Monday 27\textsuperscript{th} July 2015

Another busy week has passed and the students are working hard and have settled back into a solid work routine.

Last week we had some great activities take place in the school. The students really enjoyed the performance at the Glasshouse of the “26 Storey Tree House”. Students were also thrilled with the opportunity to get up close and personal with some Australian reptiles in the Snake Tails show last Friday.

Many students participated in the Zone Athletics Carnival at Wauchope last Friday and we had some great results. Here are some results:

- **Brock** – 3\textsuperscript{rd} in the 100mtrs
- **Bill** – 1\textsuperscript{st} in the Junior 200mtrs, 2\textsuperscript{nd} in the 10yrs 200mtrs and 800mtrs.
- **Emily** – 1\textsuperscript{st} in the 10yrs 100mtrs
- **Chermeeka** – 2\textsuperscript{nd} in the 10yrs 100mtrs, 200mtrs and 800mtrs.
- **Blair** – 4\textsuperscript{th} Junior 800mtrs
- **Girls Junior Relay team** - 1\textsuperscript{st}
- **Boys Junior Relay team** – 3\textsuperscript{rd}

More results will be put in the next newsletter. Congratulations to all the students who participated and to those who now go onto the next level.

This has been a great start to the term and I am looking forward to the many great events coming up and witnessing the progress of our wonderful students.

Tony Johnston
Principal
**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

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**Head Lice**

Please be vigilant in checking your child’s hair regularly for head lice. One treatment is not enough to get rid of them. There must be a follow up treatment no more than 7 days after the first. Checking every 2-3 days is the best way to keep on top of head lice and making sure that eggs are removed.

**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

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**Canteen News**

**Roster:**
- **Tues 28th** - Sharon, Jacinda
- **Wed 29th** - Amanda, Kerryn
- **Thurs 30th** - Richelle, Rhiannon, Jan
- **Fri 31st** - Richelle, Liza, Marie
- **Mon 3rd August** - Richelle, Krystal

*Reminder that no frozen ice blocks or juice cups are to be pre-ordered, they can only be purchased over the counter at lunch times. Thank you*

**Richelle**
Canteen Manager

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**Senior Choir Sausage Sizzle**

On Tuesday the 4th August the Senior Choir are hosting a Sausage Sizzle to raise funds to help with their trip to the Sydney Opera house.

They will be $2.50 each and can be ordered on the day the same as you would a normal lunch order. Please note the Canteen WILL NOT be open for normal lunch orders on this day.

Thank you

**Richelle**
Canteen Manager

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**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.

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**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

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**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.

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**Scotts Head Chess Day**

On Tuesday the 21st July, selected members of the chess team Lachlan, Blake, Bill, Jack and I travelled to Scotts Head Public School with Mr Ainsworth for a creative thinking and chess day.

Blake taught Pascal’s Triangle, I explained Gold Bach’s conjecture, Lachlan demonstrated how to open a chess game, Bill introduced chess puzzles to the students and Jack taught how to finish a chess game using a king and queen, king and rook and king and 2 rooks.

We finished off the day by playing simultaneous chess against the students at Scotts Head Public School.

**Harry 5/6A**

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Stage 3 Diaries

We still have diaries available for stage 3 students at $2.00 each. They can be purchased at the school office.

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.

Westport’s Skoolbag App

Did you know we have our own school app?

Skoolbag is an app designed for schools to share with parent and community members information in regards to their child’s school. It works on most smart phones, smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets) and now available on windows version 8.1.

Our school app is loaded with useful information in regards to things that are happening in our school. You can find our weekly newsletter, calendar of events as well as a digital absentee form when your child has been away from school.

All you need to do is download the ‘Skoolbag’ app on your phone. You can access this by going to your app downloader, Type in ‘Westport Public School’ and install to your phone or device. Look for the symbol below to recognise our school app.

If you need any help in downloading or using our school app, please don’t hesitate to ask. Our school office is more than happy to help!

Donna Page

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.

Tissue Donations

It’s that time of year again! Lots of runny noses and not enough tissues! Please send a box of tissues in for your child’s classroom.

Band and Guitar

Band and Guitar lessons are underway for Term 3. Please ensure that fees are paid as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already paid.

Frank Rugers (Band)    Ben Hardman (Guitar)

Chicken Coop News

Our new chicken coop is now complete with chickens enjoying their new home. Our students look forward to learning how to care for them and watch them grow and eventually collect the eggs. An awesome effort was put in by Justin, Dennis and Lavella in building the coop so our chooks are safe and happy. Well done.
Term 3 WORKSHOPS:
Intro To Positive Discipline:
Port Macquarie: Thursday 30th July 10:30-12:30 NovaSkill Meeting Room, Short St, Port Macquarie, Opposite Officeworks, $40 if paid 1 week before, $45 at door, concession available.
Intro To Baby Signing: Port Macquarie: Thursday 30th July 9:30-10:30 NovaSkill Meeting Room, Short St, Port Macquarie, Opposite Officeworks, $20 if registration 1 week before, $25 at door, concession available.
*NEW* Mindfulness For Mums Mini-Retreat:
Port Macquarie: Thursday 13th August 10:00am -12:30pm Sea Acres Rainforest Meeting Room OR Wednesday 9th September 6:30-9:00pm CWA Tearooms Town Green Port Macquarie $45 if paid 1 week before, $50 if paid at the door, Concession available. Register: www.mindfulparentingmindfulcoaching.com

Are You Interested In Different Cultures?
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an overseas student arriving in January 2016. Hosting exchange students gives Australian families the opportunity to share their life and their culture with young international students for a term, semester or year. January is fast approaching and our students can't wait to hear from a welcoming host family they can call their own and learn about the place they will soon call home.

Hosting Is Fun! Request Student Profiles!
Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today on 1300 884 733, info@wep.org.au or www.wep.org.au to receive a full information pack.