Monday 30th November 2015

Week nine already and it is only a few weeks until the Christmas holidays. I find this time of the year to be one of the most challenging. Students, teachers and parents are under a great deal of pressure coming up to Christmas. Whether that be associated with work or planning holidays or financial pressure. It’s really important to be aware of this and take it into account when interacting both professionally with colleagues or personally with family and friends.

Everyone is working hard to complete reports and planning the end of the year events. These include the Yr6 Farewell, Presentation Day and Carols Beside the Vines. We hope you enjoy these events.

Kind Regards

Tony Johnston
Principal

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

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Term 4 – Week 8
Assembly Awards

KL – Tyler, Wyatt
KB – Tully, Sophie
1/2B – Da’c, Max, Tristan H, Jarrell
1/2H – Ella, Trystan
1/2E – Jocie, Zac
1/2R – Charlotte, Malakie C
3/4W – Bradyn, Scott
3/4R – Zoe, Charlie H
4/5L – Cyann, Ben D
5/6P – Lachlan, Chloe
5/6C – Zara, Jorja
5/6W – Annalise, Georgia
Choir – Jemma S

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

Band/Guitar Lessons
Please make sure if your child attends Band or Guitar lessons that all fees are finalised before Week10. Many thanks

Frank and Ben
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 1st Dec - Sharon, Help needed
Wed 2nd - Kerryn, Amanda
Thurs 3rd - Richelle, Jan, Jacinda
Fri 4th - Richelle, Sharon, Liza
Mon 7th - 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

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

Student Details
This week you will receive a printout of your child and family details. Please read through carefully, make any necessary changes and return to the school office. If not returned we will assume that all details are correct. It is important that the school has current information. Thank you

Office

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

Carols Beside The Vines
Calling all Westport families and friends, our carols beside the vines is an event not to be missed. All students are singing whether in their class or with our fantastic junior and senior choirs.

Date: Thursday 3rd December 2015
Start: 5pm BBQ commences (singing 5.15pm start)
Finish: 6.30pm
Dress: Christmas casual clothes
Where: Westport Public School (behind KL)
What to bring: picnic rug and chairs
There will be a BBQ and some drinks for sale on the night.
We hope to see all our families there.
Mrs Eichler and Mrs Burton

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.

North Sydney Girls High School Orchestra Visit
Last week we had a visit from the North Sydney Girls High School Orchestra. They were fantastic and some students even had a go at conducting.

Dr Who Display
Last week William 1/2R gave an amazing talk to some of the students about the show Dr Who. All the items he made with the help of Mrs Hunt are now on display in the Library. Well done William and Mrs Hunt.
Stage 1 Excursion
Last week Stage 1 ventured over to Settlement City as part of the Geography and HSIE unit they are learning this term. The students had to survey and make notes on the various shop types in each wing of the mall. They even had an opportunity to shop. Thank you to the parents who came along on the walk to and from the shopping centre.

Community News

Year 6 Orientation Day
Thursday 3rd December 2015

Staff at both campuses are looking forward to meeting our 2016 Year 7 students and their parents/carers.

Students may arrive from 8.00am for an 8.15 start and the day will finish at 2.15pm.

A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch, however please remember to bring recess, fruit, a drink and your hat.

Parents are invited to share morning tea with executive staff after a short assembly.

The uniform shop at each campus will be open on the day from 7.30 - 8.30am and in the afternoon from 1.45 - 3.00pm. For additional opening times refer campus websites.

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Port Macquarie Library
You are invited to a Free Concert for Primary School aged children at the Port Macquarie Library on Saturday 5th December at 10.30am.
Local storytellers Morgan and Roman are excited to announce the launch of their CD ‘The Koala Went Cooee’ with a free concert. Join in the fun with puppets, music, dancing and storytelling. CDs on sale for $15.
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