PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March 2015

What a busy term at Westport PS. We have many great activities our students are involved in both at school and in the local community. It was great to see our students enjoying the Lego at the local library this week.

Swimming
Congratulations to Douglas Toomey and Taryn Vagg who competed in the Area swimming carnival held in Kempsey last Wednesday. Both students put in an excellent effort with Taryn now going on to the regional carnival in Lismore for butterfly. Well done!

High School Information Night
This informative session will be conducted in the school hall this Wednesday, 4\textsuperscript{th} March commencing at 6pm. All year six students and their parents are welcome to attend. There will be tea and coffee available and it should conclude around 7:30pm.

Westport PS Parent Information Night
This will be conducted in the school hall on Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th} March. First session will be for years K-2 from 5:30pm to 6:00pm. A sausage sizzle will be available between 6:00pm and 6:30pm kindly put on by our hard working P&C. Yrs3-6 information sessions will take place between 6:30pm and 7:00pm.

P&C Donations
I big thank you to our P&C for donating a large number of notice boards to the school library. I’m sure this will make a huge difference and be put to excellent use.
Tony Johnston
Principal

******COMING EVENTS TERM 1 ******

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Westport Public School Award Winners

Term 1 – Week 5
Assembly Awards
KL – Lewin Jackson, Summer Elford
KB – Emma Watson, Katie Sharp
1/2B – Liam Forbes, Shontane King
1/2H – Cerise Elmes, Marlee Bulmer
1/2E – Armani Payne, Lily Gillam
3/4AP – Sarah Hawkes, Cameron Waters
3/4W – Aaron Cook, Leif Ingebro
4/5D – Kayden Jones-Moore, Mikayla Blackmore
5/6A – Bill Butlin, Claudia Spokes
5/6CO – Grace-Anne Pegler, Blake Dorrington
5/6WB – Jai Smith-Lloyd, Dylan Birrer

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Canteen News

**Roster:**
Tues 3rd - Sharon, Dylan  
Wed 4th - Richelle, Amanda, David  
Thurs 5th - Richelle, Rhianne  
Fri 6th - Richelle, Donna, Jessica  
Mon 9th - Krystal, Jessica, (Kelly 8.15-9am)

Richelle  
Canteen Manager

**Easter Egg Raffle**  
The P&C are seeking Easter egg donations for this year’s Easter Raffle.  
The Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat parade on 31st March.  
If you would like to donate eggs please drop them off at the canteen in the morning before school.  
Thank you
Westport P&C

**Band News**  
This Friday 6/3/2015  
Mr Frank Ruger and Mrs Ann Hamilton band teachers will be performing with our Westport Public School Band at 1.30pm in the hall. All Yrs3, 4 and 5 students will be in attendance. Any interested students who would like to join the band will have an opportunity to apply on this day.

The following Friday lessons will commence, and the students will be able to pick an instrument. They will have 3 lessons until the end of term one and should they decide to continue the cost is $50.00 per term due in week one of each term, with an additional one off cost of $10.00 for the music book.

All instruments can be loaned by the school and the maximum students will be 25 in the group. Parents and carers are welcome to come along to hear the band on Friday 6/3/2015.

**Kinders**  
Kindergarten students are now going home at 3.05pm with the rest of the students. 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.

K-2 Science Day  
On Wednesday 19th August (term 3) our school is hosting a Science fair for all Infants students from K-2. This is going to be an exciting and interesting day full of a variety of science activities. Hastings Secondary College (Westport Campus) Science faculty and students will be assisting us on the day. We would love to have the help of our infant’s parents to assist with a class of students for the day with the class teachers. We are looking for a minimum of 6 parents. If you can help please let your child's teacher know. Preparations are well under way for this great event.

Fleur Eichler  
Teacher 1/2E

**Book Club**  
Issue 2 will be handed out this week and orders are due back by MONDAY 16th March 2015. There are now 2 ways you can order:

1. Return your order form with payment in a sealed envelope to the office by 16th March. Payment can be cash (correct amount) or cheque made payable to ‘Scholastic Australia’.

2. Use LOOP to order and pay by credit card before 16th March. You do not send the order form to school. Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP). 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 eg 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 25th March.
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

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.

New Equipment
Our GA Justin was ecstatic to have a new mower to make his job quicker in keeping our lawns looking beautiful all year round.

2014 Splendour in the Hall DVDs
We now have the DVDs of last years Splendour in the Hall available for purchase at a cost of $5. These can be purchased from the Office.

Kinder Bus Safety Photos
Port Macquarie Hastings Hockey Association
“COME TRY HOCKEY” Days
Junior Hockey - Boys and Girls - Ages 4-11 all welcome

When: Saturday – March 14, 21 or 28 – 9am-10am
Free - All equipment supplied

Where: Hockey Complex, Ocean Drive (entrance via Hockey Place)
New players receive a voucher for a free Stick, Bag, Shin Pads, Mouth Guard & Ball

For More Information – 0423609720
Email any questions to: Derek.Arnberger@optus.net.au