

Term 2 Week 10
4 July 2025

WHS NEWS

Knowledge conquers all



WHAT'S ON?

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*Wauchope vs Cumberland
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**LAST DAY OF TERM 2
FRI 4 JULY**

**FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
TUES 22 JULY**

SPECIAL MENTIONS



On Tuesday 1st July, a 50th Anniversary Dinner was held at the Wauchope RSL Club, celebrating the 50th Interschool Visit between Wauchope & Cumberland High Schools. It was an amazing turnout with over 250 attendees. Past students & staff with current staff and both student teams attending. Plenty of memories were told with lots of laughs and great food. We hope everyone had a blast catching up with old friends and reminiscing the past. Let's keep this tradition going 🙌

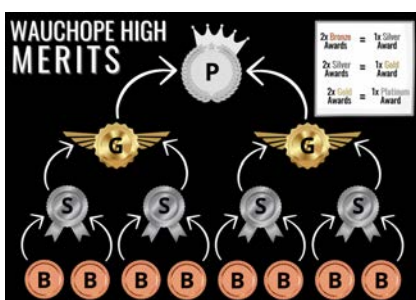


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@wauchopehighschool



Students receive merits by consistent demonstration of the School's Core Values (Best Effort, Care and, Respect and Safety)

Receiving these awards gives you a chance to get an invite to our annual Reward Day!!

IN THE SCHOOL KITCHEN



YEAR 7

YEAR 10



YEAR 11



CUMBERLAND INTERSCHOOL VISIT



IT'S A
DRAW
FOR 2025

BRUTUS
Wauchope mascot since
1976

Only 3 **DRAWS** in the 50 years history!!



- 1979
- 1998
- 2025



MVP'S 2025
Coby A & Riley C
Marney R & Suraya C

MVP'S 2025
Flynn D
Georgie T



CUMBERLAND INTERSCHOOL VISIT

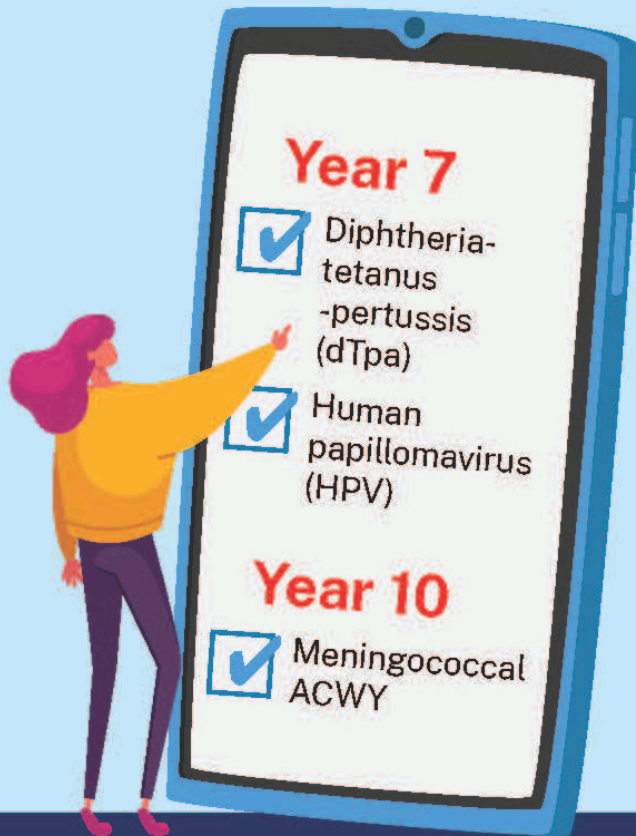


VACCINATION CATCH-UP

Is your child in year 7 or year 10?



Provide your consent for routine
school vaccinations online



Year 10 Catch-up
Vaccinations will be held
at school Term 3 Week 3
Friday 8th August 2025

Year 7 Catch-Up
Vaccinations will be held
at school Term 4 Week 3
Tuesday 28th October
2025

Scan the QR code to
give your consent now



To provide online consent visit:
<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>

For more information visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

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NETBALL GALA DAY



The 15's netball team travelled to Port Macquarie to compete in the lower north coast gala day. The girls started with a win against Camden Haven High but were then outclassed by Macksville. All Wauchope players were excellent displaying teamwork, sportsmanship and determination. Special mention to Shakiylah Chatfield and Olivia Cannon for their awesome defence, keeping Wauchope competitive. This was an excellent hit out for the junior girls before the Cumberland visit and we look forward to the competition next week.

