Monday 9th November 2015

Many exciting activities took place at Westport Public School over the last week. One of these was the Aboriginal Excellence Awards which gathered many Principals and dignitaries from around our district to our school hall. Our school leaders Lachlan, Shannon, Lilly and Tiana did a fantastic job as MCs. They welcomed visitors and compered the awards. Well done!

Our school chess team is off to the next round in Bulahdelah this week on Thursday with Mr Pepper. Good luck everyone and I know you will represent the school with great pride and sportsmanship. I understand this is the furthest our team has gone in this competition for some time. Mr Ainsworth will be disappointed he wasn’t here to see it though I am certain he will be very proud!

With only six weeks to go until the end of the year, I hope our school can enjoy this time remembering to Be Safe, Be Cooperative, Be Fair and Be polite.

Tony Johnston
Principal

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2016 Classes
We are currently forming classes for next year. It would be of great assistance if you could notify the school office if your child will not be attending Westport Public in 2016.

Years 1 & 2 Excursion Date Change
Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we need to change the date of our visit to Settlement City. We will now be going on the 25th November 2015. All other details will remain the same.

School Intensive Swimming Program
This is the last week of the swimming program. Please make sure your child comes prepared with swimmers, rashier shirt, towel, goggles, and sunscreen. They may also bring a pair of thongs to wear to and from the pool only. Please ensure names are on all items. If the student forgets to bring these items they will still attend but only to watch not participate.
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 10th Nov - Sharon, help needed
Wed 11th - Kerryn, Amanda
Thurs 12th - Richelle, Jacinda, Keisha
Fri 13th - Richelle, Sharon
Mon 16th - Richelle, Krystal

Monday Happy Meal
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

Richelle
Canteen Manager

P&C Meeting
Our next meeting is Wednesday 25th November at 6pm at Westport Bowling Club. Everyone is welcome.
P&C Committee

Festival of Choral Music
Westport Senior Choir had a fantastic time in Sydney singing in the Festival of Choral Music at the Opera House. Our amazing students worked hard all year to learn eleven very technical songs to perform at the Opera House. Along with seven hundred other students from NSW Public Schools our students performed to an audience of fourteen hundred people. To top this off our very own student Casey Munn was one of three people to be interviewed part way through the performance about her experiences and she did an amazing job. Mr Johnston, Mrs Bensen and I are very proud of our twenty five students and how they performed on the night.

Mrs Eichler
Choir Co-ordinator

2016 Potential School Leaders
Last week some students from Yr5 gave speeches to the rest of the school for consideration as 2016 School Leaders. These are the contenders. Good Luck to you all.

Photos of Class Activities
1/2R – William has recreated the Tardis from Dr Who with the help of Mrs Hunt.

KL practicing the Marimbas
1/2H have been painting self portraits

Yr5 & Yr6 students have been preparing for Mock Trials

Splendour in the Hall DVDs
We have sold all the DVDs of our Splendour in the Hall Concert. If you would like a copy it can be ordered through the Front Office for $6 and we will call you when it is ready to be picked up.

Uniform Shop Price Update
Polo Shirts (sizes 4, 16 S, M, L, XL) $26.00
Girls Culottes $22.00
Bucket Style Hat $10.00
Girls White Socks $2.00
OR 3 pairs for $5.00
Fleecy Track Pants $18.00
Fleecy V-neck Sweatshirt $20.00
Fleecy Zip Jacket $24.00

SALE
Slouch Hat (hard brim) $7.00
Surf Style Hat $7.00

These hats will be phased out due to lack of popularity.

Microfibre sports jackets (embroidered with school name) for $34.00 and microfibre track pants for $25.00 can be ordered from the School Uniform Shop. A notice will be put in the school newsletter when available.

Please note: The Uniform Shop has a 10 week layby service.
The Uniform Shop is conveniently located at the top of the stairs near our schools main entrance.

The Uniform Shop is open THURSDAY mornings 8.45am to 9.30am

P&C News
Student Banking
Starting this Thursday Student Banking will operate out of the Canteen each Thursday morning between 8.45am and 9am. We ask the students to take their banking to the Canteen window.

Special Religious Education (SRE)
SRE is the well-established school scripture program conducted at Wesport Public School by the Port Macquarie Ministers Association. It is a non-denominational Christian program taught by volunteers from authorised local churches, using a well-developed curriculum used in many schools.

This K-6 course introduces students to the key concepts of the Bible, Christian belief and character. Each weekly lesson is half an hour, with engaging Bible stories, workbook exercises and (in some classes) even singing.

The Port Macquarie Ministers Association represents all the major mainstream Christian denominations as well as authorised independent churches in Port Macquarie.

Generations of students have been taught SRE at Wesport Public. If you would like your child to participate in the opportunity which SRE presents, then simply indicate so on the school enrolment form.

Rev Scott Donnellan
SRE Co-ordinator
Port Macquarie Ministers Association

Lost Property
Our lost property basket is once again full of school jumpers and jackets. Unfortunately they have no names so we cannot return them to the students. If your child has lost their jacket or jumper, feel free to come to the office and have a look in the basket.

Community News
PORT MACQUARIE TRIATHLON CLUB
Enriched Health Care-
Camden Haven Triathlon Festival
19th and 20th of March 2016
More info on entry fees etc in early 2016

Saturday 19th of March
1km ocean swim --12pm
(15 y/o and over)
LUSC Beach obstacle
course (6-10 yr olds) and
Triathlon (11-15 yr old)
From 1pm
A bike to be won as a
random prize

Sunday 20th of March
7am start
Enriched Health Care-
Olympic Distance senior
triathlon
1.5km swim/40km
bike/10km run
OHSB- short course
500m swim/20 bike/5km
run
Over $3000 combined in
prize money and random
draw prizes

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BIKE COURSE

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