PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT
Monday 4th March, 2013

The resurfacing of the COLA is due to begin today. The cement will be covered with a soft synthetic grass covering with rubber handball courts and hopscotch marking inlaid. It will be an attractive addition to our quad playground as well as a more comfortable option for morning lines. The company laying the surface have delayed it twice, hopefully we will not have to wait any longer. The quad will be out of action for several days, however, there will still be access to the canteen, library, hall and the student toilets.

PBL (Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners)
This week’s focus across the school in PBL is Be safe in all settings: - the classroom, the playground, bus lines, assembly lines, canteen lines and moving around the school.

Fatty the Ratrod
Last Tuesday the Stage 2 and 3 Assembly was very lucky to have two local authors visit. Mitch Oxborough and Anne Winter shared the children’s picture book they’ve written. Mitch is a parent of a student at our school. All the children listened intently as they heard the story of Fatty the Ratrod. It is a very entertaining story with detailed illustrations. Mitch and Anne have generously donated a copy of the book to our school library. Fatty is the beginning of a series of fictional books about old cars that are rescued and restored to be part of the Ratrod community.

If you would like your own copy you can visit Mitch and Anne’s website: www.fattytheratrod.com and they will deliver it to the front office for you to collect.

Westport P & C
The first meeting of the year was on last Tuesday and it was wonderful to meet several new mums. The P & C is a group of parents and members of the community who support our school, raise funds for extra school resources and assist in vital decision making about student learning. It’s also a great way to make friends and meet new people with similar interests. Westport P & C are very friendly and warmly welcome new members. There is one payment of $2 to join and that is your membership for the whole year. Children are always welcome to the monthly meeting. So come along support your school and enjoy a cuppa.

Parking Reminder
Please refrain from parking in the staff carparks both off Widderson St and Oxley Highway. There have been several instances of the carpark access being blocked this term. The carparks are the only access for emergency vehicles. All deliveries and Department of Education visitors access our school through the carparks as well. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Relieving Principal
Nicole Osborne
*****COMING EVENTS TERM 1 WK 6 *******

**Thurs 7th March**- Canteen coffee & cake morning 9am

**Wed 13th March** – School Photos

**Thurs 14th March** – Community Afternoon Tea

**Tues 26th March** 10am – Easter Hat Parade

**Thurs 28th March** – Didgeribone

**Fri 29th March** – Good Friday

**Mon 1st April** – Easter Monday

**Friday 12th April** – Last day of school term 1

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**Westport Public School Award Winners**

**Merit Awards: Term 1, Week 5**


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**COMMUNITY AFTERNOON TEA**

Westports first Afternoon Tea of the year will be held on Thursday 14th March at 2pm. All parents, carers and community members are invited to come and have a friendly, relaxing cuppa. It is a great opportunity to make new friends, get to know our school and become part of our school community. All enquiries to Donna Page: 0427 689 228 or the school office: 65 832944.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Little Bookworms**

**When:** Tuesday mornings 9am – 9.40am starting 12th February 2013  **Where:** Westport Public School Library.  **Who:** Preschoolers and their carers  **What:** Listen to a story, craft activities and borrowing from the library.  **Cost:** Free. To let us know you are coming or for more information ring the school on 65832944

Bernadette Cassidy

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Canteen Roster Week 6**

- Tues 5/3 – Help needed
- Wed 6/3 – Justine
- Thurs 7/3 – Larisa, Kelly E
- Fri 8/3 – Kelly E, help needed
- Mon 11/3 – Libby

Apologies to those wanting milk drinks last week as there were stock problems due to the flooding. This week we will have our morning tea where parents and carers are welcome to come into the canteen and have a look at what we do from 8.30am – 11am.

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We have new products coming out this term that we will be trialing, Up & Go and plain milk. See see flyer for details.

This weeks **Wacky Wednesday Meal** is Timbertown pie, a mini muffin and a drink for $4.00

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Our school photo’s will be held on Wednesday 13th March. **In 9 days time!** Please complete your order and return envelope sealed with correct money inside. A separate envelope for each sibling is required. Family envelopes are available at the office.

All envelopes with payment will be given to the photographer on the day.

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**ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Any electronic devices are to be kept at home. The school takes no responsibility if they are lost or stolen. Please encourage students not to bring their phones to school also.

