

WESTPORT

PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 8 April 2019

Welcome to week 11 of term 1! Much has been happening over the last few weeks.

P&C

I would like to thank Mark and Donna Edenborough for their hard work over many years on the P&C. I would also like to congratulate the new P&C Executive who were voted in at last Wednesday's AGM. Congratulations to Kelly Waters – President, Bronwyn Eyles and Heath Schofield – Vice Presidents, Stephanie Duncan – Treasurer and Lydia Wills – Secretary. The P&C is a very important organisation supporting the school and all the students benefit greatly from the funds they raise each year. Just some of the amazing activities the P&C organises and supports include: canteen, breakfast program, uniform shop, Mothers' and Fathers' day stalls, the colour run, Bunnings BBQs, the Life Education Van and many more. The P&C are always looking for more fantastic volunteers so get involved and support your students and school!

16th Class

Our school numbers have increase by 25% over the last four years. We are currently on 400 students. This allows the formation of the 16th class in our school. This is great news but will require some reshuffling of students and classes. Over all, the main changes will be taking place in Stage 2 with minimal impact on the early and later years. Letters have been sent home by the Assistant Principals outlining the changes and who will be affected. We are endeavouring to complete the formation of the new classes this week. This is to start second term with all students set in their new class. For the first time in many years our school will have almost all students in straight year classes!

ANZAC Day March

Our school will march as per usual on ANZAC Day, Thursday 25 April. We will be a part of the Hastings Valley Community of Schools and assemble at the same place, near the Thai restaurant (corner of Horton and William Street) and heading back towards the Bean Tree Café. If your child wishes to march, please arrive at 9.30am in full school uniform including hat. We hope to have many students looking fantastic in their school uniforms for this important event.

Easter Hat Parade

Please join us for a wonderful Easter Hat Parade at 12:30pm in the school COLA. This is always a very popular and colourful event.

I hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Tony Johnston
Principal

Coming Events for Term 1

Mon 8 April	Future Moves at school with Charles Sturt University Yr 5 & Yr 6
Tue 9 April	Bronze Assembly K – Yr 2 – 12.15pm Yr 3 – Yr 6 – 1.00pm
Wed 10 April	Zenith Testing
Fri 12 April	Easter Hat Parade K – Yr 2 12.30pm
Fri 12 April	End of Term Treat Day K – Yr 2 – At school activities Yr 3 – Yr 6 – Majestic Cinemas
Fri 12 April	Last day of school

Coming Events for Term 2

Mon 29 April	Staff Development Day
Tue 30 April	Students return to school

Westport Public School Award Winners

Term 1, Week 10

3/4 Waratah: Moya, Kai
3/4 Bottlebrush: Jemma, Kiarnah, Sophie
3/4 Macadamia: Karissa, Sophie
4/5 Melaleuca: Lily, Jarrell
5 Hibiscus: Chase, Thomas
6 Frangipani: Lela, Blake
Choir: Isabel
Best and Fairest: Jarrell

Term 1 Assembly Timetable

Week 11 – Bronze Awards: K – Yr 2 – 12.15pm Yr 3 – Year 6 – 1pm

The Uniform Shop

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



K - 2 Easter Hat Parade

This year our Infants Easter Hat Parade is on Friday 12th of April 2019 at 12:30pm at the Top Quad. If it is raining heavily the parade will be in the hall.

Students are asked to make their hats at home and bring them to school on the day of the parade. They will be put in a safe place in the classroom until the parade.

Parents/Carers, family members and friends are welcome to come and watch the Easter Hat Parade. Pre-schoolers are also invited to make a hat and join in the parade with their brother/sister in the preschool section. We are looking forward to seeing you on the day.

Thank you for your support.
K-2 Teachers

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLIDAY FUN FOR KIDS!

GLASSHOUSE SPROUTS

only \$7.50 per child*

Wednesday 17 April,
10am & 3pm
Wednesday 24 April,
10am & 3pm

Without fail our Sprouts children's art sessions never fail to delight our budding young artists!

Come and get creative with us these Easter school holidays.

*Transaction fees may apply

Perfect for kids aged 4-9 and their carers.



YOUNG MOVERS & SHAKERS

only \$35 per child*

Tuesday 16 April,
9am - 3pm
Thursday 18 April,
9am-3pm

A design and digital experience for our young movers and shakers to develop creative confidence and problem solving skills through STEAM – coding, animation and music making.

Bring your own lunch and snacks.

*Transaction fees may apply

Perfect for kids aged 8-14.

Numbers are limited – book now and don't miss out.

