

WESTPORT

PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 17 June 2019

Welcome to Week 9.

Schools are constantly a hive of activity for students and teachers alike. I would like to acknowledge our hardworking staff this week as they balance report writing, proofing, preparing lessons and engaging our students in fantastic events such as the Dance Festival. In addition to this, they are constantly coming up with new ways to encourage and excite our students.

Dance Festival

Congratulations to all our dancers and their teachers!

Stage 1 and Mrs Bendall – 'Blue Danube'

Stage 2 and Mrs Slade – 'Loves Runs Out'

Stage 3 and Miss Harland – 'Marryuna'

Stage 1, 2 & 3 Boys Group and Mrs Burton – 'Radioactive'

The dancers are a credit to themselves and to our school. They had a wonderful experience performing as part of a big show with other schools from across the Mid North Coast. Well done!

North Coast PSSA Cross Country

Last Friday three students: Erica, Georgia and Dakota, represented the Lower North Coast at the North Coast Cross Country Carnival in Nana Glen. They ran extremely well with Georgia placing fifth in the 10 Year Girls race and earning a place in the North Coast team to compete at the State Carnival on the 26th July at Eastern Creek. Erica and Dakota also ran very well.

Updating our School Uniform

A note was sent home last week about proposed school uniform changes. The note is also included in this newsletter and has been posted on the skool bag app. The Uniform Committee is guided by the Department of Education School Uniform Policy as they follow the required procedures necessary to begin updating our uniform. Students, parents and staff will all have the opportunity to vote prior to the school holidays and during the first week of next term. This is an exciting time for our school as we are on the cusp of our 50th Anniversary and we are updating our image.

Proposed changes will be introduced at the P & C meeting on Wednesday 26 June at 6.15pm, all parents and carers are invited to attend.

Crazy Hair Day

We had some fantastic hairstyles at school last Friday. There are some very creative people in our school community. It's always a fun a day for the students and a great way to raise money towards covering the cost of Life Education for all our students. Thank you to the P & C executive for organising this event and thank you to all the families who donated a gold coin.

Athletics Carnival

Our annual Year 3 - 6 Athletics Carnival is on Wednesday at Findlay Park. Students will participate in running and novelty events. A sausage sizzle will be available by preorder, students may wear House colours. Students may bring blankets to sit on. Permission notes and sausage sizzle orders are due back to class teachers by tomorrow. Thank you to Mr Pettitt and his team for organising this great event for the students. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend this event.

Have a great week.

Nicole Osborne
Assistant Principal

Coming Events for Term 2

Wednesday 26 June	Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 26 June	P & C Meeting – 6:15pm in Staff Room
Tuesday 1 July	NAIDOC Assembly – 1 pm
Friday 5 July	Primary Treat Day Last day of Term 2
Monday 22 July	Safe on Social Media Presentation – 6pm in school hall
Tuesday 23 July	First day back Term 3
Tuesday 23 July	Silver Assembly K – 2: 12:15 pm 3 – 6: 1 pm

Term 2 Assembly Timetable – 1 pm in the School Hall

Kindergarten – Year 2	Year 3 – Year 6
Week 9 – 2 Redgum	Week 10 – NAIDOC Assembly

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

The total cost of the excursion is \$610.00
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.

Updating our School Uniform

Next year we celebrate fifty years of Public Education at Westport Public School. For fifty years our school uniform colours has been maroon and gold. As we move into the future we are looking at updating our school uniform. The NSW Department of Education School Uniform Policy states: *The Department requires that schools set local school uniform requirements. The wearing of school uniform promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community.*

Our reasons for initiating a change of uniform:

- All schools within the Hastings Valley Community of Schools (HVCS) network have shades of blue as a major colour of their uniform and we wish to align our school in accordance with our fellow schools.
- We are a coastal school, we live by the ocean, we aim to incorporate shades of blue into our uniform.
- Our current uniform requires a refresh, it's time for a smarter image.

Our proposed colours are navy and cyan. Our school emblem will remain the same. Our proposed uniform changes will be discussed at the next P & C Meeting on Wednesday 26 June at 6.15pm, please join us as we present possible options for our new uniform.

