PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Monday 23rd February 2015

Swimming
Congratulations to the 20 students who represented Westport Public School at the District Swimming Carnival last week here in Port Macquarie. We are very proud of their efforts and great sportsmanship. A special congratulations and good luck goes out to Taryn Vagg and Douglas Toomey who were successful in their races on the day. They will advance to compete at the Lower North Coast Swimming Carnival next week.

School Hats
Please remember that it is important for all students to be wearing their school hats and bringing their hat with them to school each day. If your child has lost their hat or needs an extra, they can be purchased from the school office for $7.

Hastings Valley Community of Schools
Last week I attended my first meeting of the Hastings Valley Community of Schools (HVCS). The HVCS consists of local public schools promoting the ability of our talented students and aims to drive dynamic, innovative and quality education in our local public schools. Many exciting events and opportunities for our students will occur through this initiative. A special assembly of excellence will highlight student achievements. More information will be provided at a later date.

Tony Johnston
Principal

2015 School photos
Our school photos for this year will be taken on Monday 2nd March 2015.

All students are required to wear full uniform including black shoes.

Students received envelopes last week. Please ensure not to misplace these as limited replacement envelopes are available.

The photographer recommends that the envelopes are returned to them on the day the photos are taken. However, for your convenience, we are happy for you to return these to our office prior to this.

The envelopes will then be returned to the students on the day to give to the photographer as their individual photos are taken.

The office will be unable to ring home on the morning for forgotten envelopes as staff photos promptly commence at 8.45am and students photos at 9.05am.

If you happen to forget to return your child’s envelope, your child will still have their photo taken. Their photos will then be available for you to purchase on the photographers website for an additional $15.00 postage fee.
Canteen News

Roster:
Tues 24th - Sharon, Rebecca
Wed 25th - Richelle, Amanda, Jan
Thurs 26th - Richelle, Krystal
Fri 27th - Richelle, David
Mon 2nd Mar - Kelly, Jessica, Richelle

We are having a Paddlepop Meal Deal this Friday. For $5.00 you will receive home-made Spaghetti Bolognaise, Choc-chip Muesli Bar and a Chocolate Paddle-pop. Order forms are with the newsletter.

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 on 6583 8506 (Wednesday, Thursday or Friday).

Richelle
Canteen Manager

Canberra Excursion
Canberra 2015 is up and running for Yr5 & Yr6. 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 $580.00. Payments can be made by instalments during 2015 with the excursion being held Week 10 Term 3, 2015.

Mr Pepper

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.

Swimming for Sport
Our swimming for sport commenced last Thursday. If your child is doing swimming please ensure that they bring their swimming items with them every Thursday. If they forget they will still attend the pool but will not be able to participate.

Mathletics
Mathletics is ready to roll again this year and students are excited about improving their calculating speed in the online challenges. We are very grateful to the Westport Club for continuing to fund our students’ access to this online program. Mathletics reinforces the concepts taught in class and encourages fast mental computation of basic facts. Our kids love it! Watch them at home and see how eager they are to do their homework!

Pip Riordan
Teacher 1/2R

Invoices
Invoices have been sent home for book packs and voluntary school contributions. Thank you to those families that have already paid. The funds received from the payment of voluntary school contributions allow us to purchase extra equipment and resources for our classrooms and our students.

Office

Kinders
Kindergarten will be going home at 3.05pm as from Week 6 Monday 2nd March. Please remember if there are any changes to home time routines as in pick up or bus travel to notify your child’s teacher in writing.

Scripture
Scripture classes have recommenced at school this week. If you do not wish your child to participate, please inform your child’s teacher with a written note. A letter is required at the beginning of each year. Kinder students do not require a note as it was included in their enrolment form.

Hastings Camden Haven Swim Carnival
Congratulations to Douglas Toomey who came 2nd in the Junior Backstroke and Taryn Vagg who came 4th in the 12yrs Butterfly. They will now go on to compete at the Lower North Coast Swimming Carnival at Kempsey this Wednesday. Good Luck!

Student Banking
Get your child involved in a fun way to learn how to save money. Student banking is every Thursday morning between 8.45am and 9.00am at the banking window, look for Pat the dog. Applications can be made on line, in person at the Commonwealth Bank or collect an application form from the banking co-ordinators on Thursday morning.

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LEGO Brick by Brick Exhibition
The travelling Lego Exhibition hosted by the Port Macquarie Library was a huge hit. Seven of our students were lucky to be able to attend and join students from other local schools to put their imaginative skills to the test creating their own national capital buildings, bridges and attractions. This activity will run Monday to Friday 10am-4.30pm until April 8th.

1/2H Classroom Activities
Some photos of 1/2H hard at work in the classroom.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Comboyne Show & Goat Races
SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY FROM 9 A M
ENTRY $5 PER ADULT 16 AND UNDER FREE
RELAXED COUNTRY DAY OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
GOAT RACES WITH CALCUTTA SHOW POULTRY
DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS MARKET STALLS PRODUCE
PAVILION ART PAVILION
KIDS ENTERTAINMENT MUSIC
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COME AND HAVE A KICK WITH THE SYDNEY SWANS!
AFL / AUSSIE KICK CLINIC
When: Monday 23rd February
Where: Wayne Richards Park AFL Ground Koala St
Time: 4.30pm - 6.00pm
All ages welcome to attend this free event!!
Come and have a kick and get your footy signed by players from the Sydney Swans!
PMJ AFL will also be holding 2015 registration on the night
Auskick U7 & U9 $70 (includes Auskick backpack & football)
U11, U13 & U15 $80
For further information call AFL Development Officer Rachel Lowe on 0457389504

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