

WESTPORT

PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 19th March

Some great things have been happening at Westport over the last week!

The Inter-school chess competition was a huge success with students from all over the region both high schools and primary schools competing for the prestigious awards. There were over 200 competitors testing their prowess against our region's best chess players. We were also featured on NBN news with current and past students discussing the benefits of chess. Thanks and congratulations to Mr Ainsworth and Mr Flegg for their hard work setting up and running the competition. Well done also to Bailey Steinhour for winning the competition outright with a score of 7 out of 7 games. Amazing effort!



Have a great week!

Tony Johnston
Principal

Coming Events for Term 1

Tue 20 th	Year 5 Online NAPLAN Practice
Wed 21 st	Year 3 Online NAPLAN Practice
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th	Dental Program – all week
Wed 28 th	Years 3-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thurs 29 th	K-2 Easter Hat Parade – 12.30pm
Thurs 5 th April	Vision Screening visit.

Westport Public School Award Winners

Term 1 – Week 7

K- Flame – Jax, Rose
K- Jacaranda – Sandy, Tyler
K/1-Wattle – Thomas, Delielah
1 Acacia – Hunter, Adam
2 Bluegum – Judah, Katelyn
3/4 Waratah – Jarrod, Greg
3/4 Bottlebrush – Darryl, Jarrell
3/4 Lilly-Pilly – Eleanore, Mia
4/5 Melaleuca – Charli, Charlotte
5/6 Frangipani – Alarna, Alyssa
6 Grevillea – Byron, Ashley

Choir Award

Senior - Romone

NAPLAN Online Practise Test:

Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit a 45 minute practise online NAPLAN test this week. Year 5 is on Tuesday morning and Year 3 on Wednesday morning.

Students will sit a 45 minute omnibus test that includes reading, conventions of language and numeracy. Writing will not be included in the omnibus test.

The practise test will provide students with a further opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience in NAPLAN online. This test will not be marked. This test is a practice for students only and a test of the computer and wifi capacity across NSW. If you have any questions please see Mrs Osborne.

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 5 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.

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 26 to 29 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 so we can confirm your child's booking. Please ensure you complete one form per child.

Stage 2 and 3 Sport - Swimming Skills

Swimming skills every Thursday for sport, 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.

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 4th April 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.

P& C Meeting and AGM

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21 March 2018 at 6.00 pm

Staff Room – Westport Public School

The 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 March commencing at 6.00pm in conjunction with the March General Meeting.

P& C Meeting and AGM Cont'd

At the AGM, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions:

- President
- 2 x Vice Presidents
- Secretary
- Treasurer

The AGM is open to all parents and careers who wish to attend, however only financial members are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions.

New members are always welcome, we hope to see you there next Wednesday evening!

Coles Sport for Schools

Thank you to everyone for the fantastic support we have had over the last few weeks for the Coles Sports for Schools. We will soon have lots of new equipment to use for our sports activities.



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.

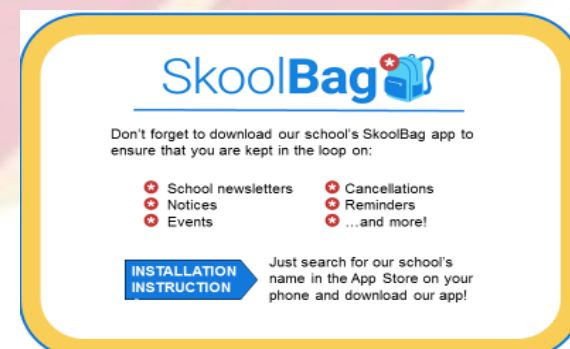


Asthma Plans

If you have indicated on enrolment that your child is asthmatic, we require a 2018 Asthma Action Plan from the student's doctor to update our Medical Files. Please see the front office if you have any queries.

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.



Rugby 7's Gala Day Highlights

Despite the rain at the gala day, everyone had an awesome time displayed great sportsmanship on the day.





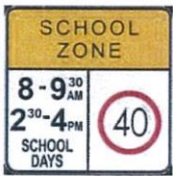

String Ensemble Lessons

Our string ensemble lessons are going well and the students are enjoying learning their new instruments.



Road signs

It is important to be familiar with the road signs in and around school zones to avoid fines and keep our children safe.



Fines for school zone parking offences include:

NO PARKING	NO STOPPING	BUS ZONE (Stopping on/Parking in)	DOUBLE PARK	STOP ON or NEAR A CROSSING
\$183	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$439
2 points	2 points	2 points	2 points	2 points

Children Crossing
Unlike Pedestrian Crossings, where a car can drive through when their side of the crossing is clear, on a **CHILDREN CROSSING** (Braemar Drive, Yarranabee Road and Kennedy Drive) the crossing must be free of all pedestrians (both ways) before traffic can drive through.



PORT MACQUARIE FOOTBALL CLUB 2018 SEASON

Port Macquarie FC has been providing families the opportunity to play football (soccer) in the local community since 1974.

We currently have spots available in our girls only U7s and U9s teams and our mixed under 7s team.

To join Port Macquarie FC sign up online via www.playfootball.com.au or for further information contact Cath Cornish on 0419 478 308.


Our friendly and fun atmosphere along with our community spirit makes Port Macquarie FC a great club to be a part of.

Community News

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



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 041827995.

TESSIE'S RIDING ACADEMY



We offer horse riding lessons for ages 4 and up, including adults! Specialising in beginners but we also cater for the goals of advanced riders. Lessons are run in a safe, fun and friendly environment.

MENTION THIS AD WHEN PURCHASING 10 LESSONS AND RECEIVE A 10% DISCOUNT!



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