All families, students and staff will have the opportunity to vote on which school shirt is their preferred option during Week 9 and Week 10 of Term 2 beginning Thursday 27 June when voting papers will be sent home and the proposed new uniform will be on display in the school quad each morning. Voting will also continue into Week 1 of Term 3, finishing at 10am on Thursday 25 July, 2019. Each family, student and staff member will have the opportunity to vote once.

It is anticipated that the new uniform will be worn at the commencement of the 2020 school year by the 2020 Kindergarten students and new students. All other students from Year One to Year Six will have a two year transition period to purchase the new uniform and begin wearing it. By the commencement of the new school year in 2022, all students Kindergarten to Year Six will be wearing the new uniform with the old maroon and gold uniform obsolete.

We are very excited by the proposed changes. We look forward to your support as we progress Westport Public School into the next 50 years of Public Education.

Uniform Committee

Tony Johnston - Principal Nicole Osborne - Assistant Principal
Kerryn Schofield, Heidi Bingham and Mark Edenborough – P & C Representatives

Dance Festival





Crazy Hair Day







Community News



Junior Taggers

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

PORT MACQUARIE

Thursday July 11th
Tuffins Lane Fields
9:30am – 1:00pm
Ages 5-14 Boys & Girls

Register Now:
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\$40
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
REGISTER BEFORE 1ST JUNE



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ICE SKATING

clubNorthHaven **5 - 21 July**

"Enjoy Another Day in Paradise"

Like North Haven Ice Skating on Facebook 

PLAYERS NEEDED



The following clubs in the FMNC zone have some vacancies.

- Cundletown - U6, U7, U12
- Kempsey Hornets - U12
- Lansdowne - U8, U11, U13
- Pacific Palms - U14
- Port FC - U7, U7 Girls, U8, U10, U15, Women's
- Port United - U8/9 Girls, U12, U13, U18
- Tinonee - U13
- Wauchope - U10-12 Girls, U14

Contact macca@footballmidnorthcoast.com for details.

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 6 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 6:00 pm in our school hall

Student sessions - At school Tuesday 23 July.



Make friends, have fun and get active with Netball!

WHAT	Hastings Valley School Holiday Clinic	Net/Set (5-7yrs) and GO (8-10yrs)
DATE	Thursday 11 th July 2019	TIME 10am-12pm (5-7yrs) & (8-10yrs)
WHERE	Hastings Valley Netball Association – Macquarie Park, Grant St, Port Macquarie	
DETAILS	\$20.30 per participant, with registrations online via the trybooking website: https://www.trybooking.com/BDGUL	
	Please bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle and healthy snacks!	
CONTACT	Kirsten Clarke M: 0497 443 991	E: kclarke@netballnsw.com

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POSITION VACANT

Temporary Part-Time School Canteen Supervisor. 5 Days per week, 4 hours per day during school terms only. Suitable applicants are invited to reapply on an yearly basis.

- Previous canteen or hospitality experience preferred.
- Current Working with Children Check
- Ability to relate well to children, staff and families
- Current First Aid Certificate

Please contact the P&C committee for a full job description.

Applications close 3pm Friday 28th June
westportpublicschoolpc@gmail.com.

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Office of Sport

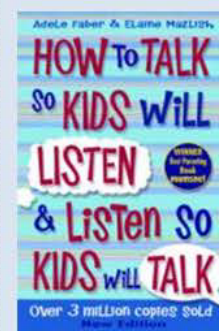
From 1 July 2019, parents, guardians and carers can apply for two \$100 Active Kids vouchers per calendar year for each school-enrolled child.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>



Got It! Tip of the Week

While supporting your child to understand his feelings, it's often useful to help him to come up with some ways to solve the problem that triggered the feelings in the first place. He will probably need to know that you understand his feelings before he is ready to think about what to do next, so help him to take his time. You might say something like, "What do you think we should do?" or "What would make things better?". Praise him for trying hard to come up with different ideas to solve the problem and when he uses more helpful strategies next time a similar situation occurs. This will help him to feel good about himself and develop effective problem-solving skills.



BOOK *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk* by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish