

# WESTPORT

## PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Welcome to Week 3. This term there are many great events to look forward to. One of those events has been the recent excursion to Milson Island. From all accounts it has been fantastic and the students have really enjoyed themselves. We look forward to hearing all about it this week.



Other activities and events include the Yr 6 Farewell, student reports, Carols by the Vines, intensive swimming and the Presentation Day Assembly. Another very busy term!

Our new Kinders have been enjoying their first week of Kinder Drop In. It's always great to see the new students wearing their Westport shirts. They are very enthusiastic and excited to be starting at big school!



The school is reviewing our security procedures and systems to ensure the safety of students, staff and adults on site and limit the disruption to lessons. In light of this, could all parents please ensure they report to the school office to pick up their son/daughter. Our office staff will then organise to have your son/daughter brought to you at the office. If you require a time to talk to the classroom teacher, please inform the office and they will book in an interview time for you to discuss an issue.

Have a great week.

**Tony Johnston**  
Principal

### Coming Events for Term 4

Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Endeavour House Reward Day
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Kindergarten Transition Drop-in 1.00 – 3.00pm
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Kindergarten Transition Drop-in 1.00 – 3.00pm
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Stage 3 Surf Education at Town Beach
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kindergarten Transition Drop-in 1.00 – 3.00pm
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kindergarten Transition Drop-in 1.00 – 3.00pm
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Intensive Swimming Scheme
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Diamond Awards Assembly -12.15pm
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr6 High School Orientation
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Scripture Assembly
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Presentation Day
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Farewell

### Reminder to Parents/Carers Late Students

Please ensure that you accompany your child/ren to the school office to sign them in. Student/s will be given a late slip to give to their teacher and make their own way to class.

### Early Leavers

Parent/carers please come to the school office to sign your child/ren out. The office will then arrange for your child/ren to be brought to office.

### 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.



## Term 4 Assembly Timetable

Assembly is held on Tuesday starting at 1pm

K-Year 2	Year 3-6
	Week 3 – Year 3/4 Bottlebrush
Week 4 – K Flame	Week 5 – Year 5 Melaleuca
Week 6 – Year 2 Bluegum	Week 7 – Diamond Assembly
Week 8 – K Jacaranda	Week 9 – Year 5 Hibiscus

## School Intensive Swimming

There are now limited spots left for the Intensive Swimming Scheme. Please send money and note to Miss Walton as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

## Uniform Shop Update

The uniform shop is re-opening for fittings and cash sales fortnightly commencing Thursday Week 3 (1 November) between 8:45 and 9:30am until the end of term.

Students and families wishing to purchase uniforms online or using electronic payment methods can do so anytime online via [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

Uniforms purchased via flexischools will be delivered as follows:

- Current Students - Uniform orders received prior to 4pm Wednesday will be delivered direct to the students classroom weekly on a Thursday.
- New Students - When ordering uniforms for a new student, select the 'New Student' class within FlexiSchools. Orders placed before 4pm for new students will be delivered to the school office for collection the next school day.

The P&C would like to thank all our wonderful uniform shop volunteers for your assistance in providing this vital school service!

## 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<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 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 in the next week. Eligible students will receive this service FREE of charge. To test your eligibility, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 so we can confirm your child's booking. Please ensure you complete one form per child.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) – House Reward Tuesday 30 October, 2018

### Endeavour

The awarded Dolphin Points are tallied weekly for each Sporting House and collated to determine the winning House for the term.

In Term Three the winning House was Endeavour. Congratulations!

All students in Endeavour are invited to wear the colour green instead of their school uniform on Tuesday 30 October. They will also have an extra play session from 2 – 3pm.

## 2 Paperbark Creations

Erica, Nevaeh and Ruby from 2 Paperbark wearing their art shirts are holding the wands they've made.



## Milson Island Excursion Photo







## Kinder Orientation



## Surf Education Program







**Health**  
Mid North Coast  
Local Health District

### **Healthy on Track Exercise Program**

Mid North Coast Local Health District will be offering a free six-week Healthy Lifestyle program to all Aboriginal people in the Hastings Region.

Where: **Macquarie Park, Port Macquarie.**

When: **Every Monday & Wednesday from 5pm til 6pm**

Commencing: **Monday 29 October until  
Wednesday 5 December 2018**

This program includes exercise catering for all fitness and skill levels including boot camp, games, circuits and boxing.

***All participants are required to complete a registration pack before the program starts***

Registration packs are available from;

- Werin Medical Clinic, Lake Road
- Birpai Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Aston Street
- Health Promotion office at Community Health, Morton Street Port Macquarie
- Or phone Jess Morris on 6588 2896

Registration packs can be returned to all of these places.



**MAKE  
HEALTHY  
NORMAL**

**SMALL STEPS  
CAN MAKE  
A BIG  
DIFFERENCE.**

Artwork produced by Gumbaynggirr artist Brentyn Lugnan



# OUR Canteen needs YOU!

Have a little FREE time now the kids are at school and / or really need some adult company for part of the day? Our Canteen could really use your help!

**WHEN:** Weekly / Fortnightly / Monthly      9:00am - 11:30am

**BONUS:** Your children are happy to see you in their favourite place - the school canteen! You'll meet new people, make friends within the school community and be rewarded in the knowledge that you're providing a valuable service to the school.

No experience necessary! Everything you need to know will be learnt within a short timeframe.

Please complete the form below and drop it back to the Canteen as soon as possible if you would like to help.

Thank you

## I would like to help out in the Canteen!

I am available (please tick)...

Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday

Weekly / Fortnightly / Monthly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_





# Tuning in to Kids Program

## Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

UNDERSTAND AND MANAGE EMOTIONS TO IMPROVE PARENT-CHILD CONNECTION  
Family Support Network



Tuning in to Kids consists of six interactive group sessions for parents and is designed for all families with children aged 3-11 years.

The program teaches simple emotion coaching skills so parents can recognise, understand and respond to children's emotions in an accepting, supportive way.

This approach helps promote emotional and social competence in children.

### Would you like to:

- help your child manage anger and other strong emotions?
- be better at understanding and talking with your child?
- help to prevent problem behaviours?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

### Program details: 2018

Tuning in to Kids program meets weekly for six weeks: 06 Nov - 11 Dec

Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Cost: **FREE** (limited places, registration essential)

Venue: Centacare Level 1, 10-12  
Short Street, Port Macquarie



For more information or to register  
Contact: Regen Hintz  
Family Support Network  
Phone: 6581 6800





## 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](mailto:cb.speech@outlook.com)