

# WESTPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL



27 June 2025

EXCELLENCE IN A CARING ENVIRONMENT

Week 9

Dear families and community members,

## **Fishing for Wellbeing and Culture: A Successful Launch!**

On Friday, Westport Public School proudly launched our Fishing Wellbeing and Cultural Program. Students enthusiastically learned how to rig, cast, and fish safely, while also developing important life skills in a supportive and engaging environment.

This unique program offers more than just fishing, it builds:

- A sense of belonging and community connection
- Teamwork and group collaboration
- Awareness of water safety
- Social skills like listening, sharing, and empathy

It was fantastic to see students so engaged and connected. We look forward to growing this program and the positive impact it brings.

## **Engagement Program- Support Room**

In addition to this exciting launch, staff are currently revising our Support Room into a comprehensive engagement program for all students. The updated model will offer activities and lessons in areas such as art, cooking, craft, drama, culture, problem-solving, sport, and health etc linked to key aspects of literacy and numeracy.

In the coming days, we will be seeking input from both students and parents / carers through a working party to help shape the newly revised Support Program. We are excited to officially launch the newly revised Support Room at the beginning of Term 3. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Mr Haste  
Relieving Principal

## **Upcoming Event**

Friday 4 July	Student Last Day of Term 2
Tuesday 22 July	Student First Day of Term 3

## **Attendance Matters**

Westport Public School is working hard to improve attendance so that all students achieve to their potential. Parents / Carers of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their child/ren attend school every day it is open. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents / Carers must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. You can send in a note to the classroom teacher, call or email the school, respond to the daily absentee text message or through School Bytes. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. If you have any questions regarding attendance, please contact the school.

## **Canteen Volunteers**

Our school canteen and uniform shop is operated by the school. We provide healthy food options for lunches and snacks and also sell the school uniforms.

The canteen friendly staff Thomasina (Ms Tunstead) and Makayla (Miss Cook) provide a valued friendly service for our whole school community. Our staff would love to welcome volunteers to assist them in their endeavours. If you have some spare time and would like to contribute to your school, we would love to hear from you.

Email us [westport-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:westport-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au), call us on 65832944, or use the form attached and return to the school if you are interested or would like to find out more about how you can contribute.



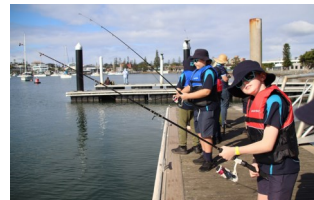
### The Well-Being Space with Miss Amanda!

This week in the well-being space we spent time connecting and having fun!

Sometimes we need a little extra support at school, and in these times, students can come touch base with me in the playground. In lunch or recess on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, I can be found in the main quad or in the library. Students are welcome any time to come join in the activities. Students can also see me via teacher referral.

This week we enjoyed handball, play dough, drawing and a game of Sleeping Queens!

It's great to connect and journey with the students through their day.



### 2026 Kindergarten Tour

On Thursday we welcomed families of our 2026 Kindergarten students to Westport. They were given an a tour of the school, learning about all the wonderful learning and programs we offer. They were excited to play in a kindy room, visit the playground and receive a few little treats. Thank you for coming and we look forward to assisting you and your child on their journey to starting school.



### Stage 2 and 3 Fishing Excursion

Students have enjoyed the first day of fishing eagerly putting their theoretical knowledge into practice. A great start for our Fishing for Wellbeing and Culture program.







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**Canteen / Uniform Shop Volunteer**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Availability:

Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_\_\_

Friday \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly \_\_\_\_\_ Fortnightly \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support - we will contact you shortly.



# Community News

**July School Holidays**

**@ the Library**

**CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK**

**MID NORTH COAST CO-OPERATIVE LIBRARY SERVICE**

**Puppets & Papercraft**

**BE A READING MACHINE**

**1 July - 31 July**  
Register on Beanstack  
mncilibrary.beanstack.org

**Winter Reading Challenge**  
Ready, set, READ!  
Register today via mncilibrary.beanstack.org

**Monday 7 July 10am**  
Wauchope Library

**NAIDOC Week crafts**  
Make a boomerang and a wooden Australian animal to take home.  
For kids aged 5+.  
Bookings essential.



**Tuesday 8 July**  
Port Macquarie & Laurieton

**NAIDOC Storytime**  
Join us for a morning of NAIDOC themed stories and crafts to learn about and celebrate First Nations cultures and histories. Sessions start at 10am. Bookings not required.

**Thursday 10 July**  
Wauchope

**Wednesday 9 July 2-3pm**  
Port Macquarie Library

**NAIDOC kids crafternoon**  
Join us for a fun and meaningful crafternoon as we explore and celebrate the rich culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. All ages welcome. No bookings required.

**Tuesday 15 July 10am**  
Laurieton Library

**Pawsome Pet Collage Art**  
Experiment with colour and patterns to create your purrrfect piece of pet art! For kids aged 5+.  
Bookings essential.



**Thursday 17 July 10am**  
Wauchope Library

**Paper Quilling**  
Learn the twisted art of quilling and create your very own curly wonders of marvellous colour! For kids aged 5+.  
Bookings essential.



**Thursday 10 July 10am**  
Laurieton Library

**Paper Fans**  
Create your own colourful, breezy, pocket sized paper fan.  
For kids aged 6+.  
Bookings essential.



**Wednesday 16 July 10am and 2pm**  
Port Macquarie Library

**Moving Puppet Craft**  
Design a character and then make your own bendy, dancing puppet. For kids aged 7+.  
10am or 2pm session.  
Bookings essential.



**Thursday 17 July 2pm**  
Port Macquarie Library

**Make a Marionette**  
Make your own marionette puppet, and then learn the magic of puppetry! For kids aged 7+.  
Bookings essential.



**Thursday 17 July 3:30pm**  
Port Macquarie Library

**Pool Noodle Puppet**  
Craft a pool-noodle puppet and learn new puppet skills! For kids aged 7+.  
Bookings essential.



**Bookings: [mncilibrary.org.au/school-holidays](https://mncilibrary.org.au/school-holidays)**

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