SCHOOL'S OUT RADIO SHOW



Our next School's Out Radio Show will be on air on [Wed 23rd July 6-8pm.](#)

Make sure to tune in and listen to our students have a great time covering school news, their own interests and song choices while learning a new skill in radio presenting.

DEADLY SCIENCE



Deadly thanks to Uncle Vince!

A huge thank you to Uncle Vince from Deadly Science for coming in and sharing his cultural knowledge around traditional Aboriginal fish traps and fishing practices.

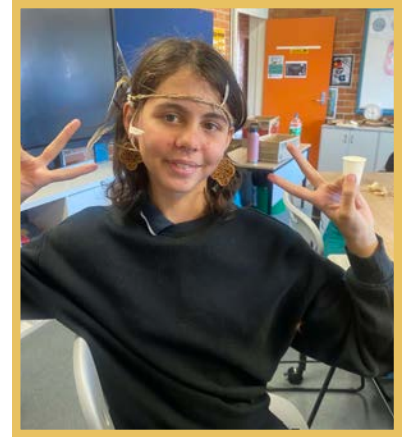
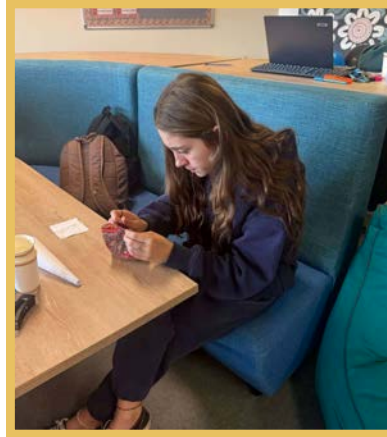
Our students were fully engaged as they used Deadly Science fish trap stations to explore different fishing strategies — using marbles as fish and magnetic rock figures to design and build their own trap setups.

Uncle Vince, Caity, Dan & Mr Klaassen even joined in on the fun, helping students test their trap ideas and sharing insights along the way. It was a hands-on, fun, and meaningful learning experience!

Big thanks to Charles Sturt University for sending two support students to help out on the day — your support was truly appreciated!



SISTASPEAK



Deadly SistaSpeak Session!

We were lucky to have Loriann from Strong Spirit Services join our SistaSpeak sessions!

She guided our girls through creating their very own cool/heat packs, stunning kangaroo skin earrings, and beautiful feather headpieces.

The girls absolutely loved getting hands-on and connecting with culture in such a creative way. Thank you, Loriann, for bringing your knowledge, warmth, and deadly energy to our space!



CULTURAL DANCE



Cultural Dance with Aunty Nancy & Uncle Jamie

Our girls and boys have had the amazing opportunity to take part in cultural dance with Aunty Nancy and Uncle Jamie. They've learned new moves, connected to culture, and had so much fun along the way.

Our BroSpeak boys have proudly supported students from Wauchope Public, and our Yapun Yapun dance girls have also stepped up as mentors during their own sessions.

We've also had Aunty Nancy visit Wauchope High to continue sharing her cultural knowledge with our students. Big thankyou for teaching our next generation!

Marrungbu to Stacey, Tayla & Caity for your ongoing support in Aboriginal Education & for helping make these amazing opportunities possible.



ABORIGINAL DANCE GROUP

Saltwater Freshwater Aboriginal Youth Dance Workshop
Dancing Together—Murrook Cultural Centre Williamtown
NSW Monday 2nd June 2025



The Saltwater Freshwater Project team was funded through Create NSW to run an Aboriginal Youth Dance Workshop. The workshop was held at the Murrook Cultural Centre in Williamtown on Monday 2nd June 2025. Eleven of the registered participants attended on the day and were greeted to a warm Welcome to Country by Murrook staff. The youth that attended came from within the Saltwater Freshwater region and included youth from the Worimi, Biripi, and Birpai Aboriginal communities.

The day began with a light breakfast provided by Murrook and then it was straight into the dance workshop. The youth had two workshops, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, held both inside and outside. After lunch the Murrook cultural staff also took the youth on a bushucker tour through the grounds of Murrook. It was a complete cultural immersion for the youth.

