

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 5th March

Another productive week has flown by and we are now into Week 6 of this very busy term! Students are busy doing their everyday lessons as well as the many other extra curricula activities such as band, string ensemble, choir and dance. What a busy time we have here at Westport Public School!

It is great to hear how Safe and Respectful our Westport Learners are! In relation to Respectful, our students performed admirably at the recent District Swimming Carnival and I was told they were extremely well behaved and set a terrific example for our school. Well done swimmers!

On the topic of being Safe, it is very important that our students are safe online. Below is a table of the correct ages students must be when using various Social Media sites. There are very few students at our school who would be legally old enough to use any of these sites. When signing up for a Social Media site a person is required to agree to the terms and conditions which include confirming the student is of the correct age. I urge parents and carers to monitor this carefully to ensure your son/daughter is not breaking the law.

SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM	ICON	AGE LIMIT
TWITTER		13
FACEBOOK		13
INSTAGRAM		13
PINTEREST		13
GOOGLE+		13
TUMBLR		13
REDDIT		13
SNAPCHAT		13
SECRET		13
LINKEDIN		14
WHATSAPP		16
TINDER		17
VINE		17
YOUTUBE		18/13 with parents permissions
WECHAT		18/13 with parents permissions
KEEK		18/13 with parents permissions
KIK		18/13 with parents permissions
FOURSQUARE		18/13 with parents permissions
FLICKR		18/13 with parents permissions

Have a great 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. Full school uniform.
Fri 9 th	Kindergarten Bus Safety
Mon 12 th	Chess Tournament – In our Hall.

Westport Public School Award Winners

Term 1 – Week 5

K- Jacaranda – Issabelle, Byron
K- Flame – Usher, Alyce
K/1-Wattle – Lexi, Kenura
1 Banksia – Jarred, Rachel
1 Acacia – Jay, Hollie
1/2 Paperbark – Lilly, Tamika
2 Bluegum – Mercedes, Kalila
3/4 Waratah – Emily, Brooke, Finlay
3/4 Bottlebrush – Jayden, Cayne, Mackenna
3/4 Lilly-Pilly – Lilly, Shakiah
4/5 Melaleuca – Maddisyn, Titan
5/6 Frangipani – Wil, Ariyah
6 Grevillea – Darsh, Kaiya

Individual House Point Winners

Solander – Izabella, Rachel
Banks – Lilly, Oceanna
Endevour – Nevaeh, Jayden
Cook – Sian, Bradyn
House Winner – Banks.

Student Invoices

School Resources 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 or pay at the office with eftpos.

School Photos

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.

Please ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform and black shoes on the 7th and 8th March (catch up day). If you do not send in the envelope on the day there will be an extra cost to order online through the photography company.

Free Vision Screening for Year 2 students

George and Matilda Eye Care are providing free vision screening to Westport students in Year 2 on the 5th of April 2018. They will provide the screening in a classroom to make the students more comfortable. Information and permission forms have been sent out and need to be returned to Mrs Slade or Mr McKenzie by Thursday 29th of March 2018.

Free Dental Service

DMMSG is a mobile dental service providing essential dental treatment for students K-6 under Medicare scheme CDBS. A dentist will be visiting Westport Public School from the 26th to 29th of March 2018. The dentist will set up in a room in the school to make students more comfortable. Information and permission forms will be sent out to all K-6 students. To take advantage of this FREE service, please complete the forms using the information on your Medicare card as shown in the brochure. Please return the form to your class teacher by Friday 23rd of March 2018 so we can confirm your child's booking. Please ensure you complete one form per child.

Hastings Camden Haven Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our team of swimmers who recently competed in the District Swimming Carnival. They swam strongly and represented our school proudly. A big thank you to the parents – Nicole, Adam and Amanda who volunteered to be timekeepers, your assistance was greatly appreciated.



Stage 3 Excursion - Milson Island

There are less than twenty spots left, please have deposits handed to Mrs Osborne by Monday 12 March. The final cost will now be approximately \$450. More information re payment plans and final costings will be given after the 12 March.

Stage 2 and 3 Sport - Swimming Skills

A note went home last week inviting students to attend the pool during sport time for the last five weeks of this term. Students of all swimming ability will practise their swimming skills in ability groups. There are limited places available please return the permission note along with \$29 to Miss Hyde.

ICAS – International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

For over 30 years, ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2018. They may participate in the Digital Technologies, Science, English or Maths Competitions.

All participating students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The competitions are \$9/student. A note went home last week, please return entry form and payment to Mrs Osborne.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Merit to the next 10% of entrants
- Participation to all remaining entrants.

Parents as Teachers and Classroom Helpers.

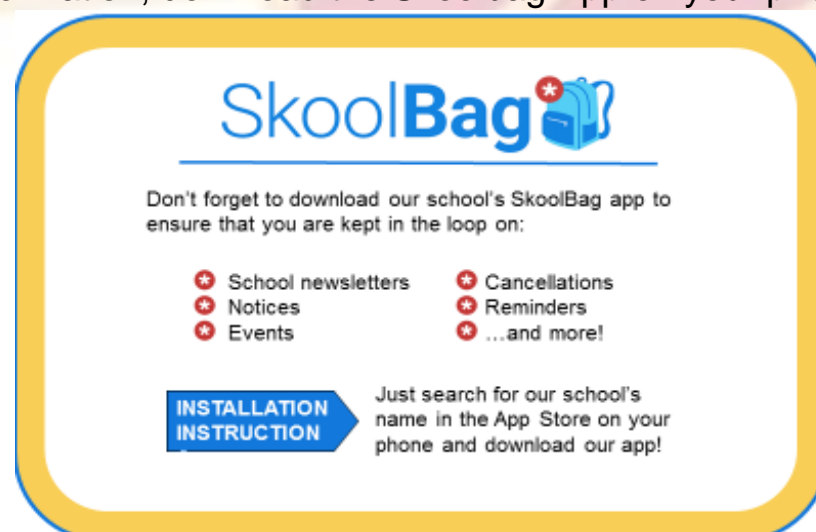
We are holding an Information Afternoon Tea on Wednesday, 4th April in our Mingaletta Room to explain the details of the PaTCH program. We will share the possible structure of the course, including content, commitment and requirements. Once confirmed participants are settled, dates and times for sessions in Terms 2 and 3 will be arranged. Please join us in our Mingaletta room on Wednesday, 4.4.18 at 2pm to find out all about this valuable program. We would appreciate the return of the RSVP for catering purposes.

Pip Riordan



Skoolbag App

For up to date information on what is happening in our school and to send in absence notes and change of details information, download the Skoolbag App on your phone.



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



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 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

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.

We now have boxes at various Coles Supermarkets around the area.

Thank you to everyone for a fantastic response so far.



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.



Tuesday Assembly

5/6 Frangipani hosted our assembly last week. Here are some photos of the Rainbow Serpent Dream Time Story they performed.



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



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.



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.