

Term 4 Week 2  
24 October 2024

# WHS NEWS

*Knowledge conquers all*

## WHAT'S ON?

**Year 7 & 10 exams**  
4-8 Nov

**Year 8 & 9 exams**  
11-15 Nov

**Rock of Ages musical**  
28 & 29 Nov

## ON THE FRONT PAGE:

***Congratulations to the class of 2024!***  
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# SPECIAL MENTIONS

## OUR NEW SCHOOL CAPTAINS



We are thrilled to announce our 2024/2025 School Captains! Our Captains are Lucy and Lucas, and our Vice Captains are Lana and Miah.

We are so excited to follow your journey as you grow and flourish in your new leadership roles. Congratulations and well done to all candidates, you are all outstanding ambassadors for our school.

## PIPPA'S SELECTION SUCCESS



Pippa Lawler of year 10 has been chosen in the NSW Waratahs Northern Regional Academy U16's Girls Rugby Team. The Northern Academy Team has been selected from players who come from the following 4 zones: Mid North Coast, Far North Coast, New England and Central North. Pippa's involvement will include training days in Coffs, a camp in Armidale in January and then games in Bathurst, also in January.

Congratulations to Pippa for being selected in this Team. A wonderful achievement.

The good news doesn't stop there. To top off a couple of big weeks for Pippa, she has been chosen to play in the Pasifika Youth Cup for a Barbarians team in Sydney on the weekend of November 30. Pippa will be representing her Fijian heritage playing alongside girls from all over the state. Well done Pippa and go well.

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# CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12!



## FEDERAL MEMBER FOR LYNE AWARD

Kelly W



## ROTARY CLUB AWARD

Ava T and Nikesh N



## LIONS CLUB OF WAUCHOPE AWARD

Jack T and Taneisha J



## MID COAST CONNECT AWARD

Emily L



## RUEBEN F SCARF AWARD



## WHS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Jade G



## GABRIEL MATHEMATICS AWARDS

Maya R - Mathematics  
Standard



## YEAR ADVISOR'S AWARD

Connor P



## WAUCHOPE GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Tori L and James V



# CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12!



## UNE VICE CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS

Emily L and Kelly W



## UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE SCHOLARSHIP

Mia O



## LIONS CLUB OF WAUCHOPE AWARD

Jack T and Taneisha J



## AURORA COLLEGE AWARDS

Hayley F



## AMPOL ALL ROUNDER AWARD

Olivia S



## LONG TAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Ava T



## ADF FUTURE INNOVATOR AWARD

Giavanna M



## BEN CULLEN AWARD

Mia O

# CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12!



## SUPPORTED LEARNING AWARDS

Jayden S  
Tesharn C  
Jade G  
Jess F



## ABORIGINAL STUDENT RECOGNITION

Madison B, Tesharn C, Shonekqua D, Finalay D, Taneisha J, Sheniq L,  
Connor P, Nakita S, Kurtis W

**6TH PLACE IN YEAR**  
Emily L and Gemma C

**5TH PLACE IN YEAR**  
Giavanna M

**4TH PLACE IN YEAR**  
Olivia S

**3RD PLACE IN YEAR**  
Ava T



## EQUAL FIRST PLACE IN YEAR WHS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS 2024

Hayley F and Mia O



# THANK YOU TO CWA WAUCHOPE



Ms Doreen Burns from CWA Wauchope visited our school in the last week of term 3 to present a donation to Deputy Principals Mr Ferguson and Mr Bowne, and agriculture teacher Mr Starr. The funds donated will be put towards the planting of 300 tube stock trees to stabilise the embankment of the Hastings River tributary after the recent removal of Cockspur Coral Trees from the area.

We extend our appreciation and thanks to CWA Wauchope for their ongoing support of our school and look forward to sharing the progress of planting work once it commences.

## YEAR 7 DAY OF SPORT



Four year 7 teams travelled to Kempsey last Friday to compete against other schools in our Zone. They played touch, soccer, netball and t-ball. Year 10 PASS students paired up to coach the teams as part of their assessment for the coaching unit they are currently completing.

