

# Wauchope High School Newsletter



Wauchope High School Leaders 2018

## Principal's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe holiday and to encourage students and staff to use this time to recharge so that we are all ready for another busy Term 2. All students return to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Year 12 have just completed their half-yearly exams. They will return next term to their results and some constructive feedback in preparation for the last 20 weeks of the courses before the HSC. If they have not already done so then I would encourage them to ensure they have a well-structured study and revision plan in place and that they have begun to use this in preparation for their HSC exam. They can seek support in preparing a revision plan through the Senior Preparation Room or by working with their individual teachers.

This morning we held our commemorated ANZAC Day service at school, which was attended by all students and staff. Again, as in past years, the school will take part in the Wauchope ANZAC Day march and I welcome all students and parents to participate by marching behind the Wauchope High School banner. We see this as an important event where we recognise ANZAC Day and the sacrifices made by so many individuals across a range of past and current conflicts.

Congratulations to all students who have recently represented the school so successfully across a range of sporting and academic pursuits. As we so often see, our students demonstrate outstanding skills in so many fields.

By now, your child may have informed you that they will be receiving a new timetable today and that this timetable will come into operation at the start of next term. This has been necessary because of an unexpected reduction in student numbers at the start of this year. This has resulted in a loss of teaching and administrative staff at the school beyond our control. I have written via email to every parent today in an attempt to explain the cause of this loss.

I can say with confidence that the school has worked very hard to ensure that this loss will have little or no impact on student outcomes in 2018. Many students will see no change because of the new timetable. Throughout Terms 2 and 3 there will be additional support put in place to ensure that any Year 12 student affected by changes in the timetable will be given whatever support is necessary to provide for their needs.

If you are able to identify specific things we might do to minimise any impact of these changes please contact the school to arrange a time to discuss these either with myself, the Deputy Principals or the Head Teachers of the individual subject areas.

Can I thank you for your support in assisting us to make this transition as smooth as possible and again enjoy the school break and I look forward to welcoming back all students at the beginning of Term 2.

Glen Sawle (Principal)

## What is a WAPA?

Its not a nutritionally questionable burger but a snapshot of how your child is applying themselves in class to their learning.

**What: Wauchope Attitude to Personal Achievement**

**Who:** Every teacher of every class will allocate a score from 0 – 6 based on the students' application to learning in that subject, and how they are demonstrating our core classroom expectations. (see below)

**When:** At the end of each term these scores will be collated and mailed home to parents and carers to provide them with timely feedback about classroom application.

**Why:** It is an opportunity to

celebrate the focus and organisation your child is displaying, OR  
begin a conversation with your child and the school about refocusing and reapplying in order to make the most of the educational opportunities available.

It is hoped that this regular feedback about readiness to learn and application to classwork will assist families to achieve the best possible educational outcomes for our community of students.

**How:**

Scores are reflected in the following way

Description	Score	Behaviours
Excelling	6	Leading by example, encouraging others
Beyond expectations	5	Leading by example
At expectations	4	Demonstrating our learning expectations
Moving towards expectations	1	Needs reminders to stay on track
Below expectations	0	Off track, disrupting the learning of themselves and others
Non performance	0	Not completing tasks, non attendance.

Please be mindful that as this is our first WAPA, we are ironing out a few data glitches but hope for the most part the data is true and accurate at the time of harvesting. This is a snapshot in time.

Our first WAPA letters are heading home this week along with attendance information. Students with outstanding attendance will be celebrated with a sausage sizzle at lunch on the first Friday back.

We look forward to helping students make the best learning choices for our school community.



## **Wauchope High School Universal Expectations**



**Promote positive School image**

**Be on time & prepared for work**

**Meet work expectations**

**Be honest & responsible**



**Use appropriate actions & words**

**Allow others to teach & learn**

**Follow reasonable instructions**

**Respect the property of others**



**Keep it clean**

**Resolve conflict peacefully**

**Act safely**

**Be at the right place. Right**





This year our team competed among a total of 102 students and over 120 cattle at the annual Wauchope Show. This was a record entry and bodes well for the future of the event and farming in the region.

In the 2018 show there was considerable competition for our Red Poll's from Bellingen High School who bought Red Poll cattle down to the show and other private entrants in the breed. We still won the Champion cow in the breed and a number of firsts and seconds. Unfortunately we did not have a bull to compete with in this category.

