

WESTPORT

PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 25 February 2019

Hi everyone and welcome to week 5. Hopefully this will be a better week for us as we have had a lot of sickness going through the staff. We appreciate your patience as we deal with the organisation around the replacement of staff.

The school numbers are continuing to increase and we are now very close to our 16th teacher and class. It would be wonderful to form a new class and reduce the number of students in each room across the school.

Last Friday our Kindergarten students enjoyed a fantastic bus excursion where they learnt all about being safe while traveling on the bus. The students enjoyed the opportunity to travel on the school bus and meet the friendly drivers.

On Wednesday 27th February, the high school will be conducting an information night in our school library at 6pm. All parents with students attending the local high school are welcome to come along and enjoy the presentation and have some pizza. This is always a great evening and well worth attending.

I hope you have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

Westport Public School Award Winners

Term 1 – Week 4

3/4 Bottlebrush – Erica

4/5 Melaleuca – Marlee, Lachlan

5 Hibiscus – Jett, Jasmine

6 Frangipani – Hayley, Bailey

Best and Fairest – Jarrell

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	

Coming Events for Term 1

Wed 27 Feb	HSC Information Evening Year 5 & 6
Wed 6 March	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

CHANGE OF DATE - 1st P&C MEETING OF 2019

Due to a clash with the Highschool Information Night, the first P&C Meeting of 2019 has been delayed one week. All parents, carers and friends are invited to attend and to be part of your P&C Committee.

What: Term 1 P&C Meeting

Where: School Staffroom

When: Wednesday 6 March 2019 at 6:00pm

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 6 March 2019 and Thursday 7 March 2019. Children may return their envelopes before photo day or bring it to school with them on Wednesday 6 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

Student Accounts

Student accounts have been sent home. 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 please use your class for 2019.

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.

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.

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 Wednesday 27 February.

Ukelele

The students of 6 Grevillea have been enjoying the ukelele lessons immensely and have shown tremendous improvement already. Many students are going out and purchasing their own instrument and putting in extra practice at home.

In order to allow every student the opportunity to practice at home, and further their improvement, we are offering the chance to hire out the school's brand new ukulele collection for the remainder of the year for the cost of \$10.00 and the understanding that damaged or broken ukuleles are replaced.

The students are going to be responsible for the safe keeping of the instrument and the travel to and from school. Any student who is interested in hiring a school ukulele will need to have the form filled out and have the hire free returned to the school office. Please see Mr Ainsworth.

Community News



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.

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**



**"funny, charming
and smart... brings
the house down"**
SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

BOOK NOW!
glasshouse.org.au

THE GRUFFALO
cdpKids
cdp.com.au tallstories.org.uk

GLASSHOUSE PORT MACQUARIE
02 6581 8888
Cnr Clarence & Hay Sts, Port Macquarie

**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.sportstg.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-2181-110019-0-0&SID=345952

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

Club contacts

President: Gordon Witherspoon 0404 775 069 gwitherspoon@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.

BECOME A HOST FAMILY IN JULY 2019!



REQUEST A FREE INFO PACK / SMS 'HOST' to 0428 246 633



HOSTING AT A GLANCE:

- Hosting is voluntary
- You choose your student
- Students attend high school full time
- 24/7 support provided
- Host families come from all over the state
- Students come from all over the world and stay for a short term (8-10 weeks), a semester or a year.

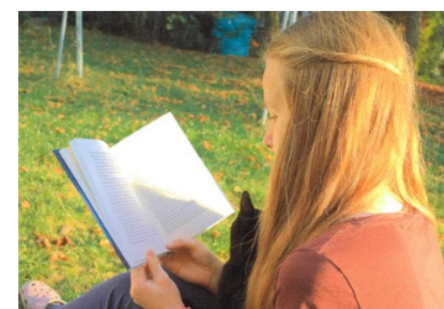
HEAR FROM A HOST MUM

"Hosting has been one of the most rewarding and exciting experiences for our family. Romane, our student, was definitely one of the most kind and pleasant people we have met and right from the start was a perfect fit for our family. Being able to share this experience has had a positive effect on all of my young children."
Host mum, Candice.

CAMILLA (16) ITALY

Ciao!

The list of activities I like to do in my free time is long, so I am never bored! Singing is my biggest passion and I hope to become a singer one day. I love reading. I also really enjoy photography. When it comes to sport, swimming and basketball are on top of my list! Thank you if you are going to choose me, I promise I'll be a perfect "daughter"!



MORE PROFILES: WEP.ORG.AU/HOST

WEP.ORG.AU/HOST / 1300 884 733 / INFO@WEP.ORG.AU



Knockout Health Challenge

Mid North Coast Local Health District is seeking Aboriginal Community members in Port Macquarie and Wauchope aged 16 years and older, interested in registering for the for the upcoming Knockout Health Challenge.

THE CHALLENGE runs for 10 WEEKS and aims to motivate Aboriginal people to manage their lifestyle-related risk factors for chronic disease and reduce prevalence of overweight and obesity through a weight loss competition and physical activity challenges.

Registration opens: **25th February 2019**

Pre Challenge: **18th- 29th March 2019**

Challenge Start: **1st April 2019**

Challenge Finish: **7th June 2019**

This program will include exercise catering for all ages, fitness and skill levels.

Registrations will take place at **Birpai Local Aboriginal Lands Council**

- Thursday 28th February 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- Thursday 7th March 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Registrations will take place at **Bunyah Local Aboriginal Lands Council**

- Tuesday 26th February 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- Tuesday 5th March 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

If you would like to register and cannot attend these sessions or have any questions;
Contact **Jess Morris on 6588 2896** or Jessica.Morris@health.nsw.gov.au

Checkout the Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NSWKnockoutChallenge/>



Health
Mid North Coast
Local Health District



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

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
- Regular physical contact - even a pat on the shoulder
- Reading a book
- Drawing with your child
- Following their play
- Pushing them on a swing
- Cooking their favourite meal

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR SCHOOLS GOT IT! CLINICIAN



JOEYS HELPS 6-8 YEAR
OLDS TO BE PREPARED

being a joey
scout is fun!

hop into
joey scouts

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



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

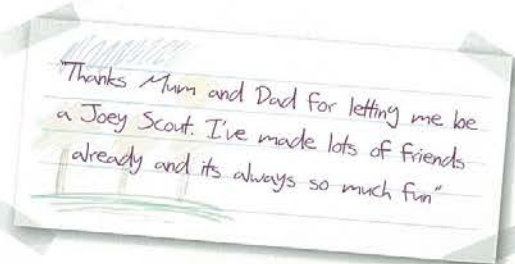
making friends and learning lots...



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



The Joey Scout Uniform

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