



Wauchope High School Leaders 2017

Calendar of events

Thursday 30th November	CAPA Night
Monday 4th December	Sports Awards
Tuesday 5th December 9am	Year 7 2018 Orientation Day
Thursday 7th December 7pm	Presentation Night
Friday 15th December	Last day for students
Tuesday 30th January	First day for Years 7, 11 & 12
Wednesday 31st January	First day for Years 8, 9 & 10

It was with great delight that I joined the students of Year 12 2017, their parents and staff at the Year 12 Formal on Thursday of last week. It was a wonderful opportunity to say our farewells and to wish them all the best on the next stage of their journey. I am sure that these young adults will continue to make their families and us proud as they pursue further study, careers and family life in the coming years. Congratulations, well done and all the best for the future.

Our school captains and vice captains performed their first official roles as part of the school leadership team in representing the school at Remembrance Day services both at the school and at the Wauchope Cenotaph last week.

On the 10th of November we also unveiled a very special memorial that will form part of our schools ongoing recognition of the tragedy of war. On this day we unveiled a memorial to recognise the contribution made by animals over many years to the war effort. This memorial now stands in the grounds of the school and will form part of memorial garden to be developed in time for ANZAC Day 2018. Alongside the memorial, we planted a Lone Pine as the first stage in the development of this garden. A special thank you to Sergeant Chris Stafford who donated the plaque to the animals and which now takes a special place in our school.

As a community school, we not only value the opportunity to support the local community in its endeavours, our students also value the opportunity to demonstrate their civic mindedness and sense of responsibility through participation in these events.

Congratulations to our sportsmen and women who continue to excel in this area. Well done to our U16 Girls Rugby Team for their nomination as part of the Port Macquarie Hastings Sports Awards.

As the end of year rapidly approaches students continue to be actively engaged in the business of learning. The important business of learning, however, can always be tempered with some fun and lighter moments, such as the upcoming Mathematics excursion to Luna Park.

Our CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) Night is fast approaching and will be held on Thursday 30th November. I strongly recommend you mark this date in your diary. Further information is available in this newsletter and on our website about how you can purchase tickets for this entertaining night of song, dance and much more.

There is a lot of work being carried out in school library to ensure that students have a modern, bright, flexible and innovative learning space at their disposal. Part of this work has been in the development of a Makerspace and the provision of student access to a range of technologies including Drones. Students are able to learn how to safely and expertly fly these devices and will even be issued with a school licence once they have developed the right competencies. We are all looking forward to further developments in this space early next year.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On the 10th November students at Wauchope High School stopped to commemorate the end of the First War World and the sacrifice of Australians in all conflicts since. Owen



McKittrick, Monique Copelin, Tamika Cordell and Aiden Pumpa lead the school in the ceremony, with Joshua Hughes, Dean Cook and the school choir assisting with the music necessary for the service. Owen McKittrick and Monique Copelin attended the Remembrance service in the community on the Saturday and were responsible for giving a speech. Thanks to all staff and students who made the service a success.



We also held another service on that day, the purpose of this service was to open a



memorial to commemorate the animals who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War One. Sergeant Chris Stafford donated a memorial plaque to the school and work has started on a garden surrounding this memorial. During this service Owen McKittrick and Aiden Pumpa planted a 'Lone Pine' ANZAC tree and collected soil for the Hyde Park War Memorial. Tamika Cordell was the Master of Ceremonies for this event, while Monique Copelin, Mr Des Hancock from the RSL, Sergeant Chris Stafford, Mr Houlahan and Mr Sawle all contributed to service with speeches. We would like



to thanks Sergeant Stafford for his donation and all the parents and students who joined us in this service.







Matt Goddard pictured with Mr Taylor, Mr Hancock and Mr Leighton

We are very proud to announce that our very own Matt “Snowy” Goddard has gained a work trial at The Wauchope Country Club as a green keeper. If all goes to plan Matt will commence as an apprentice green keeper in February.

Matt has just completed a two year School Based Traineeship at Wauchope High School where he worked alongside James Pike our General Assistant and John Eggert our Farm Assistant. Through this Matt has completed his Cert II in Primary Industries.

We wish Matt well and know that the Country Club have a wonderful employee who will give his all and be a super representative of Wauchope High School. Go Hard Snowy.



On Monday morning the leadership group of the Wauchope High School U16's girl's rugby team attended the Port Macquarie Hastings Sports Awards at Port Panthers. The girls were nominated for “Junior Team of the Year” for their achievements throughout 2017. These achievements included finishing second at the NSW Schools State 7's Championships (public, independent and Catholic Schools) and fifth at the NSW CHS State Championships.

