

WESTPORT

PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 18 February 2019

Welcome to Week 4. A lot has been happening around the school over the last week. Our Got It program has been well received and the parent seminar was well attended. Thank you to those parents who were able to make the presentation in the library. We are still waiting on some parents to submit their confidential survey which can be handed in at the office.

Last Wednesday we had the District swimming carnival and it was very pleasing to watch our wonderful students compete. Their behaviour was also exemplary and typical of what we have come to expect of our students when representing our school. Well done everyone!

We now have a fully functional CCTV network in the school for security purposes. We will soon be installing phones in the classroom to enhance communication across the school.

The school enrolment is around 388 which is close to attaining another class. Our school has experienced growth of approximately 25% over the last four years which is very exciting. The difficult part of this growth is handling larger class sizes until the next teacher is appointed. We appreciate your understanding and patience in this transition period.

I hope you have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

Information for Students with Medical Conditions

If you have a child that has been diagnosed with asthma and carries an inhaler in their bag at school it is essential you provide the school with a current asthma plan. You will also be required to complete a 'Request for student to carry his/her own asthma reliever medication' form. This form is available from the school administration office.

If you have a child that requires temporary medication administered for short term conditions (i.e. antibiotics or pain relief) you must complete an 'Administering Temporary Medication Request' form which details the medication and dosage. Medication must be provided in its original packaging, and in the case of prescribed medication must have the original pharmacist labelling with the student's name and dosage. **No medication can be administered by school staff unless these conditions are met.** Medication times are at 12.00 pm daily. Also, it is the responsibility of parents / students to collect the temporary medication each day.

Coming Events for Term 1

Tue 19 Feb	3-6 Assembly at 1pm
Wed 20 & Thurs 21 Feb	The Canteen will be closed on these dates.
Wed 27 Feb	HSC Information Evening Year 5 & 6
Wed 27 Feb	P&C Meeting, 6pm - Staff Room
Wed 6 & Thur 7 March	School Photos
Tue 12 March	K – 2 Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 13 March	3 – 6 Parent Teacher Interviews

Westport Public School Award Winners

Term 1 – Week 3

K- Flame – Alicia, Ava, Sarah, John

K- Jacaranda – Ellie, Piper, Ace, Dante

K/1-Wattle – Lucy, Xavier, Alexis, Henry

1 Acacia – Braxton, Savanna, Shantaya, Cooper

1/2 Paperbark – Mackenzie, Charly, Anthony, Kylan

2 Bluegum – Thomas, Tarnee, Izabel, Jai

Term 1 Assembly Timetable:

K-Yr2	Yr3-6
	Week 4 – 6 Frangipani
Week 5 – 1/2 Paperbark	Week 6 – 5 Hibiscus
Week 7 – 1 Acacia	Week 8 – 4/5 Melaleuca
Week 9 – 1 Banksia	Week 10 – 3/4 Macadamia
Week 11 – Bronze Awards	

1st P&C MEETING OF 2019

All parents, carers and friends are invited to attend the first P&C meeting of 2019 and to be part of your P&C Committee.

Meetings are informal, fun and informative and are typically held once per school term, in addition to an AGM in March each year.

What: Term 1 P&C Meeting

Where: School Staffroom

When: Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 6:00pm

School Photos

Your child/children are bringing home their school photo envelopes today. School photos will be taken on Wednesday 6th March 2019 and Thursday 7th March 2019. Children may return their envelopes before Photo Day or bring it to school with them on Wednesday 6th March. If returning photo envelopes before Photo Day please take them to the school office. We have very limited envelopes but every child will receive one and therefore we will not be able to replace lost ones. If you would like a sibling photo taken please contact the office to obtain the particular envelope required for these photos.

Toni Lawes

School Photo Co-ordinator

Canteen Closed Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 February

The P&C wish to advise that the School Canteen will be closed this coming Wednesday and Thursday.

Please note that no food, drinks or lunch orders will be available on these days. The P&C apologise for any inconveniences caused and look forward to serving you more delicious food on Friday!

