Monday 20th July 2015

Welcome back to term three everyone and I trust you have all had a great holiday. I spent quite a lot of time during the break exploring the Port Macquarie area. It really is a beautiful place to live with many interesting places to visit.

There are many activities taking place this term. Some of these include: The Canberra Excursion, District and Zone Athletics Carnivals and our fantastic school performance night – Splendour! Lots to look forward to!

Congratulations to our school chess team. I understand the competition was stronger this year and you all had to work hard for your win. Well done!

I look forward to a productive term and witnessing the end result of lots of hard work from our students and teachers. Remember: “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you CHOOSE!” (Dr Seuss)

Tony Johnston
Principal

*****COMING EVENTS TERM 3 *****

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Term 3 – Week 1
Our Pelican Feast winners:

ICAS Timetable
- Tues 28th July - English
- Tues 11th August – Mathematics

Canberra Excursion
The Canberra excursion is in the last week of this term. Final payment of the excursion needs to be completed by Friday 21st August. There is a limit of 60 students for this excursion and there are currently a number of students on the waiting list; these students will be offered the opportunity to fill the places of those who have not paid the full amount by Friday 21st August.

Mrs Osborne
Assistant Principal

I would also like to warmly welcome our new Assistant Principal Christian Pettitt to Westport Public School. Mr Pettitt is an enthusiastic and experienced teacher who will be a member of our executive team.
P&C News
Our P&C Meeting will be Wednesday the 29th July, 6pm at the Westport Club. All are welcome.

Donna
P&C President

Child protection Lessons
K-2 classes will begin their series of Child Protection lessons from this week. These lessons are part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education syllabus and deal specifically with protective behaviours to inform and protect students from various types of abuse. Please be aware that correct anatomical terms will be taught for all body parts, including the ‘private’ parts of the body. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your child’s teacher or myself.

Pip Riordan
Assistant Principal

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

What is the benefit for my child?
The aim of the national data collection is to collect better information about school students with disability in Australia. This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

The national data collection is an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

Contact your school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may involve your child.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect an Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when the sheet is full put the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box in the school office. You can collect a sticker sheet from the school or print one from woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn. The stickers will enable us to receive resources and learning equipment for the school.

LNC One Day Chess Championships
Another win to the Westport Chess Squad this time in the One Day Chess Tournament teams event. The event was a hard fought affair with Hastings Public School forcing our team to dig deep into their bag of tricks to win the event. The Westport A team, consisting of Lachlan, Bill and Blake took out the day with a score of 21.5 points. The Westport B team, consisting of Sachin, Jack and Harrison, finished in 3rd on 19.5 points. Our fast developing Westport C team, consisting of Swatip, Tristan and Chloe finished 6th and will be a force to be reckoned with in the future.

Mr Ainsworth

Book Club
Issue 4 order forms were handed out last week and orders are due back by TUESDAY 28th July 2015. There are now 2 ways you can order:

1. Return your order form with payment in a sealed envelope to the Office. Payment can be cash (correct amount) or cheque made payable to ‘Scholastic Australia’.  

2. Use LOOP to order and pay by credit card before 28th July. You do not send the order from to school.

Visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP
Select NSW and enter Westport Primary School in the school name box. You will be directed to the ordering page which has information and a video on how to use LOOP.

- Select order from the top of the page
- You may need to select the school again
- Choose the issue and click order
- Click + to add your child’s first name and last initial eg Sam A
- Choose their class and click add
- Enter the item number from the catalogue
- If you have another child add their name and complete their order
- Continue to enter credit card details for payment

If you need help with ordering please ask at the library

3/4W News
Students in 3/4W have had a fantastic time knitting some colourful scarves ready for the winter chill. We hope you like our creations!

1/2E News
1/2E have been practising their musical skills using the recorder with Mrs Burton. They have been learning ‘Au Clair De La Lune’, ‘When the Saints Go Marching In’ and ‘Hot Cross Buns’.
Rugby League Gala Day – Penrith

As winners of the under U10’s B division, our players, (back row) Charlie, Brenton, Logan and Jack, (front row) Jarrod, Lesley, Bradyn, Bill, Kane and Jai have been invited to participate at the next level in Penrith on Monday 27th July. Congratulations, it should be an amazing experience for those students.

