

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL



EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT

7 February 2025

Week 2

Welcome back to Week 2, Term 1! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are energised for another exciting year ahead! It was fantastic to welcome students back to school on Thursday, and we loved hearing about their holiday adventures. A special shoutout to our new Kindergarten students, your enthusiasm is truly heartwarming!

Swimming Carnival

Mark your calendars! Our school swimming carnival will take place on **Friday, February 14** at the Port Macquarie pool. Students in Years 3-6 are invited to participate in both competitive and non-competitive events. A canteen will be available, but students are also encouraged to bring their own snacks and lunches.

Behaviour Code for Students

Attached is the NSW Department of Education Behaviour Code for Students. Our schools are dedicated to fostering safe, supportive, and responsive learning environments. We expect all students to adhere to this code, and any violations may result in disciplinary action.

School Improvements

We are excited to announce that the main school toilets have been upgraded with new partitions! Students appreciate the added privacy these improvements provide. Please take a moment to discuss the importance of caring for these facilities with your child and remind them to report any damage to a teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we embark on another great year together!

Mr Johnston
Principal

Upcoming Events

Friday 14 February

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Reminder to parents and carers wanting to watch their children at the swimming carnival will need to pay the spectators fee of \$1.90 on entry at the pool.

Stage	Class	Year	Teacher
Early Stage 1	Jacaranda	K-2	Sarah Goulding
	Wattle	Kinder	Candice Young
	Flame	Kinder	Julia Slade
	Acacia	K/1	Kerry Bendall
Stage 1	Paperbark	1/2	Jasmine Cramp
	Bluegum	1/2	Alison Campbell
	Redgum	1/2	Sam Weaver
	Bottlebrush	1/2	Vicki Chivas
Stage 2	Ironbark	3/4	Melissa Johnston
	Banksia	3/4	Heidi Hyde
	Lilly Pilly	3/4	Katelyn Ross
	Macadamia	3/4	Craig Ainsworth
Stage 3	Grevillea	5/6	Maddi Ehsman
	Melaleuca	5/6	Kara Scullion
	Frangipani	5/6	Nikki Gibbs
	Hibiscus	5/6	Lisa Pallot
MC Classes	Silky Oak	K-3	Danielle Davison
	Waratah	4-6	Ken McKenzie
	Eucalyptus	2-4	Christian Pettit (AP)

Dropping off and collecting students

Student Arrival

Parents are to drop off and pick up students at the front gate in the morning and afternoon.

For late students

Parents must escort their child/ren to the front office to provide an explanation and sign them in late. The school gates are now locked except for the covered walkway during school time. Whilst parents need to escort their child/ren to the front office, they are not to accompany students to class. This is to ensure that there is no interruption to the learning of the whole class nor the class teacher. Administration staff can escort your child/ren to class if they are unable to go independently (MC students may be an exception).



For Early Leavers

All appointments for your child/ren should be made outside school hours. If it is absolutely necessary to collect your child/ren during school hours, please note the following;

- Students **cannot** be collected during lunch and recess time as the administration staff are unable to find students once they are out of class. Nor can they be collected after 2.45 pm as classes are preparing to pack up for the end of the day and may not be inside their classroom at this time.
- If you need to sign your child/ren outside of above mentioned times for urgent appointments, please present to the front office and request your child/ren. Students must be signed out at the office by the parent, no students are allowed to walk to the gate and outside the school grounds to meet parents during school hours.

We thank you for your support for these child safety measures.

Library News

Class library days for 2025 are as follows:

Monday
K Wattle
1/2 Bluegum
3/4 Lilly Pilly
1/2 Bottlebrush

Tuesday
5/6 Frangipani
1/2 Paperbark
3/4 Ironbark
3/4 Banksia

Wednesday
5/6 Melaleuca
5/6 Hibiscus
1/2 Regum

Thursday
5/6 Grevillea
3/4 Macadamia
K Flame
K/1 Acacia

Please remember to bring a library bag on this day and to return borrowed books weekly.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 of Scholastic Book Club 2025 is due to have orders back by 21 February. Cash payments are accepted by the school, please enclose cash with completed order form and give to Miss Kelly (librarian). It is preferred though, to order electronically. Simply visit scholastic.com.au / LOOP or download the LOOP app and follow the prompts. Your order will be sent to the school and given to your child to take home.

