

Wauchope High School Newsletter



Wauchope High School Leaders 2017

Calendar of events

School Resumes	Wednesday 26th April
Cross Country	Friday 28th April 1:45pm
Immunisation Years 11 & 12	Tuesday 2nd May
NAPLAN	Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th May
Year 8 & 9 Examinations	Monday 15th May to Wednesday 17th May
Year 7 & 10 Examinations	Monday 22nd May to Wednesday 24th May
Athletics Carnival	Wednesday 31st May

To all students, teachers and parents, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy Easter break. Our students and staff have worked very hard this term and I believe we will all appreciate a little time to rest and prepare for next term. Year 12 recently undertook their half year examinations and have started to receive their results and feedback. This should be seen as an opportunity to identify some areas to work on for the future and assist them in their progress towards the best possible performance and results they are capable of achieving.

As the holidays draw to a close the community will commemorate ANZAC day. While the school held its commemoration service today I encourage you all to be part of the Wauchope Community Commemoration on 25 April at either the Dawn service or the 11 am service. Our school will be represented by our student leadership team at both ceremonies and many students take the opportunity to participate in the street march prior to each service.

Students will return to the start of the Term 2 on Wednesday 26 April when all classes resume as normal. We look forward to welcoming all students and staff back refreshed and ready to take on the new term.

Term 2 will see a number of key events occur including the NAPLAN tests, our school cross country, and athletic carnival and the exciting Cumberland School Visit which we will host in Week 10.

We are eagerly awaiting completion of the modernisation and refurbishment of two Science laboratories early in Term 2. This work appears to be on track and progressing well. This upgrade will significantly add to the quality of the science programs and the opportunities provided to our students well into the future.

During Term 2 we will also hold our mid-year Excellence Assembly which will occur around week 8. At this time, we will celebrate the academic, social and individual sporting achievements of students during Semester 1. Students will also receive their half yearly reports during next term – so please watch out for them.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.



Glen Sawle
Principal



Students are invited to be part of the ANZAC Day march on 25th April starting at the Wauchope RSL at 10am , please wear full school uniform

Wauchope High School ANZAC Day Commemoration April 7th 2017



Master of Ceremonies
Maddison McKittrick



Presentation of RSL Award by
Mr Des Hancock (Wauchope RSL Sub-Branch President)



Occasional Address:
Sergeant Chris Stafford





Congratulations Lachlan and Jack for their prize winning ANZAC essays

Thank you, Jack, Hayley, Chloe & Larnah who went to Bundaleer Nursing Home to read their ANZAC speeches to the residents.

Term 1 wrap up



Science Lab Refurbishment

It's an exciting time in Science at the moment, with work underway on \$400,000 worth of upgrades to our laboratories. E1 and F1 one are both currently receiving much needed refurbishments, which will make them safer and more practical modern learning environments. The

labs should be completed by mid-May, ready to nurture the next generation of budding young scientists.

In the Science classroom

Students in year 7 have been busy this term learning how to conduct experiments in the Science lab, including gaining their Bunsen burner licences. Learning about how living things are classified has also been exciting; with students intrigued by the many preserved animal specimens they've studied.

In year 8 students have been learning about living organisms, with the heart dissection being a highlight for many.

This term the study of energy transformations gave students in year 9 the opportunity to demonstrate their engineering skills by building devices such as wind turbines and Rube-Goldberg machines.

Year 10 are currently working on their Student Research Project (SRP), designing and conducting an experiment to

answer a question of their own choosing. The students with the best SRPs will be selected to represent the school at the Hastings Science Fair during National Science Week.





DRAMA, DRAMA, DRAMA!

Drama has started with a BANG! this term at WHS.

The Yr 7-10 students have been having oodles of fun exploring Theatresports and Improvisation and generally making each other laugh (and me of course!)

In Yr 11, the students performed incredible Absurd Theatre monologues and duologues that were engaging and entertaining. Casting has begun for the Yr 11 Production of 12 Angry Jurors, to be held in Wk 9 of Term 2. Stay tuned for more details!



In WK 8, Yr 11 and 12 Drama students jumped on a bus and went to Newcastle to see a show called Neighbourhood Watch. We study this play as part of the HSC course. It was an invaluable experience and all who attended thoroughly enjoyed the whole day.

