Monday 12\textsuperscript{th} October 2015

Welcome back everyone, to our final term of the year. As always, it is proving to be another action packed term, so brace yourselves!

Congratulations to all the children and staff on the successful Canberra Excursion! All the children had a great time and enjoyed the many different venues that Canberra has to offer. I was very proud to hear of the excellent behaviour of our students.

Concluding Term 3, we had many successful activities some of which included Chess and Rugby League. Coming up this week will be another Chess Knockout competition to be held against St Mary’s Primary School. Mr Pepper will be accompanying the students to Ginger Creek on Wednesday. Good luck to Lachlan, Sachin, Jack and Blake.

Also this Term we have the Kinder Drop-in afternoons as well as Intensive Swimming programs and end of year presentations.

I am looking forward to a positive finish to 2015.

Tony Johnston
Principal

****COMING EVENTS TERM 4*****

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Interschool Chess Challenge State Finals

Last Term on Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} September, the Westport Public School Chess Team competed in the Interschool Chess Challenge State Finals in Burwood. Our team consisted of Lachlan, Blake, Jack, Sachin and Harrison. To qualify for the state finals, the team had to play in a local heat consisting of 5 teams from local schools. Westport Public was placed first.

Our students held 7 places in the top 15, out of 43 students this round. This was followed by a semi-final held at Coal Point Public School with Westport again taking first place, with all our competing students holding places in the top 20 of the 65 competitors.

The state finals consisted of 16 school teams from across NSW. It was the first time competing at this level for 4 out of 5 students on the team. Our boys faced some tough competition against Newington College, Neutral Bay Public School and Kings School, amongst others, on the day and did well to hold 7\textsuperscript{th} place overall with 16.5 team points, with first place taken home by Newington College with 21 points. Seventy seven (77) primary students from across NSW competed on the day and our 5 boys all finished in the top 50 with 3 students placed in the top 30 placings.

Mr Ainsworth has done a great job setting the boys up from the start of the year and in his absence the boys have continued their training and success to make him proud. Thanks to the parents and families of the students for getting them to Sydney. Thanks to the P & C for their support in helping get the team to the state finals in Sydney. Overall, Westport Public School, finished 7\textsuperscript{th} across all schools in NSW.
School Intensive Swimming Program
The intensive swimming program will be held from Monday 2nd November – Friday 13th November 2015 for students in years 2-6 who are not confident swimmers. Cost of the program is $50. Spaces are filling up quickly, 30 places out of the 60 are left, so to avoid disappointment make sure you send in the permission note with payment as soon as possible. If you are interested and your child has not yet received a note, please see Miss Walton.

Procedure for Money Collection
During the year we organise many varied excursions and events here at Westport. Our procedure is that all notes given to students are to be returned directly to the class teacher, or the teacher organising the event. This needs to be placed in an individual envelope with the permission note and correct money for each student prior to the day of the excursion. This ensures that your child’s teacher is aware that the payment has been made and has received the permission note. Asking for change can also be tricky as banking is done daily and there is no change available. A large amount of paperwork and risk assessments are required before an excursion can leave the school. It makes it difficult for these “last minute” inclusions to be processed before it is time for the excursion to depart. It also makes it difficult to judge the amount of buses that are required to transport the students.

We all work together as a team to support our students and therefore your support in following these procedures is very much appreciated.

Canteen News
Volunteers needed for Tuesday – If anyone is available to help in the Canteen between 9am-12pm please phone Richelle 6583 8506.

Roster:
Tues 13th October - Sharon, Kim, help needed
Wed 14th - Kerryn, Amanda
Thurs 15th - Richelle, Jacinda, Jan
Fri 16th - Richelle, Sharon, Liza
Mon 19th - Richelle, Kerryn, Krystal

Monday Happy Meal
Our Monday Meal Deal has been so successful that we are continuing it this Term. For $5 the meal includes:
1 x Sausage Roll (w/BBQ or Tomato sauce)
1 x Packet of Popcorn
1 x Piece of Fruit (seasonal)
1 x 600ml Bottle of Water
1 x McDonalds Happy Meal Toy
A flyer with our meal deal special was sent home last week.

Heatherbrae Slice & Cookie Fundraiser
This little fundraiser was a great success, thank you to all those who ordered. We will definitely put this one on our fundraising agenda for next year.

Richelle
Canteen Manager

Band/Guitar Lessons
Please make sure if your child attends band or Guitar lessons that all fees are finalised no later than week 4.
Many thanks
Frank and Ben

Splendour in the Hall DVDs
We now have available the DVDs of our Splendour in the Hall Concert. It can be purchased at the Front Office for $6.

Kinder Orientation
We had a wonderful turnout for the Kinder Orientation, it’s great to see so many new Kinders and siblings of older students. We look forward to seeing their smiley faces next year and at our Drop-in afternoons.
Soul Surfing
TERM 4 BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SURFING
WITH SOUL SURFING: Book now to secure your place for this term’s favourite way to feel fitter, refreshed, have fun and learn heaps about surfing and the ocean. Make new friends and find your chill with surf lessons with soul. $180 entry fee!

