Week three has been a very productive time for everyone. Students have settled into their classes and are getting to know their new teachers. We have noticed that the school is very settled at this time and the students appear happy.

This week we have twenty-five students representing our school at zone. We would like to wish them all the very best for their competition. Two teachers and one of our aids will be attending the carnival with the students.

Our new chess set has been used constantly since its installation which is great to see. Chess has been a major success in our school for a long time. There has been much research done on the benefits that Chess provides to students and their problem solving ability. Thanks must go to the great effort that Mr Ainsworth puts in to ensure the success of this program in our school.

Just a reminder that there is additional traffic now travelling down Widderson Street due to road works. Please be extra careful dropping off and picking up your children.

Have a great week.
Tony Johnston
Principal

Wednesday 24th February 2016

PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning
Starting in this week, there will be a new section of the newsletter called PBL. PBL has been a highly effective initiative that has been running at Westport Public School since 2009. You may have noticed the school signage that promotes our four Values: Be Safe, Be Polite, Be Cooperative, Be Fair which is the specific language we use to promote a positive learning culture for your children to become highly successful students. This week’s focus is: ‘Be Safe in All Settings’. Students will be participating in lessons on Monday where they will discuss, role play and reflect on what it looks, sounds and feels like to ‘Be Safe’ at Westport PS. You can assist your child in embedding the concept further by discussing what it looks like to ‘Be Safe’ at home.
Term 1 – Week 3
Assembly Awards
KL – Mercedez, Dennis
KB – Kaleb, Lilly
1/2H – Tyler, Shakiah
1/2W – Mackenna, Cerise
2/3E – Tyrell, Arinami
3/4W – Ruby, Hayden
4/5KD – Hayden
5/6W – Cooper, Kaleb
5/6A – John, Grace-Anne
5/6O – Tamika, Tristan
Senior Choir – Ruby
Best & Fairest – Regan

Library
Library days for 2016 are:
Monday: KB, 4/5KD, 5/6A,
Tuesday: 1/2RR, 1/2W, 3/4W, 5/6W
Wednesday: KL, 1/2H, 2/3E, 3/4P, 5/6O
Please ensure that students have their library bags on these days so they can borrow from the library.

Please return any overdue books from last year as soon as possible. Students are responsible for any books they borrow and will need to pay for any lost or damaged library books.

Book Club
Issue 1 order forms were handed out last week and orders are due in by TUESDAY 16th Feb 2016.
Book Club orders can now be completed online using your credit card.
Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.
● For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
● Select Westport primary School and your child’s class
● Add your child’s first name and last initial (so we know who the book is for)
● Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogues
You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the due date.
There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.
Alternatively return your order form with payment in a sealed envelope labelled with your child’s name and class to the office by 16th Feb. Payment can be cash (correct amount as no change can be given) or cheque made payable to ‘Scholastic Australia’.

Student Banking
Student banking is back up and running on the usual Thursday mornings 8.45-9am. We have moved it back to the window in the Music Room. For any information about student banking see Kerryn on Thursday mornings.
Donna Edenborough
P&C President

Canteen News
Roster:
Tues 16th Feb - Stuart, Bronwyn
Wed 17th - Amanda, Kerryn
Thurs 18th - Cathy, Jan, Sarah, Bronwyn
Fri 19th - Cathy, Liza, Stuart
Mon 22nd - Cathy, Chrystal, Crystal

We are always looking for new volunteers, if you would like to volunteer please contact our canteen manager Cathy on 65838506.
Cathy
Canteen Manager

Parent Teacher Interviews
Yr1 & Yr2 will be held on 3rd March between 4.30pm and 6pm.
Yr3 to Yr6 will be held on 10th March between 4.30pm and 6pm.

Swimming Skills for Sport
Yr3 to Yr6 Swimming
Skills for sport begins Thursday 25th February.
Please ensure your child comes to school with all the necessary items they need to participate e.g: swimmers, rasher shirt, sunscreen, goggles, towel and thongs to wear to the pool.

Bookpacks/Voluntary Fees
Thank you to all the families who have been so prompt in paying their child’s book pack and school contributions. These payments contribute towards the cost of classroom resources and consumables that your child has access to throughout the year. This is essential to your child’s learning.

School Photos
Our school photos will be on Wednesday the 2nd of March. The Photo Order Envelopes will be going home on Monday 22nd of February and need to be returned by Monday 29th of February with full amount enclosed. Payments through the school after this date cannot be accepted and photos will need to be ordered online through the photography company.

Year 6 Shirts
Notes have been sent home for the Yr6 senior shirts. Orders are due back by the 11th March as a bulk order will be put in. No orders can be taken after this date. Please make sure measurements are correct as there can be no exchanges as this is a special order.
Mr Ainsworth

Aboriginal parents afternoon tea
There will be an afternoon tea for our Aboriginal parents on Wednesday 24th February at 2pm in the Mingaletta room. Please feel free to bring along a friend if you wish. We hope to see some of our new parents attend too if possible.

ATSIP Personalised Learning Plans
Personalised Learning Plans (PLP’s) interviews for our Aboriginal students will be conducted in Week 7 of Term 1. Parents/Carers will be notified of their allocated dates and times next week.
P&C News

P&C Meeting
We already have a few new members joining our fantastic P&C this year and we would love to see some more. All are welcome to come along and see what the P&C is all about on the 24th February at 6pm held in the Staffroom at school. Our AGM will be held on the 23rd March.

Uniform Shop
The P&C are looking for someone to volunteer in our Uniform Shop on Thursday mornings between 8.45am – 9.30am. If you would like to volunteer, even just once a fortnight, please contact Donna on 0401340844.

Easter Raffle
The P&C will be running an Easter Raffle again this year. We are asking families if they could donate Easter eggs. Any donations of Easter eggs can be dropped off to the Canteen in the mornings before school. We thank you in advance for your donations.

Donna Edenborough
P&C President

Fruit & Veg Program - Urgent
We urgently need volunteers for our Fruit & Veg Day! We are hoping to get our wonderful Fruit & Veg program up and running but we need your help.

Thursday 1-2.30 pm (starting in Week 3 with volunteer support)
Please leave your details at the office. Thank you for your support!

When I Grow Up……..By 3/4W Cont’d
I want to be a teacher because I love all the subjects.
Ivy

I would like to be a teacher because it would be like going back to school. I would also like to work at a zoo because I love animals.
Ruby

I want to be a game creator because I love playing games.
Lucas

I want to be a vet because I want to help animals.
Cody

Lost Reading Glasses
One of our students have lost a pair of glasses needed for reading and writing. They are pink coloured lenses in a purple frame and could be in a pink case. If by any chance someone has found them could they please hand them into the school Office.

Community News

Hastings Secondary College, Westport Campus is conducting a review of its uniform and an online survey has been created to obtain feedback from the community. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete and will enable a new uniform code to be developed that has widespread acceptance.

Hastings Secondary College leadership team extends a warm invitation to Year 5 and 6 parents and carers to discover the extensive opportunities available for your child’s secondary education at Hastings Secondary College.

You and your child in Year 5 or 6 are invited to Westport Public School on Tuesday 1st March 2016 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the library.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation, have some refreshments and meet other prospective parents and caregivers.
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