

WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL



30 May 2025

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT

Week 5

Dear families and community members,

As we approach Week 6 of Term 2, I would like to take this opportunity to share a few important updates, celebrate some key moments, and express my gratitude for the continued support of our school community.

Staffing Update - Farewell to Laura Harrison

Laura Harrison, our Wellbeing and Health In Reach Nurse Co-ordinator, who has been an integral part of the Westport Public School community for the past four years, has taken on a new role within NSW Health. Laura's dedication to supporting the health and wellbeing of our students and their families has made a lasting impact. Her compassion, professionalism, and tireless commitment have truly made her an invaluable asset to our school. While we are saddened to see her go, we are excited for the new opportunities ahead for her and extend our heartfelt best wishes as she embarks on the next chapter of her professional journey. Laura will be dearly missed by staff, students, and families alike.

National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week

This week, our school commemorated National Sorry Day and engaged in meaningful activities during Reconciliation Week.

These events are important moments in our calendar that allow us to reflect on the history and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. At Westport Public School, we are committed to fostering a culture of respect, understanding, and inclusion. Through classroom discussions, assemblies, and creative learning activities, students deepened their awareness of Australia's shared history and the importance of reconciliation.

Student Reports - Updated Format

Teachers are currently undertaking the important task of assessing student progress and preparing semester one reports. This semester, families will notice a revised reporting format in line with the Department of Education's new guidelines. These reports provide a valuable snapshot of each student's current academic, social, and emotional development. They are an opportunity to reflect on individual growth, celebrate achievements, and identify future learning goals. We thank our dedicated teaching staff for their thoughtful and thorough approach in compiling these reports.

Thank You – Severe Weather Response

We would like to sincerely thank all families for your support and resilience during the recent severe weather and flooding in surrounding communities. Westport Public School remained operational during this period, enabling families who were able to send their children to school the opportunity to maintain continuity in their learning. Your cooperation and understanding were greatly appreciated during what was a challenging time for many.

K - 6 End of Term Assembly

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a K-6 assembly towards the end of the term to celebrate our students' achievements and consistent efforts in learning. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to be recognised for their dedication and progress throughout the semester. A confirmed date will be shared with families shortly – we hope you can join us in celebrating the hard work and success of our students.

Warm regards,

Mr Haste
Relieving Principal

Upcoming Events

Thursday 5 June	LNC Cross Country
Friday 6 June	P & C Crazy Hair & Sock Day
Monday 9 June	Public Holiday - Kings Birthday
Thursday 12 June	Athletics Carnival

NO Crocs at School

Please remember that Crocs are NOT to be worn to school. For safety reasons, all students must wear fully enclosed shoes. Thank you for your cooperation.





ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

12TH JUNE 2025

3-6 STUDENTS

MORE INFORMATION ON SCHOOL BYTES

P&C Sausage Sizzle and Popper Pack
Pre-order! Note available at the office.

Mob Monday Commemorating National Sorry Day

This weeks Mob Monday was a very special one. This week we celebrated and commemorated National Sorry Day. Mrs Scullion spoke to the school about what this day means and how it paved the future. Mob Monday then involved over 70 keen students creating a friendship bracelet of their own to show how we are all in this shared vision for the future together and how the world works better when we are all on the same team.



P & C News

Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts at our Mother's Day Stall this year. Money raised from the event will help fund a visit from Healthy Harold later in the year.



CRAZY

hair or sock day

6
JUNE

Support our P&C fundraiser by wearing CRAZY hair or socks or BOTH to school with a gold coin donation

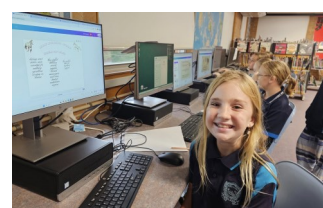
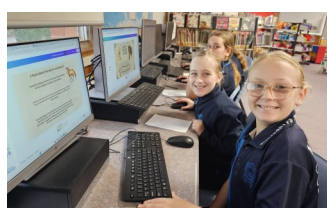
Hair spraying will also be available in the quad from 8.45am on Friday 6th June

All money raised will go towards subsidising the cost of the Term 4 Swimming Program



Stage 3 Exploring Canva

Stage 3 students have been exploring Animals in War and have creatively utilised Canva to generate digital work.



