PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Monday 9th February 2015

What a fantastic second week we have had at Westport Public School!

Students are settling in well to their classes and are working quietly and productively. Welcome to our new students. We hope you enjoy the friendly family atmosphere that we have at our school.

Students are reminded to follow our school values to be safe; to be fair; to be polite; and to be cooperative.

I have been spending a lot of time in our playgrounds interacting with our students. I have been very impressed with the way in which they follow the rules and display great sportsmanship. In order to have a great game, whatever it may be, it is important that students self-monitor their actions and be considerate of others.

I have also been impressed by students who show pride in our school by voluntarily picking up rubbish around our playground without being asked. Great effort!

I was lucky enough to attend the swimming carnival. It was excellent to witness our students participating with such enthusiasm and really enjoying their swimming. Well done to Mr Pepper and the staff for organising this event.

We apologise to Mrs Eichler and the students of 1/2E for omitting you from our teaching staff list which was published in last week’s newsletter.

This Wednesday, we will be hosting a visit from the local Police Liaison Officers. They will be discussing stranger danger with all our students from K-6 and cyber safety with our senior students.

Accurate Occupational Data

Parents are reminded that it is critical that parental occupation is recorded accurately on our school records. This data has a significant impact on the funding our school receives. If your circumstances change could you please inform the school immediately.

Tony Johnston
Principal

Westport Public School Award Winners

Term 1 – Week 3

Bronze Awards
1/2B – Ruby Colyer-Marr, Tyrell Jones
1/2H – Keiana Griffiths, Trystan Fry
1/2R – Penny Hilzinger, TJ Dee-Orr
3/4AP – Isabel Dickinson, Charlie Hyde
3/4W – Tamika Cambourne, Amalia Gillis
4/5D – Savannah Medcalf, Miranda Weston
5/6A – Chloe Warren, Swatip Dahal
5/6CO – Shannon Abbott, Phoebe Brown
Wed 11th Feb – Police Liaison Officer Visit – Will be speaking to students about general information and the Years 5 & 6 about Cyber Safety.

Wed 4th Mar – Hastings Community College Info Night – 6pm to 7.30pm.

**COMING EVENTS TERM 1**

**Travelling High School Road Show**
The Hastings Secondary College will be conducting their annual information evening on Wednesday 4th March starting at 6pm in our school library. This is open to all parents who are looking at High Schools for their child currently in Years 5 & 6.

**Change of Details**
Welcome to our new school year. If you have had any changes in details over the holidays e.g. address, phone numbers, medical, emergency contacts, it is very important that you notify the office immediately. Changes of Detail Forms are available through the office or you can notify us using the ‘Skoolbag App’.

**Canberra Excursion 2015**
Canberra 2015 is up and running for Yr5 & Yr6. If your child has not received an expression of interest note and you would like your child to attend please ask at the office or your child can get one from their teacher. Expressions of interest need to be returned to the office with a $100 non-refundable deposit. There are only 60 places available. Costing for the excursion is still being finalised with the cost to each student being approximately $550.00. Payments can be made by instalments during 2015 with the excursion being held Week 10 Term 3, 2015.

**Mr Pepper**

**Library**
Library days for 2015 are:
- Monday: KL, KB, 1/2R
- Tuesday: 1/2B, 5/6WB
- Wednesday: 1/2H, 3/4AP, 4/5D, 5/6A
- Thursday: 1/2E, 3/4W, 5/6CO

Please ensure that students have their library bags on these days so they can borrow from the library.
Students are responsible for any books they borrow and will need to pay for any lost or damaged library books.

**Guitar Lessons**
Guitar lessons commenced last Friday. All new budding guitar players from Yrs3 to 6 are welcome. You can get application forms from the Office or Ben on Fridays. The cost is $25.00 per term payable at the beginning of each term. Some guitars are available to loan.

**Canteen News**

**Roster:**
- Tues 10th - Sharon, Rebecca
- Wed 11th - Richelle, Amanda
- Thurs 12th - Richelle, Kelly, David
- Fri 13th - Richelle, Donna
- Mon 16th - Kelly, Jessica, Krysta

The canteen requires a dedicated volunteer to run the canteen every Monday with other helpers. If you are able to volunteer your time please contact Richelle at the school canteen on 6583 8506 (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

**Richelle**
Canteen Manager

**Book Club**
Issue 1 will be handed out this week and orders are due back by **TUESDAY 17th February 2015**. There are now 2 ways you can order:
1. Return your order form with payment in a sealed envelope to the office by 17th Feb. Payment can be cash (correct amount) or cheque made payable to ‘Scholastic Australia’.
2. Use LOOP to order and pay by credit card before 17th Feb. You do not send the order form to school.

