Welcome Back!

It is good to see so many new families joining our school community. We hope that you find Wadalba Community School to be a happy and welcoming place and one that provides a broad range of activities to cater for all.

We are also excited to welcome Miss Kendal Hindmarch and Miss Chloe Bennett to our staff who bring a new range of ideas and experience to share with us. We will formally introduce these teachers at our first assembly on 8th Feb.

There are currently 234 students enrolled with 34 Kindergarten students. Our community continues to grow, as do our enrolments. At such a time that our classes reach capacity and we are provided another teacher and class, we may need to restructure as has been successfully done previously. Rest assured, the needs of our students as well as clear communication with families will guide all of our decision-making if this takes place.

The class and staffing structure for starting Term 1 will be as follows:

**KC**  Mrs Resli Calverley  
**K/1C** Mrs Lee-Anne Collins/ Miss Kendall Hindmarch  
**1/2G** Miss Danielle Green  
**2S** Mrs Kylie Snell  
**3N** Mrs Megan New  
**3/4S** Miss Jamala Stirton  
**4/5G** Ms Julie Goldie  
**5/6B** Miss Chloe Bennett  
**6HM** Miss Kendal Hindmarch/ Mrs Natalie MacDonald  
**K-6W** Mrs Taryan Walsh

**Principal**- Mr Jason McGrath  
**Deputy Principal**- Ms Roxanne Sanday  
**Assistant Principals**- Mrs Natalie MacDonald & Mrs Lee-Anne Collins  
**Library**- Mrs Kerry Crowther  
**RFF**- Miss Kendal Hindmarch  
**Reading Recovery/ Learning Support** – Mrs Melinda Farrelly  
**SLSO**- Mrs Rachel Fitzpatrick  
**SLSO**- Ms Carole Beckley  
**SLSO**- Mrs Angela Pattison  
**Learning Support**- Mrs Debra Bell

As you can see, five of our classes are multi-age classes. This occurs because schools are staffed on overall numbers not on the numbers in each grade. Students in all classes have work programmed to their individual capabilities and needs. Being in a multi-age class is not detrimental to a student’s learning and is often very beneficial. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss them.

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**Dates to Remember:**

- 11th Feb- School photos  
- 15th Feb- Photo catch up day  
- 18th Feb- Swimming Carnival (8yrs+)  
- 24th Feb- P&C Meeting 6pm  
- 24th Feb- Yr 7 2017 Info night  
- 1st Mar- Parent/ Teacher Interviews  
- 3rd Mar- Debating team workshop  
- 9th Mar- Cake Day  
- 9th Mar- Cuppa & Cake Day  
- 10th Mar- Selective High school placement test  
- 16th Mar- Yr 7 2017 Academic test  
- 21st Mar- Harmony Day  
- 23rd Mar- P&C Meeting- AGM  
- 23rd – 24th Mar- Smart Start workshops  
- 25th Mar- Good Friday  
- 28th Mar- Easter Monday  
- 5th Apr- UNSW Digital Technology Competition  

**Awards**

Each newsletter the Bronze and Silver Award recipients will be listed to recognise their significant achievement. Remember to give your 5 commendations to Ms Sanday in order to receive your award.

5 Commendations= 1 Bronze  
3 Bronze= 1 Silver  
3 Silver + a community service = A gold award presented at the end of year presentation assembly.
Updating your email address
We have found that digital communication directly with parents and carers has been the most effective way of ensuring that information makes it home. We are sending a yellow slip with this newsletter allowing you to update your email address so you can receive up to date information on what is happening at school without relying on notes to get home or remembering to check the website. There is no need to complete the slip if you have not changed your email and have been receiving our emails already in 2015. For children with two or more families please fill in the email addresses for each parent to help with communication.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 11th February with a catch-up day for absent students on Monday 15th February. All photos must be paid for online using our online order code:

WVB 8VX E7B

Students are asked to bring their envelope to school on the day of the photos. These are handed to the photographer. Envelopes for sibling photos are available at the office. All students have their photo taken, even if they are not purchasing the photos.

Student Leaders
Congratulations to the following students voted into our leadership team for 2016.

School captains
Annaliese Brown & Luke Burton

House captains
Thorpe: Jorja Boyden & Tayla Bott
Bradman: Erica Hobson & Anneka Holland
Hall: Charlotte Moses & Jessie-Lee Lynch
Freeman: Paige Wells & Brent Smith-Healey

Year Representatives
Year 5: Ciara Milson & Natalie McClellan
Year 6: Charlotte Robertson & Lachlan Bryant

Assemblies
Assemblies will continue to be 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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Swimming Carnival
This will be held on Thursday, 18th February for all students in Years 3 – 6 and for any student in Year 2 who is turning eight this year and can competently swim 50 metres. A separate note will be sent home with more information.

Swim Caps are available this year so you can support your house! These can be bought through www.flexischools.com.au or by putting $8 in an envelope in the classroom lunch basket with your name, class and house. Buy one and wear it proud at the carnival!

Eating Breaks
The school’s health program encourages students to aim for a healthy, balanced diet. Each day your child should come with something wholesome and nourishing for recess and lunch as well as fruit/vegetable portions for ‘Fruit Break’. Students are also encouraged to drink water rather than sweetened drinks.