Student Accounts

Student accounts are being sent home today with the eldest student in each family. The Voluntary Contribution is \$25.00 per student and the Class Resource Levy is \$25.00 per student. There are family waivers (concessions) for the Voluntary Contribution – if there are 3 or more children in the one family. Cash and cheque payments can be returned in an envelope and sent to the child's class teacher. EFTPOS payments can be made at the front office. Office hours are 8.30 am to 3.15 pm daily. These contributions are used to help provide extra resources to benefit all of our students.

Uniform Shop

New students can still order online at www.flexishools.com.au. When ordering uniforms for a new student, select the 'New Student' class within Flexishools. Existing students who do not yet know their class for 2019, can continue to utilise their current class until it is updated.

The Uniform Shop will now be open weekly every Thursday morning from 8.30 am-10 am.

Scripture Non Attendance

Scripture classes will be commencing soon. If you do not wish your child/ren to participate please send a note into your class teacher.

School Administration Office Hours

The school administration office hours are 8:30 am to 3:15 pm daily. The office is closed outside of these hours.

Term 1 Sport – Swimming Skills – 2019

Stage 2 and 3 students have the opportunity to travel to the Port Macquarie Pool in Gordon Street for weekly sport each Thursday for the last seven weeks of this term. Transport will be by bus. Students who are poor, average or strong swimmers will practise their swimming skills under direct supervision of school and pool staff in groups of approximately 10. Activities will be in the 25m pool or 50m pool depending on level of ability.

Where: Port Macquarie Pool, Gordon Street

When: Thursday 28 February to 11 April (7 weeks)

Time: Students will leave school at 12.15 pm and return to school by 1.45 pm.

Cost: \$49.00 per student

Students will change into their swimmers and rash/sun shirt at school. They will need to bring goggles, sunscreen and a towel.

Permission notes were sent home on Friday 15 February. There are limited places available return permission note and payment as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Payment and permission notes must be returned to Mrs Osborne by Tuesday 26 February.

Year 5 and 6 Canberra Excursion

The Stage 3 excursion in 2019 is in Canberra, and will be held from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th December (Week 8 in Term 4). It is anticipated that the cost of the camp will be approximately \$600.00 per child.



We have made bookings for 60 students. The first 60 students to bring in the deposit of \$100.00 will secure a place on the excursion.

We have been taking students to Canberra for many years and find it to be a very valuable and rewarding experience. The activities the students will be involved with are vast, and cover a wide range of the curriculum.

On Monday the students will be travelling to Canberra after a 5.30 am departure and visiting Mount Ainslie and the *National Capital Exhibition* in the afternoon. We are staying at Canberra Park Resort where we will have our evening meal. After dinner the students will visit *Telstra Tower*.

On Tuesday the students will enjoy a guided tour of the *National Museum of Australia*. After lunch a visit to *Geoscience Australia*, followed by a tour of Parliament House. At night they will be going to the movies.

On Wednesday the students will be visiting the *Royal Australian Mint* and doing the *Embassy Tour* in the morning, in the afternoon the *Electoral Education Centre* and the *National Zoo and Aquarium*. The evening activity will be *Questacon*.

On Thursday morning the students will visit the *Australian Institute of Sport*, followed by spending a few hours and lunch cooling down at the Splash Water Park (waterslides!) In the late afternoon the students will visit the *Australian War Memorial*. The evening activity is *AMF Bowling*.

On Friday the students will travel home. Estimated time of arrival back at school is 6 pm.

There will only be 60 places available for this amazing experience, be prompt with your \$100.00 deposit to avoid disappointment. Only students who consistently follow our school values to be Learners who are Respectful and Safe are eligible to attend.

Any inquiries ask excursion coordinator Mrs Osborne.

All deposits to be handed in to Mrs Osborne by 29th March.

Congratulations to all students who attended our swimming carnival! It was a fantastic day where the students competed in races, participated in novelty events and enjoyed free swimming time.

