A few changes this term

Welcome back!

As 2015 has progressed we have had a significant increase in our enrolments. It is now necessary to reorganise and restructure some classes from the start of this term. The families of students that are moving classes have all already been contacted so if you have not received a phone call then it means your child is not changing classes. A positive approach by staff and families will make this transition as smooth as possible for the students.

Where possible, students will remain with their existing teacher. A number of factors are taken into account when restructuring classes with the needs of the students being at the forefront. The new classes are as follows:

- **Kindergarten** = Mrs Resli Calverley
- **Year K/1** = Mrs Lee-Anne Collins
- **Year 1/2** = Mrs Lauren Ryder
- **Year 2** = Miss Danielle Green
- **Year 3** = Mrs Naomi Kinsela
- **Year 3/4** = Miss Jamala Stirton
- **Year 4** = Ms Julie Goldie
- **Year 5** = Mrs Natalie MacDonald
- **Year 5/6** = Mrs Kylie Snell

This term Mrs Griffiths is also taking extended leave and this class will be taken over by Miss Stirton on a full time basis to ensure consistency for the class.

I look forward to ensuring a smooth start to Term 3, 2015 and continuing positive academic, creative, sporting and social experiences for the whole Wadalba Primary Community.

Library books

If you notice a book is damaged please return it to the school library to be mended as they have all of the resources and skills to ensure this is done to a high standard. We understand that accidents happen, especially with children!

Child Care Centre Parking

The child care centre next to the Wadalba shopping area has requested that families do not park there unless picking up a child from their centre to ensure the safety of those attending their centre.
Responsible Pet program
In the last week of Term 2, our K-2 students took part in a workshop about how to be safe around dogs. Robyn brought her lovely little dog named Jett to meet everyone and to allow them to practise how to approach a dog safely.

Owning pets can be a lot of fun, and pets can provide us with company, stress relief and unconditional love. Pet ownership also teaches children responsibility, and helps them develop their social and nurturing skills.

Responsible pet ownership involves choosing the right pet for your lifestyle, complying with the law, caring for your pet's health, and ensuring your pet doesn't cause problems in the community.

We must also remember that they are not little humans and that they do not think or naturally behave like us. It is important for children to recognise the warning signs given by dogs, the correct way to approach a dog and what to do if approached by an aggressive dog to help prevent the instance of dog-related accidents and injury. For more info go to:


It is also available as an app to further childrens understanding of responsible pet ownership and dog safety.

Assembly Roster
Assemblies are held on Mondays commencing at 1:30pm. Each week one class is responsible for organising and conducting the assembly. Parents are welcome to attend on any Monday.

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In the Spotlight:
Our P&C Vice President- Primary

Name: Darnell Milford
P&C position: Vice President- Primary
My role is to: Represent the primary school parents at the P&C and pass on your concerns if you are unable to attend
What I like best about my role in the P&C: It's been great in helping me settle into the school community and make new friends.
My family are: Crazy! Just kidding! We have Lemoe (Dad), Me, Tamika in year 10, Levi in year 8, Xavier in year 3 and Kenzi who is not yet 2!
We came to Wadalba in: 2015
What I love about Wadalba CS: I love that my kids can all attend the one school. I love the opportunities available to them and I can see how much the teachers and staff care about the kids and their future.
My favourite colour is: Pink- The brighter the better.
My favourite food is: Dessert! I have a real sweet tooth.
My favourite book: I love autobiographies, I don't think I have one particular favourite
My favourite movie is: Grease
My favourite subject when I was at school was: PE
In my free time I love: Travel. Especially cruising
Woolworths Earn and Learn

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or the box we have located at the Lakehaven Woolworths store.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

NAPLAN Trial- Yr 3 & 5

As you are aware, NAPLAN tests are administered to Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in May of each year. What you may not be aware of, however, is that a representative national sample of students, taken from these same year levels, is selected on an annual basis to sit NAPLAN Trialling Tests. The aim of this trialling assessment is to determine whether or not trial questions are of sufficient quality to be included in future NAPLAN tests.

Our school has been chosen to participate in the NAPLAN Trialling Tests. These tests will be conducted on Friday 31st July with Mrs Kinsela’s Year 3 class and Mrs MacDonald’s Year 5 class.

The Trialling will not be used to report student or class results.

Tests will be paper-based and similar in format to regular NAPLAN tests. Each student will complete one reading test and one numeracy test. They will be run by an ACER Test Administrator with the classroom teacher present.

It is important that all students in the selected classes complete the tests. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school on 4392 5000.

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Community Board:
Central Coast Local Health: Speech Pathology

Speech Pathology services for children are offered at a number of community health centres on the Central Coast.

