

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT



Monday 26 August 2019

Welcome to Week 6, Term 3.

Another busy week has flown by and we find ourselves over half way through a very busy term.

Last Wednesday I attended our regular P&C meeting. It was amazing how much our P&C has done to support our school in the past and what they are doing to support us into the future. Just this term the P&C have held two sausage sizzles, a disco and supported the Life Education Van. Soon they will be conducting a Father's Day stall and the Colour Run. We are very lucky to have such a supportive P&C and I would encourage all parents to get involved where ever you can. Thanks P&C!

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will be conducting a parent seminar tonight from 6pm – 7:30pm at Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie Campus. Dr Carr-Gregg is Australia's highest profile and leading adolescent psychologist. He will present to the parent and wider community of Port Macquarie on topics to help with building happy, resilient children, practical parenting techniques, mental health issues for young people and their families, cyber-bullying and cyber safety. Our year 5 and 6 students will attend a free seminar tomorrow at Westport Campus.

Attendance

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Morning Supervision

Students are not supervised at school until 8:35am when the teacher comes on duty. Please do not drop off your students before this time due to the lack of supervision.

School Visitors

Just a reminder that all visitors to the school, including parents picking up their children, must report to the office. The office staff will send for the student which reduces the amount of disruption to teaching and also monitors who is on the school site. If students arrive late to school please sign them in and leave them at the office, the student collects a slip and then makes their way to class. This is a security and Health and Safety requirement and we appreciate your help in this matter.

Have a fantastic week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

Coming Events for Term 3

Friday 30 August	Father's Day Stall 9am to 11am in the hall
Tuesday 3 – Thursday 5 September	Opera House Excursion
Wednesday 4 September	Stage 1 – Sea Acres and Koala Hospital Excursion
Wednesday 11 September	Year 4 – Maths Fun Day
Friday 20 September	Colour Run
Tuesday 17 September	Splendour

Term 3 Assembly Timetable – 1 pm in the School Hall

Kindergarten – Year 2	Year 3 – Year 6
	Week 6 – 6 Frangipani
Week 7 – 2 Bluegum	Week 8 – 5 Melaleuca
Week 9 – No assembly – Splendour	Week 10 – Gold Assembly

Fathers Day Stall

Date: Friday 30 August 2019
Time: 9-11am

The Annual P&C Father's Day Stall is being held this Friday for all students of Westport Public School.

Students are able to select from a wide range of gifts priced from \$2 - \$10.

The Father's Day Stall is an event run by the Westport Public School P&C, with all funds raised being directed to future P&C funded school initiatives.



Kindergarten Enrolments for 2020

We have already received a number of enrolments from students who will be starting school in Kindergarten in 2020. If you have a child who will be starting at Westport in 2020, please stop by the office and pick up an enrolment. It will have information relating to our Orientation and Information day as well as Drop In days which are fast approaching.

If you know of a family who wishes to enrol their child in Kindergarten in 2020, we would appreciate you informing them that now is the time to complete an enrolment form. The Orientation Day is Friday Week 1 of Term 4.

Toni Lawes
Kindergarten Co-ordinator

Daffodil Day

Each year on Daffodil Day a group of students from Hastings Secondary College – Westport Campus, the WASCALS, visit our school to fundraise for vital cancer research. They give each Kindergarten and Year 6 student a daffodil.

They ask that all Kinder and Year 6 students bring in a gold coin donation to give to the WASCALS. Many of the WASCALS are ex Westport Public School students.

Nicole Osborne



Book Week

Thank you to our wonderful students, parents/carers and the staff for your participation and involvement in our Book Parade and Book Fair. It was lovely to see so many happy faces at our day's events. We sold over \$4000 of books at our Book Fair! What an incredible result! Thank you for supporting our Book Fair because our school library does benefit from these sales. Promoting and encouraging a love of books is the most important gift you can give to your children.

