Another productive week has gone by. It was great to witness the efforts of the students last Friday during the school cross country. Congratulations to all the students who completed the course.

Construction of Chicken Pen
Our new chicken pen is well under way. Thanks must go to the P&C for agreeing to help fund this worthwhile endeavour. Mr Pepper, Mr Grant and Ms Conran are working hard to design and build the chicken pen.

Choir
Last week I attended choir with Mrs Eichler. They sound fantastic and the improvement since the beginning of the year is obvious. They are looking forward to the opportunity to perform in the Sydney Opera House.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing for years three and five will be conducted this week. This is a national test and the information we gather will be used to help inform our teachers on how best to adjust our programs to better meet the needs of our students. It is important to remember though, that it is only one way in which we inform our teaching.

Keeping our students safe
The well-being and safety of students at Westport Public School is always our first concern. To ensure the safety of our students we are reminding parents/carers to never use the staff parking area to drop off or pick up children at any time of the day as this is not safe for our students. If there is a need due to special circumstances to enter the staff parking at the front of the school, please discuss this with myself or the office staff to make arrangements.

Tony Johnston
Principal
Pet Safety Awareness
Every year our younger students are taught about pet safety. Not all our students have had positive experiences with pets. If your pet accompanies you to pick up and drop off your child please be mindful of others who may not be confident near animals and please keep your pet away from the passage ways and exits at the front of the school.

Canberra Excursion
Many parents have now paid for their child’s excursion to Canberra. Should you still have a full balance to pay; a payment of $30 per week will finish your payment before the cut-off date in August.

Mr Pepper

Canteen News

Roster:

- Tues 12th - Sharon, Dylan
- Wed 13th - Amanda, David, Rhiannon
- Thurs 14th - Richelle, Kerryn
- Fri 15th - Richelle, Liza, Kerryn
- Mon 18th - Richelle, Krystal

Monday Happy Meal

5 x Chicken Nuggets (with bbq or tomato sauce)
A delicious freshly made Fruit Salad
A 600ml Bottle of Water
A Surprise from the Treasure Box
All for only $5

This offer will be available from the Westport Public School Canteen, Every Monday all of Term 2. The surprise will vary depending only availability.

Richelle Day
Canteen Supervisor

Guitar/Band

Guitar fees $25 & Band fees for Term 2 are now due, if your child is involved with guitar or band lessons please pay guitar fees at school office and forward band fees to Anne Hamilton at Bluegum2.

Thank you

Year 6 School Shirts

We are in the process of collecting orders for the Senior Shirts. They will cost $32 per shirt. These shirts are worn by Yr6 as part of their uniform for the remainder of the year. All orders need to be in by 29th May. Please note:
- No late orders will be accepted.
- Orders must be accompanied with payment to secure your order.

School Book Packs

Thank you to all parents/carers who have paid for your child’s book pack. There are still outstanding book packs that require payment especially for students in Yr5 & Yr6 who need their diaries to complete class work.

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.

Stewart House

Thank you to everyone who was able to send in a donation for Stewart House. The donation will be sent on to this worthwhile charity which helps children in our public schools.

Toni Lawes

P&C News

A massive ‘thank you’ to Krystal, Marie, Michelle, Mark and Cathy for their help on the Mother’s Day stall last Friday.

- The Fluoro Disco will be on the 22nd of May and Tickets will go on sale on Monday the 11th and will be $8. A flyer was sent home on Friday.

- Our next P&C Meeting will be held on the 27th May at 6pm at the Westport Club. Everyone one is welcome, so please come along.

Thank you

Donna Edenborough
President
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.
Many thanks
Office

Athletics Carnival
Our students are training hard for the athletics carnival which is in week 9.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Year 7 - 2016 Information Night
Invitation to students and their families
As your child begins their exciting adventure into High School, we are committed to providing support and guidance to make it a smooth and enjoyable transition.

An important part of our transition process is providing the opportunity to visit our local campuses. The Hastings Secondary College principal extend a warm invitation to Year 6 students and their parents to meet the teachers, see the exciting work being done at each campus and enjoy a performance by our college band. You will have an opportunity to ask questions, enjoy our hospitality and meet other parents and carers at the completion of the presentation.
Come and discover the outstanding education available to your child at Hastings Secondary College.

Westport Campus  Wednesday, 13th May 2015  5.30 – 7.00pm
Port Macquarie Campus  Wednesday, 20th May 2015  5.30 – 7.00pm

INVITE YOU TO JOIN

THE BIG DIG
"A TREASURE HUNT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY"

PUBLIC EVENTS:
- GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
- REGISTRATIONS FROM 9.00AM
- BIG DIG QUESTS AT 10.00AM
- MAYORAL DRINK STAKES AT 10.30AM
- DUGS START AT 11.00AM
- 4 AGE GROUPS - O-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-12
- EVERY CHILD WINS A PRIZE
- LOTS MAKER PRIZES FOR THE BIG D![

Also Proudly Supported by:
Become a Volunteer Host Family this July!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our exchange students from Belgium, Denmark, Ecuador, Chile, Italy and the USA are young people like Matteo and Armelle, who look forward to experiencing a different culture and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Matteo (17) from Italy loves music! He is in a band called ‘Washing Machine’ and can play the guitar, piano and drums. He also enjoys rock climbing and basketball. Matteo tells us that he can’t wait to touch down in Australia and experience the ‘real’ Aussie culture.

Armelle (17) from Belgium loves sports! She tells us that she dances twice a week, participates in a fitness class on Wednesdays and is beginning gymnastics classes. She also goes to scouts with her friends on Saturday mornings. Armelle is looking forward to discovering Australia, seeing the new landscapes and speaking English with her new host family!

Request a Full Information Pack Now!
Contact WEP Australia to request detailed program information and student profiles.
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A not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in QLD, NSW and VIC.