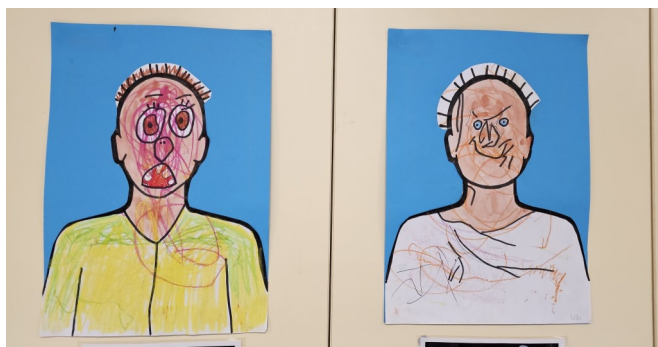
Gardening Club

Our gardening gurus have enjoyed being back out in the garden this week soaking up the sunshine and getting their hands dirty.



Eucalyptus Self Portraits

This week, Eucalyptus found joy in crafting their self-portraits, exploring unique styles and colours that reflected their vibrant personality and creativity.



K/1 Jacaranda New Classroom

K/1 Jacaranda, previously K/1Acacia have been enjoying their new classroom.



Macademia Artwork

Macademia students have been engaged with the book 'Little Cloud' by Eric Carle and let their imaginations soar with their own cloud artworks.



Leadership conference

Last Wednesday 5 of our school leaders were feeling lucky to be in the dry at the GRIP leadership conference.



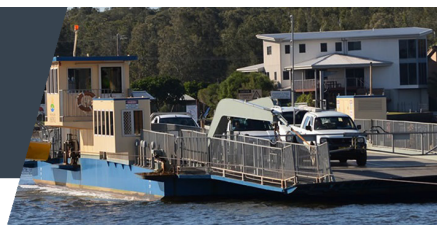
5/6 Melaleuca Investigating Natural Forces

This term, Melaleuca has been learning about forces. They investigated wind force as well as pull and push forces. They made STEM inventions through trial and error that used wind and push forces to achieve objectives. The biggest problem they faced was fighting the force of gravity. So they went to work, to overcome or slow the effect of gravity by creating contraptions that safely guided their teddies off the side of the fire stairs. They learnt a lot though trial but even more through error.



Community News

Hibbard Ferry | Shuttle bus schedule



A return shuttle bus service will operate from the **western end of Riverside Drive** for connection with the **Settlement Point north bank** between the hours of **6:25 am to- 9:00 am and 3.00 pm to 5:45 pm weekdays**. Bus stops will be marked with yellow reflective tape on power poles.

Please ensure school children are at the marked bus stop prior to the pickup time.



MORNING RUN Monday - Friday - AM	
Depart Riverside Drive	Arrive Settlement Point (North side)
6:25am	6:40am
6:48am	7:03am (Meets 7:15am School Ferry)
7:11am	7:26am (Meets 7:30am School Ferry)
7:40am	7:55am (Meets 8:05am School Ferry)
8:15am	8:30am
8:45am	9:00am

AFTERNOON RUN Monday - Friday - PM	
Depart Settlement Point (North side)	Arrive Riverside Drive
3:00pm	3:15pm
3:30pm	3:45pm
4:00pm	4:15pm
4:30pm	4:45pm
5:00pm	5:15pm
5:30pm	5:45pm

Note- The shuttle bus running times may be altered due to patronage of the service during the slipping program.



WELCOME TO SCHOOL BOWLS

Clubs supporting Students



It's Local

TEAM UP and PLAY



PARENTS

No extreme registration fees - yeah!!

Non Contact - SPORT - everyone plays.
Supported via the governance of the local
bowling club.

TRAINING — AFTER SCHOOL

Club mentors with:
'Working with Children' accreditation.

HEALTHY .. outdoor environment.

FUN .. age appropriate activities.

Contact:
Club's Bowls President

