PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT
Monday 1st September 2014

After 11 years at Westport as our General Assistant, Dave moves on to a new position at North Haven Public School. We wish Dave all the very best. We will miss his friendly, happy face and cheerful persona. Many of our students will also miss Dave lending a friendly hand when required.

We have had wonderful results from our school Chess and GATS teams. Both our Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 GATS teams have recently participated in combined schools GATS days with other local schools in our area. Students had the opportunity to do many different activities and won many of the activities on the day. We congratulate them for their great success.

Our Junior Chess Team recently competed in the semi-final of the NSW Junior Chess League. They were victorious on the day beating all the other schools.

Congratulations go to Travis Chandley-Pascoe, William Beard, Marianna Gona, & Lachlan Higham. They will now have the opportunity to compete in the Sydney Academy of Chess Inter School Challenge Final. Good luck!

Congratulations go to Richelle Day who has been successful under a merit selection process in gaining the position of Canteen Co-ordinator for 3 days per week at our school. We welcome Richelle to the Westport team. Maintaining our canteen for five days per week requires a little help from volunteers. Volunteers are desperately needed, especially on Mondays, so that we can keep our canteen open each day. If you can spare any time, particularly on a Monday, could you please contact Richelle at the canteen on 6583 8506. Your help would be appreciated.

Dean Sneddon
Principal

Term 3 – Week 7
Merit Awards
KB - Livvy Tomlinson, Keiana Griffiths
KL – Kira Hooper, Tyler Moroney
K/1H – Chloe Day, Zac Downing
1/2B – Bailey Wilkinson, Thomas Edenborough
1/2R – Lennox Pickworth, Kyuss Gow
1/2S – Maddison Barrett, James Patterson
2/3J – Isaiah Philip, Brenton Harry
3/4L – Zara Byron, Beth Sinclair
3/4OW – Bill Butlin, Charlotte Dibley-Coneybeare
3/4T – Holly Hunt
5/6A – Swartip Dahal
5/6P – Georgia Fowler, Hunter Burdon
5/6W – Chloe Templeman, Tameka Conners

Congratulations to all these students!
*****COMING EVENTS TERM 3 *****

Mon 1st Sep – P&C School Fun Run
Fri 5th Sep – Father’s Day Stall
Thurs 17th – Stage 3 Reward Day

Years 5 GATS Day
During the Year 5 GATS day at Port Macquarie High School last Wednesday we did a number of exciting things. Firstly we started with drama where we played a number of acting and role playing games. From there we moved on to science. Using a solution of universal indicator vinegar, baking crystals and water we made rainbows in a test tube. It was lots of fun to be working with materials and creating an experiment.

During the after recess session we made things from clay in art and then moved into cooking where chocolate spiders were made and eaten. The last session had us doing a construction challenge with 100 straws. The challenge was to make a construction which supported the weight of a golf ball and WE WON!

The prize was a packet of smarties to each member of the winning team.

By Casey Munn & Chloe Noble-Brooks

Autism Spectrum Disorder Parent Information Session
Last Tuesday the Assistant Principal Learning Support presented a very informative session for parents of children with Autism. The session was well received and all parents and staff that attended gained more of an understanding of how we can all work together with their children to make the school a safe and happy place to be.

Alison Youngblutt
Learning and Support Teacher

Canteen News
Roster:
- Tues 2nd - Krystal, Kelly, Jan
- Wed 3rd - Richelle, Julie
- Thurs 4th - Richelle, Shane
- Fri 5th - Richelle, Donna
- Mon 8th Sep – Kelly

A new menu has been sent to all students last week with the daily specials.

STAFF CAR PARKS
Please remember that our limited on site car parks are for staff use only. The Widderson street carpark is very narrow and reversing out across the footpath is potentially dangerous. The canteen carpark needs to be left clear for delivery trucks to be able to do 3 point turns. Please help us keep our students and staff safe by parking on the street when visiting our school.

Garden/Kitchen News

A big thank you from our school to Aunty Betty (Wright) for her donation of 4 Kangaroo Paw Plants. These plants are the beginning of our native garden which we are establishing to help attract beneficial insects and birds to our garden area. We have a Waratah plant as well and hope to include as many of our floral emblems as we can.

