



# Wauchope High School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4 Friday 24th May 2019

## SAILABILITY



The Support Unit students enjoyed a morning on the water thanks to the volunteers at Sailability .

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## WOMEN'S FESTIVAL



Students from Wauchope High School recently attended the 2019 Women's Festival

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## Key Dates Term 2

Mon 27th to Friday 31st May	Year 7 & 10 Examinations
Thursday 6th June	Celtic Thunder
Tuesday 18th June 2pm	Excellence Assembly
Tuesday 18th June 6pm	P & C Meeting Wauchope RSL
Wed 3rd to Friday 5th July	Cumberland Interschool Visit
Tuesday 23rd July	Students return for Term 3

## CAREERS MARKET



Year 11 and 12 students attended the Mid Coast Connect Careers Market last week.

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## Faculty Excellence Awards

Every Monday on assembly a different faculty will be presenting their Faculty Excellence Awards. Students will be chosen for being consistently engaged and achieving academically within that subject area. Congratulations to the following students.



English



Mathematics



The support unit students had a lovely day on the water thanks to Sailability and the wonderful volunteers.







Year 11 and 12 students attended the **Mid Coast Careers Market** last week

The careers market provides a great opportunity to promote local opportunities for employment, study and training; as well as showcasing businesses to the community. The event aims to help young people gain a broader awareness and understanding of locally available career paths, employment and training opportunities.



### University of New England Open Day

It was fantastic to see 36 of our students take the opportunity to attend the UNE Open Day. Open Day is UNE's traditional showcase, allowing future students to experience academic, cultural, sporting and residential life.

Our students explored the facilities, whilst learning about courses of interest, early entry, other entry pathways, accommodation options and scholarships at UNE. It was an action packed day with many activities, entertainment, giveaways and demonstrations. Open Day allowed students to not only meet the lecturers but also get a feel for campus life. University study allows students to build a career doing what they enjoy and can open up opportunities that they never imagined. Studies have shown again and again that the rewards- better career prospects, higher salaries and a richer



understanding of the world around you-are well worth the effort.

Mark O'Brien, Careers Adviser (REL)



# The University of Sydney is coming to visit your school on 29 May



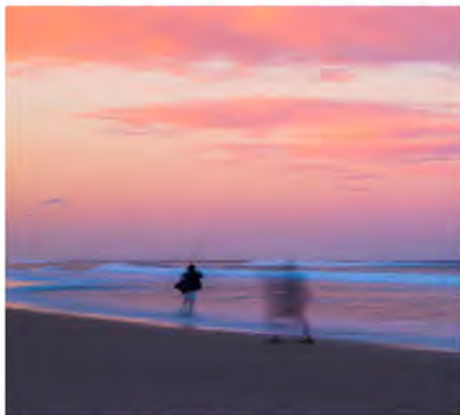
THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**SYDNEY**

We will be offering students workshops to support you in your senior years at school. Make sure you don't miss out.

For more information, please contact

[wpo.schools@sydney.edu.au](mailto:wpo.schools@sydney.edu.au)

[sydney.edu.au/wpo/high-school](http://sydney.edu.au/wpo/high-school)



## My Story, My Future

Year 11 students engage with a personal narrative and are guided through a series of reflective prompts to encourage enhanced self-awareness of identity, strengths, interests and motivations as well as starting to articulate how the intersection of these might helpfully inspire, guide and inform future decision making, at a key transition point in their educational journey.

## Year 11 Thinking Ahead

Thinking Ahead encourages Year 11 students to develop their understanding of the value of extracurricular involvement and teaches them how to write persuasively about their leadership skills, personal qualities and attributes.

## Stay connected

[sydney.edu.au/wpo](http://sydney.edu.au/wpo)  
[f /sydney.WPO](https://www.facebook.com/sydney.WPO/)  
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[bit.ly/ASTARYouTube](https://www.youtube.com/bit.ly/ASTARYouTube)  
[@we.are.astar](https://www.snapchat.com/add/we.are.astar)

## Mobile Phones Awareness

*According to recent research people tap, swipe, and click an average of 2,617 times per day. For the top 10 percent of users, this number doubled to 5,427 touches per day. Data collected from Apple and Google show that average users unlock their phones 110 times per day. That is equivalent to six to seven times per lesson regardless of if the phone is on the desk or on silent in their pocket or bag. This shows the 'old' strategy is not helping our students succeed.*



## Year 10 TAFE Tasters

Over the next month, TAFE Port Macquarie, Kempsey and Wauchope have offered 42 of our year 10 students opportunities in studying courses ranging from Marine Fire and Rescue, Construction, Animal Studies, Barista and Cookery, Childcare, Hair and Beauty and Automotive. The TAFE Tasters provides our students with practical skills and at the same time encouraging them to pursue further education after high school. This program is also available to year 10 in term 4.

