Farewell

Last Friday was Imogen’s last day with us looking after our canteen and importantly looking after all the wonderful Westport students with their healthy lunches and snacks. On behalf of everyone associated with Westport I would like to say a hearty thank you for everything you have done for the students and school in your role as canteen manager.

Sport

It has been a big week for Westport in a number of sporting endeavours. Jay Reynolds was selected in the North Coast Rugby Team, Thomas Barker – Touch Football, Bill Butlin and Jed Raglus – Cross Country. Congratulations to these students on their remarkable achievements.

Classes Term 3

As mentioned in previous newsletters as student numbers increase there is always the possibility of forming new classes when numbers reach certain thresholds. At present we have enough students to form another class. We will wait until the end of this term to confirm whether or not establishing another class will be necessary. Congratulations to Mrs Fleur Eichler on her permanent appointment to Westport Public School as a classroom teacher. Mrs Eichler was successful at her recent merit selection interview for the position. We welcome her to the staff.

Hastings Secondary College Update

Staff and executive across the two Hastings Secondary College campuses have been working hard to develop the policies, systems and procedures necessary for Westport and Port Macquarie High Schools to form a college. The two 7-12 campuses are collaborating to use the new college structure to further enhance opportunities for students.

To date, excellent progress is being made and key decisions on a common period length, day structure and timetabling have been determined that will allow our senior students to access a broadened curriculum in 2015. To support students and parents with important decisions regarding Year 11 studies, a College Yr10-11 Subject Selection booklet has been produced and distributed and there will be a College Year 10-11 Subject Information evening on June 17, 6pm at the Rydges Hotel. We are particularly pleased that principals representing every school in the Hastings Valley Community of Schools will be present on the evening to welcome and support students and their families during the evening.

There are numerous other areas of college operation that are currently being considered. For example, staff have important areas such as Gifted and Talented education, Transition (Yr6-7; Yr10-11) and College technology systems development. However, an underpinning principle for all of our efforts is a drive for quality in all that we do. To this end, areas such as student uniform and behaviour/welfare programs are being reviewed to ensure we set the highest standards and expectations across our college. It is important that all students attend school in full school uniform and that their behaviour brings credit to themselves, their families and their school at all times. We will be liaising with our students and families in the coming weeks regarding these key areas to help clarify and implement our updated policies and look forward to full school community involvement in the development of an outstanding secondary college.

Dr Wayne Ible
Executive Principal, Hastings Secondary College
Dean Sneddon
Principal
******COMING EVENTS TERM 2 ******

Mon 16th June – ICAS - Writing
Tues 17th June – ICAS - Spelling
Wed 18th June – Inter-school LNC Qualifier Chess
Tues 24th June – NAIDOC Week Assembly – 10.30am
Wed 25th June – K-Yr2 Treat Day
Thur 26th June – Assembly of Excellence – 10am
Fri 27th June – Last day of Term
Mon 14th July – Teacher’s Return Term 3
Tues 15th July – All Students Return

Westport Public School Award Winners

Term 2 – Week 7

Bronze Awards
KB - Sari Edwards, Penny Hilzinger
KL - Marlee Bulmer, Logan Brazier, Noah Beard
K/1H- Molly Betts, Lilly Gillam
1/2R - Max Lockery, Sean-Ranae Borg
1/2S - Chayse Thompson, Maddison Barrett
1/2B - Matteka Shiels, Alyssa Byron
3/4T - Leslie Smith, Rebecca Thomas
3/4J - Zara Byron, Marcus Howard
5/6A - Hailey Dolendo
5/6B - Chloe Brookes, Eboney Hayward
5/6P - Alyssa Eames, Shannon Abbott

Premier Reading Challenge Merits:
Rinkal Khetani, Travis Pascoe, Breana Fowler

Canteen News

Roster:
Mon 16th - Richelle, Julie
Tues 17th - Jan, Richelle
Wed 18th - Richelle
Thurs 19th - Jennifer
Fri 20th - Kelly, Liza

If you are interested in volunteering in the canteen please come over and visit or ring the us on 65838506.

Kitchen / Garden News

Our garden continues to look great and produce, following all the support we had at the end of Term 1. We currently have eggplants, sweet potato, chillies, lettuce, bok choy, spring onions, carrots, peas, beans, pumpkin, cauliflower, broccoli, kale, beetroot and tomatoes planted as well as a range of herbs. This term in the kitchen some of our Stage 3 classes have made Eggplant Parmigiana, Pesto Pasta, Rainbow Salad Wraps, Sautéed Kale, Tacos and Chocolate Cake along with trying some different dressings on salad greens.

Students have also been busy building insect hotels to install around our garden area to help attract beneficial insects. To help us with this we would like any donations of old timber posts, fencing, or other types of logs, poles or thin tree trunks that we can use to mount our hotels on. Such things would also be useful for structures and supports in our garden. Off cuts of pvc piping, plastic roofing are other things that we could make use of. If you are able to assist with any of these items please drop them into school or leave a message with the office and I will contact you. Many thanks for your support.

