

Term 3 Week 2

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WHS NEWS

Knowledge conquers all



WHAT'S ON?

HSC Trial Exams
- Weeks 4 & 5, 8-19 Aug

ON THE FRONT PAGE:

Noah and Laicy named Wauchope MVPs at Cumberland Interschool Visit. See pages 4-6.

SPECIAL MENTIONS



Every Monday on assembly a different faculty presents their Faculty Excellence Awards. Students are chosen for being consistently engaged and achieving academically within that subject area. Congratulations to all students who received awards this fortnight.

TAS AWARDS

BRODIE REPRESENTS AT CHS CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday, Brodie of Year 11 represented Wauchope High School at the NSW CHS Cross Country event at Eastern Creek, Sydney. This was a goal set by Brodie early in this year, after making it to the Regional Carnival in 2021.

It is a tremendous reflection of the determination and hard work that Brodie has put in over the past few months to achieve this amazing milestone, and a tribute to him in being our sole representative at this level.

Brodie finished in around 40th place of 70 competitors, which again demonstrates his talent in this discipline, as there were a number of elite runners in the field. He had to endure wet, cold and muddy conditions as Brodie completed the grueling 6km course.

Well done Brodie, you are an inspiration to many students at our school.



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OPEN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Wauchope High School's Open Girls Volleyball team travelled to Sydney Olympic Park on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st of July to contest the State CHS Knockout Finals or the Steve Birt Memorial Shield. Wauchope won all of their games in their pool on the Wednesday defeating Whitebridge High School, Prairiewood High School, Sydney Girls High School and Fairfield High School to progress to the Semi-finals on Thursday and at least 4th in the state.



*Back row: S. Clayworth (coach), Emily (Captain), India, Susie, Taneisha, McKenna, Laicy, Courtney, N. Thornton (Manager).
Front row: Kate, Charli, Charlotte.*

The semi-final game against Carlingford High School first up on Thursday morning was the game of the tournament and after 5 thrilling sets Carlingford prevailed 15 – 12 in the 5th set to progress to the gold medal game. The bronze medal game was between Wauchope High School and Riverside Girls High School who have previously won this tournament. Wauchope prevailed in this game in straight sets to win the CHS bronze medal placing 3rd in all NSW schools. The crowd chose to watch this game instead of the gold medal game that was won by Carlingford in 4 sets. It was an absolute pleasure to see schools like Casula, Beverly Hills Girls High School, Fairfield and Doonside cheering loudly for Wauchope High School.

Our girls were absolutely amazing in every aspect and have worked incredibly hard over the last couple of years to prepare for this well-deserved result. They can proudly claim the best for and against of any school at the carnival and their only loss, and an incredibly close loss, was to the eventual gold medalists. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported the team. They were treated to some of the best School Volleyball I have witnessed in 13 years of my involvement in this sport. Well done to you all and so proud of your efforts.

-Mr Clayworth.

SCHOOLS CUP NETBALL

Well done to all students who attended Schools Cup Netball last term! All players were a credit to the school and participated well all day.



47TH CUMBERLAND VISIT



The 47th Wauchope-Cumberland interschool visit has successfully been contested by both schools in Sydney, bringing with it a number of firsts, as well as records broken. Possibly the most significant of these firsts was that after Cumberland accommodating themselves at the Retreat in Bonny Hills in 2021 (due to Covid 19), Wauchope had to stay in a dormitory-style accommodation instead of being billeted for the first time. The Sydney Olympic Park Lodge has a much more grandiose name than the Newington Armory, but they are the same animal, which caught our students initially by surprise. However, after about an hour of settling in, nobody could complain about the helpfulness of the staff and the amount of food provided.

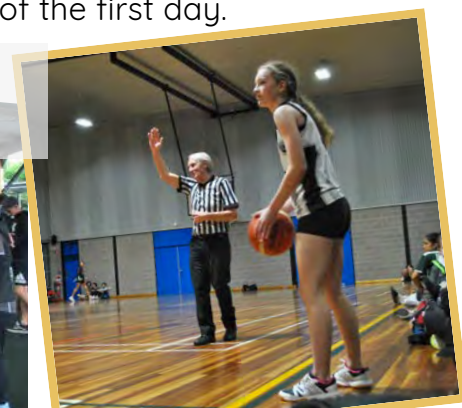
This year's team from Wauchope consisted of 76 students, which was also a record for the smallest team that has ever represented our school. There are a number of factors that contributed to the size of the team, but it proved a tough ask of the Junior Boys in particular, as they fielded a bare 11 players for the Junior Soccer, and each of these boys played in every Junior sport.

Team captains Wyatt and Emily produced the level of bravado usually associated with the opening speeches, as they made it clear that the Parsons Shield would be returning to Wauchope this year. Their stirring words seemed to inspire the troops, as Wauchope started the competition on fire by winning the Junior Boys and Girls Touch Football and Open Girls Hockey, with Jade scoring all six goals.

