

WESTPORT

PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 26th March

Welcome to week 9! This term is certainly flying by very quickly. Our students continue to be fully immersed in school activities both in the classroom and beyond.

Recently we have had some challenges with the wet weather and the work going on around the school. It can be tricky replacing roofs when it is constantly raining. Thank you for your patience while this important maintenance work is completed.

Last week I supervised the morning and afternoon pick up and drop off at the front of the school. I was pleased to see most students following good safety procedures when entering and exiting the school grounds. Remember that bus students walk up and down the covered walkway while students dropped off use the uncovered side. This is to minimise risk and to increase safety for all.

Last week our students participated in an online trial of the new NAPLAN system. I am pleased to announce that it went well and the students had no trouble using the various types of technology to complete the test. They appeared to be quite comfortable, relaxed and engaged during this trial. Thanks must go to Mrs Osborne for supervising this process. The real online NAPLAN test will take place next term.

I hope you have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

Coming Events for Term 1

Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th	Dental Program – all week
Tues 27 th	Assembly 1pm – 3/4 Bottlebrush
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.

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 our school this week and will set up in a room at the school to make students more comfortable. Notes and forms went home last week and the bookings are now closed.

Westport Public School Award Winners

Term 1 – Week 8

K- Flame – Harley, Fayth

K- Jacaranda – Ella B, Bradley H

K/1-Wattle – Jack, Jasper

1 Acacia – Isobelle, Danielle

1 Banksia – Henry, Kiara

2 Bluegum – Lucius, Maddison

3/4 Waratah – Cooper, Angel

3/4 Bottlebrush – Joven, Milica

4/5 Melaleuca – Alicia, Sari

5 Hibiscus – Ruby, Michael D

5/6 Frangipani – Jesse, Luciee-Mai

Mathletics Award

Jazmin

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.

Stage 2 and 3 Sport - Swimming Skills

Those students who are attending the 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.

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.

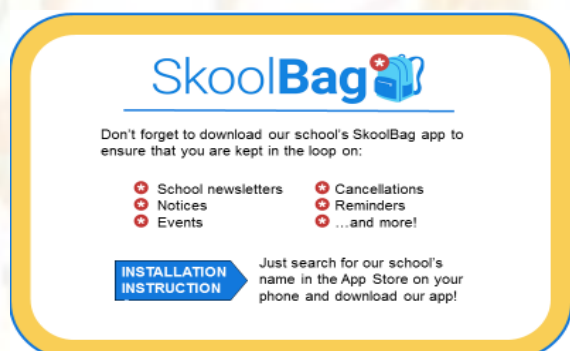
Student Banking

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.

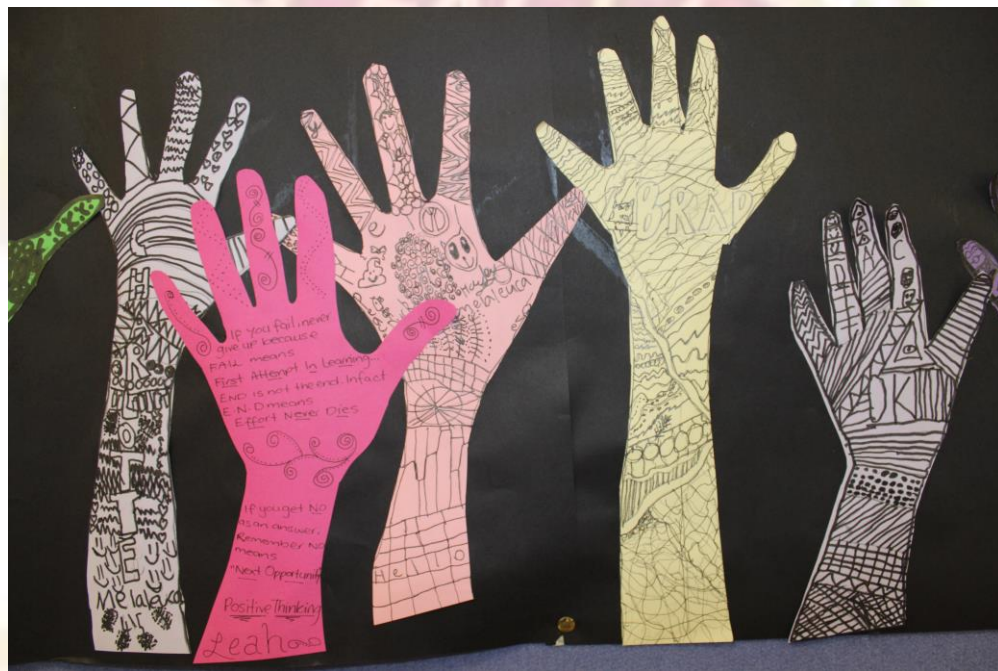


Highlights around the School

5/6 Frangipani dream time art work.



4/5 Melaleuca



Mufti Day



Mufti Day Cont'd



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 \$183 2 points	NO STOPPING \$330 2 points	BUS ZONE (Stopping on/Parking in) \$330 2 points	DOUBLE PARK \$330 2 points	STOP ON or NEAR A CROSSING \$439 2 points
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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, Yarrabee Road and Kennedy Drive) the crossing must be free of all pedestrians (both ways) before traffic can drive through.

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.



Art, Dance,
Drama & Music
workshops for
kids in years
1-6

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