

Term 4 Week 10  
19 December 2024

# WHS NEWS

*Knowledge conquers all*



## WHAT'S ON?

Last Day of School 2024  
Wed 18 Dec

First Day of School 2025  
Thurs 6th Feb

## ON THE FRONT PAGE:

*Yapun Yapun dancing on Guulabaa  
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# SPECIAL MENTIONS

## BASKETBALL FRIENDLIES



On Tuesday 17th December, three teams of basketball players travelled to the new PCYC facility in Port Macquarie to participate in friendly games against Hastings Secondary College – Port Campus at the new, amazing PCYC complex which opened only a few months ago.

It was a great opportunity for our students to get some valuable game experience against quality opposition, as well as providing them with areas of improvement that they can work on in the future. Every student was a pleasure to take away and were magnificent ambassadors for our school.



Have an amazing  
Christmas and  
New Year 🎄🎅

We hope you all have  
a well deserved  
end of year holiday.  
Stay safe and have  
fun 🏀



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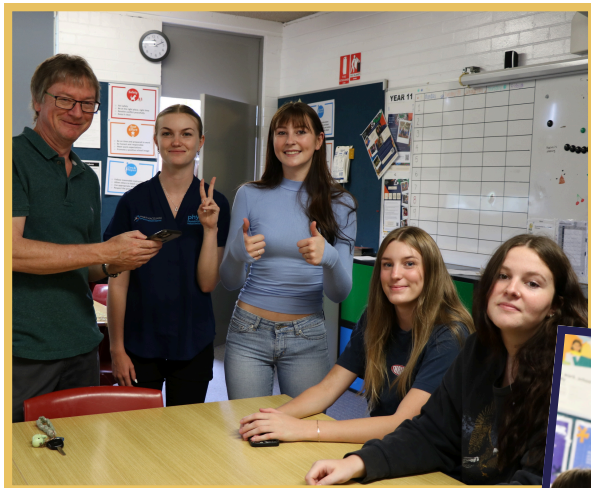
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# RADIO SHOW

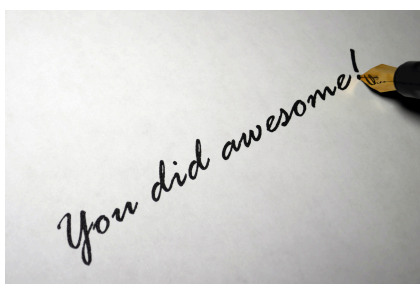


Jaccinta, Brooke, Ethan, Hayden, Perry, Flynn and Tully recently presented the School's Out Radio Show live on 2Way fm. This time we focussed on the power ballads and big hair of the 1980s and played music from the decade to celebrate the school musical Rock of Ages. Everyone presented well and had a great time. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers at 2Way fm for allowing us to access this great opportunity throughout the year.

# ATAR DAY



Congratulations to Wauchope High School's graduating Class of 2024. You can all breathe a sigh of relief with the releasing of your HSC results and ATAR's on Wednesday 18th December. You represented our school proudly and we loved sharing in your success over a slice of pizza. We wish you all the best with your future endeavours as they are many and varied including full time employment, university, TAFE, travel, traineeships and apprenticeships. CONGRATULATIONS!!!



# HEF SCHOLARSHIPS

This year we were lucky to have four recipients of **Hastings Education Fund Commencement Scholarships** for 2025:

- Hayley Fraser will be heading to Sydney to complete her Bachelor of Science majoring in Mathematics at the University of Sydney
- Zahara Richards will be heading to Armidale to complete her Bachelor of Nursing at the University of New England
- April Gardener will be heading to Sydney to complete her Bachelor of Medical Science at Macquarie University
- Jaycie Pickworth (2023 graduate) will be heading to Townsville to complete her Bachelor of Marine Biology at James Cook University


Congratulations to you all and thank you Hastings Education Fund for all you do supporting the local students of the Hastings community to Dream Believe and Achieve their future career goals.





# DAY ON COUNTRY

Celebrating Culture and Success!



Over 30 of our Aboriginal students came together for an incredible day celebrating their culture, achievements in learning, and engagement in Aboriginal education. 

Our students had a deadly day filled with fun and connection! Highlights included games of oztag, tennis, exploring the river near the wharf, and enjoying their morning tea whilst participating in mini activities at Sancrox. 

The day continued with a trip to the Wauchope Pool, where students enjoyed pizza for lunch and spent the afternoon swimming, relaxing, and spending time together. 