Town Library Excursion

Thank you to our Year 5 students who visited the Town Library on Monday. It was a pleasure taking you and great to learn about all the wonderful things our town library has to offer. The town library has many new members now, so make sure you take advantage of this wonderful resource in our community.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Student Reading Records need to be completed by Friday 30 AUGUST! Please record all books online at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> before this date, and try not to leave it to the last minute to avoid delays due to heavy website traffic.

Miss Kelly
Librarian



Daffodil Day Photos



Book Week photos







Town Library Excursion photos



Community News

Junior Football League / J-League in Port Macquarie

This exciting new competition will give teams/clubs/players of our region, the opportunity to play Soccer in the regular off season.

SELECTION OPPORTUNITIES:

National: Selectors will be at matches and players have the opportunity of being invited to the exclusive 'Alexandria Soccer Academy Port Macquarie' and 'Brisbane Roar Academy FC trials'. Scholarships to the Elite Athlete Program are also available.

International: We will be selecting players to form 1 x Representative team per age group, who will represent NSW Football at an International Tournament 2020 **Coaches:** We will select 1 x Coach per age division for the International Football tournament. Coaches tour/travel costs will be covered by NSW Football.

Competition level: Open to all clubs, School teams, representative, SAP/NPL & social teams.

Rules: FIFA (with some modifications for juniors)

Where: Playing at the Home of the *Alexandria Soccer Academy PMQ* - training venue /all weather Synthetic Pitch located at the Port Macquarie Hastings Hockey association.

Address: 1 Hockey place, Port Macquarie NSW 2444

Competition Start Date: 25th Oct

- Runs for 12 x weeks from 25th Oct 2019
- Semi finals 21st/22nd Feb 2020
- Grand finals 28th/29th Feb 2020

* **Competition breaks over Christmas 15th Dec and returns 7th Feb / allowing family holiday time**

Teams: will be 7 x a-side (including Goalkeeper) with unlimited substitutions

Pitch size: approx 50m x 50m Synthetic Grass

Gender: Gender is open

Media: Selected matches will be streamed/live feed, promoting your club/team.

Age groups:

- U9, U10 & U11 will play on Friday evenings
- U12, U13, U14 & U15 will play on Saturday Mornings

Relationships: We have amazing relationships/partnerships Nationally and Internationally including, Brisbane Roar FC etc and Internationally with 11 Sports Italy, Alexandria Soccer Academy USA, Cruzeiro Brazil, etc. We are happy to share & introduce these contacts with your team/players.

*** Brisbane Roar FC will be holding private training/selection camp in Port Macquarie 2019 for players that we have identified.

PRIZE MONEY: 1st place **\$700**, 2nd place **\$250** 3rd place **\$100** for every age division (*pending team numbers min 6+ teams per age division) Awarded to the team and or Football/Soccer Club.

Awards: Awesome Team trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place.

Team spots are now available, but very limited.

Costs:

- Team registration is **\$FREE**
- Individual player registration \$120pp includes, rego & competition entry, insurance and complete season fees **NO MORE TO PAY.**

Book now to hold your spot. Places will fill fast.

TEAM REGISTRATION: Online here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGvnJxX8iZXwAWIeaOf9HPLD5WY-RxQW9H5uC9aSvVdqoyWA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

For further information please feel free to contact Mick Day nswjleague@gmail.com



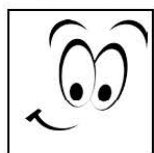
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FOOTBALL
MID NORTH COAST

PORT MACQUARIE

Start Date: Tuesday 17th September
Games: Tuesdays (14 weeks - 12 Rounds / 2 Finals)
Cost: \$120 per player (total cost)
** Use your \$100 Active Kids Voucher towards fee*
Age Groups: U6-U14
DON'T MISS OUT!
GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER NOW...
Team Entries: futsal@footballmidnorthcoast.com.au
(contact for entry form and more details)
Entries Close: Wednesday 11th September



Health
Mid North Coast
Local Health District



Vision Screening Clinics
Is your child starting school?
Have they had their eyes checked?

