Monday 28th March 2016

This year is moving so fast! It’s already Easter and we are all heading off for a short break. We have been very busy as usual at school this last week. The Easter Hat Parade was absolutely wonderful and it was amazing to see such a colourful display in our hall from the infants students. We had a huge crowd and we could only just fit into our hall.

It was also fantastic to have the opportunity to talk to so many grandparents and discuss some of their experiences when they went to school. It certainly has changed a lot over the years but most grandparents seemed to have very positive memories of their schooling. You always hear a few stories about “the cane” when you talk to people about the past. There must have been a lot of naughty grandparents back then! As a teacher and Principal, I’m glad I don’t have the option of using corporal punishment at school.

I hope you all had a very nice Easter.

Tony Johnston
Principal

****COMING EVENTS TERM 1****

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PBL

The PBL focus at Westport PS during Week 9 has focused on ‘Being Safe’ in All Learning Areas and Classrooms. Students have been involved in activities where they discuss and role play what it looks like to use the furniture and equipment correctly and why it is important to walk in the classrooms. Teachers are referring to their classes agreed expectations to embed this concept further as each learning area may require a slight variation depending on age and location.

To support this, parents may like to discuss what ‘Being Safe’ at home looks like and highlight each expectation for your family. You may like to discuss how ‘Being Safe’ looks different in the bathroom, kitchen, bedroom and lounge room.
Canteen News

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We are always looking for new volunteers, if you would like to volunteer please contact our canteen manager Cathy on 6583506.

Cathy
Canteen Manager

Yr3 to Yr6 Reward Day

Reward Day for Yr3 to Yr6 will be on Wednesday 6th of April. We will be going to Majestic Cinemas to see Kung Fu Panda 3. More information will be sent home via students who qualify to attend.

Change of Details Letter

All families should have received a Change of Details letter. The question of Employment has not been addressed before, so if any changes have occurred since your child’s original enrolment form was filled out could you please update the details and send back to school. This information is strictly confidential and not shared with anyone other than statistically. The information will help provide future funding for your child’s education.

Attention: All Dance Groups

Dance Festival – This year’s Dance Festival will be held at Camden Haven High School. Although we have not been given a set date the festival will be on either Tuesday 21st June or Wednesday 22nd June. We will let you know the date as soon as we can.

Dance Teachers

School Photos

We hope to receive our school photos early next term.

Y6 Shirts

The Yr6 shirts will arrive around the middle of term 2. The supplier apologises for any inconvenience.

Netball NSW Schools Cup

Last Wednesday our netball team played 4 games in the Netball NSW Schools Cup. The girls had one win and three close games. Our team not only looked great in the new dresses but their behaviour throughout the day was perfect. A big ‘Thank You’ to Mrs Thorogood, for coaching the team and umpiring all day. Thank you also to Miranda’s Mum, Kylie for helping with transport.

Kerry Bendall
Absentee Letters
Thank you to all the parents who have sent in responses from the absentee letters. If your child is sick a note must be written to give to the teacher or a notification via the Skoolbag App. All students who arrive late at school and who are not accompanied by the parent/carer must have a note or the parent/carer can phone the office to let us know the reason for the student being late.

P&C News
Uniform Shop
The Uniform shop always welcomes 2nd hand uniforms. If you have any uniforms that are no longer needed we would appreciate your donation. They can be dropped off on a Thursday morning between 8.45am and 9.30am.

Easter Raffle Winners
Congratulations to all the winners of the Easter Raffle. Names will go in next week’s newsletter. Thank you for all the support.

Donna Edenborough
P&C President

Lake Keepit Stage 3 Camp
Well done Yr5 & 6 students Lake Keepit will now go ahead with only 3 spots left to fill. This will be, as always, an exciting excursion. All parents/carers can continue to pay any amount off the balance to the office, even $10 a week will get the balance paid off before the due date. Final payment is due 1st September 2016. More information will follow closer to the date.

Mr Pepper

Yr1 & Yr2 Grandparents Day
It was fantastic to see how many Grandparents came to visit our school last Wednesday. The students in Yr1 & Yr2 as part of their curriculum have been discussing how schools have changed over the years and it was great to hear stories about what schooling was like in the past.

Easter Hat Parade

Community News

Junior Rugby League Footy Club
Port City Breakers are looking for boys or girls who are turning 10 this year. At the moment we have one team but have interest from more players and so we are hoping to make another team so no one misses out. If your son or daughter would like to play rugby league this year then please contact:
Gail – 0448 984 799
or
Belinda – 0403 198 063

Come Try Minkey Hockey

Why Hockey? Info for parents - Association Run Full Participation Program – Ages 4 to 7 years
- Same Ground – Same Time Every Week – All Weather Sport - Very safe sport
- Controlled Association Program – Learn all the skills - Great for hand-eye Coordination
- Free Stick Pack for all New Players, including: Stick, Bag, Shin Pads, Mouth Guard, Ball & Uniform
- One of the fastest growing and safest sports for kids
- Full participation, meet new friends and have lots of FUN!

If you or your kid/s are unsure and want a free no obligation try, you are invited to bring them along to any one of the sessions below:
When: Either Saturday – March 12 or April 2nd – 9am-10am
Free - All equipment supplied - safe, fun, & all-inclusive!
Where: Hockey Complex, Ocean Drive (entrance via Hockey Place)

For More Information – 0423609720
Email any questions to: Derek.Antonberger@optus.net.au
FREE fun after school program for kids to become fitter healthier and happier. Do you have children aged seven to 13 and worry they may be above the healthy weight range?

Go4Fun provides a fun approach to learning skills for life. Each week involves fun games including free water sessions at the local pool in season.

Mid North Coast families highly recommend the program, describing improvements in their children’s fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem.

A parent or carer must attend with their child. Parents receive $15 fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers for each session attended.

**REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 2 2016!**

**Venue:** Port Macquarie Public School  
**Wednesdays:** 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm  
**Starting:** May 4th  
**Register:** Contact Go4Fun on 1800 780 900 or text 0409 745 645 for a call back. Register online at: www.go4fun.com.au

**Local contact:** Margo Johnston P: 0427 929 313

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**SUSTAINABILITY MADE EASY**

**free community workshops**

**for sustainable living & habitat creation at home**

**LAUNCH**

Sat, 2 April 16

10.30 program launch | 11.00-1.00 Workshop 
building a productive food garden - with GREEN DEAN

The Lost Plot, Central Rd, Port Macquarie  
www.thelostplot.org.au

This project is supported by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust.