Feedback on 2015- Planning for 2016!
Thank you to all of those who were able to make it to our Cuppa and Cake Session. We were able to get some great feedback from the families present that will help us reflect on 2015 and start planning for 2016. We would love to hear from as many families as possible about what they think of the changes we have made this year and get any ideas for changes we can make in the future to benefit our kids.

I ask all families to please take this VERY short 2 minute survey to help us with our planning. Just click on the link below to get started:

Family end of Year Survey
Or go to http://goo.gl/forms/hooMHKuxHS

Classes for 2016
With our local development areas in full swing, we are having a lot of new enrolments each week and our numbers continue to grow. At the start of next year students will remain in their 2015 classes for the first 2 days as our numbers are stabilised and we can work out the final numbers for each class. We want to make sure that we are not having to restructure classes in the second week due to an influx of new students arriving on day one which could easily happen as our WCS family continues to grow over the holiday period.

Welcome Pancake and Pikelet!
We would like to welcome our new piglets to the Wadalba Family. Here they are with Lily O’Keefe who won the naming competition. The piglets are VERY noisy little ladies!

Student Leader Announcement
Our 2016 student leaders will be announced at our Presentation Day on December 14th as they have been done in previous years. We will no longer be having a separate assembly for this.

End of Year Fun Day
As Hall house will be attending the Wadalba Cup Winner excursion to Luna Park on Dec 7th, the students remaining at school will be having their annual fun day. The idea of a water day was discussed amongst students but due to circumstances we will be having other fun activities for the day, decided on by the kids in each class. This day will be a mufti day for all students that remain at school.

Dates to Remember:
18th Nov- Yr 6-7 Sports Day
19th Nov- Stage 3 OZ Tag Gala Day
23rd Nov- Yr 2 Assembly
24th Nov- Last Day of scripture
24th Nov- Home reading Lunch Party (for those 175+ nights Home reading)
25th Nov-27th Nov- Stage 3 Camp
30th Nov- Yr 4 Assembly
1st Dec- Kinder 2016 Teddy Bear’s Picnic
2nd Dec- Yr 7 Orientation Day
3rd Dec- International Day of people with a disability
7th Dec- Wadalba Cup reward excursion and Fun Day
7th Dec- NO ASSEMBLY
9th Dec- Christmas Carols
9th Dec- Aboriginal Excellence awards
10th Dec- Volunteer Thank you morning Tea
11th Dec- High School Presentation
14th Dec- Primary presentation day
14th Dec- Reports sent home
14th Dec- NO ASSEMBLY
14th Dec- Yr 6 Farewell
15th Dec- Yr 6 Assembly
16th Dec- Last day for students

Awards
Bronze Awards
Koopa Neaves- K
William Bryant- 1/2
Netanis Barrientos x 2- 3/4
Alannah Bryant- 3/4
Nicholas Swift- 3/4
Jessie-Lee Lynch- 5
Paige Wells x 2- 5
Lachlan Bryant- 5/6
Luke Burton- 5/6
Jack Boyd- K-6W

Silver Awards
Nicholas Swift- 3/4
Alannah Bryant- 3/4
William Bryant- 1/2
Jessie-Lee Lynch- 5

Wadalba Winner Draw
Thorpe= Aurora Cooper & Jackson Carter
Bradman= Cooper Ham & Thomas Johnson
Hall= Ihakara Leef & Tamzin Maddrell
Freeman= Ruby Sutter & Ella Swift

Assembly Classes of the Week:
K & Yr 3

Email: wadalba-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au T: 0243925000
Don’t forget to like our Facebook page so you can get instant updates of what is happening at our school.

Our Road Safety Focus for Term 4 is DRIVING SAFE AROUND SCHOOLS

When drive your children to school, always drop your children on the school side of the road. Don’t expect them to cross the road on their own because this puts them in danger.

Community Notices:

Join Wyong Shire Library!

