It’s week eight already! This term is really going very quickly! Students are working very hard and enjoying some excellent activities. Last week I was lucky enough to accompany the year 5/6 students to the town library for some Lego building fun. I’m not sure who enjoyed it the most, myself or the kids!

Last week I mentioned the school’s three strategic directions and presented direction number one. This week I will present strategic direction number two.

Strategic Direction Two - Deliver high quality teaching and learning programs to support the necessary skills to be successful 21st century learners.

There is a growing recognition that 21st century knowledge and skills not only build upon core content curricula but also information and communication skills, thinking and problem solving skills, interpersonal skills and skills in communication technologies.

Teacher quality, together with high expectations including accountability for teaching and learning, will form the framework for delivering a rigorous and exciting school based curricula. Have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

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

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Term 1 – Week 7

Assembly Awards
KL – Jemma Schofield, Tyler Bullock
KB – Mia Downing, Kai Schaumann-Pinn
1/2B – Amy Johnson, Jasmine McKinnon
1/2H – Maddy Pettit, Miela Clark
1/2E – Connor Law, John Butler
1/2R – William Corrigan, Dylan Fry
3/4AP – Jessyakah Sheffield, Declen Dorrington
3/4W – Ashley Donohoe, Laura Court
4/5D – Blair Kemsley, Jasmine Berrigan
5/6A - Blake Thompson, Annika Ingebro
5/6CO – Casey Munn, Regan Paget
5/6WB – Justin Cooper, Laci Baird

Choir Awards
Montana Simpson
Skie McDonald
P&C AGM
Please note in your diary the P&C AGM and General meeting will be held on Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} of March at 6pm in the Staff room. All are welcome.

Aboriginal Parents Afternoon Tea
All parents of Aboriginal students are welcome to attend our first afternoon tea on Wednesday 25/3/15 in the Mingaletta room at 2pm.

Closing the Gap Visit
Werrin Aboriginal Medical Centre will be conducting a day of fun at WPPS in celebration of “National Close the Gap Day” on Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} March 2015. The gap activities will be from 12pm to 1.30pm. All Aboriginal students in Years 5 & 6 will attend activities in the school hall and will need to choose a non-indigenous friend from their class to participate as well.

Personal Learning Plans
All Personal Learning Plans for aboriginal students in K-2 have been organised for Thurs 26\textsuperscript{th} and Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} March. Letters will be sent home with students prior to this date with allocated days and times.

Aunty Marilyn

Canteen News
Roster:

| Tues 17\textsuperscript{th} | Sharon, Dylan |
| Wed 18\textsuperscript{th} | Richelle, Amand, David |
| Thurs 19\textsuperscript{th} | Richelle, Rhiannon |
| Fri 20\textsuperscript{th} | Richelle, Donna, Jessica |
| Mon 23\textsuperscript{rd} | Krystal, Jessica, (Kelly 8.15-9am) |

Richelle canteen manager

Band News
Band will now be held on Tuesdays between 2pm-2.45pm and Fridays between 1pm-1.45pm. School owned instruments will remain at school. Band will be held in the EC room (classroom near the F Block stairs). There are still some wind instruments available if your child is interested. Ask at the office for more information.

NAPLAN
Year 3 and 5 students will commence NAPLAN on Tuesday 12\textsuperscript{th} May - Language Conventions and Writing Tests – Wednesday 13\textsuperscript{th} May - Reading and Thursday 14\textsuperscript{th} May - Numeracy. These dates fall in Week 4 of Term 2 2015.

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.

New Gazebo
The school would like to thank our wonderful P&C Committee for purchasing a fabulous new School Sports Gazebo. The P&C supports the schools Sun Smart policy, not only at Westport but at all outside sporting events.

2015 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools

ICAS Timetable

| Tues 19\textsuperscript{th} May – Digital Technologies (computer skills) |
| Wed 3\textsuperscript{rd} June – Science |
| Tues 28\textsuperscript{th} July - English |
| Tues 11\textsuperscript{th} August - Mathematics |

Our students will again be participating in the ICAS program. If your child is in Years 3 – 6 and would like to participate please return the note to Mrs Osborne with the fee for each subject before the closing date Tues 31\textsuperscript{st} March.

Easter Egg Raffle
Tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle are now on sale. You can purchase tickets at the canteen (mornings only) for $1 each or 3 for $2. Any egg donations can be handed in at the canteen in the mornings. Thanks for supporting the P&C Westport P&C
**Canberra Excursion**
Canberra 2015 for Yr5 & Yr6 is off and running. We only have 7 seats left on the bus if your child is interested. Costing for the excursion is $580.00. Payments can be made by instalments at the office during the next 6 months with final payment due on 28th of August. The excursion leaves at 10pm Sunday night 13th September.

Mr Pepper

**Photos of Work in our Classrooms**

**KL – Billy Goat Gruff Puppets**

**KL – Visitor for Show & Tell**

**4/5D - Artwork**

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**McWilliams’ Quality Meats**
Shop 30 Settlement City
Phone: 6583 4600

**APRIL HOLIDAYS**

**MORNING INTENSIVE SWIM PROGRAM**

**Tuesday 7th April – Friday 10th April 2015**
- $44 per week - Seahorse Level (max 4 per class)
- $40 per week - Goldfish Level (max 5 per class)
- $36 per week - Frog Level (max 6 per class)
- $32 per week – Penguin (max 8 per class)
- $32 per week – Dolphin (Max 15 per class)

**Monday 13th April – Friday 17th April 2015**
- $55 per week - Seahorse Level (max 4 per class)
- $50 per week - Goldfish Level (max 5 per class)
- $45 per week - Frog Level (max 6 per class)
- $40 per week – Penguin (max 8 per class)
- $40 per week – Dolphin (max 15 per class)

Bookings are taken on a per week and are NOT refundable
A deposit will be required with all bookings
(Fees include pool entry for the child) Names being taken now.

**ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE AUSTSWIM QUALIFIED**
Swimwell Pty Ltd ABN 88 075 725 441
28 Gordon Street
PORT MACQUARIE NSW 2444
Phone / Fax 02 65831635

**North Coast Herpetology Group**

**REPTILE EXPO**
Sunday March 29th 2015
10am - 3.30pm
Entry: $5pp (over 12)
Children under 12: $2
Children under 4: Free

Range of live reptiles on display
Native reptiles, enclosures, equipment and supplies for sale on the day!

Port Macquarie Panthers Club
1 Bay St, Port Macquarie NSW 244

Author Peter Birch along with Critter Cam will be attending with displays
Lucky door prize every hour——There will be a reptile in the auction at 1pm along with reptile related goods
The lucky door prizes are family passes to Australian Reptile Park (2 adults/2 children)
PLAYERS WANTED

U8 | U11 | U12

*Spaces available in certain teams only*

Other age groups may have spaces, some are full.
Contact club for all other age groups not listed above.
Seniors - New players welcome, contact for information

Email - portunitedfc@yahoo.com.au | Facebook - PortUnitedFC

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