Monday 14th March 2016

Well yet another eventful week at Westport Public School. As you all know we did have a hoax call suggesting there was an explosive device. This same hoax has been received by around 100 NSW schools this year. I was very happy with the way the staff and students handled the Lock-down procedure and how professional and calm everyone was. Well done!

Last week we completed Personalised Learning Plans for all our Aboriginal students. This was a very busy time for Marilyn our AEO, Jackie our SLSO and teachers. Feedback has been very positive.

We also conducted our Stage 2 and Stage 3 parent interviews. Many people felt that this was a far more effective way of passing on information about our classes.

Just a reminder that all absences, including late arrivals, must be explained and require either the parent to accompany the child, send the child with a note or phone the office indicating the reason for the absence or late arrival. This is a requirement by law.

Thank you to our school community for your continual support of our beautiful school.

I hope you all have a great week.

Tony Johnston
Principal

PBL Focus

Students were seen displaying ‘Be Safe’ in the playground this week by walking up stairs one step at a time, wearing hats, and running on the grass.

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

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**Wheelei Safe Kids Program**

Wheelei Safe Kids – Bike Safety Education

Next Tuesday 15th March all students K-6 will attend a Bike Education seminar lead by Pete Murray from the Wheelei Safe Kids program. Students are also encouraged to bring their bike helmets to school for a personal helmet fitting.

Stage 2 and 3 Students will attend a practical skills course with their class on the back oval in the school playground. Wheelei Safe Kids bring 15 bikes and helmets for the students to use during the practical skills course, students may also bring their own bike and helmets (no scooters) to use. The school will be covering the cost of this wonderful program so that all children may participate. Wheelei Safe Kids visited our school in 2014 and it was very enjoyable and educational for the students.

If you do not want your child to participate or have any questions, please contact Mrs Osborne.

**Day 1: Tuesday 15th March, 2016**

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**2016 ICAS Competitions and Assessments for Schools**

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.

**Personalised Learning Plans (PLP’s)**

The PLP’s for 2016 has been a success with the input of students, parents and teachers working together to enhance learning outcomes for Aboriginal students at Westport public School.

If you have missed your child’s appointment time and would like to speak to the classroom teacher about this, please contact the AEO Aunty Marilyn.

**1/2H Interactive Bugs**

The students had a great time programing the bugs so that they would move in the directions imputed. It was fun and interactive and other classes will get to try them out too.
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.

Hot Cross Bun Drive
Any orders for Hot Cross Buns need to be in by Monday 21st March. The Hot Cross Buns will be ready for pick-up at the school on Thursday 24th March. All proceeds from this will go to support the school Choir.

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

Aboriginal Parents Afternoon Tea
Thank you to those parents that attended our afternoon tea in Week 5. There were many new faces and it was lovely to hear your different ideas on how to make school fun and exciting for your children.
A huge thank you to Aunty Linda Olive for her help with the MGOALS presentation!!!

PSSA Cricket at Beechwood
Last week a few of our students went to Beechwood to represent our school for PSSA Cricket. We would like to congratulate them as they have progressed to the next level. Here are a few snapshots of the day.

Community News

Mid Coast Futsal Winter Programs
Skills and games, use for extra night training for outdoors.
5-7yrs - Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm at St Columba.
8-10yrs - Wednesday from 4pm to 6pm at St Columba.
8-12yrs - Monday 4.30pm to 6pm at Hastings Secondary College, Westport Campus, Finlay Avenue.
12-15yrs - Wednesday evening Hastings Secondary College, Westport Campus, Finlay Avenue.

FUN, FITNESS, SKILLS = FUTSAL
For any further information please contact:
Alison Fazzolari: 0412 191923
Mid Coast Futsal
Development Officer
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.