 4 tries, Cooper 3 and Kane 2. Zac, Dean and Jarod were voted the best players in the game.



The final match of the tournament was the Open Girls Softball, which ended in another excellent Wauchope win 12-4, meaning that the final overall score was 31-13 in favour of the visitors, and the retention of the Parsons Shield for another year.

The school would like to thank the families of the Cumberland students who provided billets for our team and demonstrated such wonderful hospitality. We would also like to acknowledge the continuing support of the Parsons family, who have sponsored the visit for the entire 41 years that it has run, and Wauchope Sports and Trophies who have also been long-time supporters of this event. Finally, thanks to Brittnee, who was our official photographer at this year's event and who provided these photos.





CUPCAKE SALE



Come & join us on the 23rd August for our
'Cupcake Sale'. All Money Raised will be
donated to the R.S.P.C.A.



WHEN: 23RD AUGUST

WHERE: SCHOOL HALL

TIME: LUNCH

ORGANISERS: WAUCHOPE LEO CLUB

CHARITY: R.S.P.C.A.

There will be entertainment such as the choir,
solo singers and a guest speaker from the
R.S.P.C.A. Raffles will also be held with prizes
such as gift vouchers for Saltwater Wine,

Majestic Cinemas and more!

Cupcakes-\$2

Free entry!!!!



INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO ATTEND



STAR-GAZING AND INDIGENOUS CULTURE COMMUNITY EVENT

Friday 19th August 2016

5pm-8pm, Sancrox Reserve

- *Mid North Coast Astronomy and Port Macquarie Observatory Groups will show you how to use their telescope to view the night sky.*
 - *Learn about indigenous sky stories.*
- *BBQ dinner provided (gold coin donation welcomed).*
 - *Lucky door prizes.*

Sky Stories Community Night

You and your family are invited to a free community event on Friday 19th August and hosted by Wauchope High School, Hastings Secondary College and Charles Sturt University. It will be held at Sancrox Reserve at Wauchope 5 – 8pm.

Join us for a BBQ, some story-telling and star gazing. Experts from Mid North Coast Astronomy and Port Macquarie Observatory will be on hand to help you use the telescopes, answer your astronomy questions, and explore the Indigenous use of the sky.

This is our second annual event as part of the Sky Stories project, run by CSU Future Moves. An integral element of the project is acknowledging the links between students, family, community and their sky stories. This enables new ways of learning, teaching and community engagement around Science.

We hope to see you there!