

WESTPORT

PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 4 February 2019

Welcome to term 1 2019! It has been a great start to the year with lots of smiling student faces and new enrolments at Westport Public School. Last year we estimated the school would start the year with around 372 students but this figure is looking conservative and it may be closer to 380. This means the school has grown by around 26% over the last four years. We have 15 classes with 5 composite classes and 10 non-composite classes.

You may notice a few changes around the school. We have installed a number of security cameras throughout the school office and playground to enhance the safety of students and staff. These cameras help to monitor for any unauthorised intruders as well as allowing us to act quickly should a student require first aid or be conducting themselves in an unsafe manner.

Maintenance updates will also be conducted through the school during the term. These include replacing drainage covers, new fans in the library, repairing the soft covering in the cola and various Health and Safety issues.

Another exciting event at Westport is the Got It Program. This will be conducted during 2019 and allow parents and teachers to access high quality assistance in understanding and responding to various challenging behaviours by their children/students. The program focuses on K-2 but has implications for all students and parents. A parent survey has been sent out to all K-2 parents and we would highly encourage everyone to please fill out the survey and return it to the office. All information is confidential.

I am really looking forward to the school swimming carnival on Friday especially the whirl pool!

Have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

Coming Events for Term 1

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| Monday 4 Feb | Last day of Best Start |
| Monday 4 Feb | Got-It! Program Information Stall |
| Tuesday 5 Feb | First day for Kindergarten |
| Friday 8 Feb | Year 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival |
| Monday 11 Feb | Got-It! Program Seminar |
| Wed 13 Feb | Burraydjarr Youth Group commences |
| Wed 6 March | School Photos |

Youth Group

Please be advised the Burraydjarr YOUTH GROUP will commence on Wednesday 13 February 2019 as normal.

Year 3-6 Annual Swimming Carnival

Westport Public School will conduct the annual Swimming Carnival on Friday, February 8 2019 at Port Macquarie Pool, commencing at 9:45 am and will be transported by bus.

A team will be selected from the competitors to represent the school at the Hastings Camden Haven Carnival. There will also be novelty events and 25m races run at the same time in the middle pool for the students who cannot quite reach the 50m.

We advise all students to bring lunch and recess from home. The pool kiosk will be open throughout the day to purchase snacks. Students wear their Sporting House colour or their school uniform. Please ensure that children have suitable protective clothes – **swimmers, rash shirt, goggles, hat and sunscreen.**

All students are required to attend as activities have been organised for all levels of swimming ability, including non-swimmers. It's a really fun and active day.

Cost - \$7.

Permission notes have been handed out and are to be returned to the class teacher by Thursday 7 February.



Got-It! Program Information Stall

Westport Public School

Monday 4th February 2019

8.30am – 9.30am

In the 1st week of **Term 1**, Parents/carers of **children** in years **K-2** will receive some information packs that will come home with their children.

The Got-It! team are going to be at the school on the above date and are happy to chat with any families that may want to know more about the program and the information packs.

Got-It! **are excited to be working with** Westport Public School **to help support** children in K-2 manage their big emotions, build social skills and develop prosocial behaviours.

The Got it! Team **look forward** to meeting families and working with you and your children throughout **Terms 1 & 2**.

Thank You!!

From the Got-It! Team!

HELPING YOU, HELPING YOUR KIDS... WITH EMOTIONS AND BEHAVIOURS KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2 PARENT SEMINAR REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

DATE: MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2019

TIME: 9:30 AM – 12 PM

LOCATION: WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL

The parent's/ family members of Westport Public School are invited to a Parent Seminar with the GOT-IT! Team.

GOT-IT! is a school based early intervention program provided by the specialist 'Getting On Track In Time' children's mental health and wellbeing team in partnership with your child's school.

The program targets emotional and behavioral awareness and is designed to support children, parents and teachers in classes K-2.

All parent's/family members of K-2 are invited to attend to find out how they can help their kids learn about emotions and learn more about the Got It! program.

Please advise the school office by Thursday 7th February if attending.

Light refreshments will be provided at the end of seminar.

The Got-It! Team are looking forward to meeting you all on the day!



Community News

Port Macquarie Tennis Club

After School Group lessons:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays 4 - 5pm and Saturday 9 -10am

Pre-School Lessons (4-5 year olds)

Weekday mornings after 9am

We are an active kids provider - active kids vouchers accepted.

As we are a Tennis Australia affiliated club with qualified Tennis Australia coaches.

After School Bus Pick up (Yellow Bus and Volvo)

Mondays - Regional/ St Columba/ St Peters/Mckillop

Tuesday - Tacking Point/ Hastings/ St Peters/ McKillop/St Agnes

Thursday - Regional/ St Columba

Friday - Regional/ St Columba/ Tacking Point/ Hastings/ St Peters/ McKillop/ St Agnes

Ladies Group Lessons

We currently have ladies on a wait list depending on the day or times, so if this is something you might be interested in, please let us know.

Semi - private and Private lessons - either half an hour or hour time slots. Please email or phone to book in.

Lessons at Saint Columba - If you have a child attending SCAS and they are in years K-6 you can book in to attend lessons at Saint Columba. The lessons are held in the middle and afternoon sessions and students are withdrawn from their class on a rotating roster.

Competitions

We have weekly competitions that cater for all ability levels.

Junior Competitions - Friday Afternoon (note bus pick up from schools listed above)

Social tennis

Monday Night drop in social tennis 7-9pm. Ladies social Tennis - Monday and Wednesday 8-11am, Saturday Morning Men's 7-9am.

Wauchope Tennis Club

Wednesday's - Group tennis lessons and private and semi-private lessons available.

