Monday 7th March 2016

Yet another week gone by and we are heading towards the end of term 1. The students have been working hard and the school has a positive and settled atmosphere.

Last week our Kinders began completing full days which is very exciting. We also had our school photos taken for the year and we have had some publicity shots taken to be used in local news items and promotional material. Thank you to all the parents for ensuring all students came in uniform and looked great!

This week I will be attending the Birpai Land Council on Wednesday to visit and chat with our local Aboriginal Elders. I am looking forward to meeting some of the leaders in our local community and talking about how we as a school can support our families.

I hope you all have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

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

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PBL Focus

The PBL focus at Westport PS during Week 6 has been on what students believe our school looks, sounds and feels like to be an amazing place and also how we should act to be safe, polite, fair and cooperative. Teachers held discussions with each class and recorded student ideas on an X Chart.

Last week, staff participated in similar discussions and brainstormed a list of ideas with the goal of refining our school’s Purpose Statement. Next week, the PBL Team will reflect upon staff and student ideas and draft an updated Purpose Statement. This will be then made available to the wider Westport Public School community where parents and carers may contribute their ideas.
Term 1 – Week 6
Assembly Awards
KL – Tesharne, Alex
KB – Luke, Kayden, Owen
1/2H – Emily, Sophie
2/3E – John, Ben
3/4P – Charli, Thomas
3/4W – Aaron, Tahnis
4/5KD – Ashley, Logan
5/6 – Charion, Kirra-Lee
Senior Choir Awards
Esta-Louise, Emily
Junior Choir Awards
Alicia

Canteen News

Roster:
Tues 8th Mar - Stuart, Alison
Wed 9th - Amanda, Kerryn
Thurs 10th - Cathy, Sarah, Bronwyn
Fri 11th - Cathy, Liza, Stuart
Mon 14th - Cathy, 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

Year 6 Shirts
Orders are due back this Friday 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

Parent Teacher Interviews
Yr3 to Yr6 will be having interviews on Thursday 10th March between 4.30pm and 6pm. Notes have gone home with students so if you would like an interview please return as soon as possible.

Personalised Learning Plans
PLP Interviews will be held all this week with Aunty Marilyn. Letters have been sent home with students notifying parents/carers of their scheduled times. If you haven’t received these from your child, please contact the school.

Aunty Marilyn

Easter Hat Parade
When: Wednesday 23rd March 2016
Where: School Hall
Time: 12.30-1:30
Students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to attend this year’s Easter Hat Parade. Get your Easter hats started! Parents, grandparents and family members are welcome to attend this wonderful day as well.
We can’t wait to see your fantastic Easter hats!

Mrs Burton and Mrs Eichler

2016 ICAS Competitions and Assessments for Schools
For over 30 years ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2016. All participating students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students. The areas in which students can participate are Digital Technologies, Science, English and Mathematics. Notes have gone home and are due back to school by Thursday 24th March.

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
The Easter Raffle tickets are now on sale! Tickets can be purchased in the COLA area each morning between 8.30am and 9am. Tickets cost $1 each or 3 for $2. Thank you to all the families who donated eggs. The raffle will be drawn on the 23rd of March.

AGM Meeting
Our P&C AGM meeting will be held on the 23rd of March at 6pm in the School Staff Room. Following this meeting will be our general meeting. Look forward to seeing you all there. Everyone is welcome.

Donna Edenborough
P&C President

Premier’s Debating Challenge
Last week a few of our students participated in the Premier’s Debating Challenge at Hastings Public School. It was a great experience for them debating against students from other schools in the area and a boost in confidence in speaking to an unfamiliar audience.
1/2RR Healthy Eating Tips
Students in Year 1 and 2 have been investigating how much sugar is in different types of drinks. Students first guessed which ones would have the least amount and the most amount of sugar. They then wrote a report on their findings.

On one side, we had the drinks that we thought would have the least amount of sugar and on the other, the most. We guessed very closely.

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Don’t drink Gatorade. It has 9 teaspoons of sugar in it! – Jamie
In an apple juice popper there is 6 teaspoons of sugar. In milk, there is 1 teaspoon. In orange juice there are 5 teaspoons of sugar. In Rockstar (an energy drink) there is 20 teaspoons of sugar. – Katie
Don’t drink sugary drinks. Do drink water and milk. In milk there is only 1 teaspoon of sugar. – Riley
There is too much sugar in drinks. In Rockstar there are 20 teaspoons of sugar. In Gatorade, there are 9 teaspoons of sugar. – Izajah
No sugary drinks for kids. Only water. There are 10 teaspoons of sugar in Coke! – Hannah
Do not drink Rockstar because it has 20 teaspoons of sugar in it. Instead, drink milk or water. – Jocie

1/2RR and Mrs Burton.

KB Music
Students from KB have been letting their hair down and creating beautiful music with Mrs Burton. We’ve been listening to different kinds of music, experimenting with percussion and woodwind instruments and have been having lots of fun!

Fruit & Veg Program
Our wonderful Fruit & Veg program is up and running, we have some lovely parents who have volunteered to help but we would be grateful to have more available so if you can help on Thursdays, 1-2:30 pm. Please leave your details at the office. Thank you for your support!

Dance and Choir practice timetable
Please remind your child for dance and music practice if they are involved in the following:

Monday
- Junior (Year 1 and 2) Choir
- Stage 3 (Year 5 and 6) Dance

Tuesday
- Junior (Years 1 and 2) Dance
- Boys (Years 1-6) Dance

Wednesday
- Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) Dance

Thursday
- Senior (Years 3-6) Choir

Friday
- Senior (Years 3-6) Choir

School Bus 75 - Am Service
The proposed changes for Monday 7th March 2016 have been postponed pending further investigations, therefore School Bus 75 will continue to operate via normal service until further notice.

Busways apologise for any inconvenience. For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on (02) 9497 1870 or (02) 9497 1887. Alternatively visit our website at www.busways.com.au

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.

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.

Transportation Reminder
All bikes and scooters are to be locked up with a chain to the bike rack near the Kindergarten classrooms. Helmets must be worn to and from school. No skateboards are to be brought to school.

Community News

Tidal Pool for Port Macquarie!
It’s about time!

Shout out to all parents in the Port Macquarie area! Please sign the online petition.

We need 10,000 signatures to make this viable.

We need a safe healthy swimming area for small children, disabled, elderly and everyone in between. There are 190 ocean tidal pools on the coast of NSW and NOT ONE is in Port Macquarie... and with recent shark sightings there’s never been a better time to re-open a pool for a tidal pool in Port Macquarie. A tidal pool would benefit both residents and tourists/visitors. Search “Port Macquarie Tidal Pool” on Facebook or see pmqtidalpool.wordpress.com

Hastings Secondary College is proud to present “POPSTARS” the 90’s musical, featuring preshow entertainment from our Hastings Valley Community of Schools primary choirs.

The Popstars story:
Shannon the “popular” girl at school decides with her friends to form a “girl band” so they can compete in the State Talent Show and more importantly meet world famous, singer Simon Austin. Meanwhile her ex-boyfriend Mark is a member of a garage band, which transforms into a “boy band” to both snatch the Talent Show title from Shannon and to win fame and glory as well. There’s drama and romance aplenty on the rocky road to stardom and fame. Who will win the recording contract and achieve their dreams?

Where: Port Macquarie Campus MPC
Tickets: available at the door: Adults $10 and Kids $5.
Enquiries on 6583 1844
When:
Tuesday 3rd May 11am matinee 6pm show
Wednesday 4th May 6pm show
Thursday 5th May 11am matinee 6pm show
Friday 6th May 6pm show

We look forward to seeing you there.