Select NSW and enter Westport Primary School in the school name box. You will be directed to the ordering page which has information and a video on how to use LOOP.
- Select order from the top of the page
- You may need to select the school again
- Choose the issue and click order
- Click + to add your child’s first name and last initial e.g. Sam A
- Choose their class and click add
- Enter the item number from the catalogue
- If you have another child add their name and complete their order
- Continue to enter credit card details for payment

If you need help with ordering please ask at the library.
Books will be delivered to the school and you should receive your items about 24th February.
Swimming Carnival 2015
It was a great day last Friday for our swimming carnival and our fantastic photographer, Mrs Page, took some amazing photos.

West Tigers Visit
Westport Public School was fortunate enough to host a visit from the West Tigers 1st Grade Rugby League Team last Tuesday. The players discussed topics such as the importance of healthy nutrition, physical fitness, playing team sports and how much fun people can get out of playing rugby league. The players involved were young superstars Tim Moltzen, Curtis Sironen, James Tedesco and club legend the indestructible John Skandalis. Students asked excellent, relevant questions and were able to shake hands and acquire autographs from the West Tigers players.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MINI BALL – LEARN TO PLAY BASKETBALL
Ages: Aimed at Year 1 & 2, boys & girls.
Commissions/registration: Tuesday 24/2/15 for 6 weeks.
Times: 3.45 pm to 4.30 pm.
Cost: $15 to register with Basketball NSW for initial year (insurance) plus $25 for 6 week season.
Location: Port Macquarie Indoor Stadium, Hastings River Drive. Bring drink bottle & wear sneakers.

PRIMARY SCHOOL YEARS 3 and 4
Years 3 and 4 School age based competitions plus coaching
Ages: Years 3 and 4
Cost $700 per TEAM, payable by 4th round
Registration $30 first time player, $65 returning player
Commissions / registration Friday 20th February
Times: 4.15 to 6.15 PM
Coaching: first 4 weeks for 30 minutes before your 30 minute game.
After that, games will be longer and further coaching opportunities will be offered at another time
We will be accepting both TEAM nominations and INDIVIDUAL nominations

PRIMARY SCHOOL YEARS 5 and 6
Ages: Years 5 and 6 school age based competitions plus coaching
Cost: $700 per TEAM, payable by 4th round
Registration $30 first time player, $65 returning player
Commissions / registration Friday 20th February
Times 5.00 to 7.30 PM
Coaching For 4 weeks before the competition begins. Further coaching opportunities will be offered at another time
We will be accepting BOTH team and INDIVIDUAL nominations

FURTHER INFORMATION See our website:
www.portmacquarie.basketball.net.au
With thanks, GRAHAM JESSOP Schools Liaison Officer

PORT PHYSIE & DANCE
For all ages – 3yrs to ladies classes.
Come and try PORT PHYSIE & DANCE!
We are in the ‘Big Yellow Shed’ behind Lincraft in 1 Acacia Ave. First class is free to try.
For more info contact
Email: portphysieanddance@live.com.au
Web page: www.portphysieanddance.com.au
Phone: Donna 0408304151

Port City United Physical Culture Club
Affordable fun classes for girls and ladies from 4yrs and up. Combining jazz dance, ballet and exercise routines.
Contact: Kellie on 0428 841 877
Email: portcityunitedphysie@gmail.com
Web: www.pmphysie.com.au
PORT UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

Port United will be holding club registration days on Saturday 14th and 21st of February. Players can attend between 1-4pm at the clubs Dixie Park clubhouse on Hastings River Drive.

United will field junior teams in all U6-U18 competitions. Registrations start at $110 for U6’s and all entry level players (U6/U7) will receive a free soccer ball and pair of shin pads. Players are also able to register online right now. Contact the club by email at portunitedfc@yahoo.com.au or via inbox on facebook to Port United FC for more information or to receive the clubs registration package.