You can have their Eyes checked at our StEPS
Vision Screening Clinics,
Conducted by Nurses, trained in Eye screening.

Centrelink have now made compulsory a 4-year-old
"Healthy Start for school" health check including an eye check
with **StEPS** or an **Optometrist**
If you receive *Family Tax Benefit A & Income support*

AT: **Port Macquarie Community Health Centre,**
19-30 Morton St, (the old hospital)
In Meeting Room 4, opposite Reception entrance

On: **Friday 6th September**
Or **Thursday 5th Dec**

Please make an appointment

RING StEPS on **66567 061**

Or email: MNCLHD-Steps@health.nsw.gov.au

then write the appointment time here & put in a prominent place:

Date ____/____/19 at ____:____am

MID COAST FUTSAL JUNIOR SUMMER COMPS = 2019/20

Presented by MID COAST FUTSAL INC Starts Wednesday 16th October

Team or Individuals (CO-ED) (VENUES -Westport/St Pauls Campus)

- * WED 4 to 7yrs (Beginners) = skills/games
- * WED U 8's - (6/7/8yrs), U 14 - (12/13/14yrs)
- * FRID U 11's - (9/10/11yrs)



Rego's 12mths, U 7yrs \$60, 8 to 14yrs \$70. (Game Fee \$10 p/player)

* Active Kids \$100 Vouchers, (sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids)

Contact Alison 0412 191923 or 0411 501 744 Email alison@midcoastfutsal.com Website
www.midcoastfutsal.com



Start Date: Competition starts Monday 14th October
 Finishing Monday 9th December – 9 rounds

Game Times: First game will start at 4:15pm with the second timeslot
 starting at 5:00pm

Cost: \$70 per player if joining as a team and not requiring a shirt
 OR
 \$80 per player - includes playing shirt with number
 Shorts \$25.00 & Tights \$35.00

Divisions: Under 10 – Mixed – Born 2010 - 2011
 Under 12 – Mixed – Born 2008 - 2009
 Under 14 – Mixed – Born 2006 - 2007
 Under 16 – Mixed – Born 2004 - 2005

Registration: **SPORTSPower** – Gordon Street Port Macquarie
 Monday 2nd Sept. 4pm -5:30
 Wednesday 4th Sept. 4pm -5:30
 Wednesday 11th Sept. 4pm -5:30

OzTag Skills Day Saturday October 5th Tuffins Lane 10am til 1pm
!! LAST CHANCE REGO !!

If you don't have a team we can place you in one.
Any questions please email us at:
portmacquarieoztagjuniors@gmail.com
 Stay updated by following the Port Macquarie Junior
 Oztag Facebook page and PMQjunioroztag on Instagram



PORT MACQUARIE
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JUNIOR TOUCH

JUNIOR TOUCH COMPETITION

Under 8 Boys & Girls (born 2012, 2013 & 2014)
 Under 10 Boys & Girls (born 2010 & 2011)
 Under 12 Boys & Girls (born 2008 & 2009)
 Under 14 Boys & Girls (born 2006 & 2007)
 Under 16 Boys & Girls (born 2004 & 2005)
 Under 18 Boys & Girls (born 2002 & 2003)
 Mixed teams accepted in all age groups

Registration Days

to be held at Sports Power, Gordon Street, Port Macquarie
Thursday 5th September 4pm-6pm
Saturday 7th September 9am-12noon

COST: \$65.00

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!!!!

ANOTHER VOUCHER GIVEN TO ALL KIDS @ 1/7/19

Registration fee to be paid to PMQ Junior Touch

BSB: 062592 ACC: 1008 3257 REF: players name/age

Get a team together and email Port junior Touch to get a rego form.