Swimming Carnival Results - Boys			
	First	Second	Third
Open 100m	Hamish	Max	Braydee
8yrs 50m	Xavier		
9yrs 50m	Kayden	Jarntae	Braydee
10yrs 50m	Corey	Sam	Orlando
11yrs 50m	Jett	Thomas	Kieran
12yrs 50m	Hamish	Jayden	Max
Jnr Breaststroke	Sam		
Jnr Backstroke	Corey	Caleb	Sam
11yrs Breaststroke	Jett	Liam	
11yrs Backstroke	Kieran	Jett	Thomas
Snr Backstroke	Jayden	Lennox	Thomas

Swimming Carnival Results - Girls			
	First	Second	Third
Open 100m	Amarni	Chloe	Larnie
8yrs 50m	Izabel		
9yrs 50m	Kalila	Alice	Madison
10yrs 50m	Murphy	Georgia	Ruby
11yrs 50m	Amarni	Amelia	Lilly
12yrs 50m	Chloe	Larnie	Dakoda
Jnr Breaststroke	Ruby		
Jnr Backstroke	Georgia	Izabel	Mercedes
11yrs Breaststroke	Amarni	Lilly	Amy
11yrs Butterfly	Amarni		
11yrs Backstroke	Amarni	Kira	Lilly
Snr Breaststroke	Larnie	Rae Venice	Chloe
Snr Backstroke	Chloe	Lilly	Larnie
Snr Butterfly	Chloe	Larnie	
Open Medley	Chloe	Larnie	

It's nearly time for the annual P&C Easter Raffle, where every child will have an opportunity to buy a ticket to win one of many fabulous Easter Egg Hampers!



Donations can be dropped off at the Canteen each morning before school and will be made up into delicious Easter Basket prizes by our amazing volunteers.

Following collection of the donated eggs, students will have an opportunity to purchase tickets in the Easter Egg Raffle.

Tickets will be priced at \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00.

There will be lots of prizes to win, so good luck.

Thank you for your support
Westport Public School P&C Committee



Community News



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HASTINGS

SECONDARY COLLEGE

EXCELLENCE - INNOVATION - OPPORTUNITY - SUCCESS

INVITATION

Year 5 and 6 students and their families




You are invited to meet staff, student leaders and current Year 7 students to learn more about the extensive opportunities available for your child in secondary school.

The presentation will address excellence , innovations, opportunities and successes which Hastings Secondary College offers to every student.

The team will provide an overview of programs available including Zenith, our comprehensive gifted and talented program, and the innovative academies in Creative and Performing Arts, Sports, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

If you are unable to attend the date set for your primary school, you are welcome to attend an alternative session.

Wednesday 27 February, 6.00pm

Hosted by

Westport Public School

Venue: School Library



Tennis Lesson

Westport Tennis Club, Woods Street, Port Macquarie

- Free intro lesson, racquets supplied
- Classes after school or Saturday morning
- Boys and girls age 5 – 12
- Adult classes also available
- Tennis Australia Qualified Coaches

Phone Mark on 0412 834 336

BRING A FRIEND OR MAKE SOME NEW ONES!

Date/s: Sunday 24th Feb & 10th March

Cost: \$10/day

Min. 2 games/day

Venue: TBC

BBQ lunch and drink incl.

Join in the fun!

Register NOW @ playcricket.com.au

Search for Mid North Coast Junior Cricket Council

Choose single or both dates and Hard or Soft ball option.

Soft ball aimed at Under 11 but not mandatory

Time: 9am-4pm

Ages: 9 - Under 15

Soft and Hard ball cricket options



All Girls Cricket!

Contact information:

Kate Jackson

0478283238

kate.jackson@cricketnsw.com.au



GLASSHOUSE PORT MACQUARIE & CDP PRESENTS TALL STORIES PRODUCTION OF

THE GRUFFALO LIVE ON STAGE!

