PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT

Monday 23rd March 2015

Just two weeks to go before Easter Holidays! We have some great activities coming up soon. Our Assembly of Excellence, Grandparents Day and Book Week activities to just name a few. Please take special note of the Coming Events section to make sure you don’t miss anything.

Over the last few weeks I have been presenting the Strategic Directions for Westport Public School. Our final Strategic Direction is the following:

The school will deliver quality well-being initiatives to support student learning and engagement. The achievement and success of every student is supported through excellence in teaching and learning. Programs to support good teaching and learning are crucial, not only encompassing a wide range of support services, but also ensuring that diverse learning needs of students are supported in their classrooms and school settings. The capacity to support these needs requires continued understanding of differences in learning and finding better and innovative ways of meeting these challenges.

Have a great week!

Tony Johnston
Principal

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

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Term 1 – Week 8

Assembly Awards
KL – Sophie Burgess, Darryl Iggleden
KB – Ryan Geering, Nate Thompson
1/2B – Max Lockery, Kaylee Bullock
1/2H – Bodhi Graham, Kaleena Barrett
1/2E – Amelia Scholz, Emelya Thompson
1/2R – Shakiah Simpson, Kaiden Smith-Lloyd
3/4AP – Hayden Alexander, Michaela Forbes
3/4W – Tyler Horrigan, Matteka Shiels
4/5D – Denae D’costa, Kirra-Lee Hayes
5/6CO – Mai Nguyen, Maryjane Coad
5/6WB – Mathew Harry, Georgia Brady

Choir Awards
Casey Munn
Damon Hooper

P&C AGM
Please note in your diary the P&C AGM and General meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th 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.

Canteen News
Roster:

Tues 24th - Sharon, Dylan
Wed 25th - Richelle, Amanda, David
Thurs 26th - Richelle, Rhiannon, Kimberly
Fri 27th - Richelle, Donna, Jessica
Mon 30th - Krystal, Jessica, Richelle, Donna

Easter Special
Saturday 28th – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
Richelle (Canteen Manager)

Brick by Brick Exhibition
On Friday 13th March students from classes’ 5/6A and 4/5D went on an excursion to the Port Macquarie Hastings Library for a deeper look into Canberra and Global Communications to enhance their knowledge at the Brick by Brick Exhibition. We watched a short video then were given an introduction about Canberra. Then we got into action and created new structures which would fit into Canberra and we discussed why it they were important. After that we headed down to the ABC Radio Studio. We met the Presenter of the Breakfast Show who asked us some questions and then we asked him some general questions about the radio station while he was recording the session. After that we headed back to school.
Swatip Dahal 5/6A

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

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

Parent Info Evening
Thank you to the parents and carers who came to our Information Evening, it was great to see you all and explain what we do in our classrooms. Thank you to the P&C Committee for providing a Sausage Sizzle.
2015 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools

ICAS Timetable
Tues 19th May – Digital Technologies (computer skills)
Wed 3rd June – Science
Tues 28th July - English
Tues 11th 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 31st 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 5 months with final payment due on 28th of August. The excursion leaves at 10pm Sunday night 13th September.
Mr Pepper

Sports Singlets
Last year the P&C designed new sport singlets. They have arrived and can now be lent to children to wear when representing Westport at sporting events.
Thank you to our wonderful P&C for the great effort they go to enable our students look fantastic when they represent our school.

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)
The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable students to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.
All students at Westport Public School are encouraged to enter the Premier’s Reading Challenge which runs from 2 March to 21 August 2015. Students must complete a set amount of reading to meet the Challenge

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To experience a book a child can listen to the book, participate in a shared reading of the book or read part or the entire book independently.
It is a condition of entry that students entering and successfully completing the Challenge will receive a PRC certificate and appear on the PRC Honour Roll.
More information about the Premier’s Reading Challenge can be found at https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html or ask at the library.

World Book Online
Thanks to the P & C, students at Westport now have access to World Book’s online encyclopaedia and e-books. These can be accessed at school and home by going to www.worldbookonline.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES

McWilliams’ Quality Meats
Shop 30 Settlement City
Phone: 6583 4600
Register NOW for term 2 Port Macquarie Go4Fun! Free attendance prizes!

Go4Fun is a FREE program which aims to teach children how to be healthy and fit and stay that way! The program runs during the school term and has been specifically designed for above healthy weight children aged 7-13 years and their parent or carer in a relaxed atmosphere with trained nutritionist and exercise leaders.

Go4Fun provides a fun approach to learning skills for life. Each week involves fun games! Families highly recommend the program, describing improvements in their children’s fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem. A parent or carer must attend with their child.

Start date: Tuesday, May 5th from 4pm to 6pm

REGISTER NOW! - At Go4Fun on 1800 780 900 or text 0409 745 645 for a call back.

Register online at: www.go4fun.com.au

Westport Tennis Club
School holiday Tennis Camps
HAVE FUN, play tennis during the holidays!
QUALIFIED coaches teach the strokes of tennis: forehand, backhand, serve and volleys. Tennis drills, footwork exercises, ball-machine, video analysis with graded groups in a fun, safe environment.
MULTI-SPORT each afternoon includes: Soccer, Cricket, Golf and Table-tennis.

Camp 1 – Tues 7th to Fri 10th April
Camp 2 – Mon 13th to Fri 17th April

Camp times: 9am – 12 Midday $20 daily (or 9am-3pm $35)

WESTPORT TENNIS CLUB, WOODS STREET, PORT MACQUARIE. CONTACT: MARK – 65833053 or 0412 834 336