

WESTPORT

PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 10 June 2019

Welcome to Week 7. I trust that you have enjoyed your long weekend.

Last week our student leaders attended the GRIP leadership conference in Port Macquarie. The students enjoyed the opportunity to explore different elements of Leadership. These important skills can then be brought back into our school and put into practice. Thanks to the students and Mr Ainsworth for organising and supervising such an important event.

Last Thursday we had the finals for our school public speaking competition. It was a great privilege to listen to the amazing variety of speeches on so many interesting topics. Any student that prepared and delivered a speech deserves to be congratulated on performing this important skill. At some stage in a person's life they will need to deliver a speech and standing in front of a large group of people can be quite daunting. Well done to all the students and a big thank you to Mrs Osborne for organising this event.

Just a reminder that parents should make an appointment to talk to their child's teacher. This ensures that there is enough time to discuss important issues and classes are not disrupted.

Have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

Term 2 Assembly Timetable – 1 pm in the School Hall

Kindergarten – Year 2	Year 3 – Year 6
Week 7 – K Flame	Week 8 – 5 Hibiscus
Week 9 – 2 Redgum	Week 10 – Silver Assembly

Assembly Winners

3 Bottlebrush: Kayden, Travis, Tamika

3 Silverfern: Erica, Noah

4 Macadamia: Kiarnah, Sophie

5 Hibiscus: Zac, Keiana

5 Melaleuca: Murphy, Lilly

6 Frangipani: Dakota, Hamish

6 Grevillea: Charlotte, Kaleena

Ironbark: Hamish

Senior Choir: Flynn, Kaylee

Best and Fairest: Dakota

Coming Events for Term 2

Wednesday 18 June	Dance Festival
Friday 21 June	North Coast Cross Country
Friday 21 June	Crazy Hair Day Gold Coin Donation
Wednesday 26 June	Athletics Carnival
Friday 5 July	Primary Treat Day Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 23 July	First day back Term 3

Canberra Excursion: Payment Plan

Thursday 4 July	\$100 paid by this date
Friday 23 August	\$100 paid by this date
Thursday 26 September	\$100 paid by this date
Friday 8 November	\$60 paid by this date

All payments are to be paid to the office, eftpos is available. **You are very welcome to make payments at any time or pay the outstanding amount prior to 8 November, 2019.**

Book Club:

Book Club issue 4 has been handed out. Please return by Friday 21 June to ensure your order arrives before school holidays.

GRIP Leadership

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On Wednesday 4 June, 12 Stage 3 students travelled to Panthers to attend a GRIP Leadership Conference. The conference was a fun filled day of engaging activities and rich messages about leadership. The message is loud and clear to student leaders as it should be to everyone who aspires to any position of leadership, leadership is not a right nor is it a position with a glossy badge, leadership is about people and building the teams around you to improve culture.

The students enjoyed the day immensely and have come away with a newfound appreciation of their responsibilities as a leader.

Craig Ainsworth
Stage 3 Teacher

Public Speaking Final

Congratulations to all our Stage 2 and Stage 3 Public Speaking finalists.



Tamika with her topic: Westport Public School
Kayden with his topic: Everyday Heroes
Mason with his topic: Trains
Lilly with her topic: Blue Whales
Izabelle with her topic: Leonardo Da Vinci
Indi with her topic: Snot
Samuel with his topic: Feneck Foxes
Mia with her topic: Camping
Emily with her topic: Election
Romone with his topic: Super Powers
Murphy with her topic: Sport
Ruby with her topic: Lies your Parents Tell You
Rae Venice with her topic: Animation
Dakoda with her topic: Pollution
Chloe with her topic: Travelling Around Australia
Thomas with his topic: History of Lego



Thank you Mrs Murgatroyd for adjudicating.



Our winner for Stage 2 was Kayden and Stage 3 was Emily.



Snake Tails

On Monday we were lucky to have Bob from *Snake Tails* visit Westport Public School. Our students learnt about Australian reptiles in a safe, interactive and fun way and now have a greater understanding of the role our reptiles play in the environment today. Students saw four venomous snakes behind glass and were lucky enough to touch an Olive Python as they left the hall! A fantastic experience for all involved.





Community News

Cyber Safe Info Sessions for Parents

All parents and carers are welcome to attend a FREE 'Safe of Social Media' information session on Monday 22 July starting at 7 pm. Presented by Kirra Pendergast, a certified training provider for the Australian Office of the eSafety Commissioner.

During the information session you will learn simple steps you can take to reduce the risks for your children online. It will cover many elements of social media safety and discuss real-life examples and strategies for parents to support their children.

Keeping our children safe online is vital. Cyber-bullying, stranger danger, identity theft are issues that all parents need to take an active role in being aware of and knowing how to manage positively.

There will be time for questions so bring along your burning questions or scenarios you would like discussed.

More information on Kirra Pendergast can be found at the Safe on Social Webstie.

<https://www.safeonsocial.com/>

Parent Sessions - Monday 22 at 7:00 pm in our school library

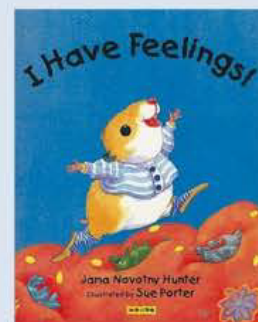
Student sessions - At school Tuesday 23 July.



Got It! Tip of the Week

Help your child to use words to describe how he is feeling in the moment. You might say something like, "It seems like you're feeling a bit worried". Providing words can help him to feel understood. It helps him to know that emotions are a normal part of everyday life and that they can be handled. Labelling emotions can also help him to bounce back more quickly when he is feeling upset. Be aware of not telling your child how he *should* feel, but helping him develop a vocabulary to express his emotions.

(BOOK *Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child: The Heart of Parenting* by John Gottman)



BOOK *I Have Feelings*
by Jana Novotny Hunter



Friday, June 21st

Gold coin donation on the day

Get crazy and creative!



Thank you for supporting your P&C



Please make sure you have enclosed foot wear, long trousers and long sleeve top. If you have a full faced motorbike helmet bring it along. We do have limited race wear available on the day.

It teaches driving skills and offers people an opportunity to gain a career in motor sport in a safe and organized environment.

By getting behind the wheel of a kart at a young age the sport teaches children about car control and how to react in different situation, well before they get behind the wheel of a car on the public road.

We look forward to welcoming you to experience the adrenalin packed sport of karting on our next come and try.

Come and try day
For ages 6 years and over
\$30 per person
Approx. 20 laps = 21km of driving

16TH JUNE 2019 COME AND TRY GO KARTING

Come and try day

If your interested in finding out what a real go kart is like to drive and are thinking about getting into motorsport go karting is the 1st step into motor sport. Your all welcome to come to the Port Macquarie track on the 16th June for our come and try day. Our last come and try day was a huge success and if you miss out on the day you will be able to arrange another day to try as we can only fit so many in on the day.

The cost is \$30 per person and you will get around 20 Laps which equates to 21km of driving in a go kart. Its loads of fun and great experience for all ages as young as 6 years and up of enjoying the sport.

We provide you with safety equipment and instructions to allow you to experience the thrill of driving a kart. There is no racing or competition of any kind on the day. You're on the track to see if you would like to take up the sport.

PORT MACQUARIE KART RACING CLUB INC

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16th June 2019 -- 9am -4pm

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