

Westport Public School

Newsletter



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Excellence in a caring environment

Monday 19th February

Term 1 week 4 already! The students and teachers have settled into their routine and back into their work. The weather is one of our biggest challenges so far this year. The humidity and temperature is certainly something we have been struggling with and we are all looking forward to some cooler times! It's during these phases that I am often asked about air conditioning in our school. There are many factors that must be considered before installing air conditioning units in a school. These include electrical load, servicing, cost of electricity and the ability of the existing wiring to manage the voltages required to run the units. We are currently examining all these factors before deciding whether to go ahead.

As stated last week, our school numbers are continuing to grow strongly. It is not always possible to predict the exact enrolments the school may have each year. Our numbers are currently 356, which allows the school to support 14 classes. Minor adjustments to classes continue to be required. All schools experience these challenges and Westport is no exception. We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during these adjustments.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher regarding your child, the quickest course of action is to request an appointment through our office who will then ask the teacher to call you and arrange for a time to talk.

Have an enjoyable week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

www.westport-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Coming Events for Term 1

Fri 23 rd Feb	District Swimming Carnival – Port Olympic Pool – 9am-2.30pm
Mon 5 th March	Kindergarten students finish at 3.05pm.
Mon 5 th	Yrs5 & 6 Hastings Secondary College Connect Information Evening, 6pm-7pm.
Wed 7 th	School Photo day.
Fri 9 th	Kindergarten Bus Safety

Student Invoices

The youngest student in the family has been given the Backpack and Voluntary Contribution Invoice today, please make sure to check in their bags or ask them for it. The process for payment is:

*Put correct money and invoice in an envelope with the students name and class and have the student return it to their teacher.

*Pay at the office with your card.

School Photos

Envelopes for school photos will be going home with students this Wednesday. Please return the envelopes to the classroom teacher with the correct monies (as change cannot be given). **Ensure that the correct class name is written on the envelope (e.g.Banksia, Acacia etc)**

All envelopes must be returned prior to or on the day of the photos, Wednesday 7th, even if money is placed in the sibling's envelope.

Sibling photo envelopes are available from the office.

Please take care not to lose the envelopes as we have very limited spares.

Be safe • Be polite • Be co-operative • Be fair



Kindergarten Finishing Time:

Just a reminder that Kindergarten finishes at 2:30 pm each day until the end of Week 5 (Friday 2nd March 2018). From Monday 5th March, the children will finish at 3:05 pm with the rest of the school. Kindergarten are settling in and we look forward to working with the children this year.

Kindergarten Teachers

Canteen News

Roster

Monday - Donna & Heidi

Tuesday - Donna & Kimberley

Wednesday - Donna & Krystal

Thursday - Donna & Bryanna

Friday - Donna & Melissa

Please make sure you follow us on our facebook page @WPPSCanteen to keep up to date with all canteen related information

P&C General Information

The first P&C meeting for 2018 will be held on Wednesday 21st February from 6pm in the school staffroom. New members are appreciated and always welcome. We hope to see you there!

Uniform Shop

Opening Hours - every Thursday between 8.45am & 9.30am.

What we do - fittings and the purchase of school uniforms. The uniform shop stocks school shirts, jumpers, jackets, hats, culottes, girls pants and school badges.

Where - You'll find us at the top of the stairs, to the right of the school's main entrance.

Payment - Cash only.

Is online ordering available?

YES. Students and families wishing to purchase uniforms outside our regular opening hours or wishing to purchase using electronic payment methods can do so anytime **online via www.flexischools.com.au**.

Uniforms purchased via flexischools will be delivered to the student's classroom the next day.

Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply visit the FlexiSchools web site and click "Register Now". You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration.

We look forward to seeing your next order online!

How can you help - The Uniform Shop is run by volunteers on behalf of the P&C for the benefit of the school community.

Volunteers are always appreciated. If you have some time to spare and would like to volunteer in the Uniform Shop, feel free to drop in for a chat on Thursday mornings.

Rebel Sport Kickback Program



Westport Public School P&C have teamed up with rebel to earn rewards for our School every time you shop. Simply link your rebel active card to Westport Public School P&C and

5% of all member purchases

will go directly back to our school to spend in-store.

for more information head in store, or visit www.rebelsport.com.au/community-kickbacks

Library

Library days for 2018 are:

Monday: K-Flame, 5-Hibiscus

Tuesday: 1-Banksia, K-Jacaranda, 6-Grevillia

Wednesday: 2-Bluegum, 4/5-Melaleuca,
3/4-Waratah, 5/6-Frangipani

Thursday: 3/4-Bottlebrush, 2-Paperbark,
K/1-Wattle

Friday: 1-Acacia, 3/4-Lilly-Pilly



Please ensure that students have their library bags on these days so they can borrow from the library.

Please return any overdue books from last year as soon as possible. Students are responsible for any books they borrow and will need to pay for any lost or damaged library books.

Book Club!

Issue 1 Book Club orders have now closed. When the orders arrive at school, it will be passed onto the students to take home.



Coles Sport for Schools

Our school has registered with the Coles Sports for Schools. Mrs Slade's class - 2 Bluegum, will be collecting the vouchers. If you bring vouchers to school the box will be in the COLA area in the mornings and in 2 Bluegum the rest of the day.