A huge thank you to our amazing AEO Caitlin & Mrs James for planning such a beautiful day and to Jodie, Zac, and Stacey from St Agnes Parish for their ongoing support and willingness to help wherever needed. A big thank you also to Emily from headspace for your support and funding—without you all, these opportunities wouldn't be possible!   
What a fantastic way to celebrate culture, connection, and success! 

#DeadlyDay #ProudCulture  
#StudentSuccess #CommunitySupport



# OPENING OF GUULABAA

🌿 Celebrating Culture and Connection at Guulabaa! 🌿

Our students had the incredible opportunity to attend the opening of Guulabaa - Place of Koala and were honoured to perform our Yapun Yapun High School Dance as part of the opening ceremony. They also participated in a coolamon workshop facilitated by Strong Spirit, sanding and painting their very own coolamon. To top off a beautiful day, our students explored the stunning new sanctuary, connecting with culture, community, and country.

What a privilege to be part of such a special event on Birpai Barray! 🐾💚

#Guulabaa #CulturalConnection #ProudStudents #CommunityCelebration #LearningOnCountry



# SPORT AWARDS



The annual presentation to celebrate the achievements of Wauchope High students in the field of sport was held in the school COLA on Tuesday 10th of December.

It was great to see some of our graduating Year 12 students and the parents of our major award recipients being able to attend the event at this busy time of the year.

This always gives the assembly more recognition and relevance, helping the younger members of the school community to aspire to the feats of our best sportspeople.

Despite the heat, the general school population were excellent in both their behaviour and their enthusiasm in applauding the success of their counterparts.



# PRESENTATION NIGHT

On Thursday 12th of December we held our Annual Presentation Night in our school hall to celebrate the success of our amazing, hard working students.

We wouldn't be able to do this every year without our amazing and generous sponsors.

Thank you to all who support this yearly event, despite the heat this year in the hall, and a big congratulations to our well deserved recipients 🏆 You should be very proud of all you have achieved this year.





# AG TOUR

The Ag Tour began with a bang,  
Sweat, heat, and laughter—the whole shebang!  
Tocal was first, with history galore,  
Fields and farms (and manure, for sure).  
Next up was Cressfield, the horsey retreat,  
Foals and their mamas, oh, so sweet.  
Through rain, hail, and sunshine, we powered  
through,

Glee 2.0? Well, that's kinda true.  
Grace led the charge, belting out tunes,  
Jake and Dylan joined—against all rules!  
From Tay Tay to Credence, the playlist was wild,  
A mix to confuse even the hippest child.  
Caroona came next, with grain-fed steers,  
And Carmen sang Gracie, confirming our fears.  
Mr. Palmer's card games? Role-play supreme,  
While David's ducks made the perfect meme.  
Jayden cracked eggs like a breakfast champ,  
Elea's gravy stole the camp.

Abby survived without her straightener—what flair!  
While Erin's first words got us all to cheer.

Miah pushed through, pale but tough,  
Proving to us she's made of strong stuff.

At Borrigal, drones buzzed and sprayed,  
Pastures transformed as chemicals played.  
At Narrabri Cotton, Marcus took the stage,

Hot enough to steal the front page!

Sawn Rocks amazed, nature's hexagon charm,  
Then Gunnedah dinner, keeping us warm.

Chips, nuggets, and Subway galore,  
Kiddie park chaos? Kicked out, we swore!

Breakfast brought burgers—an odd morning feat,  
And coffee in Uralla made life feel sweet.

At UNE, we wrapped it all up,

Toe-jamming drama and moisturizer bluffs.

Bandicoots spotted? A wildlife delight,

Though working with sheep felt too close for fright.

Under the sun, in unbearable heat,

We prayed for mercy but accepted defeat.

Jake led workouts, gym hero of old,  
Dance lessons too? Well, that was bold.

Volleyball games and dominoes fired,  
Competitive spirits left none too tired.

Locked in a maze, we ran like mad,

Abby got lost, her panic quite rad.

Rage quit and bolted, but coffee revived,

At Miah's Café, our spirits thrived.

Down the mountain, no puking occurred,

Though Emily fainted—it was absurd!

Home at last, too hot to function,

But memories of joy were the trip's grand junction.

A whirlwind of fun, we'd do it again,

With sweat, laughter, and a busload of friends!



# 2025 INFORMATION



**ALL** students return to school on Thursday 6th February 2025.

Our timetable will start on a **B** week.