The Futsal night was always going to be a monumental challenge for Wauchope against tough competition, and it proved to be just that, with Cumberland taking both the Junior Boys and Girls matches, as well as the Open Boys. The last match of the night was an enthralling affair, with both Open Girls teams refusing to give an inch throughout the game. Scores were locked at 2-all until Jade booted the matchwinner with 30 seconds remaining, causing the Wauchope spectators to go crazy. A special mention needs to be made for each of the goalkeepers in these games; Emily, Solamon, Luke and Kate, who did a tremendous job in trying to repel a massive number of shots on goal by their opponents. The last win gave Wauchope an advantage of 8-6 on the overall scoreboard at the end of the first day.



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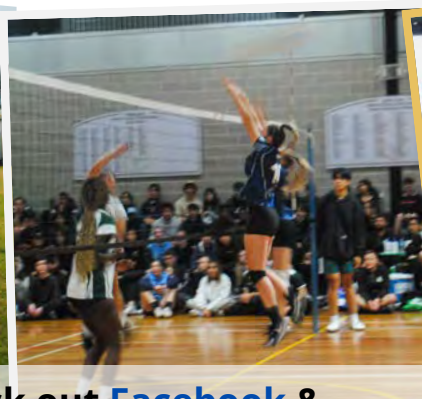


As the only full day of competition, Thursday is often the pivotal day with so many matches being contested. The home team got away to a flyer, winning the Junior Boys Soccer, Open Boys Soccer and both the Open Boys and Girls Tennis rubbers. There was also another of the firsts (at least in the memory of the writer), with Cumberland taking the Open Girls Soccer 3-1.

Wauchope hit back in the middle of the day with wins in the Open Boys Touch and Open Girls Softball, but then Cumberland scored emphatic victories in both the Junior Boys and Girls Basketball. At the end of the afternoon, the Junior Girls Netball was a cliff-hanger, with both teams believing they had won the match, but after some controversy it was eventually declared a draw.

Going into the Open Volleyball and Basketball night games, the Wauchope team knew that they had to win the majority of these matches to remain alive in the competition.

Unfortunately, it was not to be, with Cumberland's high quality Open Boys Volleyball team taking their match, along with the Open Boys and Girls Basketball. The Wauchope girls were absolutely outstanding in their performance to win the Open Volleyball match in straight sets, but it was not enough. Cumberland had established an unassailable 27-15 lead in the overall points, with only 3 matches to play on Friday.



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47TH CUMBERLAND VISIT



To their credit, the Wauchope teams came out strongly in those Friday games, taking out the Open Girls Touch in freezing, wet conditions. The final Open Girls Netball match was an epic, with Cumberland's height at both ends of the court giving them an advantage throughout the first three quarters. Wauchope's composure in the final quarter, with some clutch shooting by Ellie, proved the difference and Wauchope took the final victory 22-20.

At the end of the competition, another first was created, or a record broken. Cumberland's 29-19 victory was the first time that their school had achieved two consecutive victories, building on their first ever win at Wauchope in 2021. It was a credit to the dedication of a number of the Cumberland staff, absorbing so many defeats and soldiering on over so many years, along with the talented current crop of students who performed so well over the three days this year. The Parson's Shield is spending another year in Sydney, waiting for Wauchope to deliver the goods in 2023.

The Most Valuable Team Members for Cumberland were Johnovan Mannurung (for the second year running) and Georgie Telfer. Noah Price and Laicy Costigan were judged best for Wauchope, with both appearing to be popular winners from their peers. As always, the two schools both acknowledge the ongoing generosity and support of the Parsons family for the longevity of the visit, and hope that we can continue this amazing tradition for many more years into the future.

Despite all of the firsts created and records broken, there were a huge number of aspects to the Cumberland Visit that have not changed. These included the friendships made and rivalries forged, the hospitality given, and the appreciation of difference between schools noted. Students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to mix with each other at the camp, but also to re-connect or meet friends made on previous trips. As the visit continues to evolve, better ways to encourage mingling between schools will be explored, as it seems billeting may have had its day. A tribute should be given to the students who represented Wauchope this year, for although they might not have claimed the shield, they were excellent ambassadors for their school, and there were some lion-hearted performances from many of them.

-Mr Hancock



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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Introducing our Relieving Principal, Ms Thompson

Interviewed by Media Team students
Samara and Siahn



What makes a 'good day' at school? "A good day at school is when the students walk around with a smile on their face. It's when I walk out of my office and I'm greeted by a student and they say to me 'Hey Miss, how's your day?' The fact that they care enough to ask really makes my day. It's also walking around the playground and having conversations with people about how they are and how their learning is going."

What can you cook to perfection? "Thai pumpkin soup is one of my favourite recipes to make for other people. I made it for the staff the other day."