The team consisted of some first timers. In particular Steven Avery -Clenton, Dean Cook, Phoebe Harris and Gretchen Martin who all did a splendid

job. Returning again as experienced hands this time were Zac Goldie, Emily Green, Bree Hayward, Jazmyn Hollis and Paige Roods. Sadly it was Abbeegail Goldie last time out with the team as she is now in Year 12. She will be missed and has made a wonderful contribution over the past few years.

Once again a special thank you goes to Mr John Eggert and Mr Arthur Trotter, both current and former farm assistants at the school. Their knowledge of cattle, logistical support and help in general was second to none, as always

Graham Pinkerton









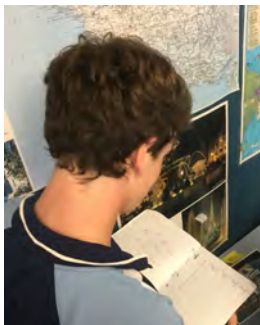
# Mock Trial Team

Wauchope's Mock Trial team chalked up its first victory for the year with a well earned win over Oxley High School Tamworth. Year 11 students Madeline Kennett (defence witness), Sarah Phillips (court officer), Paris Rock (2<sup>nd</sup> defence barrister), Shannah Schroeder (1<sup>st</sup> defence barrister), Lani Swinnerton (Solicitor) and Jessie Wade (2<sup>nd</sup> defence witness) made the long trip to Tamworth to compete in the first round of the competition. They successfully used their legal knowledge to defend their client and had them acquitted of all charges. The trip was an adventure complete with early morning searches, windy road car sickness and heavy mountain fog but the result was a great reward for all the hard work put in by the mock trial team and their teacher Mr Houlahan who are now looking forward to the next round.



## Year 10 Visual Literacy task

As part of their Geography studies, Year 10 students observed various images of world families and their possessions to determine factors affecting Human Wellbeing. In addition to economic indicators (like GPD per capita and life expectancy), the students identified the level of happiness displayed by families in each picture. This task also encouraged students to reflect on their own well-being and that of other Australians.





## Fantastique Français

Mrs Munro's 7.1 LOTE class have been revising their introductory French vocabulary. Students made paper dice with numbers, colours and days of the week to practise their speaking skills.



## Library Litfest

Four Wauchope High School students attended the #LitFest 2444 storytelling festival on Tuesday. Hayley Stafford, Laura Bennetts, Charlotte Cooper and McKenna Dennis participated in workshops with authors and other storytellers such as Will Kostakis, Shivaun Plozza, James Phelan and Willhemina Wahlin. This festival wasn't just about the conventional storytelling mediums of the written word but also



about telling a story through images, sound and art. Charlotte commented "It was so much fun! I highly recommend it." McKenna also thought "It was a great experience and I got a lot out of it."



# Support Unit News



During Term 1 several students from SU2 have been attending Sailability on a Wednesday morning at McInerney Park, Port Macquarie. This organisation is run by volunteers and provides a safe, fun way for people with special needs to experience the joy of sailing.

We would like to thank Sailability for the opportunity extended to us as our students really enjoy their time on the water.



## Wauchope Show Artwork

Students from SU2 entered their artwork in various sections of the Wauchope Show last weekend.

The main theme for our work was cool and warm colours (as studied in their Visual Art class) and students were allowed to pick the image that they worked on for their entry.

Several students collected either first or second place with their entry.



## The latest news from SU3 this term

Our Year 11 students have been busy this term beginning their work experience. Primary Industry students Brayden, Grant and Jayed along with our SLISO Rachael all enjoyed time at the showgrounds helping to prepare for the annual Wauchope Show. They were kept busy with painting fences and assisting with the baby animal petting farm ensuring that the bunnies and kittens were safe and well. All of this sounds very exhausting (and fun!). However our students made us very proud by continuing to work hard until their tasks were complete. They did a terrific job!



# More Support Unit News

Meanwhile you may have seen Caleb in the canteen recently lending a hand for his work experience. He has been very motivated to stack the fridges, sort the chip flavours and meet and greet customers. So if you see Caleb in the canteen say hello and let him know how well he is doing.

## **Food Tech in the TAS kitchens**

This term, students from our 3 support unit classes have been developing their cooking skills in the TAS kitchens. The students have produced some mouth-watering meals throughout the term. We would like to thank the TAS faculty for accommodating our needs and Sharni for her assistance each week. Thank you!