BASED ON THE AWARD-WINNING PICTURE BOOK BY JULIA DONALDSON AND AXEL SCHEFFLER



Friday
22 March,
4.30pm



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THE GRUFFALO

cdpKids

tallstories.org.uk

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Cnr Clarence & Hay Sts, Port Macquarie

PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS COUNCIL

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SEASON 2019



GIRLS LEAGUE TAG IN 2019

U12, U14 & U16 - \$65

Please contact - registrar.juniorsharks@outlook.com

Mixed, boys / girls U6.5 – U12.5

Boys U13.5 – U16.5

Port Macquarie Junior Sharks Rugby League Football Club is a family friendly club and believes rugby league should be available & fun for kids of ALL abilities & gender.

Registrations for 2019 are now open! U6 – U16

All new & returning players are invited to come along to our 2019 meet and greet registration days and see what we are all about

or

you can register online!

Port Macquarie Junior RLFC Inc <https://playnrl.com/register/>

Saturday 9th February 2019 - McDonalds Settlement City 10am-2pm

Sunday 3rd March 2019 – Flynn's Beach 2pm-4pm

Season launch / rego day

(free sausage sizzle)

Registration Fees

\$130 First child – discounted prices for 2 or more children

And includes:

Registration, Insurance, photo, presentation, trophy and a Club Training shirt.

For more info check our website out below

http://websites.sportsta.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-2181-110019-0-0&ID=345952

or check us out on facebook (Port Macquarie Sharks Junior Rugby League)

Club contacts

President: Gordon Witherspoon 0404 775 069 gjwitherspoon@hotmail.com

Vice President: Shane Keegan 0422 502 851 allportsmash@optusnet.com.au

Registrar: Jane Keegan 0405 328 890 registrar.juniorsharks@outlook.com

Jerseys are supplied to players on game days, Shorts & Socks are available for purchase.

PMJSRLFC is part of the NSW Government Active Kids Voucher Program – visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au> to apply for your \$100 voucher per child

Interested in coaching? Please contact one of our committee members to discuss.

Looking for local parenting events?



Go to www.resourcingparents.nsw.gov.au

Use the "Search for your local parenting events" tab to put in your location and age group.

This will redirect you to show all local parenting events that are coming up in your local area such as 'Tuning Into Kids' and 'Positive Parenting'.

If there are no local events on at the time, you can subscribe to the newsletter to receive notifications when events are happening.



SPENDING QUALITY TIME

Spending 1-on-1 quality time with your child for at least 15 minutes a day can be enough to change problematic behaviours

1-ON-1 TIME CAN INVOLVE...

- Asking about their day and how they felt
- Following their play
- Regular physical contact – even a pat on the shoulder
- Pushing them on a swing
- Reading a book
- Cooking their favourite meal
- Drawing with your child

CAN YOU THINK OF ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES YOU COULD DO WITH YOUR CHILD?

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR SCHOOLS GOT IT! CLINICIAN

If your child is over 5 years old and started kindergarten then call Tracey Walsh on 02 6582 6842.

JOEYS HELPS 6-8 YEAR
OLDS TO BE PREPARED

being a joey
scout is fun!

learning life skills

In Joeys, all kids learn:

- ✓ Socialising with other children
- ✓ Basic bushcraft
- ✓ How to react to emergencies
- ✓ Taking responsibility
- ✓ Basic adventure-based activities

Girls and boys are equally involved



NO OTHER ORGANISATION OFFERS A
DIVERSE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF AGES.

JOEY SCOUTS (ages 6 - 8)

Joeys introduces girls and boys to the world of friendship, problem-solving and adventure through stories, games and craft activities.

CUB SCOUTS (age 8 - 11)

SCOUTS (age 11 - 15)

VENTURER SCOUTS (age 15 - 18)

ROVERS (age 18 - 25)

LEADERS (age 18+)

FELLOWSHIP (age 26+)

Your local Scout Group welcomes you, please contact:

