Monday 16th November 2015

Week seven already! This term is going so quickly and Christmas will be upon us before we know it!
Last week we had some exciting events take place with our school chess team battling against New Lambton South PS in Bulladelah. Even though the team put in a big effort they were narrowly beaten. This team has progressed as far as any team has from Westport Public School and I know that Mr Ainsworth would be very proud. Of course we still have State Country Finals to play and I am sure the students will do well there.

This week we will be lucky enough to have a visit from North Sydney Girls High School Orchestra who will perform for the school on Friday in the hall. We are very lucky to have the girls choose our school as one of their venues.

Our school intensive swimming scheme for 2015 was completed last week with all students involved making great progress. Thank you to Miss Walton and Mr Pepper for organising and managing the scheme.

I hope you have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

Transition 2016
Teachers are beginning the Transition process for students to new classes and meeting their new teachers for next year. Some students will receive a short social story with the new details.
Please read the story with your child and share their excitement about the new year. Many thanks.

Pip Riordan

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

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Term 4 – Week 6
Assembly Awards
KL – Eleanore, PJ
KB – Orlando, Aiden, Helaina
1/2H – Liam, Miela
1/2E – Liam, Amelia
1/2R – Kaiden, Kye
1/2B – L.J, Summer
3/4W – Chelsea, Jeremiah
3/4R – Damon, Luciee-Mai
4/5L – Kirra-Lee
5/6O – Holly, Pheobie
5/6W – Laci, Jai
Choir – Kirra-Lee
Mathletics – Vaha
Best & Fairest – Jai

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.

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 17th Nov - Sharon, help needed
Wed 18th - Kerryn, Jacinda
Thurs 19th - Richelle, Jan
Fri 20th - Richelle, Sharon, Liza
Mon 23rd - Richelle, Krystal, Kerryn

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

Senior & Junior Choir to sing Carols at Legacy Lunch
Our senior and junior choir have been invited to sing at the annual Legacy Christmas lunch on Monday 7th December at 12.30pm. A bus will be provided and there will be NO cost to families for this performance excursion.
A permission note will be given to students next week with further information.

Mrs Eichler
Choir Co-ordinator

Stage 3 Surf Education Program
Stage 3 students have the opportunity to participate in the Port Macquarie Hastings Council Lifeguard Service Surf Education Program this Thursday 19th November.
Students will learn how to enter the water between the flags safely, recognising rips at the beach and other beach safety tips, they will also play beach games.
Students will only go to thigh height in the water in groups of 15 with two lifeguards and two teachers.
They will need to bring a rash shirt, swimmers, towel sunscreen, recess and a drink.
Students will change into their swimmers before they leave school. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform and have their school hat for the day.
They will also need proper closed in shoes as they will be walking to and from Town Beach, via Westport Park, Town Green and the Break wall.

Rikki Mason Visit
Last Monday, some Westport students were lucky to meet Rikki Mason, who is a current dancer with the Bangarra Dance Theatre. Rikki is in town as part of Bangarra’s regional tour. He came in to talk to students about all the sports he played growing up, how he became a dancer and what it is like to be a dancer with the Bangarra Dance Theatre. Students were able to ask questions and see footage of Rikki and other dancers performing. Rikki travels the world performing and was on the TV show “So You Think You Can Dance” before joining Bangarra. Now he performs worldwide celebrating and sharing Indigenous culture. We were very fortunate he took the time to come and talk to us. We thank Rikki for visiting and sharing a very important message – “That you can be anything you want to be, you just have to work hard”.

Swimming Program Photos
The swimming program finished last Friday. It was a great opportunity for the students who attended to learn vital skills in the pool. We took some snap shots of the students in action.
Cooking with Mr Weaver
Each week students get to cook with Mr Weaver using vegetables that students grow and eggs from our chooks. Here are some photos of one of the cooking sessions.

Lawn Bowls for Sport
Students who signed up for Lawn Bowls as a sport option on Thursdays are having fun learning the skills needed to play this sport.

Lost Reading Glasses
One of our students have lost a pair of glasses needed for reading and writing. They are pink coloured lenses in a purple frame and could be in a pink case. If by any chance someone has taken them home or found them could they please hand them into the school Office.

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.

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

Expressions of Interest!
The Ark Sports Centre Port Macquarie will shortly be opening their doors for the first time.
We will be catering for Junior & Senior levels of Indoor Cricket, Netball and Soccer. Additional sports will be added in the future.
Our doors will be opened for business from Tuesday 1st December 2015.
A soft opening will take effect from Monday 7th December 2015 for teams to come and play within our Centre, we will build team numbers prior to the Christmas break then we will start full competition on Monday 4th January 2016.

We invite Team captains or organizers, as well as individuals for Expressions of Interests to register NOW!
Mondays Junior U12 & U14 and Seniors Open Cricket
Tuesdays Mixed Netball
Wednesdays Ladies Netball
Thursdays Soccer
Fridays Juniors U16 & Social/Mixed Cricket
The Centre Manger will then be in contact with details of our Rules and Fee’s Structure.
Please send Interest to: fun@arksports.com.au and Attention to Todd Ruttley Centre Manager or call 0400030952
Our Address is at Ark Sports 203 Lake Road Port Macquarie, (the old tender centre) next door to Super Amart Furniture.