

# WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL



15 November 2021

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT

Dear Parents and Carers,

When there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a school-age student, staff member or a member of the school community:

- Schools are required to notify confirmed cases of COVID-19 to NSW Health;
- All confirmed cases are immediately assessed by NSW Health to determine whether the student, staff or school community member has been infectious while at school, and to determine the appropriate course of action required to minimise the risk to the wider community;
- NSW Health will advise our school if there is a COVID-19 positive case on a day that your child attended and in turn they will let you know if your child has been named as a close or casual contact.

#### If your child has COVID-19 symptoms

- Please get tested as soon as possible and self-isolate until you receive a negative result. Common symptoms include fever, headache, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, runny nose or fatigue;
- Self-isolation rules are different depending on your circumstances. While it is likely that older children can isolate by themselves younger children may need their parent or carer to co-isolate with them.

#### If your child is a close contact

- If your child is fully vaccinated and has returned their negative day 6 test, they will generally be able to return to on-site learning after leaving isolation after day 7;
- Your child will still be required to test on day 12 and should continue to monitor for symptoms during this time and only return to school if well;
- If your child is unvaccinated, they can return to the school after they have received their negative day 12 test result and finished their full isolation period.

#### If your child is a casual contact

This means that he/she has been in a closed space at the same time as a person with a confirmed case, but only for a short period;

- Your child can return to the school when they leave isolation after receiving their first negative COVID-19 test.

#### If your child is positive for COVID-19

- Your child can return to their school or early childhood service once they have completed their isolation, have been medically cleared and have been provided with a medical clearance notice by a medical practitioner or a registered nurse. Your child should only return to on-site learning if well and not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

#### Key School actions when a COVID positive case is identified include

- contact tracing to identify all close contacts to a confirmed case – in some instances, this may require making the school non-operational while the contact tracing process is completed;
- communication with parents advising them whether their child has been in contact with a confirmed case;
- thorough cleaning of the school site to ensure the environment is clean and safe prior to the school resuming onsite learning.

#### Contact tracing

- Parents will be notified by the school in writing if their child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19 while at school.
- Students who are identified as close contacts will be required to remain in home isolation and not return to school until the end of their isolation period.
- Students who are identified as casual contacts will be required to have a negative COVID-19 test prior to returning to school.

#### School operations

Parents and carers will be notified if a decision is made to make the school non-operational for on-site learning to enable contact tracing and/or cleaning process to take place;

Information about the operational status of the school will be disseminated using the school's information channels and website; Parents and students will be notified by the school when we are able resume on-site learning.

#### Principal

Tony Johnston

#### Upcoming Events

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

#### Merit Award Winners

1 Bluegum- Harrison, Aleeah  
1 Paperbark- Evelyn, Tariq  
2 Bottlebrush- Tannah, Jaydon



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### P&C Fun Run Winners

It is wonderful to share how our Colour Explosion School Fun Run was a huge success! Money raised will go towards the new gazebos and front school signage. However the Colour Explosion Fun Run will not go ahead this year due to Covid restrictions.

Congratulations to our highest fundraiser, MonSTAR fundraiser and our highest class online profile winners. All incentive prizes have been distributed.

Our school P&C would like to thank everyone for their support and fundraising efforts. We raised a total of \$13,634.