Miss Kelly (Teacher Librarian)

Welcome Back to All

It has been wonderful to see our students return back to school. They have settled into their new classes, meeting their new teachers and class friends. We also welcomed many new students to our school.



Kindergarten 2025 1st day!

We welcome our new Kindergarten students to Westport Public School.



Behaviour code for students

Information for students and parents or carers

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive, and responsive learning environments for everyone across a range of settings. We teach and model the inclusive and safe behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected, to the best of their ability, to:

- show respect to other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- strive for the highest standards in learning
- act in a courteous and respectful way that makes all members of the school community feel valued, included and supported
- resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- meet the school's agreed uniform policy or dress code
- attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- respect all property
- be safe and not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, vapes, e-cigarettes or tobacco into our schools
- not bully, harass, intimidate, or discriminate against anyone in our schools.

Schools take action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high-quality teaching and learning.

All students have a right to:

- safety at school
- access and fully participate in their learning
- be treated with respect by other students, teachers and school staff
- express their views, set goals and self-advocate.

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments and apply an appropriate action when students are not meeting these expectations. The department is responsible for the provision of a policy framework and resources such as legal issues bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context, the NSW

Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

Behaviour code for students: Student actions

Promoting the inclusion, learning, wellbeing, and safety of all students in NSW public schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches across a range of settings to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

To meet the expectations set out above, students in NSW public schools, to the best of their ability, should adhere to the following principles.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity.
- Communicate and behave courteously.
- Act and work cooperatively with other students, teachers, and school staff.
- Develop positive and respectful relationships.
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others.
- Respect the learning needs of other students.
- Dress appropriately by wearing the agreed school uniform or dress code.
- Take care with school property and the property of staff and other students.

Safety

- Model and follow school and class rules and expectations around behaviour and conduct.
- Negotiate and resolve conflict.
- Be aware of and take responsibility for how their behaviour and actions impact others.
- Care for self and others.
- Be safe and help others to make safe choices that do not hurt themselves or others.

Engagement

- Arrive at school and class on time.
- Be prepared for every lesson.
- Actively participate in learning.
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning.

Community News




PORTPHYSIE
FUN, FRIENDSHIP & FITNESS

Cost

Registration plus weekly fees.
\$10 a week for children
\$12 a week for 17+

Physie is

structured routines to music to help develop strength, balance, co-ordination and good posture.

Instructors

Meet Lauren and Tracy who have a passion for physie and enjoy teaching everyone.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVE FIRST 2 CLASSES FREE

CLASSES START FROM FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Class times

Pre schoolers 3:30 - 4:00pm
5 to 8 years 4:00 - 4:45pm
9 to 12 years 4:45 - 5:30pm
13 to 16 years 5:30 - 6:30pm
Seniors 6:30 - 7:30pm
Ladies 7:30 - 8:30pm

Times may change

THE POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH PRESENTS:



kids club \$2 Entry

Years 3-6
Fridays 4:00-5:45pm

Hastings Secondary College
WESTPORT CAMPUS PMQ

BLAST KIDS CLUB 2025

TERM 1

14/2 - Crazy Sundaes
21/2 - Wild West
28/2 - Wet & Wetter
07/3 - Mad Science
14/3 - Spies in Disguise
21/3 - Dragons v Unicorns (BBQ)

TERM 2

09/5 - Silly Socks & Soda Spiders
16/5 - Survivor: Antarctica
23/5 - Wacky World Records
30/5 - Magic in Mexico (Nachos)
06/6 - <<<NO BLAST>>>
13/6 - Mega Hide & Seek
20/6 - PJ's & Popcorn

FIND US ON FACEBOOK 

tpcc.org.au/kids-club

Contact Us
0426 220 250

Find us on Facebook and Instagram

Our Location
Port dance studio
8 Milton Cct, Port Macquarie

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EST. 1976

Under 6 and 7
2025 Registrations Now Open

COME AND PLAY IN SEASON 2025

-  All kids turning 5 and above in 2025 are eligible to play
-  Bring a whole team and coach - between 5 & 7 players
-  Come with a couple of mates and we will join you with a team
-  Come as an individual and we'll add you to a team.
-  Girls only teams available

Register at www.playfootball.com.au - Search for Port Macquarie United Football Club

Teams across all ages - enquire via email about available spaces

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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WATSON'S
CARAVANS PORT MACQUARIE




