

# WESTPORT

## PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



**Monday 18 March 2019**

Welcome to week 8.

Last week many parents attended parent/teacher interviews. During this time each individual parent had the opportunity to talk to the teacher about the organisation of the class and generally how their son/daughter was going at school. Many parents attended the interviews and found this process to be useful and informative. We find that individual interviews are much more productive for all involved. Thank you to the parents and staff for taking advantage of this process.

This week three of our teachers will be attending the Connecting to Country program at the local Lands Council. I did this training two years ago and found it to be amazing and very informative. Staff learn about the local Aboriginal culture and the history of Aboriginal people around Port Macquarie. This information is then integrated into the curriculum.

NAPLAN practise will be conducted next week. Our school will be doing the online version using iPads and computers at the school. More information is provide later in this newsletter.

Have a great week.

**Tony Johnston**  
**Principal**

### Term 1 Assembly Timetable – 1 pm

K – Yr 2	Yr 3 – 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 (Time to be advised)	

### The Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is now open weekly every Thursday from 8:30 am to 10:00 am.

### Coming Events for Term 1

Mon 18 March	Police Visit for Year 3 – 6
Wed 20 March	Netball State Cup Year 5 – 6
Fri 22 March	K – 2 Gruffalo
Tue 26 March	Schubert 7's
Tue 9 April	Bronze Assembly
Fri 12 April	Last day of Term 1

### Westport Public School Award Winners Term 1, Week 7

**K Jacaranda:** Saxon, Amelia, Lynton, Holly

**K Flame:** Tate, Zoe, Aiden, Kytayah

**K Wattle:** Ax, Jasper, Isaac, Jacob

**1 Acacia:** Indigo, Pennyellen, Tommy, Riley

**1 Banksia:** Asha, Logan, Jack, Zoe

**1/2 Paperbark:** Hayden, Nate, Jarrod, Olivia

**2 Bluegum:** Savannah, Hollie, Jay, Chayse

**2/3 Redgum:** Muhammad

**Choir:** Issabelle

**Best and Fairest:** Jay, Shantaya

### NAPLAN Online Practice Test

All students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the NAPLAN Online Practice Test in Week 9 of this term. This will involve one 45-minute online test. Students will complete questions about reading, spelling, language and mathematics. Writing is not included in the test.

The practice test provides an opportunity for every student to experience the NAPLAN online assessment platform as well as the functionality and tools within the locked down browser. It also provides students with an opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience in NAPLAN online.

The test is not marked and no results will be recorded, this is a practice to assist the students in feeling comfortable with the NAPLAN online process which will take part during Weeks 3 and 4 in Term 2: Tuesday 14 May – Friday 24 May.

NAPLAN Practice Online test – 45 minute test Reading, Spelling, Language, Mathematics			
Wednesday 27 March	9.15 am 3 Redgum	9.15 am 3 Waratah	10.15 3 Bottlebrush
Thursday 28 March	9.15am 3 Macadamia	9.15 am 5 Hibiscus	10.15 5 Melaleuca

If you do not want your child to participate or you have any questions please see your child's teacher.

Nicole Osborne

## Community News

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### COME AND TRY RUGBY! WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 5:30-6:30 OXLEY OVAL

**The mighty Hastings Valley Vikings Rugby Union Club is for the first time in our history fielding teams in the Under 10 and the Under 12 competition held on Friday nights. If you love the idea of playing Vikings Rugby please set the date for our come and try night. We will show you the basics of Rugby Union and show you just how much fun it can be. This will be a great introduction to our game. There will be advice on how to register and competition days and times. You will also be able to meet the coaches who will lead you throughout this season. We will also have a BBQ and a chance to chat to coaches. It would be great if you could please Text or Call Craig on the details above to allow us to cater for the night. Rugby truly is the game for all abilities, and young ladies please feel welcome to**

**join in as well.**

**Yours In Rugby,  
Craig Smith**