## **IGA Easter Colouring Competition**

Congratulations to our lucky winner of the IGA Easter colouring competition, Ethan Cleary. We also congratulate all of our other students who entered the competition. Thank you to IGA for including us in their competition and a special thank you to Kylie and Kathryn for making the trip to our school to present the winning prize and Malteser bunnies to all entrants.





# Even More Support Unit News



## A great start to Term 1 for SU1

We welcome a whole new class to SU1 this year. We are very pleased with the way all students have demonstrated their best effort in and out of the classroom. Their friendships and support for each other



## Easter Egg Hunt

On Thursday 29 March students from all Support Unit classes participated in an Easter egg hunt and followed clues which led them around the school. The hunt finished in their classrooms where they each found an Easter egg on their desk. Next, they enjoyed a scavenger egg hunt in the SU courtyard. It was a great afternoon





# TAS Faculty & Yr 11 spoiling the staff



Chocolate Brownie with fruit compote , a chocolate shell and hot chocolate sauce poured over the top on serving .

Thank you Yr 11 and Ms James



A handy tray made in woodwork and student who is very pleased with himself

Great job Joshua!







## Lovebites Junior

This term students from Year 8 participated in Lovebites Junior, a Respectful Relationships Program. The objective of the program was to support young people to have healthy and respectful relationships by helping them to: understand of the impact of gender stereotypes on relationships, be able to define sexual harassment and its links to bullying, define homophobia, its impact and strategies to challenge it, develop skills in being an active bystander, identify the difference between love and control, begin exploring sex, consent and sexual assault.

The feedback from the students on the program was overwhelmingly positive.

Charli said the biggest thing that she learnt was “how to respect people and help them out if they are feeling down”. Ella agreed, and said that she also learnt “how to identify healthy and disrespectful relationships”. For Nick the biggest takeaway was to “be appreciative of what you’ve got and how to respect people”.

Next term it will be Year 7’s turn to participate. The Year 7 program has the theme **#friends**, and students will learn about communicating mindfully, warning signs of abusive behaviour, power in

relationships, responding to concerns as a bystander, seeking help, and rights & responsibilities in relation to sharing sexualised images.

Year 9 and Year 10 will also be participating in Lovebites programs before the end of the year, as part of the school-wide respectful relationships and anti-bullying strategy.

Thank you to facilitators from Mid North Coast Local District Health, the Police Child Abuse Squad, St Vincent DePaul and Wauchope High School social worker Anna Wilson for giving their time to implement the program.



Charli, Ella and Nick in front of the artworks the classes created on old records. These are currently on display in the library.





#### A Reminder

The School will be marching at the ANZAC Day Ceremony on Wednesday 25th April. We encourage our students to take part. Please assemble at the Wauchope RSL at 10:15am wearing your school uniform.

### ANZAC Day Ceremony at Wauchope High School



Today Wauchope High School held the Anzac Day Ceremony at school. This was a very solemn occasion, with all stakeholders at the school remembering the sacrifices made by Australians in the past during times of conflict.

The Occasional Address was given by Mr Graeme Cox who was a former Wauchope High School teacher. Mr Cox spoke eloquently about what Anzac Day meant to him and also about his experiences in the Vietnam War. Mr Cox spoke with good humour but with a serious message about the importance of "mateship".

The winners of the WHS Anzac Competition, Mackenzie Toone-Spokes, Jordan Relf, Laura Bennetts and Bethany Clements spoke about the experiences of the Australian soldiers in 1918 on the Western Front in the closing stages of the war. Indeed, the performances of the soldiers saved what could have been a calamitous situation for the Allies.

Mr Des Hancock, President of the Wauchope RSL Sub-Branch was impressed the quality of the speeches of the Year award winners. He presented certificates to the



above in recognition of their efforts in preparing and presenting their speeches to the student body.







Year 9 and Year 7 engaged in a collaborative english lesson with Mr Bedwell and Mr Halliday

### Girls Rugby

On Wednesday afternoon the mighty Wauchope High School girl's rugby teams were blessed to have former Wallaby Jimmy Holbeck run a training session for them.

The girls focused on getting to the tackle area quickly and running from a position of depth.

Only last week Jimmy was in Hong Kong assisting in coaching an Australian team with some young up and comers and former Wallaby and NRL star Wendell Sailor.

The girls improved as the afternoon progressed and are looking forward to a terrific year, aiming to improve on their second place in the state in 2017.







