

Westport Public School Newsletter



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Excellence in a caring environment

Monday 26th February

Week five already and this term is continuing to fly by. The students have been working really hard and class expectations and routine are beginning to be firmly established. It has been a very positive term so far and this was reflected in some of the comments from parents at our recent P&C meeting. The P&C has some fantastic ideas for funding raising for the school this year and we are all looking forward to participating in some of those.

This week I will be traveling to Coffs harbour to listen to information around the direction the Department of Education will be heading during the next few years. This will be an informative session helping to reinforce and guide the work we do at Westport Public School.

Last week our school string ensemble had their first lesson and introduction to using their new instruments. This is a very exciting project for Westport Public School and I would encourage everyone to jump on the website and have a look.



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

Speaking of the school website, Donna Page has been working hard to keep the site up to date with the latest information and happenings at our school. Donna does a great job promoting and recording all the amazing activities we do in our wonderful school. Donna takes photos, sends out notices via the Skoolbag App and keeps everyone informed. Thank you Donna!

As of this week volunteers from Grace Church will be regularly helping us run our free morning breakfast program in the Canteen. Welcome to Westport Public School and thank you for your contribution to our school.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

Coming Events for Term 1

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
Mon 12 th	Chess Tournament – In our Hall.

Student Invoices

Bookpack and Voluntary Contribution Invoices have now gone home.

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 eftpos.

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



Westport Public School Award Winners

Term 1 – Week 4

K- Jacaranda – Amelia, Jay-Dee

K- Flame – Zoe, Jake

1 Banksia – Michael, Ruby

1 Acacia – Jack, Daena, Mariah

2 Bluegum – Shayden, Tayla

3/4 Waratah – Jarrad, Sophie

3/4 Bottlebrush – Savanah, Poppy

3/4 Lilly-Pilly – Saxon, Indi

4/5 Melaleuca – Laci, Matilda

5 Hibiscus – Mervyn, Ben

5/6 Frangipani – Jack, Hamish

6 Grevillea – Stella, Lachlan

Choir Awards

Jayda, Thomas

School Photos

Envelopes for school photos have now gone home. 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.

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

Rebel Sport Kickback Program

rebel



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

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 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.

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!

First String Lesson



Our Senior Choir

Our Senior Choir has grown in numbers and we are already rehearsing our new repertoire for this year’s performances and auditions for the Choral Festival in Sydney. We look forward to singing to you in future performances.



Mr Ainsworth’s Ukulele Lessons



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
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Community News

Hastings Baseball Association including Hastings Junior Baseball Association are getting ready to kick off our 2018 season.



We are inviting players from 5 years to Seniors 16 years & up to Play Baseball. We are registered with Active Kids so children will be able to use their vouchers. More information may be obtained by going to Face Book: Hastings Baseball Association or Hastings Junior Baseball Association . info@hastingsbaseball.com.au <<mailto:info@hastingsbaseball.com.au>>
Phone: 0265852076 or 0418279954



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FOOTBALL
MID NORTH COAST

PLAY OR REFEREE FOOTBALL IN SEASON 2018

***** 2018 REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW *****

www.footballmidnorthcoast.com/2018-registrations/

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

Opportunities to play and referee at varying levels exist. There are also competitions to suit everyone from a beginner to an experienced player or match official. Competitions also cater for those able to travel or for those who'd like to be involved locally.

**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.



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.