SOUL SISTERS: For the mums and ladies out there wanting a space for self reflection, joy, balance, peace and harmony all while having fun in a safe and nurturing environment then Soul Sisters is for you! Sunday October 18th (yes we have a plan around the Ironman and won’t affect us) for your chance for surfing, yoga, massage, meditation, beautiful food and way more in store. (surfing optional). Full day 8.30am - 5.30pm. From $165. For bookings or inquiries contact Corey or Loren on 65820114 or www.soulsurfing.com.au

THE CRAFT HUB
A Hub for Inspiration, creation & play
Located Inside our Renovation & Recycling Warehouse
44 Uralla Road, Port Macquarie
Tuesday - Friday 8am - 3.30pm
Saturday 8am - 1pm
You can also help to support our hub by collecting and donating to the Foundation any of the following items:
- Toilet Roll cardboard
- Egg Cartons
- Tissue boxes
- Gladwrap/Foil cardboard rolls
- Pill bottles with lids
- Soft Drink bottles
- Perfume/soap/watch boxes
- Napisan containers
- Scoops from soap powder
- Buckets with or without lids
- Plastic containers
- Jars with lids (clean)
- Tins with lids (baby formula,milo)
- Plastic Bags
- Blank paper/card
- Wool/Tapestry wool/knit needles
- Cushion stuffing
- Old Trophies
- Material
- Picture frames
- Shoelaces/string
- String
- Sewing items/Canvas
- Paint Brushes
- Cork
- Leather/vinyl offcuts
- Craft paint
- Foam/Bubble wrap
- Packing boxes (flat)
- Cork
- Lamp/Shades/Shells/driftwood
- Gift bags
- CD’s (old)
- Pencils/textas
- Wrapping Paper
- Lace/Ribbon
- Craft magazines
- Canvas/Hessian
- Scoops from soap powder
- Tiles
- Shade cloth/netting

Phone: 65810939
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Free Tennis Grading – Kinder to Yr6
Come to Westport Tennis Club for a complimentary try out for your child.
Times are after school or Saturday morning. Racquets supplied.
For more information contact:
Mark – 0412 834 336/ 6583 3053
Westport Tennis Club
Woods Street (behind the Lexus Car Yard)
Port Macquarie

Dyslexia Empowerment Week FREE Community FILM Screening
Do you know a struggling reader or have an interest in dyslexia or specific learning difficulties? To celebrate Dyslexia Empowerment Week, local mums are hosting a FREE community screening of the Australian film Outside the Square. The 43 minute film for parents titled Understanding And Identifying Dyslexia will screen at Port Macquarie Library on Monday 19th October 6pm – 7pm. It’s an opportunity to connect with parents who may be facing similar struggles. Tickets available on EventBrite www.eventbrite.com.au/e/outside-the-square-film-screening-tickets-18643664703
The film advocates for evidence based practice and appropriate accommodations for children struggling with literacy in the classroom.

Featuring Australia’s leading education researchers, it will bring knowledge to every teacher, in every class, of every school.

Port Macquarie Surf School
AFTER SCHOOL SURFING TERM 4
ABOUT THE PROGRAM
Port Macquarie Surf School has been running after school surfing program for over a decade this is our most popular program and it keeps the kids healthy and active. This program aims to teach children the foundation skills of surfing but most importantly teaches children the skills of surf safety and surf awareness to keep our children and beaches safe. Port Macquarie Surf School is owned and operated by the Hudson family and is a surf school endorsed by the Australian sports commission.

- Port Macquarie Surf school picks you up from your school in our 12 seater bus fully equipped with seat belts
- We take you to Flynn’s beach for a healthy afternoon tea snack and a surf lesson till 5.30pm
- Children get picked up from Flynn’s beach at 5.30pm
- All coaches are fully qualified with Surfing NSW and are volunteer lifeguards or professional Lifesavers.

WHAT TO PROVIDE:
School pick up, afternoon tea, we have high quality surfing equipment soft boards, and wetsuits and rash shirts.

WHAT TO BRING:
- Swimwear and a towel

Cost: $180.00 for a 10 week school term

CALL HUDU AND THE TEAM ON 6584 7733 TO BOOK YOUR SPOT OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
FREE fun program for kids to become fitter healthier happier. Do you have children aged 7 to 13 years and worry they may be above healthy weight range? Go4Fun provides a fun approach to learning skills for life. Each week involves fun games including free sessions at the local pool.

Mid North Coast families who participated in the program last term highly recommend the program, describing improvements in their children’s fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem.

A parent or carer must attend with their child.

Take part in a free Go4Fun program in term four 2015!

**REGISTER NOW!**

Venue: Port Macquarie Public School
Thursdays
3.30pm – 5.30pm
Starting: October 15th

Register: Contact Go4Fun on 1800 780 900 or text 0409 745 645 for a call back. Register online at: [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au)

Local contact: Margo Johnston P: 6562 0324