PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT
Monday 8th September 2014

We began last week with another fantastic Fun Run on Monday. Luckily the sky was blue and with all the great activities organised by the P&C, a fun day was had by all. Thank-you to all the volunteers who helped out on the day and also to all the families who donated so generously to our school cause. We are fortunate to have such a supportive school community. Keep reading this newsletter to hear when the prizes are arriving.

NAPLAN
Last week NAPLAN results were sent home. If you have not received your child’s results please contact the front office. Teachers will be using the NAPLAN results with their own in-class assessments to target learning to every child’s needs. If you wish to discuss your child’s progress with the class teacher, please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

Treat Days
As our term comes to an end Treat days are again being planned to reward those students with 8 stamps on their Behaviour Cards. These are days to reward those students who consistently follow our social skills of Be Fair, Be Safe, Be Co-operative and Be Polite. If you don’t qualify this term then keep trying for next term. If you have qualified, congratulations and enjoy your day!

Lower North Coast Athletics
Congratulations to the Sheather sisters on their participation in the Lower North Coast Athletics Carnival last week. They did Westport proud with Brooke running 10th in the 800m and Emily running 4th in the 100m sprint. What great ambassadors for our school!

Year 4 Maths Day
Last week 8 Year 4 students attended a Gifted and Talented Maths day at Port Macquarie High school. Charli, Moira, Dylan, Heath, Holly, Hannah, Jack and Lachlan had a great day with Mr Whiteoak and students from other local primary schools. They were especially proficient in calculations with 2 digit numbers. Great work!

Uniforms
With the recent cold weather we have had a spate of non-uniform jumpers appearing in the playground. Please be aware that we expect everyone to wear full school uniform every day. There are plenty of jumpers available at the uniform shop and an increasing number in lost property. Naturally if there is a washing glitch, then a short note to your child’s teacher will explain the different clothing for that day. Thank-you for your support in keeping our students looking great in their uniforms.

Milo Cricket
This week Stage 2 and 3 are participating in the Milo Cricket program at Wayne Richards Park. These are always enjoyable days and all places have filled quickly. Stage 2 will be attending on Tuesday and Stage 3 on Wednesday. We look forward to some news items and photos in next week’s newsletter.

Visiting Performances
Next week we are fortunate to be hosting 2 performances on Monday. The first, Ugly Snow Rella, for K-3 students, is a puppet show about relationships, teasing and how to be a good friend. The second, Netiquette, for Stages 2 & 3, is a short play about cyberspace, the internet and how technology impacts on social relationships. Both these shows are being funded by the school as we believe they are a vital part of our students’ learning. We know everyone will enjoy the experiences and learn something as well.

Pip Riordan
Assistant Principal
**Westport Public School Award Winners**

**Term 3 – Week 8**

**Merit Awards**

**KB** - Piper Griffin, Cerise Elmes

**KL** - Shakiah Simpson, Zahara Connell

**K/1H** - Amelia Scholz, Jocie Court

**1/2B** - Charlotte Burgess, Hayley Pankiewicz

**1/2R** - Samuel Tedd, BJ Boscassi

**1/2S** - Chelsea Reams, Miela Clark

**3/4L** - Tanisha Roggensack, Jessica Relf

**3/4OW** - Taylor Diaz, Amalia Gillis

**3/4T** - Hannah Mc Cleery, Rebecca Thomas

**5/6B** - Mai Nguyen, Matthew Strumolo

**5/6W** - Georgia Brady, Kirra-Lee Phillip

Congratulations to all these students!

******COMING EVENTS TERM 3 ******

| Tues 9th | Stage 2 Milo Cricket |
| Wed 10th | Stage 3 Milo Cricket |
| Wed 17th | Assembly of Excellence |
| Thurs 18th | Stage 3 Reward Day |

**Lower North Coast One Day Chess Qualifier**

Hastings PS, Tacking Point PS, Port PS and Westport PS supplied 15 teams to contest the Lower North Coast one day event last Thursday. The end result was a win for the 21st consecutive time by the current Westport A Team. This year’s crew consists of Travis Pascoe, Lachlan Higham and William Beard. They completely dominated the competition winning 22 out of 24 boards over the course of 8 rounds. In second were Westport B, 2 points behind the winners. This result sends the Westport A team back to Sydney to defend their NSW Country One Day title in late November. So far this year the team have made two out of two State finals in separate competitions with yet another still being underway to qualify for.

**Craig Ainsworth**

**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

**Kindergarten 2015**

The Kindergarten Orientation Day is Thursday 16th October and our Kindy T-Shirts are ready for when the completed enrolment forms are handed in. If you have not collected the Kindergarten Enrolment Pack yet they are ready for pick up at the office.

**Fun Run News**

Congratulations to all students who participated in Monday’s Fun Run. We all had a wonderful day and loved seeing all the school students out having fun and being active.

The P&C would like to thank all students, families and friends who made donations to support this terrific event and now look forward to working with the School Library to put those valuable sponsorship dollars into action to benefit all students.

The Fun Run would not have been the success it was without the assistance of Monday’s Volunteer army. Thanks to everyone that helped on the day.

Please note that there has been a minor delay in the processing of prizes for students who raised money, due to a misunderstanding on how to select prizes. Specifically, the value of some students prizes exceeded the money raised and had to be amended (you needed to add up the highest number in each prize category when working out the combined value of the prizes (example $40-$49).

We hope to have the prizes ready before the end of term.

**Donna**

**Canteen News**

**Roster:**

| Tues 9th | Krystal, Kelly |
| Wed 10th | Richelle, Julie |
| Thurs 11th | Richelle, Kim |
| Fri 12th | Richelle, Donna |
| Mon 15th | Kelly |

Don’t forget about our new menu and the daily specials we have. If a new menu didn’t arrive home via your child you can find it on our skoolbag app or the school website.  

**Richelle**

**North Coast Athletics**

Brooke and Emily had a great day at Lismore last Tuesday 2/9/14. Brooke finished a very good 10th in the 800m. Her race had the current National cross country champion in it and was amazing to watch.

Emily qualified fastest for the 100m with a new PB, finished 4th in the final in a very close race.

Awesome effort girls!

**Year 4 Maths Day**

On Thursday 8 students went to the Maths Day at Port Macquarie High School. We were put into two teams and did a variety of math activities. My favourite was the Twister Maths. I got into a very big knot and had a heap of fun.

**Holly 3/4T**

One of the activities we did was to make a pizza called meat lovers. We had to follow the instructions on the menu, we made it then I took a bite out of it and it tasted yummy.

**Lachlan 3/4L**

For forensic maths we had to estimate our height with a tape measure and a scientific calculator. After that we had to solve a bank robbery by measuring a footprint and with a few maths calculations you can estimate the height of the person. We then had to say which of the 5 suspects it was.

**Dylan 3/4OW**
There were 12 activities and my favourites were Nerf maths and Twister maths. We played volleyball at lunch and when we went back in the hall there were more activities like Tangrams and Paper Aeroplane making.

Heath 3/4OW

Fun Run
I played the tug-o-war at the Fun Run and it was my favourite. I won three times on the tug-o-war.
By Cailin 1/2S
At the Fun Run I played tug-o-war.
By Max 1/2R

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Monday 22nd September 2014 – 26th September 2014
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$50.00 per week – Goldfish Level (max 5 per class)
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