Monday 25th May 2015

As the term progresses we have lots of exciting events happening here at Westport.

**Book Fair**
Our Book Fair, which began last Thursday, will continue until Wednesday the 27th May, so come and purchase some quality books and contribute towards library resources at the same time!

**PLP Interviews**
Last week our PLP interviews with primary student parents were well supported. These interviews offer a great opportunity to chat to your child’s teacher and catch up on their progress. Please don’t hesitate to ring our office to organise a parent teacher interview whenever you feel the need.

**National Simultaneous Story Time**
This week we are participating in the National Simultaneous Story Time on Wednesday 27th. All classes will be reading Aaron Blabey’s picture book, *The Brothers Quibble*, a favourite with lots of our students.

**Dance Groups**
On Wednesday we also have our Dance groups auditioning for the Dance Festival later this term.

**Bus Safety Education**
Stage 1 will be educated in the most up to date bus safety strategies by representatives from Busways.

**Reconciliation Week Assembly**
At 1pm Wednesday we will be holding our Reconciliation assembly. All families are most welcome to attend in our school hall. Thank-you to Mrs Burton and Mavis Heath for organising the assembly.

**Stage 1 Excursion**
On Thursday 28th Stage1 students will be touring some historic sites of Port Macquarie as part of their unit on the history of our local area. Thankyou to those parents and grandparents who are coming with us, it should be a great day. Please be aware that Wednesday is the last day for payments and we are expecting all students to attend. We will be leaving school at 9.15am on the bus, so please be at school promptly if you are coming with us on the bus. Likewise if you wish to pick up your child from Koolungbong Creek Park, instead of them walking back to school, please be there by 1.30pm as we leave at 1.45pm.

**LNC Chess Competition**
Thursday the 28th we will be hosting the Lower North Coast Chess Competition in our school hall. Mr Ainsworth is very confident of continuing our winning streak!

**LNC Cross Country**
On Friday the 29th we have some students representing our school at the Lower North Coast Cross Country event at Kempsey racecourse. Good luck to all our students!

**Fluoro Disco**
Everyone had an exciting time at the Fluoro Disco! Stay tuned for photos in next week’s newsletter!

Pip Riordan
Assistant Principal

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**Westport Public School Award Winners**

**Term 2 – Week 5**

**Assembly Awards**
- KL – Skye, Malakai
- KB – Harry, Mia
- 1/2B – Lucas, Maddisyn
- 1/2H – Thomas, Argyle
- 1/2E – Michael, Jocie
- 1/2R – Charlotte, Kye
- 3/4R – Janae, Trey
- 3/4W – Talisha, Chelsea, Vaha
- 5/6A – Blake, Swatip
- 5/6W – Nicholas, Jayden
- 5/6CO – Courtney, Hannah

**Senior Choir Awards**
- Mai, Janae

**Junior Choir Awards**
- Darryl

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**Canteen News**

**Roster:**
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> - Sharon, Rebecca
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> - Amanda, Rhiannon
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> - Richelle, Kerryn, Jane
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> - Richelle, Liza
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Richelle, Krystal

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**Monday Meal Deal**

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

All for only $5

*The surprise will vary depending only availability.*

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**Richelle Day**

**Canteen Supervisor**

**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

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**Tuesday School Assembly**

We will not be holding tomorrow’s School Assembly due to the Reconciliation Assembly on Wednesday. Our next School Assembly will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. 5/6A will be conducting the assembly at 1pm. School Leaders on stage will be those in Solander and Banks.

**Lost Uniforms**

When lost items are brought to the office we make every endeavour to get it back to its rightful owner. Please make sure your child has their names clearly marked on their uniforms so that we can get the items back to them.

Many thanks

**Office**

**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**

Microfiber winter uniforms have now been ordered. We expect the uniforms to arrive before the end of May. If you put in an order you will be notified when it arrives at school.

**Book Fair**

Enter the *Kingdom of Books* at our annual Book Fair.

**What:** hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for students to discover

**When:** Thursday 21st May to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

**Where:** Westport Public School Library

**Library days:**
- **Monday:** KL, 1/2E
- **Tuesday:** KB, 1/2B, 5/6WB
- **Wednesday:** 1/2H, 3/4R, 4/5L, 5/6A
- **Thursday:** 1/2R, 3/4W, 5/6CO

Please ensure that students have their library bags on these days so they can borrow from the library. Please return any overdue books as soon as possible. Students are responsible for any books they borrow and will need to pay for any lost or damaged library books.

**P&C News**

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

Thank you

**Donna Edenborough**

**President**

**Year 6 School Shirts**

This is the last week for Yr6 School shirt orders, cost $32 per shirt. These shirts are worn by Yr6 as part of their uniform for the remainder of the year.

Please note:
- No late orders will be accepted.
- Orders must be accompanied with payment to secure your order.
**Sewing in 3/4W**
The students in 3/4W have been busy doing some sewing. They are developing some excellent skills and having lots of fun. We are now going to try some French knitting. If you have any wool that you no longer need, we will put it to great use. Any spare wool can be dropped in at the school office and will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

**Miss Walton**

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**Junior Dance Group**
Junior dance group has been busy practicing their routine for the audition this week for the Dance Festival.

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**Science Club**
The science club have been busy building bridges that can hold an allocated amount of weight. This was one of the bridges that they built. Great work!

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**Netball Uniforms**
Our new netball uniforms are in and the netball team will look great next time they play. Thank you to the P&C who contributed towards them.

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**Chess Shirts**
Thank you to the P&C for our latest lot of Chess shirts. The boys all look very smart when competing.

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**COMMITTEE NOTICES**

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**Excellence in Child Dental Services**

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**All children under 18 yrs of age can receive FREE DENTAL CARE through the Mid North Coast Local Health District.**

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**Please call 1300 65 16 25 if you would like your child to have a check-up.**

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**If they are in pain or have dental problems they will be prioritised when you call 1300 65 16 25 to be triaged.**

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**Our Mid North Coast Local Health District Dental Clinics are situated in:**

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**POLE MACQUARIE**
Morton Street (Old Hospital)

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**WAUCHOPE**
Wauchope Community Health Centre
High Street (adjacent to hospital)

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**LAUNERON**
Carrington Community Health Centre
Laurie Street

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**KEMPSEY**
Kempsey Community Health Centre (in grounds)
Penfold Street

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**Coffs Harbour**
Coffs Harbour Health Campus
Pacific Highway

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**If you have received a letter indicating you are eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Scheme, you can use this at any of our clinics.**

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**NSW Health**
4 week Positive Discipline Course starts next Tuesday night 6-8pm in Port Macquarie.
Parents, carers or educators who are interested in a great course to explore in more detail the Positive Discipline tools and strategies to:
1. Help Children Deal With Feelings
2. Engage Cooperation...calmly...
3. Explore Alternatives To Punishment/Rewards
4. Encourage Autonomy & Independence
5. Know How To Praise Effectively
6. Free Children From Roles/Labels

The cost of the course is $100 for 4 weeks, concession $80. Each night is interactive, with lots of discussion & learning and a chance to take strategies home & try them out each week.

Registration & Payment information can be found online at [www.mindfulparentingmindfulcoaching.com](http://www.mindfulparentingmindfulcoaching.com) or via email. Some interesting Positive Discipline articles & links can be found on the website or facebook page!

The next Intro To Positive Discipline is on Thursday 11th June 10:30-12:30 in Kempsey, registrations & payments are being accepted now.