

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 3rd December 2018

Welcome to Week 8. We are now at the business end of the term and many important activities are coming up. Teachers are finalising reports and Year Six students are adjusting to their upcoming transition to high school. I am sure they are looking forward to the beginning of their new journey.

This Sunday our wonderful choir, along with some talented ukulele players, will be performing at the Westport Club Carols. This is a great opportunity to promote our wonderful school and showcase the fantastic talents of our students. Our school is involved in many fantastic extra curricula activities.

Last week we conducted our Diamond Award Assemblies for infants and primary. It is an indication of how quickly our school is growing that we now need to split our assemblies due to space restrictions in the hall. Congratulations to all the students who received their Diamond Certificate on the day. One of the highlights of the assembly is always the excellent slide show that Mrs Page produces each term. It also presents clear evidence of how much our school does for our students. Well done to the students, staff and parents of Westport Public School!

Have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

K-2 Treat Day

This term, Treat Day for K-2 students will be an excursion to the cinema in the last week of school. The cost will be approximately \$12, however, this will be confirmed closer to the date. To be eligible for Treat Day students need to earn 80% of stamps on their behaviour charts for the time they have attended school this term. More information including a permission note will be sent out closer to the date.

Splendour DVDs

Our Splendour performance DVDs are ready and available for purchase from the administration office for \$10.

Term 4 Assembly Timetable

Assembly is held on Tuesday starting at 1pm

K-Year 2	
Week 8 – K Jacaranda	Week 9 – Presentation Day Assembly – Friday 14 th Dec, in the school Hall. K-Yr2 – 9:15am Yr3-Yr6 – 10am

Coming Events for Term 4

Tue 4 th Dec	Year 6 High School Orientation
Wed 5 th	Kindergarten Transition Drop-in 1.00 – 3.00pm
Thurs 6 th	Kindergarten Transition Drop-in 1.00 – 3.00pm Last Session
Fri 7 th Dec	Scripture Assembly Yr3-Yr6 9.50 – 10.30am K-Year 2 10.30 – 10.00am
Wed 12 th Dec	Carols by the Vines
Fri 14 th Dec	Presentation Day K-Yr2 – 9.15am Yr3-Yr6 – 10.00am
Mon 17 th Dec	Year 6 Farewell 6pm-9pm
Wed 19 th Dec	St 2 & 3 Reward Day – Kendall Pool
Wed 19 th	K-Yr2 Reward Day – Majestic Cinema
Wed 19 th	Last day of school 2018
Tues 29 th Jan 2019	Staff return to school –Pupil Free Day.
Wed 30 th Jan 2019	Year 1 to Year 6 return to school
Wed 30 th – Mon 4 th Feb	Kinder Best Start Interviews
Tues 5 th Feb	First day for Kindergarten

Year 6 Farewell Fundraiser



Money for our Year 6 Farewell Fundraiser should be returned to class teachers by Wednesday December 5th, 2018.

The Christmas Tarts will be delivered to school for collection on Thursday 13th December.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Mrs Urquhart

A Day out at Kooloonbung Creek!

Our Stage 1 students visited Kooloonbung Creek last week as part of their Geography learning. They walked around the boardwalks and observed the environment, plants and animals that live there.

Although the weather was a little unpredictable, they enjoyed their lunch at the creek and even had the chance to explore the historic cemetery before heading back to school.





Stage 2 – Ice cream in a Bag Experiment

Stage 2 students had an exceptional morning last Friday as they carried out a science experiment making ice cream in a bag. This was all part of their science unit learning about how a liquid is affected by cooling. The students enjoyed eating their ice cream at the conclusion of the experiment.

Stage 2 Teachers



Intensive Swimming Scheme

Here are a few photos from our Intensive Swimming Scheme. It is a very important skill to learn and the children gain a lot from this program.



Year 6 Decorations

Year 6 have been doing some graduation decorations and they look great.



Lost Property

We have numerous swimming items and non school jumpers in lost property. If your child has lost something please come to the office and have a look as we will be donating these items to charity at the end of next week.



2019 Bus Pass Applications

Year 6 students entering Year 7 in 2019 need to re-apply for a new bus pass.

Students with existing bus passes will automatically receive their new bus pass in the mail. You should expect to receive your child's 2019 bus pass sometime throughout the holiday period provided your details are up to date, i.e. your correct address is in the system.

Students who need to apply or update their details can do so online. Applications close 31 December 2018. More information can be found on our website.



Scholarship Applications - A call out for Cultural and Community Scholarships

We would like to encourage our dancers, artists, musicians, actors and community minded (in school or the wider community) students to apply for scholarships in 2019.



Whilst we have started to receive a number of scholarship applications, most are in the academic and sporting areas and we know there are many incredible young people enrolling in Year 7 next year. Applications take about 10 minutes.

Four (4) scholarships are offered at each campus, to incoming Year 7 2019 students in the areas of excellence in Academic, Sporting, Cultural or Community Involvement. Each scholarship is worth \$500.

Hastings Secondary College scholarships to Year 6 entering Year 7 in 2019 will close on Monday 19 November.

Applications are online at [scholarship applications](#).



Year 7 2019 Orientation Day Tuesday 4 December

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 7, 2019 students to our College.

We have also arranged for Parent Sessions for each campus from 8.30am - 10.00 am on Tuesday 4 December. Please register your attendance.

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**PARENT ORIENTATION
TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER
8.30 AM - 10.00 AM**

Parents of Year 7 students 2019 are invited to an informative parent/carers orientation session. Come and enjoy a cuppa of tea and hear from staff and special guests on everything you need to know to assist the transition of your child into secondary school.

- Safe on Social Media
- Communication with the campus
- Parent Portal access
- Uniform and uniform shop
- Bus Travel Applications
- Parents and Citizens Association

Sessions will be held in the staff common room on each campus

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Enrolment forms are now overdue.

This is the formal acceptance of your child's placement in Year 7 2019. If you have not yet returned this form, please submit to your child's campus ASAP. Thank you.



Go 4 Fun

Dear parent,

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years, who are above a healthy weight. Best of all it's **absolutely FREE!**

WHEN DOES GO4FUN RUN? Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks after school during the school term, and children attend a fun filled 2-hour session each week with their parent.

WHAT DO WE DO AT GO4FUN? Every week children play fun and interactive games and activities to get their heart rates up and enjoying being active. You and your child also learn about healthy eating, setting goals, portion sizes, label reading and more. The child receives up to 3 attendance prizes, and parents a \$20 fresh fruit and vegie voucher each session they attend. School-aged siblings welcome.

Registration for Term 1, 2019 is open with limited places in the FREE, FUN Port Macquarie Go4Fun which runs Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 - 5.30pm at Port Macquarie Public School and pool, commencing February 6th.

Register NOW at Freecall 1800 780 900 or at www.go4fun.com.au

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