

# WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL



16 August 2021

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT

Welcome to week 6.

## Book Week

What a great time the students had last Tuesday! It was amazing to see the fantastic costumes and smiles on the students faces! The library had an awesome collection of books that students could place on their wish list. Mrs Kelly was inundated with requests and orders! Thank you to Mrs Kelly, our wonderful librarian, for organising such a fun activity. Check out our Facebook page for some great photos!

## COVID Lock Down

Students to learn from home from 16/08/21.

The Premier announced that stay-at-home restrictions will be introduced for Regional NSW local government areas from Saturday 14/08/21 for seven days.

There will be minimal supervision on site at our school for those students who cannot be educated at home, for example if their parent or carer is an essential worker.

All students and families will be supported with learning from home materials and resources. If you are working from home, and your child can be educated from home, please keep them at home.

We'd also like to remind you to download the NSW school updates app onto your phone, if you haven't already done so, to receive the latest updates about the operational status of your child's school.

I want to thank all our families for your support during this time. Please get in touch with your teacher to discuss any additional needs for your child or family to support you to learn from home.

Thank you for your support.

## Colour Run

Unfortunately this has been postponed until further notice.

Have a great week.

*Tony Johnston, Principal*

## Upcoming Events for Term 2

Tuesday 17 August	P & C Meeting
Postponed—To Be Advised	School Run4Fun Colour Explosion
Friday 3 September	Father's Day Stall
Friday 17 September	Last day Term 3

## School Organisation for Lockdown period

**Student Work Packs** - To support students learning at home Westport Public School will be providing student paper-based work packs for all students. These packs will be available for collection from outside the bus shelter at the front of the school this afternoon from 2 pm - 4 pm and, also tomorrow morning from 9.30 am - 10.30 am. There is no parent / visitor access to school grounds at this time.

Teachers will be in contact with students over the course of the week.

**Pick up times** - Students of essential workers in attendance at school pick up times will be at the normal time of 3.05 pm each day. (No staggered pick up times). School bus runs will be operating as per the normal schedule. Please be aware of social distance requirement during these times, mask wearing is mandatory.



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### Book Fair

We have been inundated with purchase from our book fair. Some items have sold out and need to be ordered, so please be patient. We expect to complete all orders over the next few weeks.

It's been so rewarding watching all of the enthusiasm around books this week. Well done everyone.



### Book Week

It has been wonderful to celebrate our love of reading! Thank you to all the students who dressed up and made last Tuesday such a success. Congratulations to all the competition winners, we hope you enjoy your book prizes! The teachers at our school loved performing the play "March of the Ants" by Ursula Dubosarsky and Tohby Riddle.

*Miss Kelly, Teacher Librarian*



### 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! ☆





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Dear Parents and Carers,

The COVID-19 situation continues to develop and I wanted to assure you of the processes in place to protect our students, staff and families. The Department of Education is following the advice of NSW Health. A full guide on the Department's response to the pandemic can be found on the Department's website Advice for Families. Please be aware of the distinction between stay at home rules for certain suburbs, and the directions to isolate from NSW Health.

**Stay at home rules:**

The NSW Premier announced that, in addition to Greater Sydney, all people in Cessnock, Dungog, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Newcastle, Port Stephens and Singleton (LAGs) are subject to stay at home orders until 12:01am, Friday 13 August.

Stay at home rules apply to whole suburbs to limit the movement of people. They now apply to those in Armidale from 5 pm, 7 August until 12:01am Sunday 15 August, in Tamworth from 5pm 9 August until 12.01am Tuesday 17 August, and in Ballina, Byron, Lismore and Richmond Valley from 6pm 9 August until 12.01am Tuesday 17 August.

Stay at home orders are in place to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and a full list of restrictions are available by following the link. You must stay at home unless you have a reasonable excuse to leave. Ordinarily, NSW Health will not contact you individually if you are subject to a stay at home order.

**Reasonable excuses to leave** include to obtain food (within 10km of your home), to go to work or for education (if you cannot reasonably work or learn from home), for exercise and for medical reasons. As such, if your child is subject to stay at home orders, they are able to attend school as per usual.

**Case locations and alerts:**

NSW Health has identified specific venues and locations where known or suspected cases have occurred or visited, as such more stringent rules around isolating are in place. Information on this is available from NSW Health's website, Latest COVID-19 case locations and alerts in NSW.

If NSW Health identify you as a casual contact you must follow their advice to isolate immediately. Please follow NSW advice and do not attend school if you are a casual or close contact.

Above all, it is imperative that if your child is feeling unwell or has any flu-like symptoms, that they please remain at home and get tested for COVID-19. Our ability to navigate this situation relies on everyone playing their part.

I also want to assure you that should restrictions change in our local area that all Department schools are well prepared to switch to Learning from Home. Educational continuity for your child is our priority and we are well-placed to manage that situation if it occurs.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.



Andrew Kuchling  
**Director, Educational Leadership**  
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## 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](mailto: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. <a href="https://westport-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html">https://westport-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html</a>					
Have you completed an online enrolment?					

