

Wauchope High School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 4



Wauchope High School Leaders 2019

Calendar of events

Sunday 11th November 10:15am	Remembrance Day March
Thursday 15th November 5pm RSL	Year 12 Formal
Tuesday 4th December	Year 7 2019 Orientation Day
Thursday 13th December 5:30pm	 Thelma the Unicorn

The next four weeks are going to be very busy but extremely exciting. As the end of year rapidly approaches students continue to be actively engaged in the important business of learning. However, this can always be tempered with some fun and lighter moments. There will be some great opportunities for students and parents to come together with staff and celebrate the achievements of the past year over coming weeks. I look forward to joining the students of Year 12 2018, their parents and staff at the Year 12 Formal on Thursday of next week. It is always a wonderful opportunity to say our farewells and to wish them all the best for the next stage of their life journey.

Our new school captains and vice captains have been busy settling into their roles and preparing for their first official duties as part of the school leadership team. They will be representing the school at the Wauchope Community Remembrance Day service on Sunday 11th November. We encourage all students to participate in the service on Sunday and invite them to march with the school from Wauchope RSL to the Wauchope Cenotaph.

As a community school, we not only value the opportunity to support the local community in its endeavours, our students also value the opportunity to demonstrate their civic mindedness and sense of responsibility through participation in these events.

I encourage you to pencil in on your diary the night of Thursday 13th December. Under the leadership of the CAPA team the schools production of "Thelma the Unicorn" should be a great night of fun. Further information is available in this newsletter and on our website about this entertaining night of drama, song, dance and much more. I am sure that those who can attend will be in for a few surprises and a great night out.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Fiona Jensen and Melanie Jones who were both recognised recently for the outstanding work they do within the school. Both members of staff were the deserved recipients of Rotary Pride of Workmanship awards. Thank you to Rotary for making these awards a reality and enabling us to recognise outstanding work. Congratulations to Fiona and Melanie.

Other important events happening over the next few weeks include Orientation Day on the 4th December for our 2019 Year 7 students. Mr Bedwell and the transition team have been working very hard to ensure a smooth movement from Primary school to High school for all students next year. We also look forward to meeting any new parents to our school community and to welcoming back those returning for another year.

Glen Sawle (Principal)

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Rotary Club of Wauchope 2018 PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARD NIGHT



Congratulations to Fiona Jensen and Melanie Jones who both received a Pride in Workmanship Award in recognition of their dedication to the school and it's students.



Executive



English

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



'Gotcha' voucher winners



Leadership conference attendees

A busy few weeks for student leadership at Wauchope High!



Eight student leaders travelled to Coffs Harbour on Monday 29th October for the Grip Student Leadership Conference. Accompanying the team was Mrs Graham and social work student from CSU Jazelle Stewart. Students engaged actively and enthusiastically with the theme of the conference "The People Pathway" gaining strong insight into acting on leadership opportunities and how to build their leadership potential to support the students they represent. The eight students – Caitlin Miller, Flynn Warburton, Ella-Jai Nolland, Edward Muro, Chad McGovern, Larnah Smith, Corban Fraser, Mackenzie Toon-Spokes and Darcy Hancock – have actively given their time

during the term to help strengthen our leadership pathways and opportunities, and look forward to seeing this progress in 2019. The conference provided resources to the students and school. The following link gives information to parents on how best to support their child if they are interested in developing leadership skills.

<http://studentleadership.news/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Prepare-Your-Child.pdf>

The 4 captains Caitlin, Flynn, Ella and Edward recently attended a toast masters coaching session after school organised by Mr Houlahan in Port Macquarie. The session offered the leaders elect to present a speech for targeted feedback on content and presentation. These leaders engaged enthusiastically with the process to build their public speaking skills as they move into their senior role in the school in 2019 where they will be speaking in a range of formal and informal situations. Their willingness to build skills to proudly best represent students at Wauchope High is a credit to them.

Finally, there will be a forum with follow up to provide feedback to the student body as a whole and begin strategic planning for 2019 in the coming weeks.

Students are invited to march on
Sunday 11th November,
commemorating Remembrance
Day.

