Monday 17th August 2015

Congratulations to our school A grade chess team Lachlan, Sachin, Blake and Harry who played against Bishop Drufft College and had a great competition! We started off slowly losing the first round but Westport came steaming back to win the final four games to take the victory! Well done! We will find out soon who our next opposition will be!

Another good news story is our new Buddy Bench. We have been lucky to win the opportunity to have one installed this week through Star FM and Bunnings. The idea has come from Charlie, a nine-year-old boy from Cairns who implemented The Buddy Bench into his school. The Buddy Bench is a permanent bench at school where children are encouraged to sit when they are feeling left out or bullied. If a classmate sees someone sitting on the bench they are urged to invite them to play, walk, or talk with them.

To help stamp out bullying across the Mid North Coast, Star FM will be teaming up with Bunnings Warehouse to implement The Buddy Bench into as many schools as possible.

Just a quick reminder to parents. Please make sure you sign in at the Office before attending the iCan Room or any of the classrooms.

Tony Johnston
Principal

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

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Term 3 – Week 5
Assembly Awards
KL – Finlay, Tyler
KB – Hailey V, Nate
1/2B – Cody, Isabel
1/2H – Maddy, Bailey
1/2E – Jett, Jocie
1/2R – Emily O, William
3/4R – Alyssa, Noah
3/4W – Jack, Bingdjaura
4/5L – Mikayla, Nikayla
5/6P – Chloe, Tristan
5/6WB – Brock, Georgia
5/6CO – Roslyn, Oscar
Mathletics Award – LJ
Best & Fairest Award – Blake D
Choir – Lesley, Denae
Canberra Excursion
The Canberra excursion is in the last week of this term. 
Final payment of the excursion needs to be completed by this Friday 21st August.
Thank you to all the parents who have finalised payment for their child. 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 this Friday 21st August.
Mrs Osborne
Assistant Principal

Canteen News

Roster:
Tues 18th Aug - Sharon, Jacinda
Wed 19th - Amanda, Rhiannon (Science Speical)
Thurs 20th - Richelle, Marie, Jan
Fri 21st - Richelle, Sharon, Donna
Mon 24th - Richelle, Krystal

New drink supplier
- Flavoured milk poptop: Chocolate, Strawberry and New Banana flavour - $2.50.
- 150ml Plain milk - $1.00.
- Juice Popper: Orange, Apple and Apple/Blackcurrent - $2.00
Thank you
Richelle
Canteen Manager

Kinder Orientation for 2016
Please be aware that enrolments are now being taken for Kindergarten next year. If your child turns 6 in 2016, legally, they must be enrolled to start school then. Our orientation day is Friday, 9th October, Term 4 Week 1. Students can attend a kinder classroom while parents attend an information meeting in the library. If your child turns 5 in 2016, you may like to discuss with Mrs Riordan, whether your child is ready for school early. The meeting starts at 12.30pm followed by a Sausage sizzle on the top quad with teachers and students.

Don’t forget, as soon as enrolment paperwork is complete, your child receives a free T-shirt to wear to the Transition Drop-in afternoons each Thursday and Friday. Some early birds already have theirs!
Mrs Pip Riordan A.P.

Lost Property
The lost property basket in the office foyer is full of jumpers and items with no names. If your child has lost and item of clothing could you please come and check the basket.

Splendor – Thursday 3rd September
Save the date for this very important whole school event. Students have been working hard again this year on dances, singing, plays, marimbas, band, recorders, guitars and so much more. It is all happening here at our fantastic school Westport Primary!

Mrs Eichler
Mrs Burton

Science Day
Our K-2 Science day is very close now…
Date: Wednesday 19th August (week 6)
Wanted: Parent helpers for the day. Please let your class teacher know if you can help on the day.
(Note that non-school aged children are not allowed for safety reasons).
The science day will be filled with eight fun filled activities that students can explore with their class group. There will also be a special science inspired lunch order available through the canteen for all students.

Science is cool, or is it?
K-2 will find out this Wednesday 19th August

Don’t put the coat on the snowman. It will melt him.
I don’t think the coat will make any difference.
It will keep him cold and stop him melting.

What do YOU think?
The science concept cartoon above captures the essence of our upcoming K-2 Science day. Science is about questioning the world around us, investigating ideas and testing them. Westport Science day will be all about students doing and exploring to ensure we capture and develop their ideas and test them. Without giving too much away, students will get to use microscopes, play with magnets, test ideas about bubbles and lots, lots more.
Our students will be guided through activities by selected high school students and Mr Ian Mavin (Head Teacher Science). This is sure to be an exciting, fun filled day not to be missed. Two more sleeps!!!
Fleur Eichler
Woolworths Earn and Learn
Thank you to the Parents and Students who have been collecting the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers and bringing them in. Keep up the great support as it will assist in boosting educational supplies and resources for our classroom programs. The Earn and Learn Collection box is located in the office foyer. You can get collection sheets from the office too.
Mr Pettitt

School Banking
School banking runs at our school on Thursday mornings between 8.30am-9.15am. All your child needs is a Youth Saver account with the Commonwealth Bank. They can then make regular deposits at the school on banking day and will even be rewarded along the way. Come and see the school banking Co-ordinator for more information.
Kerryn Schofield

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.

Attendance Matters
Did you know that if your child is 10 minutes late to school each day this adds up to them missing a total of 5 ½ days of school a year? It is important that students attend school, on time, every day. Teaching your child that being on time is important as children who are constantly late to school miss the most crucial part of the school day - when the teacher outlines the activities of the day. This time is also crucial for new skills and concepts to be presented to students, as this is the part of the day when a child’s concentration and focus is at its peak. Lateness often impacts on the wellbeing of your child, as students who are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students. This can sometimes lead to isolation from peers, anxiety and school refusal. Lateness to school can develop into a habit and habits are hard to break.

Hints to get to school on time:

- Make lunches the night before and store in the fridge ready for the morning rush.
- Check the night before on things needed for the next school day such as lunch money, sports day uniform, library bag, and permission slips etc.
- Have school uniforms ready for your child to put on in the morning.
- Buy an alarm clock and place it at the foot of your child’s bed if they are having trouble waking for school.
- ROUTINE, ROUTINE, ROUTINE!

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents/carers. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s attendance you can contact their classroom teacher, the Principal, Tony Johnston or, the Home School Liaison Officer.
Take care,
Annie Stanford
Home School Liaison Officer

Info/Fun Day
If you are new to cricket or are interested in finding out more about the upcoming 2015/16 season, come to our Info/Fun day

Where: Tuffins Lane nets
When: Saturday 15th August, 9am to 11am.
What:
• information on the upcoming season
• We will have a bowling machine set up so you can have a go (bring your kit if you have one!)

Come along, we hope to see you there!

For more info contact Linda 0414 254 795
Or go to our website portmacquariejc.nsw.cricket.com.au

Community News
New Tennis Hotshots Program at Port Macquarie Tennis Club.
Learn to Rally in 4 weeks! Accelerated program with the focus on ball control, movement skills and tennis techniques for children 7-10 years.
Times: Wednesday 4-5pm or Saturday 9-10am. Cost $39.00 for a 4 week block. As this is an on-going program children can start at any date, and use their blocks consecutively or throughout the year. We also have availability in our other regular coaching sessions for all age groups. Phone Greg on 65849940 or email pmtc@bestit.net.au to book in.