## University of New England Open Day Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Open Day information for high schools. Open Day at the University of New England is an opportunity for prospective students to get a taste of life as a university student. Students will gain an insight into all aspects of UNE including academic, cultural, sporting and residential life

<http://www.une.edu.au/openday>

Students who are interested in attending the Open Day please see Mr O'Brien to book a place.



The Mid Coast Careers Market provides a great forum to increase awareness of local employment and training opportunities, vocational pathways and post school options for students from Years 9 to 12. Exhibitors will provide career information as well as displays and hands on activities.



The Mid Coast Careers Market is appropriate for students from Work Studies, Work Education and Vocational Education and Training classes. In the past it has proved to be very valuable to students in Years 9 and 10 in helping them with future subject selection.

The Mid Coast Careers Market will be open from 10.00am until 2.00pm at the Glasshouse Port Macquarie on Tuesday 22 May 2018. There is no charge for entry to the event.



Email : [wauchope-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wauchope-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
website: <http://www.wauchope-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>



### **Vaccination Program Term 2 Thursday 10th May**

**Year 10 and 11** - Meningococcal ACWY (Menactra)

**Year 7** - Catch up for HPV dose 1 & Boostrix

**Year 8** - Catch up HPV dose 2 only

### **P & C Meetings**

Tuesday 15th May 6pm Lasiandra Room Wauchope RSL

Tuesday 19th June 6pm Lasiandra Room Wauchope RSL

Tuesday 21st August 6pm Lasiandra Room Wauchope RSL

Tuesday 18th September 6pm Lasiandra Room Wauchope RSL

### **Scooter found**

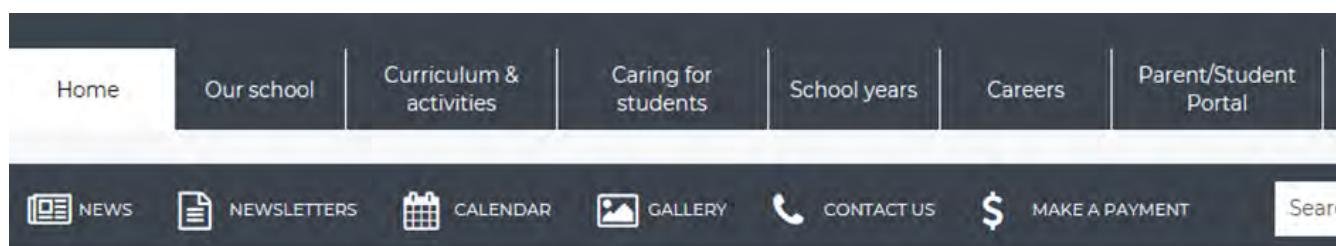
There has been a scooter left at school for the last 4 weeks.

If your child has lost a scooter please contact Mrs Cox in the photocopy room

### **Paying your school fees?**

Statements of account have been mailed out, these accounts can be paid at the school office using eftpos, cash or cheque . Payments can also be made through our webpage using the