Student Banking

Our student banking day is Thursday mornings 8:45am to 9am.

If any student would like to open a CBA Youth saver account our banking co-coordinator would be happy to give you an application form which you can take to the Commonwealth bank in Horton Street, Port Macquarie or return to school with the relevant information.

We are happy to see you on Thursdays at the school banking window with Pat the Dog.



SkoolBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- * School newsletters
- * Notices
- * Events
- * Cancellations
- * Reminders
- * ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

Just search for our school's name in the App Store on your phone and download our app!

Invitation to Year 5 and 6 students and families to Hastings Secondary College Connect



Dear Parents and Carers,

The leadership team from Hastings Secondary College will be visiting its partner primary schools in the Hastings Valley Community of Schools during Term 1. You are invited to meet staff, student leaders and current Year 7 students to learn more about the extensive opportunities available for your child in secondary school.

The presentation will address the excellence, innovations, opportunities and successes which Hastings Secondary College offers to every student. The team will provide an overview of programs available including Zenith, our comprehensive gifted and talented program, and the innovative academies in Creative and Performing Arts, Sport and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

You and your child of Year 5 or 6 are invited to attend the session from 6.00pm to 7.00pm at your primary school. A light supper will be provided.

COLLEGE CONNECT INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL BE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

Tacking Point Public School Tuesday 20 February
Telegraph Point Public School Monday 26 February
Port Macquarie Primary School Tuesday 27 February
Lake Cathie Public School Wednesday 28 February
Westport Public School Monday 5 March
Hastings Public School Tuesday 6 March

If you are unable to attend the date set for your primary school, you are welcome to attend an alternate session. We look forward to meeting you and sharing our vision for your child's secondary education.



Kylee Owen
Executive Principal rel
Hastings Secondary College



Ian Ross
Principal
Westport Campus



Lorraine Haddon
Principal
Port Macquarie Campus

Community News

Comboyne Show



Saturday and Sunday 24 and 25 February from 9am
Entry \$5 each adults – Children 16 and under free
Experience our 'Back to Agriculture' focus for the Show

- Amusements for the kids and face painting
- Churn your own ice cream (and eat it!)
- Agricultural displays
- Heavy horse, stock horse and equestrian events all day both days
- Fermented Food Expo and demonstrations
- Farmers Markets with wine and beer
- Huge displays in the Art and Produce pavilions
- Much, much more.....

See our **Comboyne Show** Facebook page and website for more details.

*** PLAY OR REFEREE FOOTBALL IN 2018 ***

Opportunities to play and referee football at varying levels exist.
There is competitions to suit everyone from a beginner to an experienced player or match official.

2018 Registrations Open NOW - <http://footballmidnorthcoast.com/2018-registrations/>

The NSW government is also offering a \$100 Active Kids Rebate in 2018.
See the above link for all details on the rebate voucher and how to register.
Football Mid North Coast invites all those interested in playing or refereeing to register.

Who knows, the next Socceroo, Matilda or FIFA Match Official may be you!

For more information please contact the FMNC Office on 0265 850 351.

Community Football Competitions - admin@footballmidnorthcoast.com

Technical Director Larry Budgen (High Performance) - larry@footballmidnorthcoast.com

Club and Referee Development Officer Justin McIntyre - justin@footballmidnorthcoast.com



PORT CITY BREAKERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE 2018 Registrations are now OPEN!!

A Family Friendly club that strives to cater for all children that wish to play Rugby League.

We have mixed gender teams from UNDER 6s – UNDER 12s also this year we have girls League Tag UNDER 14s – UNDER 16s and Boys Rugby league Unders 13s – Under 16.5s.

Registration can be done online at the below or in person at wood street fields next to the tennis courts on the left hand side. We are there Tuesday and Thursday in March between 3 -5pm

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?aID=98&pKey=a944837aab28435337a193d57ec99c4d&cID=12400&formID=53641>

Registration fees are \$120.00 first child - \$110.00 second child - \$100.00 third child, 4th is free. NSW Government Active Kids vouchers will be accepted.

Registration includes Club training shirt, training shorts, club playing socks, insurance, presentation and trophy. For further information please go to our facebook page (closed you will need to request to join)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1388698044731387/>

Training begins first Tuesday in March, players need to be registered before they train.

For more details you can contact

President Raymond Weatherby 0410 137 595.

Secretary Belinda Fisher 0403 198 063 or

Registrar Gail McArdle 0448 984 799.

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Find all information about the NSW Government \$100 Active Kids Rebate at above web address

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PLAY FOOTBALL

Clubs - <http://footballmidnorthcoast.com/fmnc-clubs/>
Find a club that suits your needs at the above link.

For more information, please contact the FMNC Office on 0265 850 351.
Community Football Competitions - admin@footballmidnorthcoast.com
High Performance Squads - larry@footballmidnorthcoast.com

REFEREES WANTED

Get Paid to officiate on matches at all levels within the zone!

FMNC are looking for more referees (beginners or experienced).
There are courses to suit all levels coming up in March.

Please contact Club and Referee Development Officer Justin McIntyre.
justin@footballmidnorthcoast.com or in the office 0265 850 351.