Our services
Our team is able to provide assessment and therapy for children with communication and feeding difficulties. Therapy may be individual or group therapy, parent training or home programming. Areas our speech pathologists can help you with include:
- understanding language
- using correct vocabulary and grammar
- putting sentences together
- using sounds correctly
- stuttering
- voice
- social Skills
- breast and bottle feeding
- transitioning to solid foods.

When to refer your child to Speech Pathology
Our guide to speech pathology services provides information on communication development and when to refer.

Guide to speech pathology services for children (50 KB)

Please note that waiting times exist for all centres therefore early referral is important.

How to refer your child to Speech Pathology
To refer your child to Speech Pathology call our intake line on 4328 7999. You will be required to leave a message and one of our speech pathologists will return your call to discuss your concerns. Please ensure you leave a contact number that you can be reached on. A doctor’s referral is not required.
Grandparents and extended families have always played a valuable role in our society by offering care, love and guidance to their children and grandchildren.

Wadalba Community School will be holding a Grandparents and Family Day to recognise the important contribution of grandparents and other family members in our community. We are encouraging all grandparents and family members to attend and enjoy this special day.

As part of Grandparents and Family Day celebrations, we will be presenting performances from students from K-12 as well as providing a BBQ and the opportunity to visit your family member’s classroom.

There will also be a Book Fair with discounted books for purchase as well as personalised bookmarks made by each child for our visiting family members as fundraisers on the day.

It is a chance for grandchildren, children and the school community to thank grandparents and family members for their love and support and share the wonderful things that are happening at Wadalba.

**When:** Wednesday July 29th, 2015  
**Where:** Starting in the High School Gym  
**Time:** 9:30- 12:00pm

If you or members of your family wish to attend please let your child know the numbers attending by filling out the slip sent home at the end of term or by writing a note with the student’s name, class and number of adults attending.

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

**A chance to buy some great new books for your children!**

During weeks 2 and 3 of this term our primary school library will be holding its annual book fair. Books will be sent from scholastic to be on display in the primary section of the library so that students can choose books to buy from the sale. There will also be a number of other items for sale, e.g. Fancy pens, pencils, diaries, erasers and the like.

The great thing about this sale is that our school receives a percentage of the sales in points, so that we can use them to buy more resources for our own library. Students will be able to check out what is available during their library lesson and can write out a wish list to take home to their parents, grandparents or carers, stating the name and cost of the items they would like to own. If the items are sold by the time they bring money to buy the item they want, we can order them to be delivered to the school.

Purchases can be made on the **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each of weeks 2 and 3** either during the morning before school or at lunch times. Apart from that, we will have the sale open on Grandparents’ Day (Wednesday 29th July) so that grandparents can visit the library before or after the assembly in order to purchase items for their grandchildren. It will be a great opportunity for the students to show their grandparents around our school.

If parents wish to visit the library with their children before school on these days, they are welcome to do so. The books and other items will be returned to scholastic after the early morning session on Friday 31st July.

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Kerry Crowther, Primary Teacher/ Librarian
Dance Festival
Wadalba was very fortunate this year and had two groups represent the school at the Central Coast Dance Festival.

On Wednesday, 17th June, our Stage 1 dance group OPENED the night's production at Laycock Street Theatre. They did a fantastic job dressed in jungle and Tarzan costumes to 'Jungle Mash'. Everyone loved the dance created by Mrs Ryder and Mrs Fitzpatrick.

On Monday, 22nd June, it was Stage 2's turn to impress. The group were very well behaved and it was so exciting to perform 'Shine' on a professional Stage. The dancers certainly made Mrs Kinsela and Ms Goldie proud!

It was a great opportunity to see behind the scenes of how a dance festival runs. The make-up, costumes, music, choreography and lighting. We'll definitely be trying out again next year!

Thank you to all parents for getting the dancers out to the theatre at night during the school week. Special thanks to Mrs Ellis and Mrs Wilson for costuming, and Mrs Greco for helping with our theatre rehearsal.

Remember, if you wish to purchase a DVD of the dance, payment needs to be in asap!
What a wonderful bunch of kids we have in 5/6. They never cease to amaze me with their abilities in all areas and are improving every single day. We enjoy a laugh and know when it’s time to buckle down and concentrate on a task. Last term we read the blurb from the back of a book we hadn’t read, the class got into groups and were asked to write an opening line that would grab the reader’s attention. Here are two examples:

“It was a cold, deadly morning. The crows were screeching. The Robbers were there watching me as I slept. I could feel it! No one's safe! Not anymore!” by Alex, Alex, Luke and Adriel

“I woke up and felt like everything had changed. I felt emptiness inside. I went outside to take a glimpse. I felt like I was in a different world locked in a dark, gloomy cage.” by Sharmaine, Grace, Bob, Nicole, Sophia and Ben.