

Term 1 Week 5

24th February

# Wauchope High School Newsletter



Wauchope High School Leaders

## Calendar of events

Photograph catch up day	Tuesday 28th February
Year 7 Immunisations	Tuesday 28th February
Purple People Day	Thursday 9th March
Twilight Tour & Meet the Parents	Thursday 16th March
Parent Teacher Evening	Tuesday 21st March

As we march headlong into a new academic year I would like to, once again, remind everyone of the importance of our students being at school every day and in every lesson. I realise this is a common theme that I raise with students and with parents, however, I believe that high levels of attendance are critical if we are to ensure that our students achieve their potential and maximise their opportunities in later life.

When discussing attendance with students they will often comment that they will or can catch up on the work missed when they are away. The reality is that this is only ever partly true. While it may be possible to read that chapter from the text book or answer the questions from the worksheet issued, the reality is that what cannot be captured are the conversations that take place in the classroom when you are away.

Classrooms are often dynamic places where there is constant conversation between teacher and students. It is through the conversations and discussions that go on in classrooms that we develop our ideas and a deeper understanding of what is being studied. It is our opportunity to test our ideas on others and receive honest feedback to allow us to refine our ideas.

It is often said that you only truly understand something when you are able to explain it to others. This is what happens in classrooms when we discuss our ideas and test our knowledge against the understanding of others.

While the school set a basic requirement of 85% as part of our School Representation Strategy, the reality is that all absences have an impact on student performance and growth. Research by the University of Western Australia; Student Attendance and Educational Outcomes: Every day counts states that, ***average academic achievement declines with any absence from school. This decline continues as absence rates increase. The effects of absence accumulate over time.***

The research also shows that schools can only achieve high attendance rates in cooperation with parents. I therefore ask that we work together to lift attendance rates and encourage high levels of engagement within the classroom. By doing so we will provide our students with the opportunity to succeed. As a school I would like us to strive to achieve an average attendance rate of 95% or higher. I believe we should aim high – who knows what we can achieve when we work together – students teachers and parents.

## From the Principal

Regards  
Glen Sawle

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website: <http://www.wauchope-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>



## NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2017

**WAUCHOPE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**TERM 1 – 28 Feb 2017**  
**TERM 2 – 2 May 2017**  
**TERM 3 – 5 Sept 2017**

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2017 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students\*:

- ♦ dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- ♦ varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- ♦ human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months

**Parent Information Kits** that include an Information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents / guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents / guardians are advised to:

- ♦ read all the information provided
- ♦ complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- ♦ return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ♦ ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that students who commence HPV vaccination in school clinics in Year 7 but do not complete the course during the school year may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8. Parents will be notified by letter from The Public Health Unit if this applies to their child.

**Students who have any HPV doses at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP.**

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at:

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation)

**To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.**

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

If you have any further questions, contact Mrs Melissa Broderick or Mrs Sue Bolton on 65851400.



## WAUCHOPE HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT /TEACHER EVENING  
Years 7 - 12

Tuesday 21st March 4pm– 6pm  
School Hall

We are using an online booking system  
Please log onto [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

**School Event Code 4v35u**

If you are unable to access this site to make a booking,  
please call the school on **6585 1400** and the  
office staff can assist with your bookings.

Further information is available from the school's  
website and newsletter.

Information will also be emailed to parents.

**Bookings open Monday 6th March  
Midday**

## SAVE THE DATE

Wauchope High School

Years 5, 6 & 7 Twilight Tours

Thursday 16th March 4pm to 6pm

Meet the Principal



Mr Sawle

Meet the Deputy Principals



Ms Gough



Mr Jackson

Meet the Year 7 Advisor for 2018



Mr Paddy Dixon

## Absence Notes

The Education Act requires children to attend school each day. When a child is absent from school, parents must inform the school in writing within 7 days of the first day of Absence. The letter must state the child's name, class, date of absence and reason for absence. The letter can be given to the Roll Class Teacher or handed in at the front office on the child's return to school.

## Court Orders and Custody

In some cases it may be necessary for the Principal to sight custody papers involving students and parent access. We have no legal right to deny parent access to a student unless the appropriate papers have been sighted. Please keep the school informed of any legal matters about access to ensure the best care for your child.

## Visiting Our School

We are conscious about school safety and security. All visitors to the school must report to the school Front office and sign the attendance book. A visitors badge will then be issued. Prior to leaving the school, please return to the office to sign out and return the badge. Parents who wish to speak to a teacher are asked to make an appointment with them by phone or letter. The teacher will then arrange a mutually convenient time.

## Medical Conditions and Allergies

We are continually updating our medical registers. Please ensure the school has copies of the most recent Emergency Care Plans and Health Care Plans to ensure your child's safety at school in the case of an emergency.