If you don't have the numbers for a team we can place you in one!

portjuniorouch@gmail.com

Competition starts:

Tuesday 15th October: U/8 and U/10 (4:15pm), U/12 (5:00pm)
 Thursday 17th October: U/14 (4:15pm), U/16 (5:00pm), U/18 (5.45pm)
 Comp ends: 10th & 12th December

Non-competitive, fun competition. Refs supplied.



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

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What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.



My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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22nd August 2019

SCHOOL BUS 3 - AM SERVICE St Agnes Primary School Westport Public School

Dear Parents and Students,

Due to the **completion of roadworks** on Matthew Flinders Dr & Lighthouse Rd, **Morning School Bus 3 will return to the normal operating path, commencing Monday 2nd September 2019.**

For information regarding the normal operating path of **Morning School Bus 3**, please refer to your Schools Timetable at <https://www.busways.com.au/school-services/school-timetables> (select "Port Macquarie Region" then your Schools name).

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **1300 69 2929**.

Yours sincerely

BUSWAYS NORTH COAST PTY LTD
(2698i) SB 3 142P



22nd August 2019

SCHOOL BUS 3 - PM SERVICE St Joseph's Primary School - Port Macquarie Westport Public School

Dear Parents and Students,

Due to the **completion of roadworks** on Matthew Flinders Dr & Lighthouse Rd, **Afternoon School Bus 3 will return to the normal operating path, commencing Monday 2nd September 2019.**

For information regarding the normal operating path of **Afternoon School Bus 3**, please refer to your Schools Timetable at <https://www.busways.com.au/school-services/school-timetables> (select "Port Macquarie Region" then your Schools name).

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Yours sincerely

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School or Club Fundraising **OFFER**

MAKERSPACE and now **Crazy Maze** are part of the Community College, not for profit, registered charity family.

We are community owned and run and know exactly how hard it is to raise money for vital services.

We would love to help you with your fundraising efforts.

Through our **MAKERSPACE** we can offer fabulous weekend creative workshops and parties focussed on mind blowing fun experiments for children (and adult who are young at heart) or bring the designer or artistic side out for a wonderful session painting, crafting or upcycling.

Workshops range from \$20-\$40 per participant depending on your chosen activity. Each participant will earn your school or club 30% of the entry fee value **ON THE DAY**. For example - Every 10 participants at \$20 each you receive \$60.



Crazy Maze offers weekday and weekend fun days where each child under 12 will earn your school or club 30% of the entry fee value **ON THE DAY**. For example - Every 10 children at \$11 each you receive \$33. Every 10 children at \$9 each you receive \$27

Of course, older brothers, sisters, and adults do not have to be observers. Parents and children of all ages are welcome to sign up for a round robin on the day using challenging balls and rules, for an entry fee of \$10 and again 30% of the entry fee will be donated back to the school or club.

Importantly, the children are having a fun time while they help raise the club or school money and no one has to worry about tickets, chocolates or baking lamingtons.



Register for a fundraising session now. Dates are allocated on a first in first served basis. We would love to hear from you. Call Sue on 02 6583 7288



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Glenda Cooper Educational Therapist

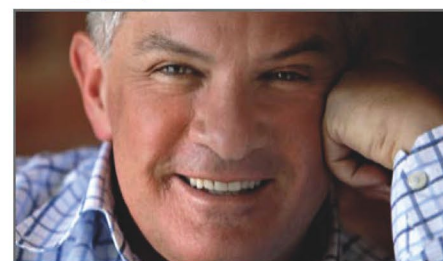
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Raising Resilient Happy Children

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg



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BOOK NOW!

Tickets at: <https://drcarrgreggseminar.eventbrite.com.au>

Join us for our Parenting Seminar where Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will explore the 5 great challenges of parenting, raising resilient children.

Date: Monday 26 August 2019

Time: 6pm - 7.30 pm

Venue: Hastings Secondary College Port Macquarie
Campus Hall Owen Street Port Macquarie



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