In which teacher's class would you like to enrol? "I really like the variety in science. You get so many options, and the practicals are a lot of fun. This is really hard to pick though because at WHS there are so many areas that are really well catered for, like our farm for Primary Industries. And then you walk past woodwork and metalwork and hospitality and there are some really great things going on there as well. Also, I taught English the other day and saw how our teachers are catering for our teenagers with the different novels we have and the different ways we can study what's required. I think there are so many positives here."

When is a picture worth a thousand words? "I like the peace and serenity that beach scenes offer. That just gives me peace."

What was your favourite subject when you were at school? "Music. No doubt in my mind. Music was something that came naturally for me but I didn't really consider it as a career. I've always thought I would be a teacher. It wasn't until I received early entry offers to uni and music appeared as one of the options that I thought, do you mean to tell me that I can do something I love for the rest of my life? I was then really lucky that the uni would accept a late application and audition and that I was able to combine my two loves of teaching and music. I feel very privileged to have worked as a music teacher and to have a number of students that have gone into the music profession and been very successful."

On the topic of music, what song do you know all the lyrics to? "My favourite artist is Jimmy Barnes, so I know the lyrics to all of his songs. That's my claim to fame."

What current trends are baffling to you and why? "TikTok baffles me. Snapchat baffles me. I don't see the attraction or the need. I can't believe it's a thing at all. It definitely baffles me."

What do you love most about WHS? "I guess it would have to go back to the variety. I love the variety and I love the opportunities. We have everything here! We have farming, we have sporting, we have academics, we have cultural activities. It's a very good place to be."

ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS



CONGRATULATIONS

12 Years: Jason D & Bella W
 13 Years: Coby A & Ceyanna F
 14 Years: Auron F & Chloe M
 15 Years: Lucas P & Alivia A
 16 Years: Zane B & McKenna D
 17+ Years: Wyatt S & Jade M

UPDATE ON MASKS

Important current advice from NSW Health regarding masks and face coverings:
 “In response to NSW Health advice and the current COVID-19 situation in the state, the Minister for Education and Early Learning has strongly encouraged mask-wearing indoors for all school-based staff and for all students, particularly during the first 4 weeks of Term 3.”

In line with this advice we are encouraging our students and staff to wear a mask or face covering in indoor settings. This mask-wearing ‘blitz’ will help to reduce the risk of transmission events in our schools and keep our schools operational to support our students’ learning. Masks continue to be mandatory on public transport. This applies to students aged 12 years and older.

Additionally, mask wearing when indoors is mandatory for staff and high school students returning to school as close contacts for 5 school days.

Why wear a mask? The research is clear: individuals with COVID-19 can be symptom free for up to five days, not realise they are carrying the virus and spread it to others.



Wearing a mask reduces the chance you will **give** COVID-19 to others, and it reduces the chance you will **get** COVID-19 from others.

Considering the advice, we respectfully ask our school community to assist us in encouraging the wearing of masks and face coverings at school. Our school has a ready supply of masks for any students who wish to access one. They are available in various locations around the school including the front office, library and gym.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

For more information, please visit this website:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

MAKERSPACE WITH VIRGINIA



YEAR 11 KITCHEN OPERATIONS

CHICKEN LAKSA



It's great to announce the first PMHC "Mayor's Sporting Fund" Event since mid-2019 is locked in!

The Regional Australia Bank GO FOR GOLD Trivia Night will be held at the Wauchope-Bonny Hills Surf Lifesaving Club on Friday night August 5.



Doors open 6pm for a 7pm start and there will be raffles and auction items.

Dress in an outfit of a Commonwealth Games Sport or wear Green and Gold and support Hastings sportspeople aged 13 to 21 with costs associated with competing at Regional, State, National and International Level.

Secure your table of 8 today. Click [HERE](#) or phone 6581 8888.

CHORDS

LEARN TO PLAY GUITAR GROUP

THURSDAYS
4:30PM-5:30PM
12 SHORT ST

WEEKLY BEGINNER PROGRAM

BYO GUITAR OR WE CAN SUPPLY.

ANYONE 12-25YRS WELCOME

ALL RESOURCES PROVIDED.

SPACES ARE LIMITED. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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SAVE THE DATE

WAUCHOPE COSPLAY FESTIVAL



SAT AUGUST 6TH 10AM-4PM

WAUCHOPE LIBRARY PRECINCT

- Live Music • Cosplay Parade • Youth Makers Market • Manga Artist in Residence - Matt Lin • Manga Art Exhibition • Workshops: Superhero Gadgets, Boxhead & Mask Making, Extreme Make-up • Free Hair Cuts • Food • Face Painting & More

For more information on registering to Cosplay, getting a free table at the Makers Market or wanting to exhibit in Manga Art Exhibition E: wauchopecosplayfestival@gmail.com



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