PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Monday 24th November 2014

The end of the year is fast approaching and many special events have been organised here at Westport. This week, on Thursday, we are holding our Diamond Award Assembly. Students who have earned 35 stamps on their Good Behaviour Charts will be awarded another bar on their Diamond badge. Kinder students who qualify will also receive their badge. Any students who qualify for a Diamond award after the assembly, will be presented on morning assemblies under the COLA.

Congratulations to all those students who have qualified, it is wonderful to see so many students demonstrating the Social Skills each week.

Treat days are also being prepared for those students who have earned 80% of their weekly stamps this term. K-2 will be having a picnic and movie treat on 10th December to see Planes, Fire and Rescue. Stage 2 & 3 will be enjoying a Pool party at Wauchope Pool.

On Thursday, 4th December our Westport Splendour for 2014 will be held. Classes and staff (yes there are rumors of a staff item!) are busy perfecting their routines and items and tickets are now on sale from the front office. There is limited seating so please purchase tickets promptly as there is a limit of 2 per family.

More tickets may become available closer to the show. Last years Splendour was a sell out so be early and don’t miss out!

Any students performing will not be sitting in the audience, K-6 will view the dress rehearsal prior. Performers will be held in classrooms before and after their items.

This year Yr5 & Yr6 are looking forward to a more formal farewell at Westport Bowling Club. Outfits are being prepared ready for the dinner and disco on Monday 15th December. Further exciting details will be released later…..!

Last week I was delighted to accompany Celine Amada and John Page to Westport Club’s Mathletics Challenge. They competed in three 60 second speed challenges against students from other local schools. Both tried their best and came 4th in their respective divisions. TJ Dee-Orr also won the district Kindergarten division for earning 1,000 points in the 3 day challenge. Congratulations to all students who participated in the Mathletics Challenge.

Many class details are being finalised for 2015 staff and student placements. Transition arrangements for some students will begin this week to ensure a smooth progression from 2014 to 2015. Please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher with any specific concerns or questions.

Pip Riordan
Assistant Principal
**COMING EVENTS TERM 4**

**Wed 26th November – P&C Meeting, 6pm, Staffroom.**

**Thurs 4th December – Splendour in the Hall**

**Tue 9th Dec – Presentation Day**

**Wed 10th Dec – K to Yr2 Treat Day at Majestic Cinemas**

**Mon 15th Dec – Yr6 Farewell at Westport Club**

**Wed 17th Dec – Yr3 to Yr6 Reward Day at Wauchope Pool.**

**Wed 17th Dec – Last Day of Term for Students**

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**Term 4 – Week 7**

**Merit Awards**

KB – Caylee Williams, Shaun Redman

K/1H – Ruby Colyer-Marr, Alicia Williams

1/2R – Isabel Starr, Miki Buchanan

1/2S – Flynn McWhirter, Chelsea Reams

2/3J – Misheela Barnes, Zoe Gardner

3/4L – Eli Raglus, Oscar Taylor

3/4OW – Kirra Branch, Hope Gallagher

5/6A – Lachlan Higham, Joshua Pettit

5/6W – Roslyn Smith, Breearna Dorrington

Congratulations to all these students!

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**Diamond Assembly**

Our Diamond Assembly will be held at 9.10am on Thursday 27th November. Please ensure all students who have received a Diamond award in the past wear their badges on the day. Lost badges can be replaced at a cost of $6.00 from the Office.

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**Bus Passes**

Busways sent home a letter and an application form to students who are going from Year 2 to Year 3 in 2015. These need to filled out as a new application and handed into the school office before the end of term so there is no delay in your child getting their new passes in 2015. Please send the applications in as soon as possible.

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**Office Staff**

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**Canberra Excursion 2015**

Canberra 2015 is up and running for Yr5 & Yr6. A note will be going home to eligible students before the end of term.

Expressions of interest need to be returned to the office with a $100 non-refundable deposit by 17/12/14. There are only 60 places available.

Costing for the excursion is still being finalised with the cost to each student being approximately $550.00. Payments can be made during 2015 with the excursion being held Week 9 Term 3, 2015.

Mr Pepper

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**Year 6 Farewell**

This year Stage 3, (Yr5 and Yr6), are invited to attend a dinner and disco at the Westport Club for our Year 6 Farewell. The date for this event is Monday 15th December, 6pm – 8.30pm. The cost will be $16.00. More information will go home later this term.

Mrs Osborne

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**Year 6 Fundraising**

**Zooper Dooper Sale**

This Thursday Yr6 will be selling Zooper Doopers at the front gate for your trip home. They will be $1 each and we just ask that you remember to look after our environment and dispose of wrappers sensibly on the way home. This fundraiser will help Yr6 enjoy their last term at Westport.

Thank you to the Year 5 & 6 students who donated a packet of Zooper Doopers last week. We plan to sell more this Thursday afternoon so if you would like to donate some more packets please give them to Mrs Burke before Thursday so we can freeze them.

Year 6 Farewell Committee

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**Head Lice**

Please be vigilant in checking your child’s hair regularly for head lice. One treatment is not enough to get rid of them. There must be a follow up treatment no more than 7 days after the first. Checking every 2-3 days is the best way to keep on top of head lice and making sure that eggs are removed.
Garden Harvest
Wow, what an abundance of potatoes came from our garden. The students are doing a fantastic job under the guidance of Deb Bradtke. They also harvested great looking garlic too! Keep up the great work.

Mathletics Challenge
Celine Amada and John Page went to The Westport Club last Friday to compete in the Mathletics Challenge.

Stage 3 Gold
This term, stage 3 have been doing activities all about the Gold Rush as part of the curriculum. They have been having fun learning with the hands on activities like creating shops, buying and selling and making dioramas.

Lunchtime Movies In The Library
As an extra activity for students we will be showing movies in the library during lunchtime. The movies shown will include ‘The Lego Movie’, ‘Frozen’ and ‘How to Train Your Dragon 1 & 2’ which are rated PG. This is an optional activity for students who choose to participate. If you do not want your child to view these movies please contact the school.

Little Bookworms
When: Tuesday mornings
9am – 9.40am
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

Student Accommodation
The students of Charles Sturt University, Port Macquarie are looking for suitable accommodation to help them settle into their studies throughout 2015. If you have a spare room, granny flat or even an empty house to rent out then please consider registering your space on the CSU off campus accommodation register, https://csu.studystays.com/. If going online is too troublesome, or if you have any questions, then please contact Clara Koch on 02 6582 9358 or ckoch@csu.edu.au with details of the space that you would like to rent out.
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