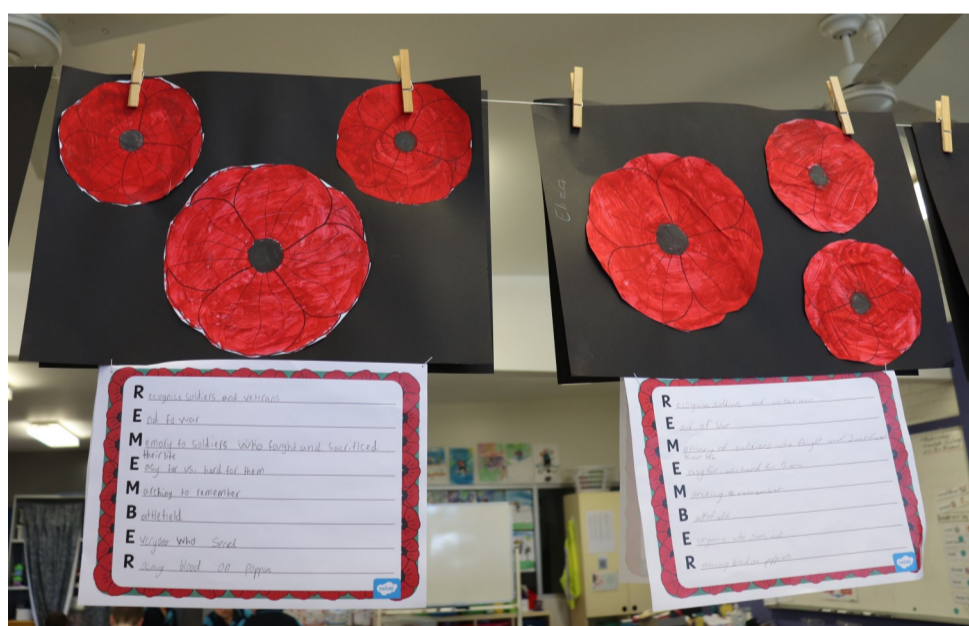


### Flame Bean Growing

Kinder have been looking at living things and have been watching their own beans grow.

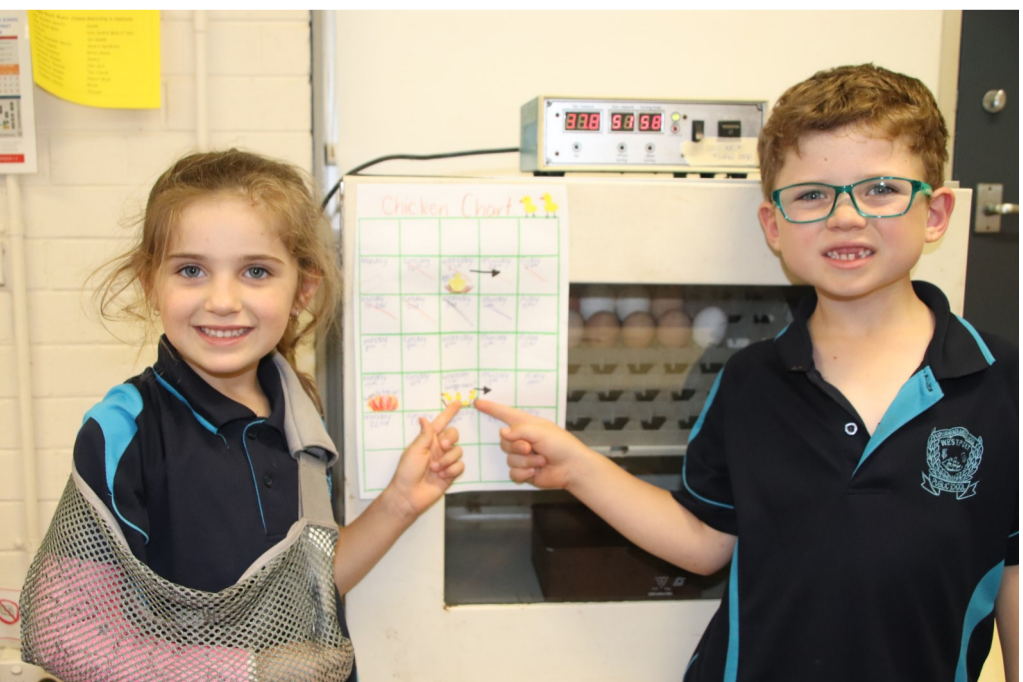


### Remembrance Day Artwork



### Flame's Chicken Eggs

Kindergarten have been patiently and excitedly waiting for their eggs to hatch as a part of learning about what living things need.





## Prac Teachers

We welcome our prac teachers.



## Kinder Transitions

We welcomed our Kindergarten students for 2022 to our 1st Kindergarten Transition day. We look forward to seeing you again next week.





# WESTPORT Public School

*Where the  
Future Starts...*



## 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  
mnclibrary.org.au

## Spark! Discovery Box

Play inspiring lifelong learning

Spark Discovery Boxes are themed science and nature kits, designed for ages 3-12 years, available for loan from Port Macquarie-Hastings libraries. Kits include mini beasts, plant science, magnets, music, animals and much more!

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