The afternoon dance session was held outside on a dance circle. The youth ochred up for the performance of the dances they learnt in the morning. It was a very special performance and the youth absolutely nailed the dances.

Two boys from Gloucester High School said they had "never done anything like this with their school previously and they gained invaluable knowledge and totally enjoyed the experience."



"I learnt new dances that I have never done before as well as the stories from the dances."
 "I would like to learn more and teach dance to others"

"I learnt new dances, stories, knowledge about my culture"

"The experience was great." "It connected us all together" - youth comments.



The youth enjoying their bushucker learning experience. Here Kyu from Murrook is teaching them all about Lomandra—its traditional uses.



The youth are practising for their outdoor performance—they have really nailed all the moves.



Some of the girls adorning the ochre before their final performance. They looked real deadly. "Putting the ochre on was culturally significant because our ancestors used it in traditional dance." The youth were excited to perform and show that they had looked, listened, and learnt new dance skills. Their final performance really showed how attentive they were and how keen they are to learn culture.

"I would like to learn more and teach dance to others."
 "I would like to learn more and teach the younger generations."



Some of the youth performing the dances—ochred up and looking deadly



- OUTCOMES**
1. Strong partnership created with the Murrook Cultural Centre and their staff.
 2. Strong partnership with Schools in the lower half of the Saltwater Freshwater Region.
 3. Engaged with five Cultural Practitioners through the Murrook Cultural Centre and invited back next year.
 4. The passing on of traditional knowledge from one generation to the next.
 5. Ten of the eleven students want to go on and learn more about dance so that they can teach it to the younger generations.
- Funded through Create NSW



HOLIDAY BREAK



Last day of Term 2!!

Friday 4th July.

We hope you all have a great winter break 😊 Keep warm and we will see all students back on **Tuesday 22nd July** for Term 3.



WORD WIZARD

Interschool (*adjective*)

existing or occurring between two or more schools

QUOTE CORNER

QUOTE

"Excellence is not a singular act but a habit. You are what you do repeatedly."
— Shaquille O'Neal

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GOTCHA!

Congratulations to the term 2 week 9 & 10 winners of the \$5 Gotcha canteen vouchers:

Ruby Y - Year 7 **Shalayah D-S - Year 7**
Vera M - Year 7 **Karen H - Year 9**
David W - Year 9 **Phillip B - Year 9**

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



At the Library
mncibrary.org.au

NEW BOOK BITES

TEEN FICTION

WINTER 2025

Reserve your favourites!



13+



The Floating World
by Axie Oh

- Sword for hire.
- Mysterious powers.
- Quest for treasure.
- Pastis and destinies collide.
- Epic fantasy romance.

13+



Do You Ship It
by Beth Reekles
Author of the Kissin' Booth

- Best friends.
- Secret crush.
- Fantasy fandom.
- New couple to ship?
- Let's Cosplay.

14+



This Dream Will Devour Us
by Emma Clancy

- Fortunes take a turn.
- Exclusive mystical Geda.
- Decadent new world.
- Magical training program.
- Conspiracies, secrets, murder.

14+



The Lost Saint
by Rachael Crow

- Heart-broken girl.
- Post-graduation summer holiday.
- Catastrophic earthquake.
- Emerges in a 14th century battle.
- Handsome soldier.
- Treacherous journey.
- Heart-pounding romantic mystery.

13+



The Edge of Everything
by Miranda Luby

- Lost in grief.
- Endangered bird encounter.
- Wildlife sanctuary.
- Romance on the horizon?
- Surprising and hopeful.

14+



The Thrashers
by Julie Soto

- Elite clique.
- Prom night.
- Dead classmate.
- Diary of secrets.
- Mystery to be solved.

1 Combined reading: This book includes a review of Inside Lullaby and King.

14+



Wandering Wild
by Lynette Noni

- Disgraced Hollywood star.
- Ordinary teen girl.
- Reality TV adventure.
- Stranded in the wilderness.
- Can they survive the wild... and each other?

13+





A Good Kind of Trouble
by Brookie Blurton & Melanie Soward

- Friendship and footy.
- High school drama.
- True history.
- Standing up for culture.



Looking for something awesome these school holidays? Keep your kids moving, learning and having fun with our July Holiday Program. Designed for beginners and all levels.