[‘make a payment’](#) tab. Direct deposit is no longer available



### **Calendar of events**

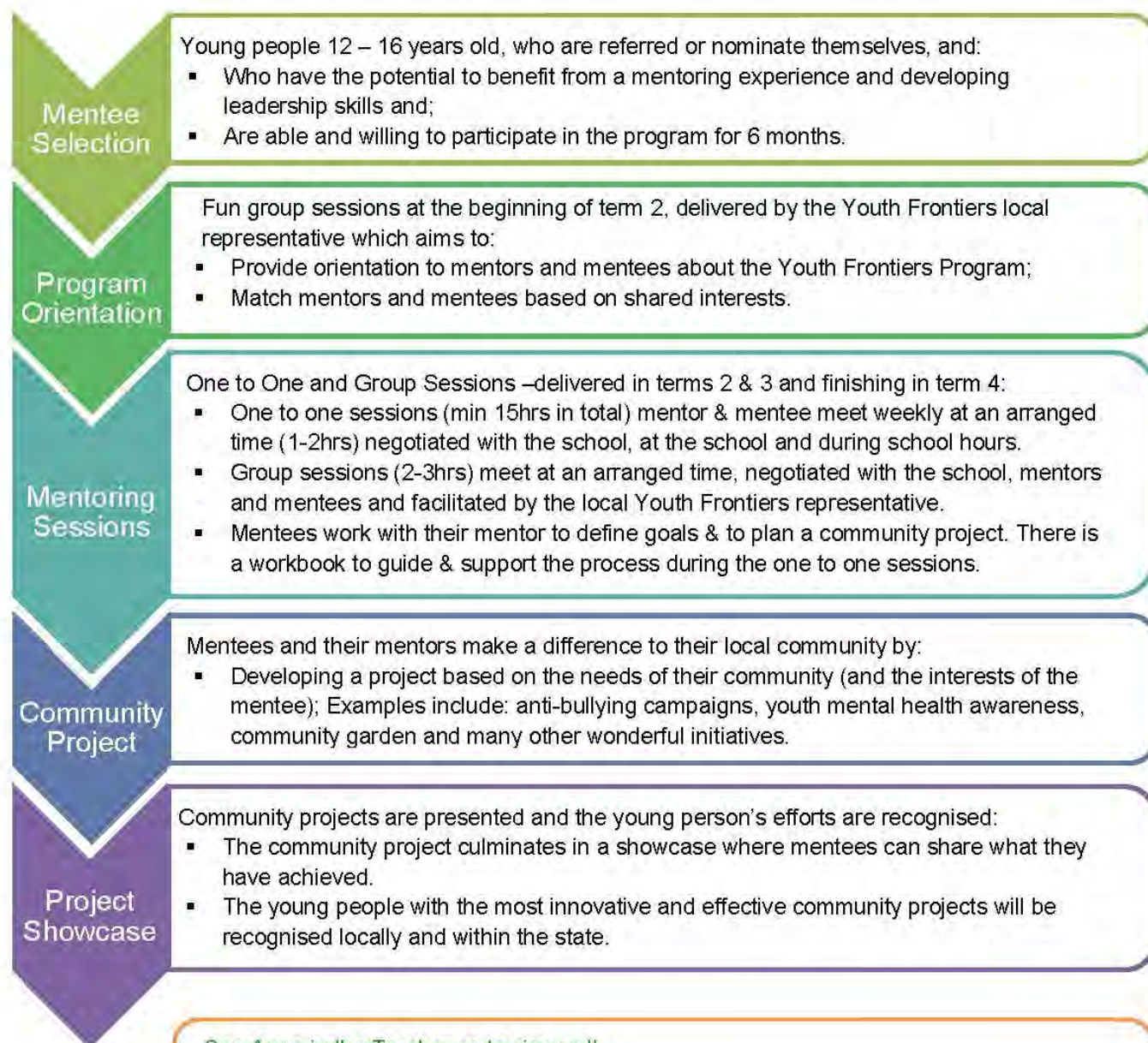
Wednesday 25th April 10:30am	ANZAC Day March
Tuesday 1st May	Students return for Term 2
Friday 4th May Period 5 & 6	School Cross Country
Tuesday 8th May	Celtic Thunder Visit



# Youth Frontiers

Youth Frontiers is aimed at Young People 12 – 16 years old, who have the capacity to benefit from youth mentoring that focuses on leadership and civic engagement.

Every year, more than 1,200 young people will have the opportunity to participate in the program delivered across NSW, which encompasses over 35 hours of mentoring by a community volunteer and the development of a community project.



proudly supported by





# SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

In the interest of CHILD SAFETY there is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and Road Rules in the vicinity of a school. Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school;

	<p><b>NO STOPPING</b></p> <p>Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.</p>	<p>Penalty: \$330.00 + 2 demerit points each time you disobey a NO STOPPING sign (school zone)</p>
	<p><b>NO PARKING</b></p> <p>You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers.</p> <p>You must not stop for more than two minutes. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle.</p>	<p>Penalty: \$183.00 + 2 demerit points) each time you disobey a NO PARKING SIGN (school zone).</p>
	<p><b>BUS ZONE</b></p> <p>You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a bus.</p>	<p>(Penalty: \$330.00 + 2 demerit points) each time you stop in a BUS ZONE (school zone).</p>
	<p><b>CHILDREN'S CROSSING</b></p> <p>You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing.</p>	<p>Penalty: \$439.00 + 2 demerit points each time you stop on/near a children's crossing (school zone).</p>
	<p><b>DOUBLE PARKING</b></p> <p>A driver must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.</p>	<p>Penalty: \$330.00 + 2 demerit points each time you double park (school zone).</p>

**THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL  
DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU**