

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL



9 August 2021

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT

Welcome to Term 3 Week Four

Book Fair

This week will be our Bookfair. Thank you to Mrs Kelly and staff for organising some fun activities for students to make this a great event. The library looks fantastic! Students will be participating in role play as well as dressing up as a book character. Students can create a book wish-list to take home with some suggestions for parents to purchase. Purchasing is completed online.

People Onsite

Due to the increase in Covid cases, we are not allowing non-essential personnel onsite. Please note the information sent out via SkoolBag and in this newsletter. Signs have been posted on the gates with the office phone number for visitors to use before authorised to enter the school. Thank you for your patience while we implement procedures to keep students, staff and our community safe.

School Growth

Our school continues to grow. Since 2015 the student population has increased from 300 to 433. We have also gained three Multicategorical Classes to help cater for students with special needs. On average we have increased by one class every year since 2015. As the principal, I am very proud of our school and the progress we are making.

Handball

I know this is not an expected topic from the Principal, but I would like to acknowledge the fun and good sportsmanship that students display playing handball at recess. The students play a standard set of handball rules. The emphasis is on "walk before they talk" and having fun and enjoying the game. Recently our wonderful GA Mr Flegg painted handball lines in the infants COLA and every day we have about 30 students enjoying this age-old activity.

Have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

VISITORS

For your information following is the current update provided by the NSW Department of Education concerning visitors to the school currently.

Non-essential visitors are not permitted in schools. Some visitors are permitted in schools based on the guidelines that follow.

Parents and carers must follow their school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up including staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if safe to do so.

Parents should:

- maintain physical distancing
- remain outside of school grounds (note some exceptions may apply regarding schools for specific purposes,
- vulnerable students or students with disability)
- follow mask-wearing requirements and sign in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.

QR code sign-in process for all staff and visitors

The NSW Government have introduced mandatory QR codes across a range of additional settings, including schools.

Parents and carers permitted on school sites for specific purposes are required to check in using the QR codes available and check out once they leave the school site.

A reminder for all families

Students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received.



Westport Public School Specific Information

Students arriving

Parents please do not accompany students into the school grounds when arriving in the morning. Drop off your children at the front gate adhering to social distancing regulations. School staff will be present at the gate each morning.

Late students

Please walk your students to the top gate (on the right-hand side of the carpark), students are then to proceed to the school office to sign in late. Do not accompany students into the school.

Exceptions for MC students

Parents can accompany MC students to class and collect from class if necessary as currently arranged with your child's teacher. You must enter and leave via the school office and use NSW QR Code entry plus sign in and out of the Covid-19 visitor's book. You will be provided with a pass which you must have visible as you enter the school grounds. You will be asked to show your check-in upon arrival. Masks must be worn by parents whilst on school grounds.

Departure times

To reduce the number of people at the school gates at home time students will depart at the following times:

Kindergarten – 2.50 pm

Year 1 & 2 – 2.55 pm

Year 3 & 4 – 3.00 pm

Year 5 & 6 – 3.05 pm

Please collect your children and leave promptly. Please adhere to social distancing regulations.

NB: Siblings of younger students are not to be signed out early.

Early Leavers

Please ensure that you make appointments etc out of school hours to minimise the need for signing out students during school hours. **Students should only be signed out early for unavoidable appointments or emergency family circumstances.** If you need to sign out your students please avoid recess and lunch times when students are not in class, or from 2.30 pm in the afternoon when classes are preparing for staggered departures. If you cannot avoid signing a student out during school times please telephone from the gate and speak to administrative staff.

Sick / injured students

If you are asked to collect a sick child – please ring from the gate and speak to administration staff.

Thank you for support of the above procedures to keep our students, staff and community safe.

Upcoming Events for Term 2

Monday 9 August	Start of Book Week
Tuesday 10 August	Book Parade
	Book Fair
Friday 13 August	Last day of Book Week
Tuesday 17 August	P & C Meeting
Friday 20 August	School Run4Fun Colour Explosion
Friday 3 September	Father's Day Stall
Friday 17 September	Last day Term 3



Book Week

Just a quick reminder that students are to come dressed up as their favourite book character on Tuesday 10 August for our Book Week celebrations. As parents and carers are unable to attend our book fair, students have been completing wish lists and you can prepay for the books online using the reverse side of that list. Please ensure your child presents the record of your payment receipt to the library. If you are unable to make an online payment, cash in a sealed envelope is an option. Please have your orders completed by Tuesday 10 August to avoid disappointment.

P & C Notices

The count-down is on for our Colour Explosion School Fun Run! Keep fundraising, there are lots of prizes up for grabs!

Plus – you still have time to collect all your badges on the My Profile Page, and become a Fundraising MonSTAR! ☆





2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

It is getting close to the end of the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2021. Due to covid19 restrictions the following adjustments have been applied to the Challenge in 2021 to support all students.

The Challenge closing date has been extended to allow extra time to finalise student entries and coordinator validations.

The new closing dates are:

- Challenge closes for students: Friday September 3, 2021
- Students on all Challenge levels will be able to read 10 choice books.
- Students on all Challenge levels will be able to include books on their reading records that they read collaboratively as a class, in person or online with their teacher or at home with their parents/carers.

Miss Kelly
Teacher Librarian

Kinder's 100 Days at Big School

Last Tuesday, Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of school. They all completed different activities in their classrooms to celebrate the day. Every student has learnt so many new skills this year. Congrats to all the Kindy students for being wonderful at Westport. There are lots more fun times and days to come!



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Last Wednesday was National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. This year's theme was "proud in culture, strong in spirit". Kindergarten have been learning about families and their heritage. Each class has been completing different activities and sharing information during daily news. K/1 Wattle also made family trees and shared with the class the names of all their family members.



Kindergarten 2022

2022 Kindergarten enrolments for Westport Public School are now being taken. If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year please complete and return the slip below (alternatively email the information to Westport-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

If you are aware of anyone seeking a kindergarten enrolment at Westport Primary School that are not already part of our community – please pass on this information.

Information relating to transitions and enrolment packs will be available towards the end of this term and will be sent to families that have indicated they will be seeking enrolment at Westport Primary School.

Child's Name				Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Birth		Current Pre School		No. Days Attending:	
Parent 1 Name			Parent 2 Name		
Address:			Address:		
Phone			Phone		
Email			Email		
Does this child have and elder sibling currently enrolled at Westport?					
If yes, Name and Class					
You are now able to access online enrolments via our website. https://westport-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html					
Have you completed an online enrolment?					



Community News

Nutrition Snippet

ENJOY WINTER VEG & FRUIT.



Try this winter warming meal!

- [Chicken & veg lasagne](#) - 2.5 serves of veg per portion
- [Stewed apples and sultanas](#) - 1 serve of fruit per portion

For these recipes and more visit:

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Vaping. What do parents need to know?

Northern NSW and Mid North Coast local health districts are hosting a free parent webinar on up-to-date information about vaping, facilitated by drug educator Paul Dillon. Vaping is the use of electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes or 'vapes' and is a growing concern for parents.

All Northern NSW and Mid North Coast parents and caregivers of students from NSW Education Department schools, Catholic and Independent schools are invited to attend the free online session.



Paul Dillon is the Director and founder of Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) and he is passionate about ensuring that the community has access to accurate and up-to-date alcohol and other drug information.

For more information visit www.darta.net.au.

WHEN:

Wednesday 11 August 2021
7-8pm via ZOOM

RSVP BY 6 AUGUST:

Scan QR code or via [link](#)