 14-17 July 2025

 8:45am - 11am daily

 Evolve Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

 Ages 5-14

The Program Includes:

- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu & self defence
- Grappling games & challenges
- Yoga & stretching for flexibility
- Bully prevention & mindset tools


Our holiday program is great for beginners and for experienced students to build on their skills and stay active over the school holiday break

TICKETS

- Full Program Tickets and
 - Single Day Tickets are available now!
- Limited spots available.

We hope you're able to join us!

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



EVOLVE BRAZILIA

14 - 17 JULY

4 DAY PROGRAM

8:45AM - 11AM

What's on NAIDOC Week?



10am - 4pm - South West Rocks Cultural Day - Little Bay



9:30am - Flag Raising Ceremony - Town Green Port Macquarie
 10am - NAIDOC Craft Session - Wauchope Library - Bookings essential
 10:45am - Morning Tea - Biripai Land Council
 5:45pm & 7:45pm - Emu Runner - Majestic Cinema



10am - NAIDOC Storytime - Port Macquarie and Laurieton Library
 10:00am - 2:00pm - 3v3 Sports Day - Port Macquarie PCYC
 1:00pm - 3:00pm - Elder's Bingo - Westport Bowling Club



10am - 2pm - Burrun Dalai Family Day - Services Park, Kempsey
 10am - 11:30am - Women's Weaving and Morning Tea - Shelly Beach
 Kid's Fishing Day - Wauchope Boat Ramp
 2pm - NAIDOC Kids Craftnoon - Port Macquarie Library



10:00am - 2:00pm - Hasting's NAIDOC Family Fun Day - Westport Park
 10am - NAIDOC Storytime - Wauchope Library



Men's Golf Day
 10am - 2pm - Family Fun Day - Football Fields, Purfleet



THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

6-13 JULY 2025

Let's bring community and culture together to celebrate NAIDOC week 2025. Join us 10am - 2pm July 10th for a family fun day at Westport Park.

We are celebrating 50 deadly years of NAIDOC, honouring a legacy that reaches far into the past and extends into the future. This milestone is a testament to the enduring strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Hasting NAIDOC Committee would like to thank our sponsor for making this celebration possible.

Galambla, Mission Australia, Department of Communities and Justice, St Agnes Parish, Nearnai, Werin, Aboriginal Community Housing, Eire Construction, ETC, NIAA, Port Macquarie Hasting Council and more



Please scan for transport assistance.



Calling all Artists!



Are you a deadly First Nations Artist?

Be part of the celebration for Hastings NAIDOC Week 2025 event as we come together to honour Culture, Country, and Community.

We're inviting expressions of interest from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians, singers, bands, performers and poets to take the stage at our NAIDOC Week Community Event on Thursday 10 July at Westport Park, Port Macquarie.

To express your interest, please send an email to Tarnika Edwards at tedwards@uniting.org, including your contact information, by mid-June.



**THE NEXT GENERATION:
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**
6-13 JULY 2025

NAIDOC MOVIE NIGHT



When:

Monday, July 7, 2025 - 5.45pm

Free community *Emu Runner* screening hosted by The Buttery.



Majestic Cinema,
Port Macquarie



Popcorn and light refreshments will be available for guests.

Please RSVP to
Veronica@buttery.org.au

**CALL OUT –
NAIDOC SPORT CHALLENGE**

Tuesday 8th July: 10am-2pm

Hosted by **HASTINGS NAIDOC COMMITTEE** in
collaboration with **BASKETBALL NSW** at the **PCYC – 12**
Owen street Port Macquarie

3 on 3 Basketball & 6 aside Futsal

4 players per team
(3 on court + 1 sub)

2 teams combined for futsal
(6 on court + 2 subs)

AGE GROUPS

10-12 years

13-15 years

15 years – Adults

REGISTER NOW!

*Scan QR Code

*Hastings NAIDOC Facebook









art walk
OUT OF THIS WORLD



FRIDAY 4 JULY
5pm - 9pm
Port Macquarie CBD

- ✦ arts and culture ✦ music
- ✦ performers ✦ installations
- ✦ food trucks ✦ artisan market

Original artwork titled 'Gilay' Gamilaraay meaning 'Moon', by Katarina Mane

Proudly supported by:






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The Wauchope & Hinterland Expo

Time: 10am to 4pm

Date: Sunday 17th of August 2025

Location: Wauchope Show Ground, High Street Wauchope NSW 2446

Why not come and see if there is something for you!