Did you know that it is free to join the library? Did you know that libraries are not just great for borrowing books? Check out all of the great services your local library provides:

- Online library catalogue
- eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, eFilms, and eReference books that can be downloaded straight to your device
- Online research information
- CV and resume service
- Homework help, either face to face or through the free online tutoring service
- Historical records of the local area
- Family history research support
- And lots of great events. There is always something new and exciting at your library.

Your local branches include:
- Tuggerah
- Lake Haven
- The Entrance
- Bateau Bay
- Toukley
- Gwandalan

So why not join online with your kids today:
Last Day of Home Reading

The last night of Home Reading will be this Thursday and books are to be returned on:

Friday 20th November.

Books will be collected from this point and marked off a master list. Students that do not return their books will receive a note requesting families pay a “Lost book fee” of $5 in order to replace it.

New Bus Passes- Opal Cards

Starting in 2016 students traveling on the bus will require a School Opal card. This gives eligible school students free travel on public transport between home and school on trains, buses and ferries within the Opal network. The School Opal card replaces the old paper School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel passes.

Who can apply?
Students need to live a minimum distance from their school to be eligible for a School Opal card, as follows:

- **Years K-2 (Infants)**
  - There’s no minimum distance.

- **Years 3-6 (Primary)**
  - 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.

- **Years 7-12 (Secondary)**
  - 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Who needs to apply?
Many students will receive a School Opal card automatically. It will be sent to their school at the start of the 2016 school year.

However, you will need to apply if:
- Applying for an school travel pass for the first time
- Enrolling in Kindergarten
- Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3
- Progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
- Changing name, school and/or address
- Requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation

Applications must be made by a parent or legal guardian if you are under 16 years of age. If you are 16 years or older you need to complete and sign the application form yourself. Applications are subject to eligibility criteria.

How to apply?

**Step 1**
Complete the application form

**Step 2**
Print, sign and date the completed application and submit it to the front office for endorsement.

**Step 3**
Your school sends the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the home address you provided in the application.

**Note:** Parents must apply for students aged 15 and under. Students must apply if aged 16 and over.
The Sandpit is Open!!!
The long awaited Sandpit has opened! A special thank you goes out to the team of high school students that worked tirelessly on making this dream into a reality. All students from Kinder to Year 6 have access to the sandpit and since opening it has been the most popular place in the playground! This sandpit is lots of fun, a great space for teachers to have lessons on space and measurement and as Ms Sanday says, “Everyone has friends in a sandpit”. Thanks you also to the 5/6 students who have lead the playground project and included this in their initial proposal. You have made a lot of people happy (especially Ms Sanday!).

In the Spotlight:
A Parent Volunteer

Name: Sally Yates
As a Volunteer at Wadalba I have: been involved with Mothers’ Day, Fathers’ Day, Cake day stalls, helped on a regular basis in my son Declan’s classes helping the teachers and students, helped in the canteen on a regular basis, helped with Ladies Night, been panel trained to be part of the selection and interview panels for teaching positions at WCS, participated in Cuppa and Cake afternoons, and gone on school excursions.
What I like best about volunteering at school: Being involved and a part of the children’s learning and watching them embrace and enjoy education through the fantastic opportunities we have available at WCS. Having the pleasure to meet and make good friends with some lovely people and families and being part of their life journeys.
My favourite colour is: Every colour of the rainbow (have you seen what I wear)
My favourite food is: Avocado and eggs
My favourite book is: Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom.
My favourite movie is: Anything with Julia Roberts.
My favourite subject when I was at school was: Society and Culture
In my free time I love: Spending time with my family and friends, reading, meditating, shopping and sleeping.
My family are: My husband Paul, who is a train driver for Sydney Trains, our son Declan who is 10 and currently in the lovely Mrs MacDonald’s class (he is a fanatical fan of The Terminator and Back to the Future Movies) and our puppy dog Rufus who is a 4 year old cavoodle.
We came to Wadalba in: 2011 from Springwood in the Blue Mountains.
What I love about Wadalba CS: The wonderful sense of community and family spirit. We were made to feel welcome from our first day at Wadalba CS and always feel well informed and involved in our son’s education.
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In class we have been learning about Volume and Capacity.

