

WESTPORT

PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 24th September 2018

Welcome to the final week of Term 3! This year has certainly gone by very quickly!

I couldn't start this newsletter without mentioning Splendour last week at the Glasshouse. The students performed wonderfully and the evening was a great success. It was fantastic to watch the performances and the excited and happy faces of the students as they completed their acts on the Glasshouse stage. We are very lucky to have access to a venue of such a high standard. We would like to thank our parents and carers for supporting the school and being a great audience on the night. A special thank you to Fleur Eichler, Lisa Burton, Nicky Osborne and Wendy Arnell and the whole staff for all their hard work over many months preparing for the evening.

Last week our chess team travelling to Sydney for the finals. As usual the students performed to a very high standard. Sometimes I feel we take our amazing chess performances a little for granted and Mr Ainsworth deserves to be acknowledged for the outstanding results he achieves coaching our clever students. Well done!



As this is the final newsletter for the term, I would like to thank everyone for your support this term and wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Enjoy the break!

Tony Johnston
Principal

Gold Award Assembly Timetable:

K-Yr2	Yr3-6
Week 10 – Gold Awards 1pm – School Hall	Week 10 – Gold Awards 12pm – School Hall

Coming Events for Term 3 & 4

Wed 26 th	Gold Award Assembly – Years 3-6 at 12pm K-Year 2 at 1pm
Thurs 27 th	Stage 2 & 3 Reward Day – Planet X
Fri 28 th	K-Year 2 Reward Day – Westport Park
Fri 28 th	Last day of school
Mon 15 th Oct	Students and Staff return to school
Fri 19 th Oct	Kindergarten 2019 Orientation Meeting: 12.30pm (in the school library)
Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th Oct	Stage 3 Milson Island Camp

Free Birth Certificates Day

When: Wednesday 26 September 2018

Where: Port Macquarie Public School,
Grant St, Port Macquarie

Time: 9.30 am - 2.00pm

The Minimbah Project in conjunction with Rotary Port Macquarie and Origenate Australia are holding a FREE Birth Certificate Sign Up Day. To register your interest please call [Birpai LALC](tel:65849066) on 6584 9066.

Priority will be given to unregistered children, and children who need a birth certificate for school or work purposes, although anyone in the community needing a birth certificate is welcome to attend. This is a free service for all community members. Please see flyer for further information and call today to register your interest.

Mavis Heath

The Girls relay team came 4th in their heat at North Coast Athletics Carnival Lismore. It was a great experience for them. Well Done!



Kindergarten Enrolments for 2019

2019 Kindergarten enrolment packs are available from the school office. Our Orientation Day is Friday 19th October, Week 1 of Term 4.

Toni Lawes

Stage 3 Milson Island Camp

Medical notes and a list of what to bring to camp were sent home in Week 7. Prior to the camp all students must complete a Medical and Consent.

The information that Sport and Recreation needs about your child includes:

- medical conditions
- food related allergies
- special diets
- medication
- emergency contact details
- media consent

Sport and Recreation needs you to complete this form on behalf of your child. The form is available online and is easy to complete. Once you submit the form the information is sent to the Centre so the staff can prepare for your child's visit.

Please complete the Medical and Consent Form at:

<https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/facilities/medicalandconsentform>

Booking Number: 531959

Booking Start: 22/10/2018

Booking Venue: Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre

If you need assistance with completing your child's information, please contact Mrs Osborne.

Final Payment - please finalise all outstanding payment by Wednesday 26 September.

School Intensive Swimming Scheme

SCHOOL INTENSIVE SWIMMING SCHEME

The School Intensive Swimming Scheme will be held during weeks 5 and 6 Term 4. The program is aimed at students in years 2-6 who are non-swimmers or poor swimmers. There will be 60 places available at a cost of about \$60 per student. Students participate in 45 minute lessons each day over the 2 weeks. The lessons are taught by qualified instructors and are designed to teach water confidence and build swimming skills. A note will go out early next term.

Miss Walton



Splendour

A note will go in the newsletter and a notification via the Skoolbag App when our Splendour DVDs are ready.

Skoolbag App

When sending absentee notes via the Skoolbag App, please put your child's full class name e.g: 1 Banksia, 2 Bluegum or 5 Melaleuca.

