

WESTPORT

PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 12th March

Dear parents and carers – welcome to week 7! This term continues to fly by!

Last week we had our school photos taken and students generally did well handling the change to routines. I am sure there are many parents look forward to receive this year's package.

Another informative event was the Hasting Secondary College information night held in the school library. We heard all about the amazing programs and subjects available at our local high school campuses and the excellent learning that our students will experience. It was also great to hear from ex students and their experiences at the College. I was particularly impressed with their efforts in robotics where students had the opportunity to travel overseas to compete in a competition in America. Amazing!

We have much happening in the creative arts this year. The string ensemble is up and running. The students are learning to play the violin, viola and cello. I visited the lessons last week and the children were engaged and having a great time. It was impressive to watch the students learn the different notes and how to hold the bow correctly.

Our ukulele group is enjoying the challenge and were teamed up with one of our infants' classes on Thursday to create some impressive music. Well done students, Mr Ainsworth and Miss Harland!

Our school choir is again getting into the swing of things. We have a huge group of students involved in this activity. Mrs Eichler and Miss Arnell are doing a fantastic job introducing the students to some very complex pieces of music. I was very impressed with their progress so far this year.



Have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

Coming Events for Term 1

Mon 12 th March	Chess Tournament – In our Hall.
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th	Dental Program – all week
Thurs 5 th April	Vision Screening visit.

Westport Public School Award Winners

Term 1 – Week 6

K- Jacaranda – Mackenzie, Jack

K- Flame – Tahli, Riley

K/1-Wattle – Kylan, Joshua

1 Banksia – Hannah, Jhett

1 Acacia – Jaxon, Lily

1/2 Paperbark – Noah, Billy

2 Bluegum – Serenity, Travis

3/4 Waratah – Jett, Haley

3/4 Bottlebrush – Mackenna, Cory

3/4 Lilly-Pilly – Micah, Cerise

4/5 Melaleuca – Jocie, Bradley

5 Hibiscus – Jazmin, Connor

5/6 Frangipani – Beth, Riley

6 Grevillea – Austin, Laura

Individual House Point Winners

Solander – Logan, Alyce

Banks – Fayth, Lily F.

Endevour – Zoe D.

Cook – Shakiah, Cory

House Winner – Solander

Best & Fairest Award

Jaydon H.

Choir Award

Senior - Chase

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.

The School Photographer

Dear Parents

To make payment for school photos after photography day you can choose one of the following options -

1. Go to our website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and select the "Click here for Online Payments" button and follow the on screen instructions.

OR

2. Call our office on 9674 9824 and we will take your credit card payment over the phone.

(Note – there is a processing fee of \$5 for phone payments)

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.

Stage 3 Excursion - Milson Island

There are only 5 places left, so if you would like your child to attend please see Mrs Osborne. The final cost will now be approximately \$450. More information regarding payment plans and final costings will go home soon.

Stage 2 and 3 Sport - Swimming Skills

The swimming skills begin this Thursday, please remember to bring your swimmers and towel each week if you have paid for this activity. If items are not brought on the day the student will still attend but only as a spectator.
Miss Hyde.

ICAS Competitions

Next Monday, 19th March, is the last day for ICAS entries. Each of the competitions cost \$9 to enter. Please return entry forms and payment to Mrs Osborne.

Year 6 High School Forms

All Year 7 2019 Expressions of Interest Forms are due back to school by Friday 16th March to Mrs Osborne.

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



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!

Kindergarten Bus Safety

Our Kindergarten students had their bus safety talk and bus trip last Friday. Here are some photos of the trip.



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.

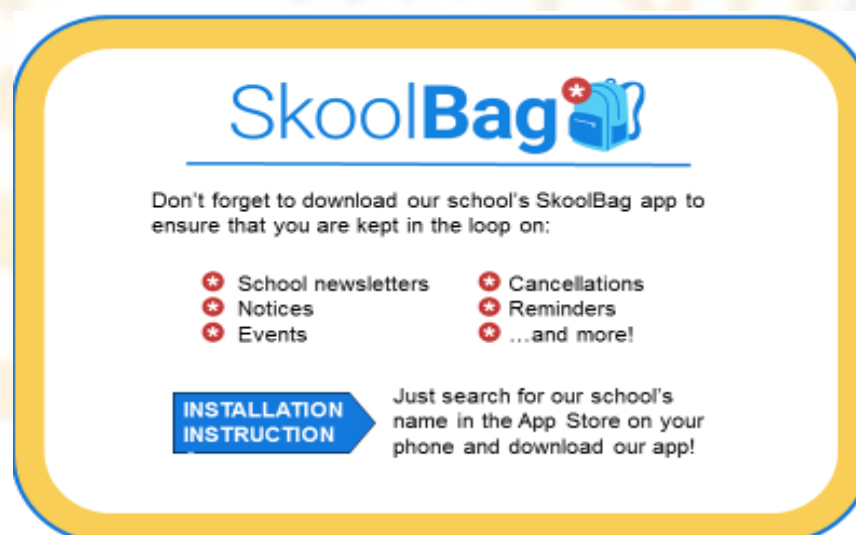
If any student would like to open a CBA Youth saver account our banking co-coordinator would be happy to give you an application form which you can take to the Commonwealth bank in Horton Street, Port Macquarie or return to school with the relevant information.

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



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.



Community News



Port Macquarie Junior Rugby Union (PMJRU)

2018 Season

Girls & boys in Years 1 to 6 are invited to play
in U8's (Yr 1 & 2), U10's (Yr 3 & 4) and U12's (Yr 5 & 6)

Games - All games on Friday afternoon commencing at 5:15 pm for U8's, 5:30 pm for U10's and 6:15 pm for U12's (Canteen available)

Training - As specified by individual team coaches
(Note: U8's is run as a Friday afternoon training + game session – no other training)

Cost (see over) includes registration & insurance

Registrations will be held on Friday 16, 23 March, 6 April from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Pirates Rugby clubhouse, Stuart Park, Port Macquarie (cash, cheque or EFTPOS)

PMJRU HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE OF POOR CROWD BEHAVIOUR
JUNIOR GAMES AT STUART PARK ARE ALCOHOL & SMOKE FREE



For more details please contact Craig Smith on
0439810612



Why play Rugby?	Girls & boys are welcome to play Focus on safety through teaching correct technique, par tackling & binding e.g. the 5 steps to a safe & effec Emphasise on fun through playing running rugby, team spirit and good sportsmanship – poor behaviour will not be tolerated Games played consistent with Australian Rugby Union Pathways
Cost	U8's - Years 1 & 2 - \$95 per player U10's - Years 3 & 4 - \$95 per player U12's - Years 5 & 6 - \$95 per player Covers registra on & insurance
Uniform	Jerseys for games owned & supplied by the relevant clubs Mouthguard and boots compulsory and at player's cost Headgear recommended however not compulsory No mouth guard – no play
Games	Approx. 12 game compe on on Friday afternoon with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No games during school holidays • No game on Friday of June long weekend i.e. 8 June Start date - Friday 6th April (come & try trial game night) Start time - From 5:00 pm onwards depending on age group Games - 30 to 40 minute games depending on age group Location - Stuart Park, Port Macquarie (games are always at the same location being Stuart Park – no travel to other locations) Canteen - BBQ food and drinks available from 5:30 pm Season - ends late August with a finals night for U12's teams
Training	U8's - Friday arvo session is training (30 mins) + game (30 mins) with teams picked each Friday from the "pool" of kids a ending U10's & U12's - training sessions organised by the coaches of the individual teams with some teams facilitated by PMJRU



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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