# Yr 7 Relationships and Resilience Experience

On Wednesday and Thursday of Week 3, 87 Yr 7 students were involved in a range of activities at WHS that focused on anti-bullying, team building, resilience and forging strong relationships.

From 9am till 3:30pm, the students participated in banana passing, jigsaws, pool noodle relays, basketball workshops, resilience activities, chill out movie time, board games, mindfulness colouring and a simulated slum set up in our very own hall. The student's behaviour and attitude went above and beyond our expectations and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank each child for their unique contribution to the two days.

It was a fantastic opportunity for both Mrs James and myself to get to know our Yr 7 students better and, perhaps the best part, learn their names! We loved seeing how they responded to different situations and challenges and it was incredibly insightful for us. We also enjoyed, perhaps a little too much, taking on the roles of Miss Det and Miss Deeperdet, the loan sharks in the slum!

The Double J's would like to sincerely thank all those who were involved, Marg Sipkes, Anna and Kasia, Ros and Will Jamieson, Annabel Starr and Chris Baker from Circle of Drums.





# Yr 7 Relationships and Resilience Experience



Here is some of what the students had to say about the experience:

"My favourite part was the slum because we were working together to make money to stay alive." Phoebe

"We got to know each other a lot more." Antonia

"I enjoyed balancing the pool noodle." Boston

"I loved working together with new people." Jade

"I liked the slum where we worked together and everyone was a part of the team." Scarlet

"Playing basketball with Annabel was the best!" Steve

"It was fun and I learnt a lot more about team building." Emily

"I enjoyed working as a team where no one was left out." Breanna

"The best part was the slum thing." Tallis

## COURSE FEES 2017

<b>7</b>	General Contribution	\$65
<b>2017</b>	LOTE	\$5
	PD/H/PE	\$5
	Technology Mandatory	\$30
	Visual Arts	\$15

<b>8</b>	General Contribution	\$65
<b>2017</b>	Agriculture	\$10
	Commerce	\$5
	Crime & Punishment	\$5
	Drama	\$20
	Dance	\$30
	Food Technology	\$50
	Geography Elective	\$5
	Graphics	\$10
	History Elective	\$5
	Industrial Technology - Wood	\$30
	Industrial Technology - Metal	\$30
	Music Elective	\$10
	PD/H/PE	\$5
	Technology Mandatory	\$30
	Textiles Technology	\$20
	Visual Art	\$20

<b>9</b>	General Contribution	\$65
<b>2017</b>	Agriculture	\$10
	Child Studies	\$10
	Commerce	\$5
	Dance	\$40
	Drama	\$20
	Film & Media Studies	\$10
	Food Technology	\$60
	Graphics	\$10
	Industrial Technology - Wood	\$30
	Industrial Technology - Metal	\$30
	Marine Studies	\$20
	Music	\$10
	Myths & Legends	\$5
	PD/H/PE	\$5
	Photography	\$25
	Textile Technology	\$30
	Visual Art	\$25

<b>10</b>	General Contribution	\$65
<b>2017</b>	Agriculture	\$10
	Child Studies	\$10
	Commerce	\$5
	Dance	\$40
	Drama	\$20
	Food Technology	\$60
	Industrial Technology - Wood	\$30
	Industrial Technology - Metals	\$30
	Marine Studies	\$20
	Music	\$10
	PD/H/PE	\$5
	Photography	\$32
	Textiles	\$30
	Visual Art	\$32

<b>11</b>	General Contribution	\$80
<b>2017</b>	Aboriginal Studies	\$5
	Agriculture	\$10
	Ancient History	\$5
	Business Studies	\$5
	Ceramics	\$40
	Construction	\$70
	Dance	\$30
	Design & Technology	\$50
	Drama	\$30
	Food Technology	\$90
	Furniture Making	\$40
	Geography	\$5
	Hospitality	\$80
	Industrial Technology- Wood	\$30
	Industrial technology - Metal	\$30
	Legal Studies	\$5
	Metals & Engineering	\$70
	Modern History	\$5
	Music	\$10
	Music Industry	\$20
	Photography	\$32
	Primary Industries	\$40
	Textiles	\$60
	Visual Arts	\$32
	Work Studies	\$5

## COURSE FEES 2017

<b>12</b>	General Contribution	\$80	<b>12</b>	Hospitality	\$95
<b>2017</b>	Aboriginal Studies	\$5	<b>2017</b>	Industrial Technology - Wood	\$30
	Agriculture	\$10		Industrial Technology - Metal	\$30
	Ancient History	\$5		Legal Studies	\$5
	Business Studies	\$5		Metals & Engineering	\$80
	Ceramics	\$40		Photography	\$32
	Construction	\$80		Primary Industries	\$10
	Dance	\$30		Retail Services	\$20
	Drama	\$30		Society & Culture	\$5
	Design & Technology	\$60		Textiles	\$60
	Food Technology	\$70		Visual Arts	\$32
	Geography	\$5		Work Studies	\$5

### School Fees and how to pay them

School Fees will soon be sent home to families, there are a number of ways payments can be made.