We wish our HSC Drama students good luck as they sit their Half Yearly Exams.



HSIE Term 1 Wrap Up

Geography

There have been a number of exciting changes in our Geography courses with new national curriculum being introduced to Years 7 and 9. The starting point for Year 7 has been the Nature of Geography and basic mapping skills, leading in to a unit on



Landscapes and Landforms. Year 8 students are becoming informed global citizens as they investigate changing world relationships and the process of globalisation. Year 9 classes have been investigating issues of sustainability and the

management of world biomes. Identifying global geographical issues, has been the focus for Year 10. They then studied the management of coastal ecosystems in depth and are expanding their geographical skills. Most classes have completed their first assessment in Geography.

History

Year 7 students have been engaged with many interesting concepts in their Investigating History unit, from 'cookie' excavations to 'fake news', with students recognising the need to check information before believing everything they read on the internet...like the Blue Tree Ringed Octopus. Year 8 students started with Knights, Castles and The Plague of Medieval Europe. Year 9 are beginning to form an understanding of the development of the modern world through the completion of their first topic on the Industrial Revolution. Students will then move to a study of World War One. Year 10 students began the year with a study of World War Two, and all the horrors associated with this from the Kokoda Track, to the Holocaust and the Atomic Bomb. Most classes have completed an assessment for these courses or are about to start one.



LOTE - French

Our LOTE (Languages Other Than English – French) students have experienced a very busy term. Students have been able to refine their French greetings with continual practice upon entry into the room. They have also worked on the pronunciation of other language basics including numbers and colours. Culturally, students have been learning about the geography of France and Francophones. An assessment for this course will occur next term.

Crime & Punishment Elective

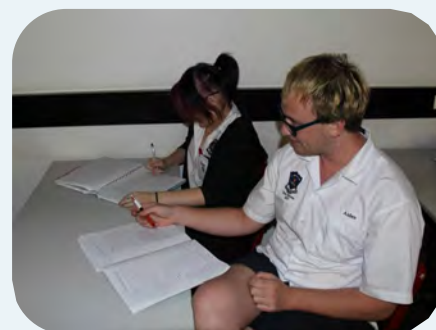
Students in our Year 9 Crime and Punishment elective course started the year with a study on the origins of laws and the legal system in Australia. Students are currently examining infamous criminal cases and the punishments involved. Early next term they will begin a research task in the library.

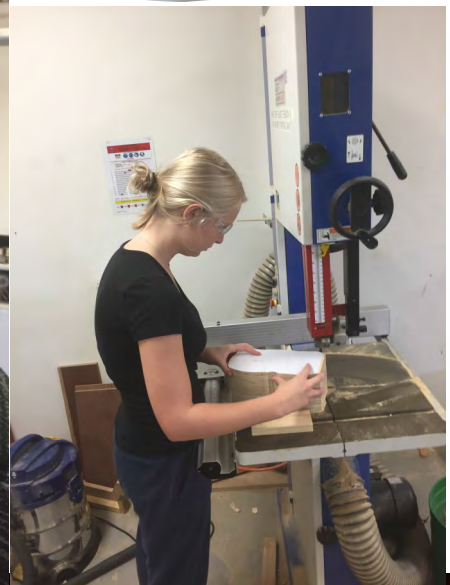
Year 11

Six HSIE subjects are running in Year 11 this year: Ancient History, Business Studies, Geography, Legal Studies, Modern History and Work Studies. Our HSIE Sydney excursion in March provided hands-on experience and a strong foundation for our senior courses. These opportunities will be further consolidated throughout the year. Assessments have already begun for our senior subjects.

Year 12

Our Year 12 HSIE students studying; Ancient History, Business Studies, Geography, Legal Studies and Modern History, completed their Half Yearly Exams at the end of Term 1. With only 20 school weeks left in these courses the rest of the year will move at a fast pace, with most courses coming to the end of their internal assessment program with only one other task and the HSC Trial Examinations to go!





2017 Student Representative Council



WHS says NO to Bullying



Library News



Sydney based manga illustrator, Matthew Lin visited Wauchope High School last week to share his experience and knowledge of drawing. He ran a workshop with a number of students interested in manga and anime showing them how to draw a number of creatures and faces with some great results. He also provided tips on the students own work while acknowledging their own styles. A big thank you to Virginia Cox from the Port Macquarie/ Hastings Council Library for providing our students with this amazing opportunity as part of Youth Week.