Tracey 6582 6842

hop into
joey scouts



Membership hotline:
1800 SCOUTS (1800 726 887)
or go to www.scouts.com.au

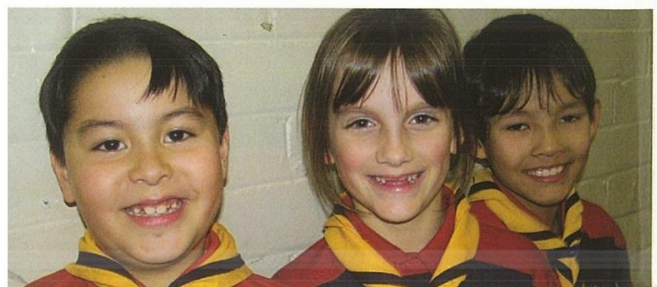
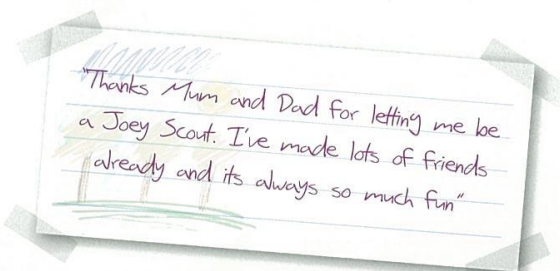
making friends and learning lots...



having fun at joeys

Joey Scouts is the first Section of Scouts, for boys and girls that are 6 to 8 years old. Joeys is a gentle introduction to a world of challenges and adventures through Scouting. Fun and friendship is the main aim!

A trained Joey Scout Leader guides a Joey Mob of up to twenty boys and girls. Joeys learn to share and care for each other in a fun and safe social environment. Scouting compliments a Joeys schooling by extending each child's understanding of the world around them.



what joey scouts do

Joey Scouts are taught to be creative through games, stories and craft activities. They might build spaceships from scrap items, grow plants from seedlings or learn and sing songs together. Through this, they all develop a strong sense of belonging.

Joeys are taught to jump in and help other people (H.O.P.I!) and to share with their friends.

Joeys learn how to recognise native birds and animals and develop an understanding of the impact of our modern world on the environment.

The safety of all Joey Scouts is very important which is why there are always leaders on hand during all activities.

At Joey Scouts children learn how to:

- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Make friends
- ✓ Help other people



what joeys wear

A Joey Scout Mob works together to achieve four main badges - Caring and Sharing, Adventure, Environment and the Buddy Badge. The badges show everyone a Joey Scout's awareness of important subjects and their ability to set and reach goals.

Each Joey Scout has the opportunity to achieve The Promise Challenge award before moving onto Cub Scouts.

interested in joining your local Scouts?

Whatever cultural or religious background you come from, you'll find a welcome at Scouts! Membership enquiries are also welcome from those with intellectual or physical disabilities.

To find out more about how your family can get involved and to help us keep you informed:

1800 SCOUTS (726 887)

www.scouts.com.au



GOT IT! Would like to say a big

THANK YOU!

To all the parents/carers for completing their Strengths & Difficulties Questionnaires.

We understand that this process may have been tough for parents/carers and could have been a little confronting to explore your child's behaviours. However, you have made an excellent step towards helping identify any social, emotional and behavioural concerns for your child.

If the completion of the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire did trigger any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with your School Action Team Coordinator Ms Harland or

Principal Mr Johnston.

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THANK YOU!

To all the parents who attended the Parenting Seminar on Monday 11th February at Westport Public School. This was a great opportunity for parents to meet with the Got-It! team as well as learn more about what the Got-It! team is doing in your school in **Terms 1 and 2** and how you as parents/carers can be involved. It was wonderful to see so many caring parents attend with lots of questions.



Friday Night Junior Rugby

@ Stuart Park Port Macquarie

5-6pm	Under 6/Under 8 Mixed (boys & girls)
530-630pm	Under 10 Mixed (boys & girls)
615-715pm	Under 12 Mixed (boys & girls)

**Season
Starts
3rd May
2019**

ENQUIRIES

PLEASE CONTACT

Craig Smith- Junior Representative

smithie1971@gmail.com

0439810612

Registrations \$140 (includes shorts, socks, polo, training singlet)

Active Schools voucher (\$100) available

Please Contact Craig Smith for team contact names, training times.

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

GO4FUN
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