**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENT**

Monday 27th April 2015

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone! I hope you had a very relaxing holiday and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We have already had a busy first week with the staff attending a workshop in dealing with traumatic stress in children. It was a very informative and interesting day with lots of practical strategies.

ANZAC Day was celebrated at the school last Friday. We had an assembly where the attributes and sacrifice of the ANZAC soldiers was acknowledged. Mr Ainsworth delivering a great talk around the leadership displayed by the ANZACs during the Gallipoli campaign. Students made and displayed poppies before the ceremony. Thank you to Mr Ainsworth for organising the assembly.

Many students attended the ANZAC Day morning march on Saturday. It was great to witness the students acknowledging the sacrifice of Australian troops through many conflicts over the years. They all looked fantastic and I was very proud of their performance. Thank you to those teachers who gave up their time to help organise the march.

The NAPLAN assessment will be conducted during week 4 on the 12th, 13th and 14th of May. Language, Spelling, Reading, Writing and Numeracy will be assessed. NAPLAN is a good diagnostic tool for teachers and provides a snap shot of performance. It is important to remember it is just one way in which we judge student progression.

I look forward to a happy and productive term.

**Tony Johnston**
Principal

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**2015 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools**

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**Canberra Excursion**

Canberra 2015 for Yr5 & Yr6 is now full. Any students who may be still interested can be put onto a reserve list, with a $100 deposit, should a student cancel. Please continue to make regular payments at the school office. Final payment is due on 28th of August. The excursion leaves at 10pm Sunday night 13th September and returns Friday 18th.

**Mr Pepper**
There are now 2 ways you can order:

- Scholastic Australia
- Uniform Shop

Return your order form with payment in a sealed envelope to the office by 14th May. Please note that this will be the only opportunity to buy these items this year, so please don't miss out.

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 participate in 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.

Uniform Shop
An order for Microfibre jackets and track pants will be placed on Thursday 14th May.

Samples for sizes 4 -16 are available to try on in the Uniform shop. Jackets are $32 and pants $25.

Adult size S - 3XL jackets are also available for $38.

All stock must be paid for as ordered and is expected to arrive before the end of May. Please note that this will be the only opportunity to buy these items this year, so please don't miss out.

P&C News
Last month the P&C held their AGM, the newly appointed Executive committee is as follows:

- President – Donna Edenborough
- Vice President – Kimberley Boyd
- Vice President – Cara Star
- Treasurer – Kelly Anne Evans
- Secretary – Michelle Gardner

We look forward to another great term, with our Mother’s Day stall and a Fluoro themed disco.

More information about these events will be sent home soon.

Donna Edenborough
P&C President
The School Photographer Re-order Photos  
Please find below, a list of all the sports/special photographs. If you wish to order please collect an order envelope as well as view the display samples from the school Office. 
The photos are:  
$16 ea, 2 for $30, 3 for $42, 4 for $52 or 5 for $60. 
Any additional photographs are $10 ea. This discount is only available per family order. 
Payment options – 
: Enclose cash in the envelope provided.  
: Credit card payments can be made Online through our website (www.theschoolphotographer.com.au), please record you ORDER NUMBER on the envelope provided. 
Return to any orders to the school office by 25th May 2015.  
(Please note if payments are not received before photos are sent to the school, a late fee of $5 will be incurred.)

Emergency Clothing  
Our emergency uniforms have really been depleted. If your child has come home in emergency uniforms we would appreciate it if the uniforms could be washed and returned to the office.

Grandparents Day/Easter Hat Parade  
We had a lovely day last term with Grandparents visiting our school to see what their grandchildren are doing and to talk about what they did when they went to school. We also had some amazing hats at our Easter Hat Parade on the same day. Here are some fantastic photos our wonderful photographer Donna took.
McWilliams’
Quality Meats
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