In person with cash, cheque or using EFTPOS, or on line using our secure site. The link to this site is found on the school webpage, hosted by Westpac., where payments can be made using Visa or Mastercard Credit or Debit card

The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#)

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band/choir, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other', this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings, 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter: the students name, and class and reference number OR the students name, and date of birth.

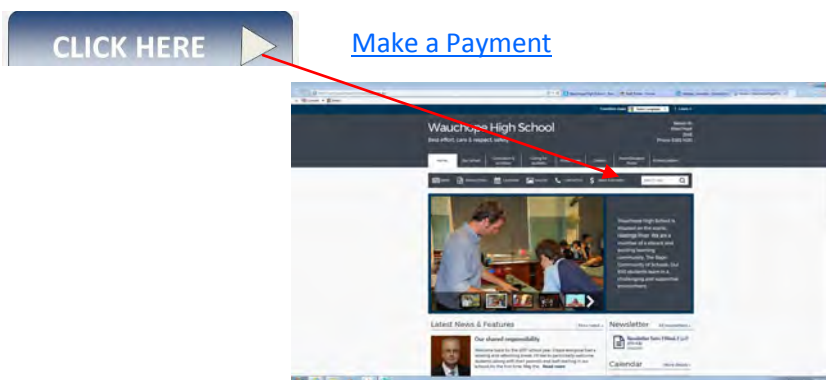
These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact our friendly School Office staff.





## Uniform Shop payments through the P & C

Payments for uniforms can be made as a Direct Deposit into the Wauchope High School P & C Account using the following details

Account Name: Wauchope High School P & C Association

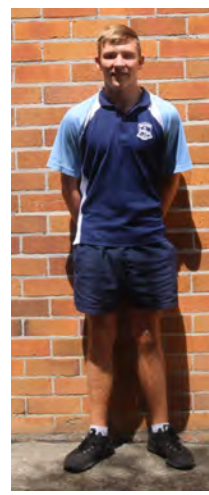
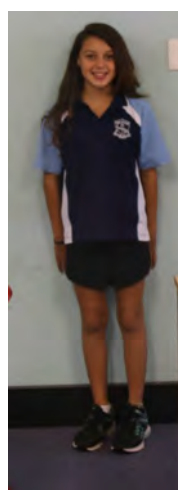
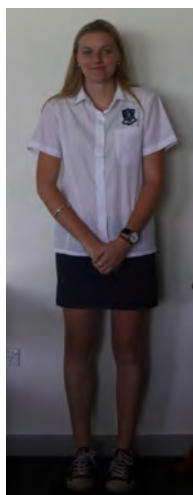
Reference: Your Invoice Number or Name

BSB: 721-000

Account Number: 100183254

The uniform shop is open Monday and Friday 8:30-9am, staffed by volunteers. The P&C always welcome new members to help in the Uniform Shop .

Can you help? Please leave your name and phone number with the office staff on 65851400 or email [Kirrileastafford2@bigpond.com](mailto:Kirrileastafford2@bigpond.com)



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I would like to register my interest in volunteering to help in the Uniform Shop.

Name .....

Telephone No. ....





**Elective Drama  
is off to an  
Awesome Start  
in 2017!**





The mighty WHS Girl's rugby teams kicked off season 2017 on Friday February 17. On a very hot day over thirty girls turned up for training which was wonderful. Great to see a lot of new faces and of course the girls who have done the business for so well for so long. We are looking forward to a super season and welcome our new manager Libby Bower (Yr 10) who will be learning the ropes from Matt "Snowy" Goddard (Yr 12). A big thanks to Kitiara Porter for helping to run the session and to SRE teacher Tony Sullivan for taking such terrific photos.



Year 12 Students on Valentine's Day



Ryan Williams of Year 9 competed in the first state BMX Series round on Sunday 12/2/17, at Castle Hill. After a heatwave on Saturday of 46, temperatures dropped slightly for racing to 35. Ryan raced well in his three Motos putting him into the semi final in which he came 4th allowing him to race in the final.

After a good start Ryan was squeezed out in the berm and came a good 8th. Great effort ryan. There were 29 riders in Ryan's age group. Next state event is held at Taree on the 9th April.