

Wauchope High School Newsletter



Wauchope High School Captains 2018

Calendar of events

Thursday 9th November	Year 12 Formal
Tuesday 5th December	Year 7 2018 Orientation Day
Thursday 7th December	Presentation Night

I look forward to joining students, parents, family and staff at the Year 12 Formal next week. This will be our last opportunity to say our farewells to the class of 2017 as a group and to wish them all the best on the next stage of their journey.

As the end of the year rapidly approaches, I would like to remind students and their parents that the important business of learning continues right up until the 15th December, which is the last day of the school year for students. Congratulations to all those students who recently completed the Youth Frontiers program.

The important business of learning can however, be tempered with some fun and lighter moments such as the recent Halloween celebrations and the crazy science day. It was wonderful to see students and staff getting into the spirit of these events and showing us all that learning can be fun.

It is important that students continue to maintain a pattern of regular attendance at school over coming weeks. It is our hope that all students are striving to achieve an attendance rate of 100%. A poor pattern of attendance has a significant impact on the quality of outcomes that a student can achieve and will impact on their opportunity to represent the school in extra-curricular activities.

It is important for all parents to be aware that Wauchope High School does not issue lunch passes, therefore all students are expected to remain on site at recess and lunchtime. We have an excellent canteen run by the P&C that provides affordable and healthy food.

As part of our support for The Department of Education's Healthy Canteen Policy we do not permit fast foods to be brought onto site at recess or lunch time even if delivered by parents. Please be aware that fast foods such as fish and chips, pizza, kebabs and McDonalds brought onto site may be confiscated and not returned to students until the end of the day.

I ask that you please support the school in trying to ensure that our students eat well and develop a healthy lifestyle. This policy also helps to prevent conflict amongst students and unrealistic expectations for other parents.

If you wish to discuss the canteen menu please contact the P&C either through the school or at the Monthly P&C meetings. If you would like a copy of the Department's Healthy Canteen Policy you may request one through the school.

Glen Sawle

Principal

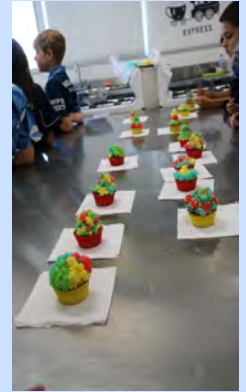




Year 6 Transition Morning



Students were able to work through the Design Process that they will experience in Technology Mandatory in Year 7 and Year 8. The students decorated the cupcakes and evaluated their skills in decoration. They compared their results with the other students and then added any changes that they thought would increase the appeal and appearance of their cupcakes. It was a fantastic lesson with the students and teachers walking away with colourful products. Mel Jones and Pauline Payne were on hand to assist the students.





Youth Frontiers 2017

Youth Frontiers is an electorate based mentoring program that targets Year 8 & 9 students. Local adults volunteer their time and expertise to mentor these students with a focus on leadership skills and civic engagement.

After 4 months and 30 hours of mentoring, five outstanding Year 9 students presented their community projects at a showcase at SCAS last Friday. They received certificates from Mayor Peta Pinson, and were highly praised for their efforts.

Congratulations to Chloe Bennetts, Hayden Bridger, Larnah Smith, Tiarrah Thurtell and Makalah Young for representing WHS so admirably – our future community is in good hands!



Absence Notes and Leave Pass Notes

Please Note: All absence and leave pass notes for students must contain their full name and Roll class

Library News

The Makerspace is an exciting new addition to the library at Wauchope High School. We have started by introducing the Sphero Robotic Ball, which has proved to be very popular at lunchtimes. The students have had an opportunity to have free play but are now learning how to program the robot to dance to the song "Happy" by Pharrell Williams. There is a great deal of team work and creativity in their programming and I'm sure the final results will be fantastic.

The Makerspace will become a place where students will be able to create, collaborate, learn, challenge themselves and find interests. We are seeking donations of materials such as wool, any hands on making toys like Lego or Meccano, electronics or anything that can be repurposed or used by the students. All donations can be left at the office.





Halloween week in the library

This last week saw a large number of students come and enjoy the Halloween events in the library. The scavenger hunt and scary stories on Monday, dress ups on Tuesday and Halloween Head and mad scientist activities on Thursday were great fun. Congratulations to the winners of the fancy dress, Dean Cook and Mikayla Holtham.



The Espresso Express



The Espresso Express is a concept café where teachers and senior students can purchase professional standard hot beverages including hot chocolates, Chai lattes and the range of espresso based coffees. The Hospitality crew would like to acknowledge and thank the work that Mrs Walker put into creating the sign and Sharni Underwood for donating the aprons. These gifts have added to the presentation of the Espresso Express in providing Hospitality students with an industry based work place in which to experience and refine their skills as part of the VET Hospitality Food and Beverage Certificate II qualification. Currently the Espresso Express operates three mornings a week and is called upon to assist in various school based functions.



WAUCHOPE GIRL SPACE

The vision of Girl Space is to help as many girls as possible to be armed with self-love, compassion and independence as they confidently explore who and what they want to be in this world.

Monday afternoon saw the first session of this exciting new after-school venture for girls in Wauchope. 16 girls got together at the Senior Citizens hall to learn how to create spooky make-up faces for Halloween.

The response to the first session makes us hopeful of turning Girl Space into a regular event. After canvassing the girls for activity ideas, we decided that the next session would focus on self-defence, receiving free tuition from martial arts experts. Keep your eyes peeled for posters with details in the next couple of weeks.



Charlotte and her Black Fish



Bella's Flathead



Jake caught a small Brim

Fishing for Sport

Worthy catches over the last few weeks of Sport for Fishing down at the wharf!

THE CANTEEN NEEDS YOU

The canteen is becoming very busy these days because of the great fresh food that is produced at reasonable prices. However, this is creating more work for Eve and myself to provide the quantity that the students require. We are managing this, but are finding it difficult to keep on top of having the containers, bags and pizza boxes written on, for the packaging of the fantastic goods that we do provide.

I currently have a beautiful grandmother Jo, who comes in every Monday and enjoys having a chat while she writes on numerous lunch bags and folds many pizza boxes for us to get through the week to provide these items. Jo has been a fantastic help but in saying that more hands makes light work.

So if anyone is available to come in once in a while, have a cup of coffee, have a chat, and assist in doing what Jo has been doing for at least the past 2 years, it would be greatly appreciated. You can attend on Monday if you wish and Jo can show you what to do, if not any other day will suit and Eve or myself will show you. No cooking is involved, we do all that, just sitting down and preparing bags, containers etc, for us to fulfil.

Hope to hear from you, just contact the office with your name and contact number and I will get in contact with you VERY QUICKLY.

Thank you
Carmel Wilkinson
Canteen Manager

Year 11 Senior Shirts 2018

Year 10 students going into Year 11 for 2018 will be able to order senior school shirts on the 16th November.

Students wishing to order senior shirts for next year can attend a fitting Period 1 on this day. Students will need to pre-pay for these shirts at a cost of \$35 each.

If your child is unable to be present on this date and would like a senior shirt, please approach the Uniform Shop during their usual opening times to order.

Uniform Shop opening hours:

Monday and Friday: 8.30-9.00am

Shirts ordered and paid for after 16th November may not be ready for the start of the 2018 School Year.

Mr Jason Halliday
Year 10 Adviser