Students are asked to assemble in
front of the Wauchope RSL at
10:15am for a march to the
Cenotaph near Wauchope Town
Library.





Grace, Kimberley and Ruby-Jac getting ready for their work experience at Wauchope Hospital.



Congratulations Brock, great photos!

Town Beach, Port Macquarie. Photo by Brock Bermingham.

TRENDS IN INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE STUDY (TIMSS)

A number of Year 8 classes have been selected to take part in the *Trends in*

International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS). TIMSS is an important educational research project investigating student achievement in mathematics and science. More than 60 countries, including Australia, are participating in this study. TIMSS is an important activity to keep us, as parents and citizens, informed about how our students in Australia are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries and to compare programs of study and teaching practices. We will be able to obtain current national and international information which will help improve the teaching and learning of mathematics and science in our country.

Students in **8.1 Maths/Science** and **8.4 Maths/Science** will do an assessment in mathematics and science and complete a questionnaire about their experiences at home and school. There is no need for students to study specifically for the assessment as it will not affect individual students' grades or progress in school.

All data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual student or school will be identified in published data or reports.

These tests will take place Week 6, Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st November 2018.

Information brochures have been given to the students involved in the testing.

Year 7 2019



Mr Tom Bedwell

Some students from the smaller feeder schools have been coming along to Wauchope High school on a Wednesday afternoon to get to know each other. Their teachers, who have been involved in professional collaboration with High School English staff during the afternoon were able to transport the students in so they can meet each other before they begin to mix with the much larger cohort from Wauchope Public School.

Year 6 teachers and Tom Bedwell, the year advisor for year 7 2019 have been collaborating to make the shift from year 6 to year 7 smoother with regards to lesson content and structure.

Mark your diary -Year 7 Orientation Day Tuesday 4th December, we have lots of fun planned for our new students and important information for parents.





Year 11 Halloween fundraiser



NISEP

On Thursday 1st November, Wauchope High School hosted the CSU National Indigenous Science Education Program. Students from years 9 and 10 presented experiments to year 6 students from our feeder schools



Our lovely Science Assistant Susie showing us who really has the brains in science



15's and Open Girls Basketball

Wauchope High's 15's and Open Girls Basketball teams took the opportunity to participate in a Gala Day which was held at Port Macquarie Indoor Stadium on Tuesday 6th November. The girls were able to compete with teams from different sectors, as teams from all denominations were invited to attend. The extremely humid conditions made the day quite challenging for the girls, as they lost a lot of perspiration and found it difficult to cool off during each game.



The 15's girls played four games throughout the day, against Heritage Christian School, Port High, Camden Haven and Chatham. After a tentative start, the girls really improved during each match and eventually won three of the four games. The older girls in Mahalia, Taia and Courtney demonstrated a bit of leadership on the court, while the Year 8 girls made a good transition from netball and soccer to show good all round skills in attack and defence. Every girl scored at least one basket on the day, with Emily proving quite a sharp shooter from 3-point

range, hitting two in a row in the final game against Chatham.

The Open girls were only able to play three games, as there were less teams entered, which were against Newman College, Melville and Port High. After being down 14-2 in the first quarter against Newman, the girls picked up their defence and bamboozled their opposition with netball moves to steal the game 21-20. They were never really troubled against Melville, but then ran into a very strong and experienced Port High team who defeated our girls fairly comfortably. The girls played really well as a team, and once again nearly everybody managed to score at least one basket on the day. Grace, Piper, Molly and Kayla provided the netball spark, while Ellie played very tough in the middle. Sophie, Holly, Rhianna and Lacey all played well in both attack and defence.



It was a great fun day, and the girls all picked up some valuable match experience, which will hopefully help them in the competitions they will play in next year.

Beach Volleyball



Year 10 Geography excursion to Lake Cathie

Year 10 students started the term with a delightful day at the beach! After weeks of inclement weather, the sun shone brightly as our geographers went on a fieldtrip to Lake Cathie as part of their Environmental Change and Management

Unit. Fieldwork is a compulsory element of the Geography course and provides students with the opportunity to apply their skills and theoretical knowledge in a practical setting.