We have new bell times with a 5 period day starting in 2025.

| BELL TIMES 2025                          |               |                   |               |
|--|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY        |               | WEDNESDAY         |               |
| Prepare for class                        | 9:01 – 9:05   | Prepare for class | 9:01 – 9:05   |
| Assembly – Mon<br>Roll Call – Tues - Fri | 9:05 – 9:15   | Roll Call         | 9:05 – 9:15   |
| P1                                       | 9:15 – 10:15  | P1                | 9:15 – 10:15  |
| P2                                       | 10:15 – 11:15 | P2                | 10:15 – 11:15 |
| Lunch 1                                  | 11:15 – 11:40 | Lunch 1           | 11:15 – 11:40 |
| Lunch 2                                  | 11:40 – 12:05 | Lunch 2           | 11:40 – 12:05 |
| P3                                       | 12:05 – 1:05  | P3                | 12:05 – 1:05  |
| P4                                       | 1:05 – 2:05   | Afternoon Recess  | 1:05 – 1:30   |
| Afternoon Recess                         | 2:05 – 2:30   | P4 - SPORT        | 1:30 – 2:30   |
| P5                                       | 2:30 – 3:30   | P5 - SPORT        | 2:30 – 3:30   |

**summer**

(noun)

the time of year when days get longer and nights get better.

**WORD WIZARD**

## CORNER

QUOTE

“Have yourself a Merry little Christmas. Let your heart be light”

-Judy Garland

**GOTCHA!**

Congratulations to term 4 week 10, this week's winners of the \$5 Gotcha canteen vouchers:

**Tyson W, Year 8**  
**Cheyenne Mc, Year 8**  
**Nicholas A, Year 7**

Gotchas are awarded for doing the right thing and respecting our school values.

## Attendance matters means explaining all absences



If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



### Let us know

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing

Every day matters



## GETTING TO SCHOOL BY BUS IN 2025

Will your child be catching the bus to school next year? Applications are now open for a Bus Travel Pass. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of the year. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible. Here is how it works:

### Bus passes

- All students catching the bus in 2025 will need a school travel pass.
- Under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS), eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.
- For more information about the School Student Transport Scheme and how to apply for a school travel pass, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer.

### Bus timetables

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to [busways.com.au/nsw](https://busways.com.au/nsw)
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to '[school timetables](#)'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device. If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.
5. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.



**Busways**

18 November 2024

**All Schools**

**Morning School Buses**  
**S370, S443, S444, S445, S458 & S462**

**Afternoon School Buses**  
**S522, S554, S559, S562, S566, S567, S586, S590, S595 & S597**

**Route Service 322 – Port Macquarie to Lighthouse Plaza**  
**Route Service 322 – Lighthouse Plaza to Port Macquarie**

**Route Service 333 – Port Macquarie to Kendall**

Dear Parents and Students,

Recent inclement weather and uncertainty regarding the roadwork completion date has delayed the re-opening of Emerald Dr at Ocean Dr and the closure of Matthew Flinders Dr at Ocean Dr.

Previous notification provided regarding the above School & Route service changes has been **rescheduled to commence from Thursday 28th November 2024.**

In the event there are further delays to the rescheduled commencement date, please **regularly check your School's Bus Timetable** of which will be updated to reflect the most up to date commencement date of these changes at [www.busways.com.au/nsw/school-services/school-timetables](http://www.busways.com.au/nsw/school-services/school-timetables)

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on 1300 69 2929 or [info@busways.com.au](mailto:info@busways.com.au).

Yours sincerely,

**BUSWAYS**  
 (4086) Emerald Dr & Matthew Flinders Traffic Switch Delay - S370 102L, S443 108P, 322 (743a) 109P, 322 (816a) 113P, 322 (723a) 120P, S458 121P, S462 123P, S444 139P, S445 141P, S522 301L, 322 (415p) 303P, 333 (313p) 306P, S566/S567 307P, 322 (323p) 311P, S586 312P, S559 314P, S562 317P, S554 328P, S597 331P, S590 339P & S595 344P

# FOOTBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

**1 DAY PROGRAM ALL GIRLS :**

**DATE:** FRIDAY 17TH JAN  
**LOCATION:** PORT MACQUARIE HOCKEY FIELDS  
**TIME :** 9AM - 1PM  
**COST:** \$40 PER PLAYER  
**AGE GROUP:** 6 YEARS - 15 YEARS ALL GENDERS

**REGISTER BELOW:**



**3 DAY PROGRAM:**

**DATE:** MONDAY 21ST JAN - WEDNESDAY 23RD JAN  
**LOCATION:** PORT MACQUARIE HOCKEY FIELDS  
**TIME :** 9AM - 12PM EACH DAY  
**COST:** \$100 PER PLAYER  
**AGE GROUP:** 6 YEARS - 15 YEARS ALL GENDERS

**REGISTER BELOW:**





EST 2005  
**FOOTBALL MID NORTH COAST**