Mark O'Brien Relieving Careers Adviser



## Senior Jackets for 2020



2019



## Future Choices Expo Port Macquarie

Transition Information for school leavers and others in the community with disability

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
From 10am - 1pm

Port Macquarie Race Club  
Oxley Highway, Port Macquarie



For school leavers and other people with disability, parents-carers, school staff, and those working in the disability sector.... information on study, work, apprenticeships/traineeships, community connections, and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Meet with Disability Employment Services, education and training providers, Ability Linkers, Centrelink, NDIS providers, advocacy and more....

You may not think of yourself as having a "disability" but the definition is broad and includes learning disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder, medical conditions, mental illness, physical conditions, sensory impairments and intellectual disability

## YOUR FREE ANNUAL ONE STOP SHOP

### NDICO Program

Cynthia Fitzpatrick  
0428 394 125  
[cynthia.fitzpatrick@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:cynthia.fitzpatrick@newcastle.edu.au)

### DoE Support Teacher Transition

Denise Cobourn  
[Denise.Cobourn@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Denise.Cobourn@det.nsw.edu.au)



Exhibitor queries contact [NDICO](#)



2019  
**WOMEN'S FESTIVAL**  
NYIIRUN DJIYAGAN WAKULDA  
ALL SISTERS TOGETHER AS ONE



Six students along with Mrs Cooper attended the 2019 Women's Festival in Port Macquarie last week. The festival's official name is Nyiirun Djiyagan Wakulda Women's Festival which translates to we are all sisters as one. The festival is an opportunity to bring together women of all ages in the community to share ideas and cultures.



## Boys Volleyball

The Wauchope high School boys Volleyball team played Orara High School from Coffs harbour in Round 4 of the CHS State knockout on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

The boys play an attacking style of Volleyball and showed periods of exceptional play in the game. Orara had an outside hitter in the CHS state team this year and he proved the difference between the 2 teams with Wauchope unable to contain his attack from the outside position. The team is a young team and will continue to improve in the next couple of years. Well done to the boys and very proud of their attitude and effort. They will face off against Cumberland High School later this term who also boast a very capable roster of players managing to achieve second position and a place in the CHS knockout finals in July for the Sydney West region.



Congratulations Jovica who made the **North Coast Football** team as goalie and Susie who was selected as a shadow

Well done girls!

*The UNE GRASS Team has been busy this year, preparing for another year of GRASS activities to support students and teachers to flourish and become leaders in their field.*

Please find below an update of all the opportunities developing for secondary science/agriculture students and teachers.



Applications for the 2019 [UNE GRASS Industry Placement Scholarship](#) are now open on our website for all year 11 & 12 students to discover the exciting science based careers supporting environmental & rural science industry.

We have recently completed our school visits and have already had a tremendous response from students across the state. This year we have a suite of engaging sessions and hands on activities for students to immerse themselves in, to really delve into the scientific and technological innovations supporting sustainable production, along with the tertiary educational pathways to help them achieve their goals. Our two day camp to begin the UNE GRASS Industry Placement Scholarship will be held at UNE on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of July.

Applications for this year's program close on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June.



LOWER NORTH COAST  
**DANCE festival**  
A celebration of Dance in our Public Schools

TICKETS \$19

Glasshouse, Port Macquarie  
17, 18, 19 JUNE 2019 AT 7PM

Showcase evening  
20 JUNE 2019 AT 7PM

To book call 6581 8888 or online at [glasshouse.org.au](http://glasshouse.org.au)

## Tickets on sale now from the Glasshouse Port Macquarie

Wauchope High School dancers are performing on Tuesday 18th June and their two dances have been chosen for the Showcase evening on Thursday 20th June

Congratulations Mrs Jenny Grein and the dancers for being chosen for the showcase not one, but two dances.

Great effort!



Mr Dixon's Year11 Biology class

dissecting a heart and learning about the lungs...who said science wasn't fun!

**PCYC POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS**

**SAFER DRIVERS COURSE FOR LEARNER DRIVERS**

**LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS OFF THEIR LOG BOOK.**

**MODULE ONE**  
Three-hour group discussion class

**\$140**

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:  
Hold a valid NSW Learner Licence, be under 25 years of age and have completed a minimum of 50 hours of actual on-road driving hours in their Learner Logbook

**MODULE TWO**  
Two-hour, in-vehicle coaching session

**PCYC TAREE**

PORT MACQUARIE 2019

JUNE 15 <sup>TH</sup>	2019
JULY 6 <sup>TH</sup>	2019
JULY 19 <sup>TH</sup>	2019
AUG 10 <sup>TH</sup>	2019
SEPT 7 <sup>TH</sup>	2019
SEPT 28 <sup>TH</sup>	2019
OCT 12 <sup>TH</sup>	2019
NOV 23 <sup>RD</sup>	2019
DEC 14 <sup>TH</sup>	2019

Book online at [www.saferdrivers.org.au](http://www.saferdrivers.org.au)

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# Athletics Carnival 2019









## Mock Trial - A Successful Road Trip To Coffs Harbour

The school Mock Trial team had a successful trip to Coffs Harbour on Tuesday. The Team competed against Orara High School, a team that is new to the competition, so were an unknown force.

After a pleasant morning tea where Mr Houlahan mastered the fully automated ordering system to order his coffee, sadly a sign of the future. Larnah ordered something that looked inedible but apparently it tasted nice.

Eventually we located the school and were ready for our case. We were in the library where the Librarian treated us like long lost friends and the Principal was equally effusive. It was such an important case that we had two judges.

We were the defence, Westfields (but without the budget) where the plaintiff was suing us for an accident that allegedly was caused through our negligence by not cleaning up a coffee spill. First Barrister, Matt Gibbs was onto this fraud accusing the plaintiff, who was an actress, of putting on a show in order to get compensation. Sore neck, broken neck, the witness was confused, which was it? Steam was coming from her ears so much so she said Matt "was an embarrassment". For the first time all day Matt was dumbstruck into silence. He looked at the judge, looked at Mr Houlahan, then back to the judge. The Judge allowed Matt one more question. You are confused? A win to Matt.

Piper, the quiet assassin, was the next Barrister up. Her witness could not confirm her movements on the day and how it related to the plaintiff. She was also confused. Piper soldiered on with a dodgy back but the pillow was not required in the court.

The witnesses Larnah and Chloe were solid on the day. Larnah had a memory loss but a trigger from Matt brought her back. Chloe was brilliant on the day defending herself like Manly did against the Sharks on Sunday (glory days). Beforehand she said she had food poisoning and was sick but Mr Houlahan consoled her stating it was just nerves. He hoped it was anyway.

Grace was a busy bee as the Solicitor helping the Barristers with their cross examinations. Marie assisted the Judge by carrying out the administrative work.

Orara provided a very nice lunch and made us welcome throughout the day.

The drive home was entertaining. Larnah regaled Mr Houlahan with stories about her cooking ability, she makes a lovely strawberry cheesecake and Grace provided quality music.

Mr Houlahan







Part 7 Day 11

16th January

10 Students and 1 staff member had decided they were interested in visiting the United States of America.

For the past 2 years, (2017-2018) students were saving to pay off this adventure, applying for passports and entry visas into the USA. 18 Days of travel, including Los Angeles, San Diego (where students and staff were hosted by fabulous American families) and San Francisco. Throughout the year, glimpses of the trip will be placed into the newsletter and Facebook pages to show everyone the places we saw and the fabulous time we had.

If Anyone is interested in a future G'Day USA trip, please contact Mr Grimson, here at WHS, 6585 1400.

We met at our host schools again, as we do every morning and then head off on another action packed adventure.

#### Coronado Bridge

We travelled into the city and over the Coronado Bridge. As you travel over, you notice vast amounts of the waterway devoted to the US Navy. Once on the other side, if you ever get the chance, you must see the Hotel Del Coronado. A famous hotel made of timber. Absolutely beautiful. It really comes to life at sunset. From here, we hopped onto a ferry to catch back over to our next bit of sight-seeing. As we were leaving the dock, a USS Naval Stealth Destroyer cruised on by. A very interesting piece of design.

#### USS Midway

An aircraft carrier that had seen active service for the USA. Now permanently docked in the harbour, you get to see the size, conditions and aircraft that were used. I told the kids that they were about to see the old style planes that actually flapped their wings like birds. Many believed this as the planes have their wings folded up so that more planes can be stored on and below deck.



#### Seaport Village

After our time aboard the USS Midway, we left there and walked along the shoreline to a little shopping village for lunch. A great variety was available. Some students used this as an opportunity to have a romantic lunch for 2 no 3. (Beau). It was also another opportunity to spend money at the little shops that surrounded the area for tourists.

#### Pacific Beach

A famous strip of beach where roller bladers, cyclists, skate boarders, pedestrians share the pathway. Some very interesting characters are about. The beach was very clean and the sand was similar to our beaches back home. We could see the attraction of the area, especially on hot summer days.