The Port Macquarie Town Library is also hosting a Manga Art Workshop on Monday 10th April from 10:30 -12:00. For details and bookings phone 6581 8755



Netball News



Wauchope High has had a busy start to the Netball season this year. The 15's knockout team travelled to play the Regional Final against Tweed Heads. They unfortunately lost a tight tussle 35 -30 but all played a great game. Special mention to the girls who move into the Open's division Grace (Captain), Piper , Sophie and Shannan. These girls all lead by example on and off the court.

The Opens Team played a Gala Day for the first two rounds of the CHS Knockout winning both games convincingly. They now meet Macksville at home in late May. This Gala Day was also a trial for the Lower North Coast Team to trail at Coffs Harbour for the North Coast Team. Tylah , Monique , Molly and Caitlin were all successful and travelled to Coffs in Week 10. Monique made possible for North Coast but all the girls should be very proud of the performance they put together on the day.

Week 10 also saw Wauchope represent at the All Schools Cup in Port Macquarie. We had 40 students involved in this day playing, umpiring and coaching. Many comments were made by other schools and officials about the outstanding conduct of these students. Congratulations to all involved; the 9&10 girls are through to the Regional Final at Port Macquarie in July. The 7&8 girls were fourth while both Non Competitive teams won their divisions.

CHS Boys and Girls Tennis

Last Friday, four boys and four girls travelled with Mrs Quee to Kendall Tennis Courts to verse Camden Haven High School. The competition included a mixture of doubles and singles matches. Ben, Wayde, Andrew and Chad comprised the boys team; Emily , Tayla , Kitiara and Grace formed the girls team. Unfortunately the boys lost in straight sets to a very professional Camden Haven side. Our girls were victorious, defeating their opposition 5 sets to 3. The girls now proceed to Round 2, scheduled to be played early Term 2. All players represented the school with great sportsmanship and skill.

Open Girls and Boys Hockey

Under the threat of rain, 14 enthusiastic students ventured to Port Macquarie on Monday 20th March to compete in the Lower North Coast Hockey knockout and selection trials.

Despite going down in their only game against Port Macquarie, the girls defended bravely against a more experienced team. Our goalkeeper, Charlotte, had a standout performance, foiling numerous attacks upon the goal with her spectacular, athletic saves. She was ably supported by Titiara and Samantha in the backs and Jade, Ellen and Maddison in the midfield. Our forwards, Hannah, Eliza, Georgia, Holly and Tori, had several opportunities to score but, unfortunately, they were unable to capitalise. All the girls are to be commended on their outstanding sportsmanship and teamwork.

Congratulations to Maddison, Ellen and Jade who were successful in gaining selection in the Lower North Coast team. Charlotte was named as reserve goalkeeper and Kitiara and Samantha were also identified as reserves.



15's and Opens Rugby League

Seven Wauchope High students went to Grafton to attend the 15's and Open North Coast Rugby League trials. The games were played in atrocious conditions, with the venue having to be moved to Grafton High School, after Council closed Frank McGuren Oval on the morning of the trial.

The boys all played quite well, but of the seven, Tylee was selected in the Under 15 North Coast team, while Tyler and Jamaine were considered as shadow reserves in the 15's and Open teams. Well done to all of the boys for making it so far in a very competitive sport.



Student
Representative
Council Students
ready for roll call,
what a great team
we have again this
year, thank you Ms
Moy

Kitiara Porter of yr 12 recently played for the Mid North Coast Women's Rugby team in the NSW Country Rugby Championships in Forster. It is the first time that the Mid North Coast has fielded a Women's team. The team finished a very creditable 4th. Kitiara was vice-captain of this team.

Joining Kitiara in the team was older sister Kathleen who was named player of the tournament, a wonderful achievement and testament to the hard work that Kathleen has displayed in her rugby career. Kathleen was the captain of the MNC team.

Kitiara started at Wauchope High School in 2012 and was a member of the Girl's U15's rugby team who came 2nd in the state. The following year Kitara was a member of the same team who came 1st in the state. In 2014 Kitiara was a member of the U16's girl's rugby team who came 2nd in the state. In 2015 they finished 4th and in 2016 her Open's team finished 4th in the state also. Kitiara has been a member of the MNC junior teams for the last 3 years. A very impressive high school rugby career.

At the end of the Country Championships a Country team was named and Kitiara was named in the team. The Wauchope High School rugby community and the whole school are very proud of Kitiara and wish her all the best as she represents the NSW Country Corellas in 2017. Kathleen was also selected for the Country team.

The girls will play this coming weekend in Wagga Wagga against the ACT and Victoria. One of the girl's biggest supporters their Nan-Lynne will travel with the girls to Wagga Wagga. They will play Sydney on April 23 and then play in the Australian Championships on the Gold Coast from May 11 to May 14.

With rugby being an Olympic sport there are pathways emerging for our very talented young ladies to pursue. We wish Kitiara and Kathleen all the best in their endeavours and know that they will represent us with distinction. Go well girls.



Zac and the aboriginal artwork created with the help of Ms Burnet's amazing talent

Support Unit Easter Colouring Competition



HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS 2017

March 2017

In 2020, your child will need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to qualify for a Higher School Certificate (HSC).



PRACTICAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS



The minimum standard will ensure that your child is ready for further education and training, employment and life after school.

The standard is set at Level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), a nationally agreed standard of functional literacy and numeracy.

It means students can do things like:

Find the time and date of a music concert on an online ticket website

Calculate the quantity of paint required to paint a room

Estimate distance, travel time and costs for a transport route

Take notes from a lecture or training session

Create a personal weekly budget in a spreadsheet

Write a job application letter

Measure quantities to follow a recipe

Follow safety instructions in an equipment manual

Enter data in a computer-based management system

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE STANDARD



Your child will show that they have met the standard by passing new online reading, writing and numeracy tests.

They will take the online tests at school. Your child can take the tests up to twice a year in:

- ✓ Year 10
- ✓ Year 11
- ✓ Year 12
- ✓ for up to five years after they start their first HSC course.

Students can take the tests from next year when they are in Year 10.

Visit the demonstration site to see sample test questions:

<https://hscliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au>

YEAR 9 NAPLAN: A CHANCE TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE STANDARD

Your child can prequalify for the standard by achieving Band 8 or above in their Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests this year. This means that they won't have to take the online tests.

It is important for you to know that not all students are expected to achieve Band 8 in their Year 9 NAPLAN tests this year.

Your child will not be stopped from getting the HSC on the basis of their Year 9 NAPLAN results.



Your child's literacy and numeracy skills will continue to develop and it is expected that they will meet the standard either by the end of Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12.

Your child's school will provide support for them to meet the standard to get the HSC.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact your school principal for more detailed information about the minimum standard, or visit the NESA website:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au>

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Wauchope Rugby Club

Rugby Union competitions 2017

Join Australia's newest rugby union club –
The Wauchope Thunder

Girls & boys are invited to play in u8's, u10's & u12's
on a Friday afternoon / evening in Port Macquarie

Boys are invited to play in u14's

on a Saturday morning in the Mid North Coast comp

Girls are invited to play 7's Rugby in u13's, u15's & u17's
on a Friday afternoon / evening in Port Macquarie

Training - Wednesday 5:00 to 6:00 pm at Blackbutts Oval, Wauchope. Senior players recruited from New Zealand will be assisting coaches.

Cost (see over) includes rego, insurance, socks, shorts, training shirt & cap (club owned jerseys)