We have an abundance of broccoli growing and the children have been enjoying cooking and eating broccoli muffins, as well as Lemon Myrtle Syrup Cakes. We processed the Lemon Myrtle ourselves from the tree growing in the Jum Madi Gai Garden. Both our cakes have been very popular with both students and staff. The rain has been great but it has held up excavation work for our orchard – hopefully things will happen soon, so we can get planting.

Mrs Bradtke

Kindergarten 2015
2015 Kindergarten Enrolment Packs are ready at the office for anyone who has a child that is starting school next year.

P&C Father’s Day Stall
The P&C is holding a Father’s Day Stall on Friday 5th September at the school. The gifts will vary in prices from $1 to $8. All students will have an opportunity to pick up a special gift for Dad on the day.

Tissues
There have been so many students affected by colds this season that the classes are in need of tissues to keep up with the demand. If you are able to donate a box of tissues for your child’s classroom it would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks
PSSA RUGBY

Congratulations to Jay Reynolds who competed in the North Coast Rugby League team at state level. He played in the Brian Palmer Shield held for a full week at Kiama.

Jay scored a try and defended well throughout the games.

He was a great ambassador for Westport Public School.

Friday Night Rugby Union

Matthew Harry, Fred Hanley, Jake Brady and William Burke were all selected from our Friday night Rugby Union team to play in the under 11’s Super Sunday’s trial with Jake Brady receiving the “Spirit Award” for the day. Four more boys will be selected to play on the 7th September in the under 12’s. Good luck boys.

LOWER NORTH COAST ATHLETICS RESULTS

Girls – Emily Sheather – 1st in 9yrs 100m, Chermeeka Fernandez – 4th in 9yrs 100m, Brooke Sheather – 4th in senior 800m, Pheobe Brown – 4th Junior Discus.

Boys – Bill Butlin – 3rd in 9yrs 100m & 4th in Junior 200m, Nicholas Weston – 4th in 11yrs shot put.

Emily, Chermeeka, Brooke and Bill have qualified to represent the Lower North Coast at the North Coast Carnival in Lismore on Tuesday 2nd September.

WESTPORT’S SKOOLBAG APP

Did you know if your child has been away from school you can send in an Absentee Note using your mobile phone? First you need to have our school Skoolbag app on your phone. You can access this by going to your app down loader, Type in ‘Westport Public School’ and install to your phone.

Then if you wish to send in an Absentee Note, all you need to do is find our school app on your phone. Click on it to open.

Scroll down to select Parent eForms. Select Absentee Note and add details like, child’s name, class, reason for absentee.

Press Submit. This will be emailed to the school and passed onto your child’s teacher.

If you need any help in downloading or using our school app, please don’t hesitate to ask. Our school publicity officer is more than happy to help!

ICAS WRITING & SPELLING RESULTS

(Celine Amada absent)

Congratulations to Celine Amada and Pheobe Brown who received merit awards in the ICAS writing competition. Congratulations also to Celine Amada and Tiana Mackenzie for receiving a credit and Kirra Branch for receiving a merit in the ICAS spelling.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tacking Point SLSC

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Register on line www.tackingpointslsc.com.au
Information sessions (with uniform shop open) at Tacking Point Life Saving Club Lighthouse Beach held on these dates:
Friday 5th September 2014 from 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Sunday 14th September 2014 from 10am – Midday.

Pool Proficiencies – after registrations at the town pool.
Saturday 6th September from 10am – 11am
Sunday 14th September from 10am – midday
SEPT/OCT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
MORNING INTENSIVE SWIM PROGRAM

Monday 22nd September 2014 – 26th September 2014
Monday 29th September 2014 – 3rd October 2014

$55.00 per week – Seahorse Level (max 4 per class)
$50.00 per week – Goldfish Level (max 5 per class)
$45.00 per week – Frog Level (max 6 per class)
$40.00 per week – Penguin (max 8 per class)

Bookings are being taken now, you can book in for the first or second weeks or only or both.

To avoid disappointment please book early as spaces fill quickly!