Our task was to figure out which container was the best to use if we wanted to take a lot of sand out of the sandpit.

We worked in groups figuring how we could solve the problem and estimating how many cups of sand we thought each container would have. Then we went back to class to write which container we thought was best. We presented our results to the class.

In Science we have been learning about wants and needs. We have learnt that needs are things we need to have to survive and wants are all the extra things we enjoy. Money created some really great conversations, because we need money to have some of our needs like shelter and clothing.

We have been working really hard to improve our writing in all subjects.

and about wants and needs!
Stage Two OZ Tag Gala Day

Last Thursday, Stage 2 had a League Tag Gala Day in Gosford. We had beautiful sunny weather all day and we were lucky to wear our brand new Wadalba jerseys, thank you to Mrs Farrelly for organising our spectacular shirts. The students played 4 games each, represented Wadalba Community School with pride and displayed fantastic sportsmanship. Some students had never played league tag before and surprised us with their great skill and talent. The girls played with great enthusiasm and walked away from the day with 2 wins and 2 draws, special mention to Asenaca Leweniqila who scored every game for the girls. The boys walked away with 1 win, 2 draws and a loss but a big display of sportsmanship throughout the day. A huge thank you, to all the parents for allowing their child to participate in such a fun event and a special mention to our families that supported us and helped throughout the day. Without your support my job would have been a lot harder! Miss Stirton

Remembrance Day

On the 11.11 2015 some student leaders from both the primary and high school went to Wyong RSL Club for the Remembrance Day ceremony. On the 11th hour we paid our respects to the men and women who have served our country by taking 2 minutes silence. Stories were shared by people who had experienced the effects of war first hand. They shared stories of loss, courage, mateship, love and respect. Many local schools attended to pay their respects. During the ceremony we had the opportunity to lay a wreath, another way we showed our respects to the service men and women who fought for our country. The representatives from our school who laid the wreath were our school captains Trent Ellis and Losalini Leweniqila. A group of ladies from Wyong Musical Society sang some touching songs about the war, while the names of soldiers were read out and acknowledged. After the ceremony we headed up stairs to have some delicious food and refreshments. I am very happy that I got the opportunity to come along.

– Lest we forget. Sharmaine Stewart
The inaugural Ladies Shopping Night was a smashing success, with the P&C being able to connect with the community, and fundraising almost $800! I'd like to thanks Darnell, Rose, Katy and the fantastic volunteers that gave up their days and nights to ensure it was a success.

We have proudly made significant contributions to the school over the last few weeks as below:

- $6,500 - Wadalba Cup winner’s excursion.
- $10,000 - Library furniture upgrade.
- $10,000 - Hall facilities upgrade.
- $10,000 – School wide communications platform upgrade.

With Christmas around the corner our focus is now on the Christmas Carols concert on the 9th of December. We will have the canteen open for light snacks, refreshments, ice creams, slushies and a sausage sizzle. So come along and enjoy the night off from cooking 😊. Our Christmas Raffle tickets will be sent home with children in the coming days so keep a look out for them. Prizes drawn on the night of the Carols.

This is a major event at the school and we would love more helpers. Please contact Katy on 0412 015 751 if you are able to help on the day either on the BBQ or within the canteen.

www.facebook.com/wadalbamarkets

There is such a buzz around the community at the moment for our first market day, March 13th 2016. It is shaping up to be a fantastic event, with nearly 90% of all stall holders coming from the local area. If you would like a market stall, discuss sponsorship/donations or can volunteer in anyway please contact me directly. Stalls are just $45 for a 3M by 3M.

Proudly Sponsoring Wadalba Markets
All NSW Department of Education and Communities School students are eligible to download and license Adobe and Microsoft software at NO COST to you. Some of the packages available:

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2. Click the register button at the bottom.
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9. Click on the software you would like to download and add them to your cart.
10. Click check-out, then proceed with order and follow the web site to download the software and the license keys.

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