Splendour Photos



Splendour



Splendour





**WEDNESDAY
26TH SEPTEMBER**

MINIMBAH PROJECT BIRTH CERTIFICATE SIGN UP DAY

A free Birth Certificate 'SignUp' Day will be held at:

The Port Macquarie Public School, on Wednesday
26th September, 9.30am to 2.00pm.

Open to children & young people

- Born in NSW or QLD?
- Don't have a birth certificate?
- We invite you to sign up for a 'free' NSW or QLD BIRTH CERTIFICATE!

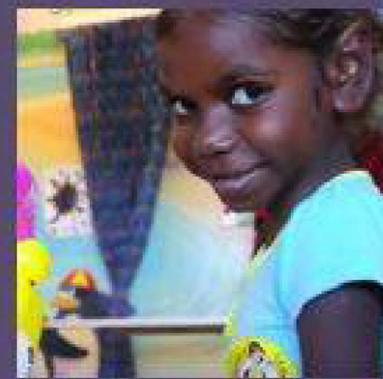
Volunteers from Rotary and the community, including Origenate Australia have raised funds from business, government and others to provide your children with birth certificates. Normally these can cost up to \$56 or more each, and at this event they will be supplied without charge, providing you (as a guardian) can produce sufficient proof of ID on the day.

Birth certificates are necessary for full participation in Australian society, such opening bank accounts, joining a sporting club, getting a driver's license, and starting at school!

So, come along! Three forms of identity are required (details opposite).

Minimbah Project:

"ADVANCING AUSTRALIA, FOR ALL"



FREE BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR NSW & OLD BORN CHILDREN

**PARENTS/OVER 18'S
BRING ESSENTIAL ID:**

- **DRIVERS LICENSE
OR RTA ID CARD**
- **MEDICARE CARD
OR CENTRELINK
CARD**
- **CREDIT OR DEBIT
CARD**

For ID info go to:

[HTTPS://WWW.BDM.NSW.GOV
V.AU/PAGES/BIRTHS/BIRTH-
CERTIFICATE.ASPX#PROOF](https://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/pages/births/birth-certificate.aspx#proof)

**PORT MACQUARIE
PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Wednesday, 26th September
9.30am to 2.00pm**

Community News

October School Holidays 2018 @ Your Library!

Tuesday 2nd October
Meet the Author & Book Signing @ Wauchope Library 10.30am
All welcome to meet Rob Tickle, Author of *John Oxley, a new perspective*. Rob is a Consulting Archaeologist, Historian and Paleoanthropologist

Also @ Wauchope Library 10.30am to 11.30am - Zentangling
Join in a Zentangling Workshop for **8 years plus**. Help to decorate the Mural to commemorate John Oxley's journey. Bookings 6581 8162

Wednesday 3rd October
Family Fun Day @ Bain Park Wauchope
* 10am to 1pm - Everybody welcome to share a very special gathering - plenty of food, activities for all ages & special entertainment. Join in all the fun at Bain Park

Thursday 4th October
Baby Bounce @ Port Macquarie Library - 10.30am
30 minutes of songs, rhymes and fun for babies & carers.

Also on the 4th October
Glasshouse Sprouts @ Laurieton Library - 11am to 12 noon
* For 4 to 9 year olds with carers to stay - Bookings via Glasshouse on 6581 8888 - \$5 per child. *Be inspired by the Archibald Exhibition and create your own portrait*

Glasshouse Sprouts provides art activities brought to you by the Glasshouse Regional Gallery Staff helping children grow their creativity, learn new skills and make new friends!

Friday 5th October
Pop Up IT @ Port Macquarie Library 10am to 11.30am
Try the Virtual Reality Glasses, 3D Printer and Makey Makey.

Tuesday 9th October
Book Folding @ Port Macquarie Library 10am to 11.00am
Join Makayla as she demonstrates the Art of Book Folding to create beautiful sculptures. You may have met Mikayla at our recent Makers' Market. She will display her wonderful creations and you will have a chance to make a Hedgehog and a Fairy House. You will be truly inspired!
*Strictly 10 years up and bookings required 6581 8755



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY DAYS – 2nd – 12th October 2018 at the PMQ Indoor Stadium

The school holiday activity days are designed for all children attending primary school (Kinder to Year 6) in 2018. Activity days involve children in a range of sports & group games, plus jumping castles, arts tables etc.

