

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL



8 November 2021

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's Principal message is of high importance and such that we must all begin working together, especially in such a trying time for us all.

The past few weeks have been extremely busy for our schools within the Hastings Valley. As you may be aware, several schools became non-operational as they assisted NSW Health in the contact tracing procedures in addition to cleaning the sight for the return of face-to-face learning. While restrictions within our community are beginning to ease as announced by the NSW Government and we begin the pathway to increased freedoms, it is vital to make the necessary preparations in the event of a potential Covid 19 positive result within our Westport Public School community.

Parents and careers can greatly assist our school and we are calling for your support in the following areas:

Parent Contact Details Form

Last week, students were sent home with a form to update all contact details to ensure our records are current. Thank you to the families who have returned the form already. If you haven't done so, can you please complete the Parent Contact Details Form as a matter of urgency and return to school immediately. In the event we need to assist NSW Health with contact tracing, your child's details must be accurate so we can share the relevant communications specific to your child's circumstances.

The Importance of Remaining Calm and Patient

We can learn from many of the examples which have been shared from the Hastings Valley Community of Schools as Principals record their experiences during the non-operational periods. One message which connects them is that we must all remain patient. When a school becomes non-operational, NSW Health provide all advice and control the process during the contact tracing period. It is understandable that our school community require timely information however this is a slow and careful process. In the event Westport PS ceases operations, we ask you to exercise patience. Your support and understanding through these challenging times would be greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Christian Pettitt
Relieving Principal

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 9 November	P & C Term 4 Meeting 4:00pm School Library
Thursday 11 November	Kindergarten Transition Starts First Session: 9:30am—10:45am Second Session: 12pm—1:15pm
Tuesday 23 November	High School Orientation
Thursday 2 December	Kindergarten Transition Ends
Tuesday 14 December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 15 December	Last day of Term 4

Merit Award Winners

K Flame- Arliah, Aurora
K Jacaranda- Bryce, Shylah
K/1 Wattle- Boston, Kayla
1 Bluegum- Scarlett, Ella
1 Paperbark- Victor, Madi
2 Bottlebrush- Ava, Dante
2/3 Acacia- Nevaeh, Shantaya, Casper, Saxon
3 Lilly Pilly- Asha, Layla
3/4 Banksia- Axel, Haniya
4 Macadamia- Adam, Sophia



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New Transition Information

We hope your child can join us at Westport on Thursday mornings or Thursday afternoon from 11 November to 2 December.

The first session will run from 9:30 am - 10:45 am.

The second session will run from 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm.

For bookings for either session, please phone the school on 02 6583 2944.

Parent sessions and information will be via Seesaw - online app.

All enrolment forms must be completed before attending to be COVID compliant.



Community News



At the Library
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