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**EASTER HAT PARADE**

Our Easter Hat Parade will be held on Tuesday 26th March 2013 for all students K – 2. All parents, grandparents, carers and friends are invited to come along at 10am to watch this colourful parade.

Preschoolers also welcome to participate so start making your creations. There will also be entertainment with our students singing Easter songs.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Ryan Bray who represented Westport Public School at the Lower North Coast Swimming Carnival on Wednesday last week. Well done Ryan

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**STUDENT BANKING**

Get your child involved in a fun way to learn how to save money. Student banking is every Tuesday morning between 8.45am and 9.00am at the banking window near the library stairs. Look for Pat the dog. An information pack went home with your child last week. Applications can be made on line, in person at the Commonwealth bank or collect an application form from the banking co-ordinators on Tuesday morning.

Happy banking.

Donna & Michelle
We now have a supply of Diamond Award tiles. All students who did not receive tiles for their Diamond Awards last year, please put your Diamond Badge in an envelope labelled with your name, class and year and bring to the office. We will put the tiles on your badge and return to you.

**YR 6 – YR 7 STUDENTS**
A letter from Westport High School is being given to students in Yr 6 today. This is an important letter for students and parents/caregivers for transition from Primary to High school.

**TISSUE DONATIONS**
It's that time of year again! Lots of runny noses and not enough tissues! Please send a box of tissues in for your child’s classroom.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Money Matters**
These workshops help families manage their money. **Dates:** 1st and 15th March or 8th and 22nd March 2013. **Time:** 10:00am – 11:30 am. **Venue:** St Joseph’s Family Services, Walters Street – Port Macquarie.

**Home Energy Saver Workshop**
Get up-to-date and creative tips on ways to use less energy and save money in your home. **Date:** 5th April 2013. **Time:** 10am - 12noon – morning tea included. **Venue:** St Joseph’s Family Services Port Macquarie.

**BEDWETTING**
A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon, and Physiotherapist, Margaret O’Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information and a free bedwetting fact sheet visit the website: [www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au](http://www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au) or phone 1300 135 796.

**BROOKS PORT MACQUARIE RUNNING FESTIVAL**
Come and run Port! Sunday March 10th 2013.

**Event schedule:**
- 07.00am 21.1km half marathon
- 09.00am 10km run
- 09.45am 5km fun run
- 10.20am 4km walk
- 10.40am 4km fun run kids 9-12
- 11.15pm 2km kids fun run 4-8
- 11.45am presentation

Start and finish is on the Town Green while the run course will be flat and scenic. All kids receive a medal along with other nik naks for participating. We do not reward first over the line with a prize, “They are all winners”. Contact: Peter Camilleri; Mobil


**SMARTIES KIDS CLUB**
Church of Christ 81 Clifton Drive, Port Macquarie. Thursday 3.00 – 4.45pm
Bus transport available from school and home. Afternoon tea provided. Supervised games, stories, singing and craft.
For further details contact Jack Begnell 65812514 or Church office 65811554.

**HOCKEY AT THE GLASSHOUSE**
Come Try Hockey at the Glasshouse forecourt on Saturday, 9th of March between 9:30am and 11:30am. Come have some fun in the inflatable hockey field whilst learning how to play. Children between the ages of 4 and 15 are encouraged to come and discover the benefits Hockey offers and for parents seeking a sport that is fun, safe, well organised, designed for all skill levels. For more information call Andrew 0401 408 087

**PORT UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**
Port United still has some vacancies in most junior age groups for the 2013 season.
The club will be fielding squads in all age groups from U6’s to U18’s as well as 5 senior squads.
All U6 and U7 players will receive a free soccer ball and pair of shin pads.
For more information and a registration package, please email the club at portunitedsoccerclub@yahoo.com.au or request on facebook via PortUnited FC.
MINI HOOPS

Venue: Port Macquarie Indoor Sports Stadium
Cost: $20
Duration: 6 weeks
Players please bring their own ball if possible.

Please note players must be registered with Basketball New South Wales... new players will have an additional cost of $15 for 12 months rego.

Debbie Burghardt
Mob:0413314466 Home:65822708

Fun Day Saturday 16th March 2013

Students having fun in art