Monday 23rd November 2015

Another week gone by with many great activities taking place at Westport Public School. Last week the students had a visit from the Royal Life Saving Society where many important water safety aspects were discussed. Living so close to the ocean makes these visits even more important to our students. Swimming between the flags and obeying the instructions of our local Life Guards while at the beach is vital to the safety of our students. Our stage three students had a more practical experience, walking to Town Beach and participating in real-time water safety activities. The students really enjoyed this opportunity and their behaviour was excellent.

Last week we were lucky enough to have a visit from North Sydney Girls High School orchestra who performed for the school on Friday in the hall. Thank you to the school for providing an excellent cultural performance for our students.

Also last Friday we had our Diamond Award Assembly where students who have exhibited great behaviour all year, are rewarded for their hard work by receiving their Diamond Award certificates and updated badges. Well done to everyone who has attained this important award.  

Tony Johnston  
Principal

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

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Child Protection
Stage 2 and 3 are studying Child Protection over the next two weeks. If you do not wish your child to participate please contact the class teacher.

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.

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
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 24th Nov - Sharon, Allison
Wed 25th - Kerryn, Amanda
Thurs 26th - Richelle, Keisha, Jacinda
Fri 27th - Richelle, Sharon, Liza
Mon 30th - 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.

Mrs Eichler
Choir Co-ordinator

Stage 3 Surf Education Program
Students had great hands on experience at Town Beach with the Surf Education Program. Here are a few photos of some of the activities they did.

Lost Property
After our intensive swimming scheme we have a black towel, 2 black rash shirts and a pair of orange/black shorts (size 10). If your child owns any of these items they can pick them up from the office.
Swimming Program Photos
The intensive swimming program was held during weeks 5 and 6. The students worked extremely hard developing their water confidence and swimming skills. All students showed tremendous progress over the 10 lessons. We hope you enjoy our photos.

Miss Walton

Aboriginal Parent Afternoon Tea
Thank you to all the parents and community members that came to our afternoon tea. It was lovely to catch up and have a chat.

Stage 1 & 2 Lifeguard Visit
Thank you to Dane Rickwood for visiting our school and teaching us all about safety on our beaches.

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.
Community News

Lost Key
A key for a Toyota Corolla has been found at the school. If you own this key it can be collected from the office.

Hastings Autism
Hastings Autism (previously called HAARG) is a non-profit organisation run entirely by unpaid volunteers who are dedicated to helping people with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder in their families in the local area. Hastings Autism aims to help people affected by autism through all stages of life. Families affected by autism are invited to attend Hastings Autism’s annual Christmas Party.
When: Saturday 28th November
Where: WOW Fun Park, Boundary Road, Port Macquarie
Time: 5pm – 7pm
Cost: $5.00 per child 2 years and older
Includes: Party food, waterslides, trampolines and a bag of lollies from Santa!
Bookings essential for catering purposes: www.trybookings.com/163316