Sportsmanship was the focus for the day and two 'Best and Fairest' awards were given out to each team. All students attending were exemplary and we would like to thank Mr Hancock for organising a great day of sport.

Best and Fairest awards went to Flynn M and Eden B, Jack D and Lailani C, Liam C and Clancie T, and Benny B and Kali W.  
Coaches: Josie B, Shaylah M, Jack G, Tane S, Spencer M, Rodney B, and Zac O

Student referees for the Small School's Soccer Gala Day: Shelby M, Erin F and Ethan C

Well done everyone!





PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM PAGE FOR DETAILS OR CALL THE SCHOOL AT 65851400

WAUCHOPE HIGH SCHOOL  
PRESENTS:

# ROCK AGES

*HIGH SCHOOL EDITION*

28TH NOVEMBER  
THURSDAY

7:00PM

29TH NOVEMBER  
FRIDAY

11:30AM  
7:00PM

**Wauchope High School Hall**

Light snacks will be available to purchase on the night courtesy of our SRC

**TICKETS ARE \$7.50 pp or \$25 for a family**  
AVAILABLE AT WHS FRONT OFFICE

**CASH ONLY**





# BIRPAI BUDDIES



Last term our year 3-6 Birpai Buddies and staff members from Long Flat, Beechwood, Comboyne & Huntington Public School visited Wauchope High School for their Term 3 Birpai Buddies session. They were supported by our AEO Caitlin and 8 of our Aboriginal students who did an amazing job at mentoring. Together with our Aboriginal high school students, they participated in a range of cultural activities including cultural games, sharing language and knowledge, cooking, agriculture and marine studies.



All of our students enjoyed their day connecting to culture, building connections and becoming more comfortable and confident in the high school environment. It was a wonderful day, and we look forward to more days like this as our Birpai Buddies program continues.



# WOMEN'S FESTIVAL



Our girls attended the Nyiirun Djiyagan Wakulda Women's Festival hosted by Djiyagan Dhanbaan (strong sister movement support group) at the Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council. Djiyagan Dhanbaan are an Aboriginal women's group that promotes the revival of culture through language and practices, self-empowerment, leadership and self-care.



Our students indulged in a beautiful day connecting with our community. They embraced the opportunity to immerse themselves in traditional practices, from learning about cultural storytelling and art to participating in workshops that highlighted the strength and significance of women in their communities. Our Wauchope High School 'Yapun Yapun' dancers proudly showcased their culture at the Women's Festival, performing traditional dances in ochre. Their movements, rich with meaning, connected them to their ancestors and Country, creating a powerful and moving experience. Through these experiences, they deepened their understanding of cultural identity, fostering a stronger connection to their roots while sharing in the collective spirit of empowerment.



# LEAGUE FRIENDLY & HARRY WELLS GALA DAY

Wauchope High were invited to a “friendly” gala day at Stuart Park, Port Macquarie on Friday 6th September. The boys played tackle Rugby League while the girls played League Tag against Hastings Secondary College – Port Macquarie campus.

Each team played two split halves on the day, with each mini game very closely contested. The honours were fairly evenly shared, the 14s boys went down in both halves, the 15s girls and 16s boys each won one of the halves and the Open girls won both of their halves.

Among the best players in each of the teams were:

14s Boys: Billy, Matt, Levi and Conner

15s Girls: Kali, Ivy, Jordan and Leoni

16s Boys: Jack, Jayson and Xavier

Open Girls: Nakita, Shonekqua, Josie and Chloe W

At the end of the day, Hastings Secondary College put on a free BBQ with drinks. It was a nice event with students from both schools chatting and socialising when not playing.

Thanks to Mr Taylor, Mr Andrews and Katie for coaching on the day, as well as the staff from Hastings Secondary College.





# LEAGUE FRIENDLY & HARRY WELLS GALA DAY

A fortnight after the friendlies against Hastings Secondary, many of the same students backed up to play in the Harry Wells 9-a-side tackle gala day. This day is named after Harry Wells OAM, a local Port Macquarie resident who played for the Western Suburbs Magpies (in what is now known as the NRL) and was selected in the Australian Team in the 1960s.