Dates of Activity Days for October (Daily from 8.30am to 5pm) Week 1: Mon 2 nd – 5 th October 2018 Week 2: Mon 8 th – 12 th October 2018	WHAT TO BRING & WEAR provided *Lunch – NOT PROVIDED *Water Bottle * Sports Shoes (no thongs)	Morning tea will be provided Café will be open for snacks, Lunches & Drinks
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TIME: 8.30am to 5pm. Please note, you can drop off and pick up at any time between these hours.

COST: \$25.00 per day / per child. **EFTPOS AVAILABLE.**

BOOKINGS: Can be made by phone or email though if unable to attend you need to advise the Stadium as we require firm bookings for staffing each day.

REFUNDS: Refunds are not possible for 'on the spot' cancellations or 'No Show' bookings. Refunds are possible if cancellations are made with enough time to offer your spot to another child from the waiting list.

NUMBERS: We can only accept 56 children per day so book early to avoid disappointment.

PLEASE CIRCLE DATES WHICH YOUR CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
Monday 1 st Oct (PUBLIC HOLIDAY) 2018	Monday 8 th Oct 2018	N/A
Tuesday 2 nd Oct 2018	Tuesday 9 th Oct 2018	N/A
Wednesday 3 rd Oct 2018	Wednesday 10 th Oct 2018	N/A
Thursday 4 th Oct 2018	Thursday 11 th Oct 2018	N/A
Friday 5 th Oct 2018	Friday 12 th Oct 2018	N/A

CONSENT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

All information is confidential and could be important to the welfare of your children.

Registration details
Child's name: _____
Postal Address: _____
Gender: _____ D.O.B: _____ Age: _____ School: _____ Postcode: _____
Parents Name: _____ Phone: H _____ W _____ M _____

MEDICAL DETAILS
Please indicate if your child suffers from any of the following:
Heart problems Yes / No Respiratory Problems Yes / No
Allergies Yes / No High/ Low blood pressure Yes / No
Recent surgery Yes / No Epilepsy Yes / No
Diabetes Yes / No
If you answered YES to any of the above, please give details: _____
Please give any details of any ALLERGIES/ REACTIONS your child may suffer from: _____
Is there any other medical or any other information that we should know about? _____

CONSENT AUTHORITY
As a parent / guardian of _____ I _____
Give my consent for him/her to participate in the activities organised by the PORT MACQUARIE SPORTS STADIUM and delegate my authority to the coaches involved.
I also authorise those persons to obtain such medical assistance they deem necessary should an accident occur. I undertake to pay all medical expenses incurred on behalf of the above participant. I further authorise qualified practitioners to see to my child if such an incident arises.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY
RECEIPT NO: _____ AMOUNT PAID: _____ DATE: _____ STAFF MEMBER: _____

Note: Forms can be dropped into the Stadium weekdays between 9am-9pm or email us at portstad@bigpond.net.au or call us on (6583 2501) and leave a message if unattended.

Westport Tennis Club

School Holiday Tennis Camps

CAMP INFORMATION:

- School holiday program for boys and girls aged 5 – 12 years
- Includes tennis coaching / ball skills and footwork activities
- Singles and doubles matches + ball machine = great fun!
- Conducted by qualified Tennis Australia coaches

CAMP DATES:

Camp 1: Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th October (9am – 1pm)
Camp 2: Monday 8th – Friday 12th October (9am – 1pm)

COST:

\$30 per day (9am – 1pm)

TO MAKE A BOOKING:

Contact Mark Rawlingson on 0412 834 336
Westport Tennis Club, Woods St, Port Macquarie

GLASSHOUSE SPROUTS



\$5 ONLY PER CHILD*
*Transaction fees may apply

HOLIDAY FUN FOR KIDS!

Get creative in the school holidays with the ever-popular Glasshouse Sprouts – art activities for children!

Glasshouse Sprouts provides art activities in the Regional Gallery helping children grow their creativity and have lots of fun!