Debbie Bradtke

Digi Ed

There have been so many amazing little clips made with the Digi Ed program over the last couple of weeks. We have very talanted students in our school with great imaginations.

Sports Stars

Bill Butlin Yr4 and Jed Raglus Yr6 have both made it to State for Cross Country.
Thomas Barker Yr6 made it to State for Touch Footy.
Jay Reynolds Yr6 made it to State for Rugby Union.
Well done Boys!

Choir Fundraising - CUPCAKE STALL

Monday 16th June
Get your CUPCAKES!!!!!
50c - $2
Please help our senior choir attend the many functions we take part in throughout the year. Choir members will be producing some fine delights for students to purchase for 50c - $2.
Sarah Burke
Festival of Choral Music Sydney Opera House
Excursion
6th August - 8th August
Only 7 weeks to go!
Choir students were given notes with all relevant information regarding our trip to Sydney. At this stage all members of the choir are invited but payment of $190 and good behaviour leading up to the excursion will secure a spot on the bus.
Sarah Burke

Tickets for Endeavour Concert
These tickets go on sale on the Thursday 19th June. Make sure you call the booking office if you intend on going to the concert. Tickets will sell out fast and are not available from our school.

Friday Night Rugby Union
Some highlight photos from our Friday night Rugby Union game. Thank you again to all the parents and helpers for your ongoing support.
Mr Tedd

Junior, Stage 2 and Stage 3 Dance Groups
Great news! Our 3 Dance groups will be performing in the Southern Network Dance Festival on Thursday 19th June at Camden Haven High School at Laurieton. The children go for the whole day with a Matinee Performance at 12 midday and the night performance starting at 7:00pm.
Tickets are on sale at our school in the front office for the night performance. The tickets are $7 per seat. We have been advised that due to the overwhelming response to the Dance Festival, tickets will be restricted to 2 per family for this performance. Sorry for any inconvenience or disappointment this may cause but this is needed so as to meet Work Health and Safety guidelines.
ATTENTION:
Tomorrow, Tuesday 17th will be the last day that we are able to sell tickets through the office as the organisers have requested we send back all unsold tickets due to high demand.
Thanking you for your understanding.
Toni Lawes, Amy Harland and Kerry Bendall

Uniform Shop
Micro-fibre Jackets need to be pre-ordered with a minimum of 10. We are currently taking orders for them now at the uniform shop. Please call in on Thursday mornings or call and order through the office before the end of term.
Michelle Gardner

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)
The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.
All students at Westport Public School are encouraged to enter the Premier’s Reading Challenge which runs from 1 February to 22 August 2014. Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge.
To experience a book a child can listen to the book, participate in a shared reading of the book or read part/all of the book independently.
It is a condition of entry that students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear on the PRC Honour Roll.
Students in K-2 will receive a slip when they borrow a PRC book from the library. Please fill it in and return it with their library books so we can record it for them.
Any books read at home or from the Town Library can also be included on their reading lists. Students in Years 3 to 6 are responsible for recording their books and entering them online. They will be given a time at school to enter their books but they can also do this at home by going to https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html or using the link on the school’s webpage and logging in with their DET Portal user name and password. More information about the Premier’s Reading Challenge can be found at https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html or ask at the library.
Bernadette Cassidy

Emergency Uniforms
If your child has been given emergency uniforms from the office could you please send them back as we no longer have any spare uniforms available for students who may be in need.

Lost Property
We currently have 20 jumpers/jackets of various sizes all with No Names. Could you please ensure that your students name can be written on all clothing items so that they can be returned to the student when handed in. Thank you.

Student Banking
Get your child involved in a fun way to learn how to save money. Student banking is every Thursday morning between 8.45am and 9.00am at the banking window, look for Pat the dog. Applications can be made on line, in person at the Commonwealth bank, or collect an application form from the banking co-ordinators on Thursday mornings.
Happy banking!
Donna & Michelle
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Go4Fun
Healthy Active Happy Kids
Families living in the Port Macquarie region are welcome to take part in a free term three Go4Fun program.

Venue: Port Macquarie Public School
Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm

Start date: Wednesday, July 16th 2014
To register please contact Go4Fun on 1800 780 900 or text 0409 745 645 for a call back.
Register online at: www.go4fun.com.au
Local contact Margo Johnston: 6562 0324 or margo.johnston@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au

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When: Mon 11th Aug 5:45pm-8:15pm OR
Sut 30th Aug 9:15am-11:45am
Where: Library, Go4Fun, Port Macquarie
Cost: $5.00 per person
Mention this Ad & a family member can come with you for FREE**
(For August Workshops 2014 Only)
Register: Enrols: 1st August with email
Phone: 6562 2125 or
Email: care@hlpfpa.com.au

School Holiday Tennis Camp
Learn the shots of Tennis, forehand, backhand, serve and volleys with our Tennis camps over the holidays.
Where: Westport Tennis Club
Woods Street, Port Macquarie NSW 2444
When: Week 1 – Mon 30th June to Fri 4th July (5days $85) Casual $20 per day.
Week 2 – Mon 7th July to Fri 11th July (5days $85) Casual $20 per day.
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