Students rotated through various activities where they drew field sketches, identified contemporary issues and management strategies and used data loggers to take abiotic measurements.



Students then observed areas of extreme erosion and discussed the effectiveness of management practices. Mrs Munro, Mrs Quee, Miss Stewart and Mr Pinkeron were very impressed by the positive attitude and engagement displayed by our students on the day. They were outstanding ambassadors for Wauchope High School.



Girl's Rugby

Two of our year 11 students Lacey Hearfield and Tori Bartz have recently played 7's rugby with an Invitational rugby team called "Stingers". The team is made up of young talented female rugby players from across the country. Some of the girls have played for NSW, QLD and even Australia.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for Tori and Lacey to not only play with quality players but against numerous state, Australian and international representatives.

Both girls have acquitted themselves very well and have impressed head coach Joey DeDassell. Joey is a former NSW Country Representative who was the captain of the Coffs Harbour team who won the 2018 MNC competition.

Lacey and Tori played at the Noosa 7's, Tori was picked to play at The Byron Bay 7's where the team finished 2nd (unfortunately she was ill and unable to play) and Lacey played last weekend at The Scone 7's where they finished 4th.



Stingers and PNG National Team



Stingers and Charlotte Caslick

the best female rugby player in the world, Charlotte Caslick. MT's favourite rugby player apart from all the Wauchope girls.

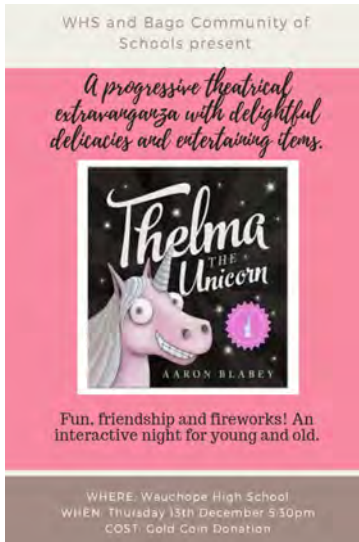
Well done girls for representing our school well and for continuing to spread the WHS Girl's Rugby message.

Highlights for the girls were playing the PNG National Team, meeting new rugby team mates and being coached at a high level. Mr Taylor was very impressed that Lacey's water girl for The Scone 7's was Olympic Rugby 7's Gold Medallist and potentially



Charlotte and Lacey

THELMA THE UNICORN



Thelma the Unicorn is coming to Wauchope High School on Thursday the 13th of December!

The play is an interactive journey through the grounds of Wauchope High School where you will be entertained by Drama, Dance and Music and also be able to taste some delicious delicacies whipped up by our talented Hospitality and Food students under the expert eye of Bron James, super chef.

This is a fun community project with a focus on being yourself and loving who you are.

The event has a variety of activities for the kids, face painting, unicorn slime, colouring comp and so much more!

Last week, Wauchope High School held a training session for teachers from schools across the Wauchope community to demonstrate how they can incorporate **data loggers** into their students learning experience.

The aim of the training day was to show teachers how they can make their science program more interesting and relevant using data loggers. Attended by representatives from Beechwood Public School and St Joseph's Primary School as well as Science, Maths and PE staff from Wauchope High, Mr Reid said the training day, along with the offer to lend out the data loggers to other schools and community groups, is the school's way of giving back to the wider community.

The data logger technology was purchased with the assistance of funds donated by previous Wauchope High School student Steven Macmillan from funds from his father's estate.

The training day was a success for all who attended. We started off the training showing teachers how they can use a wind speed sensors to design a cyclone proof shield. We also showed them the 23 different quantities we can track in real time, things like temperature, pH, wind speed, soil moisture and creek flow.

Everyone left with a plan on how they would use the data loggers in their own classroom.

Wauchope High School Science Teacher, Paddy Dixon, said using the data logging technology has changed the way he teaches.

"It's great to bring the classroom right up into the 21st century," he said.

"For instance, we can track the decrease in carbon dioxide levels in a beaker with a plant inside and show how plants use up carbon dioxide."

Wauchope High School Head Science Teacher Jayme Reid.