For further details, please do not hesitate to contact Jack Pike on 0407 205 994

Cost	\$75 per player - U8's \$100 per player - all other age groups Includes registration, insurance, shorts, socks, training shirt & cap
Uniform	Jerseys for games owned & supplied by the club Shorts, socks & training shirt supplied (covered by \$100 rego fee) Headgear not compulsory but recommended Mouthguard and boots compulsory and at player's cost No mouth guard – no play
Friday afternoon / evening Girls & Boys u8's, u10's & u12's competitions in Port Macquarie	16 game competition on Friday afternoon / evening with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No games during school holidays No games on Fridays preceding school holidays No game on Friday of June long weekend i.e. 9 June Start date - Friday 31 March 2017 ("Trial" games) Start time - From 5:00 PM onwards depending on age group Game - 30 to 40 min games depending on age group Location - Stuart Park, Port Macquarie (games are always at the same location being Stuart Park – no travel to other locations)
Mid North Coast Boys u14 competition	14 game competition on a Saturday morning at various locations on the Mid North Coast (Coffs, Dorrigo, Kempsey & Port Mac) Start date - Saturday 29 April 2017 (TBC) Start time - 10:00 AM
Friday afternoon / evening Girls Sevens u13's, u15's & u17's competitions in Port Mac	Same details as abovementioned Friday night / arvo junior competitions except for the following: Start date - Friday 28 April 2017 (TBC) Start time - From 5:30 PM onwards depending on age group Game - 20 min games depending on age group Location - Wood Street Park, Port Macquarie (directly opposite Stuart Park fields where junior competitions are played)
Training	Each Wednesday excluding school holidays Start date - Wednesday 22 March 2017 Duration - 5:00 to 6:00 PM – a single one hour session per week Location - Blackbutts Oval, Wauchope

CLUB RULE NO. 1 - HAVE FUN & LEARN SKILLS BY PLAYING RUNNING RUGBY

CLUB RULE NO. 2 - ALL PLAYERS TO GET A FAIR RUN EACH GAME REGARDLESS OF EXPERIENCE, ABILITY, SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GAME, etc PROVIDED REGO IS FULLY PAID & PLAYER HAS ATTENDED TRAINING (NO FAVOURITES!!)

**WAUCHOPE THUNDER HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE OF DRUG USE
JUNIOR GAMES & TRAINING ARE ALCOHOL & SMOKE FREE ZONES**



GIRLS RUGBY UNION SEVENS

COMPETITION 2017

Port Macquarie Junior Rugby Union (PMJRU) are excited to announce the start of a Junior Girls Rugby 7's competition in 2017

The PMJRU are introducing Friday afternoon competitions in u13's, u15's and u17's

Teenage girls between the ages of 12 and 17 are invited to come and try Rugby 7's, a fun, fast and exciting game that can be played by all ages and abilities

Games - Friday afternoons commencing at 5:30 pm at Wood Street fields, Port Macquarie (BBQ available)

Holidays - No games on Fridays during school holidays and no game on Friday of June long weekend

Cost - \$95 includes registration

Junior Rugby sessions are smoke & alcohol free events

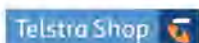
For more details, please see over the page

For further details, please do not hesitate to contact Jacky Ostler on 0410 005 789 or Craig Smith on 0439 810 612 or Graham Sonter on 0417 435 113



GIRLS RUGBY UNION 7's COMPETITION 2017

Teams	PMJRU committee will organise teams for girls do not have a club to register with. Girls are free to play with a local club e.g. Wauchope Thunder, Kempsey Cannonballs, Port Macquarie Pirates, etc.
Cost	\$95 which includes registration and insurance. Clubs have the discretion to charge a higher fee.
Registration	Girls registering with the PMJRU can register at Stuart Park, Port Macquarie from 5:00 to 6:30 pm on the following Friday afternoons preceding the start of the season: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 10 March, 2017 Friday 17 March, 2017 Friday 24 March, 2017 Girls playing for clubs should register directly with the club.
Uniform	Clubs will supply playing shirts to Club registered players. PMJRU will provide playing shirts to PMJRU registered players. Mouthguard, socks and shorts at player's cost. Mouthguard is compulsory. No mouth guard – no play.
Competition	16 week Friday afternoon / evening competition as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Come & Try night / Trial game – Friday 31st March, 2017 Competition Game 1 – Friday 28th April, 2017 No games on Fridays during school holidays No games on Friday of June long weekend i.e. 9th June To maximise the number of games played throughout the season, a single night of Finals will be played based on the competition ladder i.e. 1st vs 2nd, 3rd vs 4th, 5th vs 6th, etc
Games	Friday afternoon Start time - 5:30 pm onwards Location - all games played at Wood Street playing fields, Port Macquarie (Wood Street fields are across the road from Stuart Park fields heading west away from the Basketball Stadium) Facilities - Canteen selling BBQ food & drinks from 5:30 pm



Telstra Shop Port Central Friday Night Rugby



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