For health and safety reasons we ask that students do not bring glass bottles, cans, chocolate bars, lollies or chewing gum to school.
Home Reading
Home reading will recommence as soon as possible. Please check your child’s bookshelves at home as there are still some books outstanding from 2015. It is important that all students read every day and record it on their home reading card from K-6 whether it’s with school readers or their own books.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews
Parent/ Teacher interviews will be held on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday 1st March. We use an online booking system where you can see the available appointment times for each teacher and select a time that suits you. You will be get more detailed information on how this will work closer to the date.

I’d also like to remind families that teachers are not able to talk to parents once the bell has gone at 8.30am. If you need to speak to your child’s teacher for any reason please see them before bell time or make an appointment for a time that is mutually agreeable.

Facebook Page
Don’t forget to like our Facebook page so you can get instant updates of what is happening at our school.

Canteen
If you are available to assist between 10:30am and 10:45 am or between 1.00pm and 1.45pm on any day please ring Vicki, the canteen supervisor, and give her your name. Under OH&S regulations children are not permitted in the canteen. Don’t forget lunches can be ordered online through www.flexischools.com.au as well as through the flexischools app or through the classroom lunch basket.

Information Book
Information books for primary students are handed out to new students when enrolling at our school. If you are a continuing family that would like to read the 2016 Handbook please go to our website: http://www.wadalba-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/primary-classes/general-information-procedures

We have a new phone Number!
Our school has a new number! All other contact details remain the same.

(02) 4356 2888
Community Board:
Mental Health and Parenting Program
Are you living on the Central Coast, parenting or caring for children 2 – 12 years old? Have you experienced Mental Health Problems? Would you like to develop a better relationship with your children, as well as learn some different strategies to assist in your parenting role? Then this program may interest you.
Aim of program To make parenting easier and more enjoyable
The program offers suggestions, ideas and practice around positive parenting techniques. There is no single “right way” to parent. In this group we will be discussing a variety of ideas and strategies.

Topics covered
- Positive Parenting – What is it?
- Possible Causes of Child Behaviour Problems
- Mental Health and Parenting
- Developing Positive Relationships with Children
- Supporting Children’s Development
- Managing Misbehaviour
- Developing Family plans

The program is FREE and consists of six weekly group sessions (3 hours) and four individual follow up home visits to help implement new strategies. The program runs each school term in either the Gosford or Wyong area.

OUR NEXT GROUP:
Dates: Thursdays 11th February – 17th March 2016
Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm
Where: Level 2, 4 Watt Street, Gosford 2250 (opposite Centrelink)

Places are limited and booking is essential.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK INTO ONE OF OUR GROUPS, CALL:
Ruth Phelan 4328 7350 OR Joanna Heap 4328 7350
In the Spotlight:
Our School Captains

Annaliese Brown

Age: 11
My friends are: Jorgia C, Chloe B, Declan, Lachlan O and lots more!
My favourite teacher is: Mr MacDonald
The thing I like most about going to Wadalba: All of the friendships I see everyday
I wanted to be a school leader because: I’ve always dreamt of leading a lot of people
My favourite subject at school: Maths
Someone I look up to: Mr McGrath
I look up to them because: He is a great leader of the school
What I’d like to be when I grow up: A teacher at Wadalba

Luke Burton

Age: 11
My close friends are: Jackson C, Riley C, Blair T, Cassim K, and Annaliese B.
My favourite teacher is: Mrs Snell
The thing I like most about going to Wadalba: Most people here are kind and caring and support their peers.
I wanted to be a school leader because: I want to encourage and support my peers and make Wadalba the great school we all know it can be.
My favourite subject at school: Maths, Science and History
Someone I look up to: Mrs Burton and Mrs Snell
I look up to them because: They are great people who are selfless
What I’d like to be when I grow up: A scientist of chemistry and physics, and MC or a politician.
# School Requisites

If you have not done so already, please purchase the following for your child and send them to school as soon as possible.

| Kindergarten | Glue sticks x 3  
|              | Whiteboard markers  
|              | 2 reams A4 paper  
|              | Box of tissues  
|              | Paint shirt  
|              | Library Bag  
|              | Plastic document wallet  
|              | Home reading folder- waterproof (large A4 pencil case or plastic A4 wallet). |
| Year 1 & 2   | Pencil Case  
|              | Glue sticks x 3  
|              | Lead pencils  
|              | Coloured pencils  
|              | Sharpener  
|              | Eraser  
|              | Texters  
|              | Whiteboard markers  
|              | 2 reams A4 paper  
|              | Box of tissues  
|              | Paint Shirt  
|              | Library Bag  
|              | Home reading folder- waterproof (large A4 pencil case or plastic A4 wallet).  
|              | Plastic document wallet |
| Year 3 & 4   | Lead pencils  
|              | Coloured pencils  
|              | Red and blue pens (Yr 3 = for when they have a pen license)  
|              | 2 reams A4 paper  
|              | Box of tissues  
|              | Ruler  
|              | Clipboard  
|              | A4 Homework Book  
|              | Thumbdrive  
|              | Gluesticks  
|              | Sharpener  
|              | Highlighter  
|              | Texters  
|              | Eraser  
|              | Home reading folder- waterproof (large A4 pencil case or plastic A4 wallet).  
|              | Plastic document wallet  
|              | Library Bag |
| Year 5 & 6   | Same as Year 3 & 4  
|              | Thesaurus/ dictionary |