- ❖ Indoor and outdoor stalls
- ❖ Local Business groups
- ❖ Sporting, Leisure and adventure clubs
- ❖ Local Community Groups
- ❖ Food stalls
- ❖ Local Educational and Health Services
- ❖ Animal Husbandry displays
- ❖ Hobby displays



Get your cameras ready for the Wauchope and Hinterland Photo Competition!

Prizes to be won for best photos that showcase Wauchope and hinterland landscapes, architecture, local icons or people.

The 12 winning photos will be used to create a Wauchope and Hinterland Calendar for 2026.

Submit 1 A4 photo to Priest Legal - 49 Hastings Street, Wauchope by August 1st to be in the draw! Competition open to all ages with entry \$1 per person.



Drawn to Art

MAY 2025 SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS

with Art Teacher/Artist: Jane Whitfield, BA Fine Arts

Everything you need to know

Where:

Jane's Art Studio
Bay 4/35 Merrigal Road, Port Macquarie

Snack, drink, paint shirt

Please Bring:

Tutor Supplies:

Cost per Workshop:

All materials, except where specified
\$50.00 (gst inc) p.p.
All bookings to be on my website

www.drawntoart.com.au (from my website)

Contact:

Jane 0438 803 992

Terms & Conditions:

- All bookings and payments are now to be made on the website. Bookings must be made at least 48hrs before each workshop commences. Check full Terms & Conditions on Website.
- Your child's spot must be booked in & payments made in order for your child to attend workshops.
- Payments are non-refundable or transferable as materials are purchased prior to the workshops & are included in the cost.



Creative Kids Voucher - Redeemable at Drawn to Art

ALL CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS CAN BE REDEEMED UPON BOOKING ON OUR WEBSITE

Workshop 1 - Mythological Dragons

Monday, 7th July, 2025

9.30 am - 11.30 am Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)

In this exciting workshop students will create their very own rainbow dragon painting using specialised colourful inks.

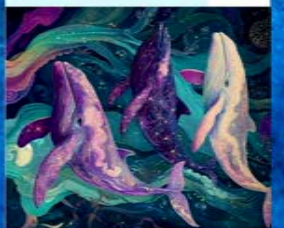


Workshop 2 - Whale Art

Tuesday, 8th July, 2025

9.30 am - 11.30 am Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)

Using pearlescent and metallic acrylic paints students will compose a beautiful cool toned whale composition swimming in the ocean.



Workshop 3 - Pretty Budgerigars

Wednesday, 9th July, 2025

9.30 am - 11.30 am Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)

Draw a distinctively pretty budgie, work with pan pastels and NEW paint sticks. These mediums are so much fun to smudge, slide, smear & smooth the surface to create a soft and subtle bird painting.



Workshop 4 - Minecraft Art

Monday, 14th July, 2025

9.30 am - 11.30 am Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)

Create your very own imaginative Minecraft world. Use drawing mediums such as watercolour pencils, markers, crayons, paint and illustration pens.



Workshop 5 - Cat Art

Tuesday, 15th July, 2025

9.30 am - 11.30 am Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)

Learn how to draw realistically & apply painting techniques to add layers of colour, tone and depth. You will achieve a vibrant cat painting.

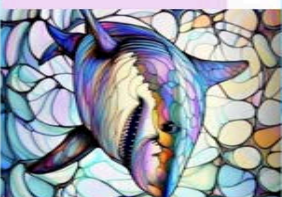


Workshop 6 - Pattern Shark Art

Wednesday, 16th July, 2025

9.30 am - 11.30 am Cost: \$50 (includes materials & tutoring)

Draw a realistic shark and create your own abstract pattern overlay effect. We will be working with watercolours and illustration pens.



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

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



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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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

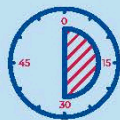


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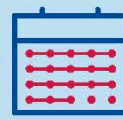


30 mins per day



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18 days



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

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STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents/carers, please ensure to explain any absences your child may have from school. It is as easy as a simple text message response with a reason, or if you prefer; call, email or a handwritten note!

The Department of Education requires an explained absence within 7 days.