Each team played three 20-minute games, with the best performed teams in every age group progressing to the Finals. The 16s girls' team (with help from some girls from Macleay Vocational College) came closest to making the Final, but every team was competitive in their age division throughout the day.

Recognised as being among the best players in each of the teams were:

14s Boys: Jacob, Billy, Matt, Harley and Harry

14s Girls: Laylah, Zarhli, Elle-Lea and Kali

16s Boys: Jack, Kayden and Dominic

16s Girls: Emilie, Summer and Jordan

It was another nice day upon which our students represented the school brilliantly as ambassadors. Thanks again to Mr Taylor, Mr Andrews and Katie for running teams.



## Loquacious

(adjective)

tending to talk a great deal; talkative

# WORD WIZARD



# QUOTE CORNER

QUOTE

*"Well done is better than well said."*

-Benjamin Franklin

# GOTCHA!

Congratulations to the term 3 week 10, and this fortnight's winners of the \$5 Gotcha canteen vouchers:

**Melia M, Year 8    Noah T, Year 7**  
**Max S, Year 9    Neve B, Year 9**  
**Karen H, Year 8    Dakoda M, Year 8**  
**Liam C, Year 7    Evie D, Year 7**  
**Nick A, Year 7**

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

## WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

education.nsw.gov.au



### Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

**5** mins per day



=

**3** days



**30** mins per day



=

**18** days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

We want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being in school.

We know that school is the best place to learn. By attending school every day your child will get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options.

When your child is absent it is important you let the school know, including the reason why, on the day or the day before. This helps make sure we know where our students are and offer support for you and your family if needed.

If you are having trouble getting your child to school every day or on time, please talk to our school staff so we can work together, because every day counts.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing. When your child misses one day a week that's 40 days of school and 8 weeks of learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 2.5 years of lost learning.

Please contact the school if your child needs to miss school for any reason, so we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing.





NSW Department of Education

# Are you looking for part-time work and want to make a difference?

Become an Assisted Travel Support Officer

The Department of Education is looking for Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) to work on a temporary basis during the school year.

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) provides specialised transport to eligible students with disability, to ensure their safe travel to and from school..

## How to apply

Scan the QR code to find out more about the ASTP and applying to become an ATSO, or visit:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/astp-atso>

Phone: 1300 338 278



## FREE Workshops on YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

FOR parents, carers, teachers and interested community

# Support, Trust and Understanding

Helping families and communities navigate teen mental health issues



Sign up for your free workshop here



FREE 3 hour skills building workshop designed for OUR community



Builds knowledge and confidence to support young people struggling with their mental health



Giving coping strategies to manage until professional help is available, or has an impact



Connecting people who are facing similar struggles in our community



FEARLESS FOX

TRAINING

Wauchope RSL Club



...the friendly club



**Saturday**  
**2 November**  
**9.30am - 12.30pm**



**Thursday**  
**31 October**  
**6pm - 9pm**

An initiative of Fearless Fox Training made possible in our community with generous support from Wauchope RSL Club.





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# FIRST NATIONS ACADEMY

PROGRAM AND VENUES  
2024/25



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# FIRST NATIONS ACADEMY

Coffs Harbour	Port Macquarie	Sydney	Central Coast	Shellharbour
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28/10*	29/10*	30/10*	31/10*	1/11*
4/11	5/11	6/11	7/11	8/11
11/11	12/11	13/11	14/11	15/11
18/11	19/11	20/11	21/11	22/11
25/11	26/11	27/11	28/11	29/11
2/12	3/12	4/12	5/12	6/12
9/12**	10/12**	11/12**	12/12**	13/12**
BREAK				
17/2	18/2	19/2	20/2	21/2
24/2	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/2
3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3
14-16/3 SYDNEY CAMP				

KEY:

\* - TESTING DAYS

\*\* - CULTURAL SESSIONS

VENUES:

Coffs Harbour – Fitzroy Oval, Coffs Harbour  
Port Macquarie – Wayne Richards Park, Koala St Port Macquarie  
Central Coast – Killarney Vale AFL Club, Adelaide St Tumbl Umbi  
Sydney – McKay Oval, Centennial Parklands  
Shellharbour – Myimbarr Oval, Wattle Rd Shellharbour