Mr Littlefield

Glasshouse Ceremony of Excellence
The Hastings Valley Community of Schools (HVCS) will host the inaugural Ceremony of Excellence during Education Week – on the evening of Tuesday 28th July. The focus of this Year’s ceremony is to recognise significant academic achievements of nominated students from Year 3 to Year 12. Each school will nominate students to receive an Award of Excellence for a specific academic focus.

The HVCS Ceremony of Excellence, hosted at the Glasshouse, will also showcase a small but select number of performances including Dance Elite, HVCS Enrichment Big Band and quality solo or ensemble items to complement the presentation of awards.

Invitations to parents of students nominated to receive awards will be sent home this week. Invitations will contain details of the awards night as well as ticketing information. Tickets will be complimentary for all parents of students receiving awards.

The HVCS looks forward to celebrating the achievements of this group of students representative of our very successful Public Schools in our Hastings Valley Community of Schools.

Students in 1/2R are musical composers!
They have been changing the lyrics to the well-known song, Aiken Drum with Mrs Burton! Here are some of their creative pieces:

Lily C
There was a girl who lived in the barn, lived in the barn, lived in the barn.
There was a girl who lived in the barn, and her name was Lily C.

And she played upon a tree, a tree, a tree.
And she played upon a tree, and her name was Lily C.

And her hat was made of food, of food, of food.
And her hat was made of food, and her name was Lily C.

By Lily C.M.

Normal Bob
There was a man who lived in a cave, lived in a cave, lived in a cave.
There was a man who lived in a cave, and his name was Normal Bob.

And he played upon a minion, a minion, a minion,
And he played upon a minion, and his name was Normal Bob.

By James P.

Sam Burgess
There was a man who lived in the woods, lived in the woods, lived in the woods.
There was a man who lived in the woods, and his name was Sam Burgess.

And he played upon a lake, a lake, a lake.
And he played upon a lake, and his name was Sam Burgess.

And his hat was made of wool, of wool, of wool.
And his hat was made of wool and his name was Sam Burgess.

Buttercon
There was a man who lived in the sun, lived in the sun, lived in the sun.
There was a man who lived in the sun, and his name was Buttercon.

And he played upon a table, a table, a table.
And he played upon a table, and his name was Buttercon.

And his hat was made of corn, of corn, of corn.
And his hat was made of corn, and his name was Buttercon.

By TJ D.

Yr6 Shirts
The Yr6 shirts look great. We have 1 spare size 14 if anyone would like to purchase it.

Community Notices

Westport Tennis Club
Want to play Tennis? FREE Trial lesson at Westport Tennis Club!
Children’s classes after school or Saturday mornings.
Small groups with Tennis Aust. Qualified coach Mark Rawlingson.
For more info call Mark Rawlingson on 6583 3053 or 0412 834 336
**STRIPEY the eggscellent adventures of an emu chick!**

Stripey is a cracking adventure, based on a simple story written and illustrated by Wendy Binks, adapted for the stage in the well-known, highly skilled and foot-tapping style associated with other Garry Ginivan Attractions such as Possum Magic & Wombat Stew! Imagine having to keep track of 30 small emu chicks, who are running here, there and everywhere? Well that’s what Crikey, their emu dad must do and when one of them goes missing, that’s when all the fun begins. At the Glasshouse on Tuesday 11 August 2015, 4.30pm. BOOK NOW: online | call 02 6581 8888 | Cnr Clarence & Hay Sts, Port Macquarie.  

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**The 26-Storey Treehouse.**

Well, what are you waiting for? Come on up! THEY’RE BACK! A play by Richard Tulloch, adapted from the award winning book by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. Yes, that’s right. Andy and Terry had such a ball with their crash-landing entry into the world of theatre with The 13-Storey Treehouse, they’re back for more. 13 storeys more, in fact. At the Glasshouse, Wednesday 22 July 2015 at 4.30pm. To book: online | call 02 6581 8888 | Cnr Clarence & Hay Sts, Port Macquarie.  
http://glasshouse.org.au/event/the-26-storey-treehouse-0