Bookings essential, Call 6581 8888 or www.glasshouse.org.au

FILM BY THE BREAKWALL

A Hastings Valley Community of Schools Event

RED CARPET 5:45 | SCREENING 6PM

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY

THURSDAY 9TH MAY

MAJESTIC CINEMAS - PORT MACQUARIE

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON YOUR SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES AND NEWSLETTER

Tickets available for purchase from Monday 8th April

WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM.AU/E/

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HVCS Hastings Valley
COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS
Excellence Inspiring Opportunity Sustained



How to help your children learn to read and spell

A half-day workshop for parents

Where: Emerald Downs Community Hall,
Port Macquarie, NSW 2444
When: Sunday 19th May 2019 from 9 am - 1 pm
Cost: \$70 (includes morning tea)

"The key to facilitating positive change in a child's academic attainment is the engagement of parents in learning outcomes in the home." Emerson, Fear, Fox and Sanders 2012

This evidence-based, practical workshop has been developed primarily for parents of children in years K, 1 and 2, and for parents of children with learning difficulties. It may also be of interest to parents of children in their last year of preschool.

Some feedback from past workshops:

- "I have been frustrated and feeling at a loss as to how to help my 6-year-old. Thank you so much for giving me some tools to assist him."
- "Very clear, useful instruction - a great help for us when we are trying our best to help our child".
- "Very helpful and informative. And I really enjoyed it too!"

Carol Baker (LCST, MSPA) is a paediatric speech pathologist who has had a long career working with children with speech, language, reading and spelling difficulties. She now gives workshops to support and empower parents to help their children.

To register
call Carol on 0405 658 593
or email cb.speech@outlook.com

For more information go to <https://www.cbakerspeechpathology.com.au/>



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★ APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ★ MORNING INTENSIVE SWIM PROGRAM

WEEK 1 - Monday 15th April – Thursday 18th April 2018 (4 Days)

And

WEEK 2 – Tuesday 23rd April - Friday 26th April 2018 (3 Days)

\$56/\$42 pre-school and school age Learn-to-Swim – Seahorse Level (max 4 per class)
\$52/\$39 Goldfish Level (max 5 per class)
\$48/\$36 Frog Level (max 6 per class)
\$44/\$33 Penguin (max 8 per class)/\$44/\$33 Dolphin (max 15 per class)

(Fees include pool entry for the child) Please note that anyone who is swimming **MUST** pay the pool entry fee. Entry is only free with lessons if you are watching.

Bookings are being taken now

ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE AUSTRALIAN QUALIFIED

Please note a non-refundable deposit is required to be paid at the time of booking.
There are no makeup lessons provided during the Intensive Program.



The Got It! Train Is Ready to Go!

The Got-It! team have contacted families who will be involved in the Exploring Together Program running next term at **Westport Public School** and are in the process of confirming attendance.

To all the families the Got-It! team have met with, thank you for taking the time to see us. Unfortunately, Got-It! can only accommodate a small number of families attending the program at one time and we would like to apologise to the families that are unable to be included in the Exploring Together program. In the coming weeks the team will be preparing and sending out comprehensive resource packs for the families not successful in securing a place in the program so please keep an eye out in the mail.

The Got It! team look forward to working with **Westport Public School** students, to encourage strong peer leaders in areas of social and emotional development.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish the **Westport Public School** community a safe & happy Easter Holiday break.



5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed



SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

1. Download SkoolBag

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SkoolBag: School Communication



2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.

3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.



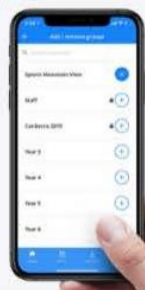
4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.



5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.



School Holiday Tennis Camps

\$30 per day 9am- 1pm

Camp 1. Mon 15th – Thurs 18th April

Camp 2. Tues 23rd / Wed 24th / Fri 26th April

- Quality tennis coaching games and drills from Tennis Australia Qualified Coaches.
 - Video analysis and ball-machine.
 - Boys and girls aged 5 – 15.
- Phone Mark Rawlingson 0412 834 336

Westport Tennis Club, Woods St. Port Macq.

ENCORE STUDIOS

MUSICAL THEATRE MASTERCLASS

17th April – THE IONA THEATRE
PORT MACQUARIE

Session Times

8 to 11yr – 9am to 12pm

12 to 18yr – 1pm to 4pm

Cost: \$55



SIOBHAN CLIFFORD

Hi-5 – Wicked
Into The Woods

STAGE & SCREEN MASTERCLASS

15th April – THE IONA THEATRE
PORT MACQUARIE

Session Times

8 to 11yr – 9am to 12pm

12 to 18yr – 1pm to 4pm

Cost: \$55



ALISON BENSTEAD

The Great Gatsby – Mad Max
Underbelly

