Monday 14th December 2015

Last newsletter for the year and it is time to reflect on 2015 and look towards 2016.

It has been a fantastic year at Westport Public School! It is such an honour to work and lead such a dedicated and enthusiastic school. I have to thank all the staff, parents and students for travelling this journey together. It is important to care for each individual student and provide them with a great education and the skills they will need to be successful in our great country. The foundation of this care starts with the well-being of our students and this will be an area we will focus on during 2016.

Highlights this year for me would be watching the kids perform at Splendour, making rockets, the chess team and the Opera House as well as the many different sporting activities the students were involved in.

Next year there are many great initiatives the school will be implementing. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning will be a big focus as will the many important extra curricula days run throughout the year such as NAIDOC, Reconciliation week and Splendour in the Hall.

I believe Westport Public School is a shining example of the diversity that is our local community. Our P&C, lead by our president Donna Edenborough, has offered fantastic support throughout 2016. Our canteen is just amazing! Thanks must go to our canteen manager Richelle Day and all the volunteers that give up their time to help.

I am very pleased and excited to be working at Westport Public School next year. I look forward to witnessing the amazing achievements of the students during 2016. I wish you a very merry, happy and safe Christmas and holiday break.

Tony Johnston
Principal

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

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<td>Last Day of School for Students</td>
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<td>21st, 22nd &amp; 27th January 2016</td>
<td>Uniform Shop will be open 9am-11am</td>
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<td>Thurs 28th Jan</td>
<td>Students Return to School</td>
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100% Attendance for 2015
Jorja - 3/4R
Joven - 1/2R
Tyrell - 1/2B
Grace-Anne - 5/6O

School Start Times
Please remember that supervision of students begins at 8.35am each morning. Increasing numbers of students are arriving before 8am. Please do not send your child to school before 8.30am. Any students who arrive early must sit down quietly under the COLA until the first bell goes at 8.35am. School consequences will be implemented for unsafe behaviours during this time. We want students to start the day fresh and safe.
Thank you
Pip Riordan (Assistant Principal)
Canteen News
Last day for the Canteen this year is Monday 14th December.

The Canteen will be closed Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th.

I would like to personally thank all of our wonderful volunteers for 2015. The Canteen has changed so much in the last 12 months and it couldn’t have been done without each and every one of you. So thank you to Kerryn, Krystal, Sharon, Amanda, Liza, Jan, Cinda, Marie, Shane, Rhiannon, Kimberly, Keisha, Rebecca, Julie, Kelly, Donna, Mika, Jessica, David and Allison. The Canteen wouldn’t be as awesome as it is without every one of you. I appreciate everything you all do and I’m looking forward to another exciting year in 2016. Safe holidays, healthy eating, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to every one.

Richelle
Canteen Manager

The Burraydjarr Youth Program
The Burraydjarr Youth Group will re-commence on Wednesday 10th February 2016.
If you have any queries please contact the Birpai Local Lands Council on 02 6584 9066 and they will be able to assist you with updated information.

Aunty Marilyn

Chook Egg Funds
The funds that have been raised from selling the chook eggs goes towards food for the chooks but we had a surplus so we decided to buy chooks for a family in South Africa through Oxfam Australia for Christmas. Thank you to all the staff who have contributed by buying eggs this year.

The Chicken Dance
Mr Pepper and Mr Von Schoenberg were so excited when they caught the chook who escaped that they had to do the chicken dance. Oh Happy Days!

Richelle
Canteen Manager
Hastings Secondary College, Westport Campus

Hastings Secondary College, Westport Campus is conducting a review of its uniform and an online survey has been created to obtain feedback from the community. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete and will enable a new uniform code to be developed that has widespread acceptance. The survey link is on our website: http://www.westport-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/