One thing that appears strange is that we rarely get the opportunity to watch the Sun set over the Pacific Ocean. Time didn't permit that on this occasion but some got the opportunity with their host families.





## Woolworths Earn and Learn 2019



Shoppers, we need you!!! Our school will be participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program, all proceeds going to our Support Unit. From Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May to Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. This program gives schools the chance to earn new educational resources. All you need to do to make a difference at our school is to simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Then place the Woolworths sticker onto a Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. Completed Sticker Sheets and/or stickers can then be dropped into our collection box in the front foyer here at school. Sticker sheets are available at our school from the office, Woolworths, or you can download them from [www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn).

Every sticker collected benefits our students by providing them with more educational resources. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science, Arts and Craft, Sport and for our library.

If you'd like to know more visit [www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn).

Thank you for your support!

## PARENT STUDENT SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Keeping your contact details up to date at the school office ensures smooth and seamless communication at all times. Our friendly office staff are happy to help with all updates and communications to ensure accurate information is applied to student files.

Wauchope High School will send a daily SMS Text message to parents/guardians advising them if their child was either absent from roll call or late to school. All SMS messages have reply options and SMS reply meets state requirements for recording absences, and no further action is required.

Once a week an email will be forwarded to parents where no response was received via SMS. If there has been no response to the email, a letter will be forwarded through Australia Post.

By law, parents are required within 7 days to provide a valid reason for absence. If a valid reason is not provided within this time the school must record the absence as unjustified. We ask that you please reply to these notifications advising the type of leave.

If you receive information you believe to be incorrect please contact the school to discuss this matter. We are here to help, and by keeping the school informed of any issues we can respond in the best way to keep your children safe and well supported at all times.



Year 10 marine studies students preparing the wall for the aquaponics hanging garden.



Tiarrah completed a week of Primary Industry work placement at the Wauchope Vet Clinic. Pictured with Tiarrah is the head nurse Ali Light and the number one patient.





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Dear Parent/Caregiver

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Inter-School Visit between Wauchope High and Cumberland High will be conducted between Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Wauchope High School.

The success of this long running program is highly dependent on our ability to provide comfortable and safe accommodation for up to 100 students travelling from Cumberland to attend the event. This is where we depend upon our school community to provide for the billeting of these students during their stay.

The school has seeking an indication if you are willing to provide accommodation for a student who is participating in the Cumberland Inter-School visit. This activity will involve the provision of accommodation for visiting students from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019. **Billets will be required on the nights of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July.**

The school is very grateful for all offers to billet visiting students. You would be aware that the Department of Education and Training has introduced new policies, procedures and curriculum relating to child protection. The Department, as an agency responsible for the care and welfare of students in schools, has a charter to protect the young people in its care from all forms of abuse.

In order to be able to accept and formalise a billet, we ask that:

the primary parent/caregiver identified in the undertaking to provide a billet, completes and signs the undertaking provided with this letter and returns it to the school for consideration,

ensure all adults residing in your home are aware of this undertaking and the expectations within.

We hope you will enjoy having the billeted student in your home and anticipate that the student will benefit from the experience of staying with you. Please retain this section for future reference.

Return the completed slip below to **Mrs Broderick or Mr Hancock, by Friday 28th June, 2019.**

Yours sincerely

Glen Sawle  
Principal  
20th May 2019





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## **UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE A BILLET AT WAUCHOPE HIGH SCHOOL**

In light of the commitment of the Department of Education to providing a safe environment for students, I, as the primary parent/caregiver agree to provide appropriate accommodation for a billet(s) during the Cumberland Inter-School visit being held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019. I advise that:

- there is nothing in my history, or the history of people within this household that would preclude our hosting a student(s) from Cumberland during this visit; (I have not been refused or have had a working with children check clearance cancelled, nor am I currently subject to a ban on engaging in child-related work)
- I undertake to provide a safe and secure home environment for the student(s) and to do my utmost to ensure that the student(s) is/are not exposed to harm;

all adult members of this household have read and are aware of this undertaking.

Parent/Caregiver Agreeing to this Undertaking: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Home number)

Emergency Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_ (mobile)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

WHS Billeting Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Call: \_\_\_\_\_

I am offering to billet \_\_\_\_\_ (number) boys or \_\_\_\_\_ (number) girls

Specific Cumberland Student (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of person agreeing to the undertaking)





# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.







### **My child won't go to school. What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### **What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?**

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### **What age can my child leave school?**

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### **Working in Partnership**

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### **Policy, information and brochures:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

#### **The school leaving age:**

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

#### **Do you need an interpreter?**

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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