The activities are just \$5 per child* places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Suitable for children 4 to 9 years of age
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Wednesday 3 October, 11am
Saturday 6 October, 11am
Wednesday 10 October, 11am**

SPROUTS ROAD SHOW!

THE GLASSHOUSE SPROUTS PROGRAM IS ON THE MOVE!

Bring your kids and come along to one of our Glasshouse Sprouts Road Shows these school holidays.

The activities are just \$5 per child.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Suitable for children aged 4 to 9 years old.

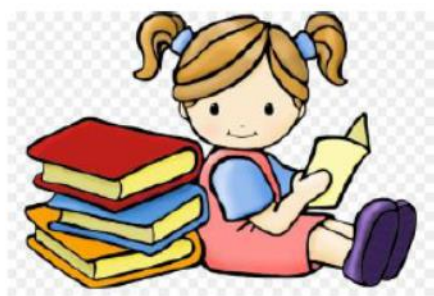
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.
Call 6581 8888 or www.glasshouse.org.au



LAURIETON LIBRARY
Thursday 4 October, 11am

WAUCHOPE LIBRARY
Thursday 11 October, 11am

Bookings available at the Library on the day. If bringing groups, please call the Glasshouse to book in advance.



How to help your children learn to read and spell

A workshop for parents and early educators of children in preschool, kindergarten and year 1

Learning to read is one of the most important skills that children need to learn in our modern world. If we can read we have greater opportunities in life for work, recreation, education, personal development and in our social lives. Yet many children struggle to learn to read.

Carol Baker (LCST, MSPA) is a paediatric speech pathologist who has had a long career working with children with speech, language, reading and spelling difficulties. She is a registered tutor with SPELD and she is passionate about early intervention and supporting and empowering parents to help their children. Carol has developed these practical workshops to give you some useful information and let you practice some skills so that you can help your children learn to read.

The workshop covers the following:

- how to create a rich home-learning environment
- evidence-based research findings on the importance of phonics for reading and spelling
- practical strategies on how you can help teach your child these early literacy skills:
 - The speech sounds associated with the single letters of the alphabet
 - How to write the letters of the alphabet neatly and use writing to help reading
 - The speech sounds associated with letters that work together eg: sh, ee, ow
 - How to break words into sounds and blend sounds into words
- Working with longer words (words with more than 1 syllable)
- Some early spelling / reading rules
- Some tips to develop reading fluency, vocabulary and reading comprehension
- I do, we do, you do teaching strategy
- How to correct errors without saying 'no'!

Some feedback from past workshops:

- "Thank you so much Carol. I thoroughly enjoyed your session. I have been frustrated and feeling at a loss as to how to help my 6 year old. Thank you for giving me some tools to assist him."
- "Very easy to understand – I appreciate the practical exercises and handouts we can use".
- "I have had a few years off teaching and I'm about to go back. It was a great overview and refresher. Thanks."

Where: Emerald Downs Community Hall, Port Macquarie

When: Sunday 4th November 2018 from 9.30am - 1 pm

Cost: \$70

To register call Carol on 0405 658 593 or email cb.speech@outlook.com



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September 7, 2018

MEMO TO SCHOOLS

We wish to advise that we are holding intensive swim programs in the school holidays and we would appreciate if you could include the advertisement below in your newsletter. We thank you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully

Donna Evans
Co-Ordinator
Port Macquarie Pool

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS **MORNING INTENSIVE SWIM PROGRAM**

WEEK 1 – Tuesday 2nd October to Friday 5th October 2018 (4 Days)

And

WEEK 2 – Monday 8th October to Friday 12th October 2017 (5 days)

\$56 Wk 1/\$70 Wk 2 - pre-school and school age Learn-to-Swim – Seahorse Level (max 4 per class)

\$52 Wk 1/\$65 Wk 2 - Goldfish Level (max 5 per class)

\$48 Wk 1/\$60 Wk 2 - Frog Level (max 6 per class)

\$44 Wk 1/\$55 Wk 2 - Penguin (max 8 per class) & Dolphin (Max 15 per class)

Fees include pool entry for the child in lessons any other swimmers **MUST** pay pool entry.

Bookings are being taken now. Bookings are on a per week basis only.

ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE AUSTSWIM QUALIFIED

Please note a non-refundable deposit of \$10 per child is required to be paid at the time of booking.