Whilst the girls did not take out the overall award they have had a wonderful year and should be commended for their nomination. Shelley Watts a local Olympian and Commonwealth Games Gold medal boxer spoke at the breakfast and the girls were thrilled to have a photo with her.

All in all it was a wonderful opportunity for the girls to mix with the sporting elite of the Port Macquarie Hastings area and to enjoy a pleasant breakfast.

Photo: Tori, Shelley Watts, Shikira, Lacey





On Thursday November 2nd Wauchope High School students undertook the second stage of a program to engage indigenous students and their friends with Science and Science teaching. Charles Sturt University coordinate this program through their Future Moves department.

Our students spent time in a morning session learning how to conduct some simple experiments, including Skittle Science, Fingerprinting, Upside down Glass filled with water and others. The students worked in small groups and were then required to become Masters of two of the experiments.

In the afternoon session we were joined by 60 students from Wauchope Public School. These students were in two classes and each class moved through one session of Science in our laboratories and one session of Future Moves activities in the Library.

While in the Science Laboratories the Wauchope Public school students were given the opportunity to undertake all of the different Science experiments now being run by our "Masters of Science". The high school students became teachers and delivered information and instructions while helping the primary students develop practical skills.

Thank you to all the staff from Charles Sturt University , the students and staff from Wauchope Public School and to the students from Wauchope High School who worked to make the day a success. The NISEP participants from Wauchope High School were Kenneth , Ruby, Tiarrah, Larnah, Lucas, Cheyenne, Jesse and Beaudean from Year 9. While Daniel, Caitlyn, Libby, Ashleigh, Flynn, Lacey and Sami participated from Year 10.





Drones in the Makerspace

The school now has a DJI Spark and this week we had our first group of students learn the rules and regulations regarding the use of drones. Over the coming weeks the students will learn how to fly the Spark and perform set manoeuvres. This is only the beginning of drones in the Makerspace.



Under 14 Boys Cricket

On Monday 30th October, the Wauchope High Under 14 Cricket team travelled to Inmon Oval at Laurieton to play Camden Haven High.

Wauchope High won the toss and elected to bat in beautiful, sunny conditions. Openers Ben and Wayde again got the team off to a solid start until Ben popped up a catch at the end of the eighth over. Unfortunately, wickets fell steadily from that point, but Kade played a great Captain's knock to reach 33, and Tom, Lucas, Jonte and Bryce all scored their first ever run in an organised game of cricket. At the close of the innings, Wauchope posted a respectable total of 102.

Camden Haven then came out to bat, and although the Wauchope boys created some half-chances, it looked like they were going to reach the target without losing a wicket. Enter Jonte. Once again, in his first over, he managed to remove the Camden Haven captain Bryce Cook on 48 through a snappy stumping by wicketkeeper Ben, and then produced a terrific caught-and-bowled to take the only two wickets to fall.

Thanks to the boys for being such a good team to coach, their enthusiasm and good sportsmanship was very refreshing.

Mr Hancock





CAPA NIGHT 2017

Date: 30th November

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

**Place: Wauchope High School
Hall**

**Artworks @ 6pm featuring
acoustic set by Joe Hord**

LEAP at a chance to experience Macquarie University!

Macquarie University is coming to town! The LEAP (Learning Education Aspiration Participation) team are bringing a taste of university to high school students to the Mid North Coast.



While all Year 10 students will be attending the event at school on the day, parents, guardians, carers and community members are invited to join us for the evening to hear from Macquarie University staff and students about university life, alternative pathways and entry options, support and an opportunity to ask any questions you have about going to university.

Date: Wednesday 22 November

Venue: Wauchope Country Club, 24 King St, Wauchope

Time: 5.15-6pm

RSVP: By Monday 20 November. Light refreshments will be served so please advise us of any dietary requirements.

For more information, please contact the LEAP team on 02 9850 1933 or wpu@mq.edu.au.

Year 11 Senior Shirts 2018

Year 10 going into Year 11 for 2018 will be ordering their senior school shirts on the 16th November.

All students progressing into Year 11 next year will have a fitting Period 1 and will need to pay the cost of \$35 on this date.

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

Uniform Shop opening hours:

Monday and Thursday: 8.30-9.00am

We are conducting a Female Footy Come & Try session next Wednesday at Wayne Richards Oval. It is open to any girl that wants to attend, no experience necessary. All they need to do is come down in comfortable exercise gear and qualified coaches will teach them everything they need to know! The session will run from 5-6pm. This is also open to any teachers that may be interested in giving it a go as well!

I would love to come in and talk to the girls at your school about playing AFL and show some videos. If you would like me to come in, please get in contact with me via the below details.

For more information, give me a call or email on 0401 487 480 or scott.dalton@afl.com.au

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