Monday 31st August 2015

Welcome to yet another busy week at Westport Public School. Last week we had more fantastic events take place in the lead up to Splendour and end of term formal assemblies.

Since Mr Johnston was away at a Leadership course, Mrs Riordan and Mr Pettitt stepped into the office.

On Monday our wonderful choir sang at the opening of the new Fire station. Much to everyone’s delight, Kirra-Lee was asked by the minister to help open the official curtain over the plaque. Perhaps you saw her starring on NBN news? This was a great experience for our senior choir and provided wonderful positive publicity for our school.

On Thursday, 8 Stage 2 students attended a Year 4 Maths Day at Hastings Secondary College-Port Macquarie Campus. Mrs Walton has a report later in this newsletter, but all students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

On Friday we had a successful Father’s Day stall, run by our diligent P&C committee, providing opportunities for students to purchase gifts for the special people in their lives.

WASCALS also visited Kinder and Year 6 students to talk about cancer and the charitable activities that they run for kids suffering from that disease.

We also had our first Splendour run through, in preparation for Thursday night. Lots of dancing, singing and even some zombies were seen on stage, so our hall looks the place to be at 6pm Thursday!

This week we celebrate the wonderful caring work done by all our SASS staff at Westport, so if you are at our office this week, please join us in thanking them all.

Have a great week and see you Thursday night!

Pip Riordan
Relieving Principal
***COMING EVENTS TERM 3***

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**Westport Public School Award Winners**

**Term 3 – Week 7**

**Assembly Awards**

KL – Mackenna, Jayden
KB – Harley, Jayden, Paris
1/2B – Tristan, Amy
1/2H – Marlee, Allana
1/2E – Jocie, Liam
1/2R – Sari, Shakia
3/4R – Hope, Declen
3/4W – Bailey, William, Amalia
4/5L – Ben, Harroleigh
5/6P – Molly, Bill
5/6WB – Michayla B, Emily

**Mathletics Award** – Hannah

**Choir** – Damon, Shontae

**Best on Field** – Lachlan

**Kinder 2016**

Thanks to all parents who have returned their child’s enrolment forms for Kindergarten next year. We are currently organising the Kinder Orientation and request that all outstanding enrolments be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

*Mrs Pip Riordan A.P.*

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**Canberra Excursion**

The Canberra excursion is from Mon 14th to Fri 18th Sept. Thank you to everyone for finalising payments.

A permission/medical note and a list of items required for the excursion went home last week, please ensure you complete and return the note as soon as possible.

*Mrs Osborne A.P.*

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**Canteen News**

**Roster:**

- **Tues 1st Sep** - Sharon, Jacinda
- **Wed 2nd** - Amanda, Kerryn
- **Thurs 3rd** - Richelle, Rhiannon, Jan
- **Fri 4th** - Richelle, Liza, Marie
- **Mon 7th** - Richelle, Krystal

**Heatherbrae Slice & Cookie Fundraiser**

Keep an eye out this week for the Heatherbrae Slice and Cookie order form! Yum, Yum!

**Community Feedback**

I am a member of the school P & C. I happily volunteer my time in the canteen, help with fund-raising events and also attend the monthly meetings. I love being involved in my children’s school and they love me being a part of it.

Krystal (Blair & Ella’s Mum)

Hello, my name is Sharon. I am not a member of the school P & C, but I do work in the canteen on Tuesdays and some Fridays. I love being involved in my children’s school and my son and daughter love coming to the canteen at lunchtimes to see me there.

Sharon (Michael & Sarah’s Mum)

Thank you

Richelle

Canteen Manager

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This Thursday 3rd September starting at 6pm is Westport’s Splendour. Tickets can be purchased from the office for $5.00 each. There are 90 tickets left and they are being sold on a first in, first served basis. A note has been sent home about the costumes needed for dance. Students are very excited about the night!

*Mrs Eichler*    *Mrs Burton*  

**Choir co-ordinator**    **Class dance co-ordinator**

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**Opera House cluster rehearsal 2nd September 2015**

Those students from the senior choir that are going to the Opera House are participating in a rehearsal with Tacking Point and Wauchope students next Wednesday 2nd September. Mr Ian Jefferson from the Arts unit in Sydney is coming to conduct a practice session to help students get ready for their Opera House performance. This will be held at Westport High’s hall. A note was sent home last week to all students involved.

*Mrs Eichler*  

**Choir conductor**
**P&C News**

Thank you to all the helpers on the Father’s Day Stall and the students who came to shop.

**Fire Station Opening**

It was a great opportunity for our Senior Choir to be part of the Official Opening of the new Port Macquarie Fire Station. The Choir opened the ceremony singing the National Anthem.

**Maths Day**

Last Thursday 8 Yr4 students attended a Maths Fun Day at Hastings Secondary College-Port Macquarie Campus. John, Eli, Hamish, Jarrod, Amalia, Savannah, Jorja and Denver joined students from other schools to participate in hands on maths activities organised by a Year 8 class. The students had a fantastic day and their behaviour was exemplary. Thank you to Mrs Raglus, Mrs Schofield and Mr McWhirter for driving their children to and from the High School.

**Community News**

**Vision Screen Clinics**

Is your child starting school? Have they had their eyes checked? You can have their Eyes checked at our STEPS Vision screening Clinics, Conducted by Nurses, trained in Eye screening.

Centrelink have now made compulsory the 4 year old Vision (STEPS) and Healthy Kids Check (GP or Child & Family Health), for the continuation of Family Tax Benefit A & Childcare Benefit payments.

**Make an appointment** by ringing the STEPS coordinator on 6656 7061 or Email: wendy.mutton@ncahs.health.nsw.gov.au

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