**Monday 4th April 2016**

Term One has been productive and exciting here at Westport PS. The Kindergarten students have easily settled into their school routines and are developing their Literacy, Numeracy and Social Skills. As always the teachers and support staff are providing opportunities for our students to dance, sing and play instruments, compete in many different sports, debate and play chess. In our classrooms students are encouraged to think creatively, problem solve and develop the skills of 21st Century learners.

Recently all staff collaborated to develop a new School Vision Statement. We believe it succinctly describes what our students are striving for and the supportive environment that we provide for them in which to learn and grow.

**School Vision Statement**
At Westport Public School we deliver excellence in a welcoming, inclusive and caring environment. Our school values ensure that all students and staff are respected, safe and happy. Supportive staff challenge, inspire and promote learning as a lifelong endeavour, where students are provided with opportunities to excel and achieve their full potential as they explore 21st Century initiatives.

**Bronze Award Assembly**
Congratulations to all students who have been consistently polite, cooperative, safe and fair this term! They have earned a Bronze Award. We celebrate their wonderful achievement tomorrow at 10.15am in our hall, parents and carers are most welcome.

**Book Packs**
Reminder letters will be sent home this week for the payment of Book Packs. Thank you to all families who have already paid for this and their School Contribution. Book Packs and School Contribution fees support your child's education and allow the school to purchase new ipads, computers, library books, sports equipment as well as everyday school supplies.

**ANZAC Day March**
Anzac Day is the 25th April which falls on Monday at the beginning of Term 2. We will be marching in the Anzac Day March as a school and laying a wreath. I ask that as many students as possible march. It’s a wonderful way to show our respect and appreciation for the men and women who have lost their lives fighting in wars for Australia. We will meet out the front of the Fresh Bakery on Horton Street, opposite KFC, at 9.45am. Students will be in full uniform with a school hat and wearing sunscreen. If students wear medals they must be worn on the right hand side. Students will march down Horton Street past the War Memorial to Town Green. Parents collect their children from the teachers at the end of the march, before the ceremony, on Town Green. Look for the school flag - your children will be waiting for you at the flag. Students are closely supervised by staff during the march. Our School Leaders will take part in the ceremony that follows the march to lay the school wreath.

**School Holidays**
This is the final week of Term One. School recommences on Tuesday 26 April for staff and Wednesday 27 April for students. I wish all our students and staff a restful, happy and safe break.

*Nicole Osborne*  
Assistant Principal
Term 1 – Week 10
Assembly Awards
KL – Xavier, Shanece
KB – Kiye, Ethan
1/2H – Malakie, Murphy
1/2RR – Helaina, Harry
2/3E – Lily, Ramone
3/4P – Billie, Lachlan
3/4W – Lily, Janae
5/6W – Beth, Tia
5/6O – Nikayla, Hamish
Senior Choir Awards
Jorja
Best and Fairest Awards
Jesse S.

Canteen News
Roster:
Tues 5th - Stuart, Donna
Wed 6th - Kerryn, Sarah
Thurs 7th - Cathy, Sarah, Bronwyn
Fri 8th - Cathy, Stuart, Liza
We are always looking for new volunteers, if you would like to volunteer please contact our canteen manager Cathy on 65838506.
We thank our wonderful volunteers for a fantastic Term 1. Hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you next term.
Cathy
Canteen Manager

Yr3 to Yr6 Reward Day
Reward Day for Yr3 to Yr6 students (who have received 80-100% on their classroom behaviour chart) is this Wednesday 6th of April. We will be going to Majestic Cinemas to see Kung Fu Panda 3. Notes have gone home with the students who have qualified. Money and notes must be handed in by Tuesday 5th as the Cinema requires numbers and payment prior to the day.

Stage 3 Rugby Union
The Stage 3 Rugby Union team competed in the MNC Rugby 7s Gala Day on Thursday the 31st of March at Stuart Park. The boys performed outstandingly throughout the day with a great sense of pride for Westport Public School. The team managed to compete at a high level all the way through to the finals. Congratulations for a great performance.

Lake Keepit Stage 3 Camp
Lake Keepit will definitely go ahead with only 3 spots left to fill. This is an exciting excursion with varied activities like kayaking, archery orienteering and many more. 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

-----COMING EVENTS TERM 1 & 2-----

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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.

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.
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.

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.

Hockey Clinic
Last week Yr1 & Yr2 participated in a Hockey Clinic kindly presented by Derek, Dolly and Colin from the Port Macquarie Hockey Association. They participated in three different rotations each teaching a different skill in hockey.

Community News
Port Macquarie Youth Hub
Drama Class – Our drama class will resume on Wednesday 4th May, 5pm to 6pm. Suitable for all ages. This is a FREE drama class. The drama will entail acting abilities, playwriting, stage productions and improvisations. The goal of the class is to teach confidence and correct script reading. From May 4th the class will concentrate on learning all aspects of acting. From August rehearsals will begin with a view of conducting a show in November. As there a limited positions available please contact Jay Corr on 0415 779 240 or email ezzacorr@gmail.com if you are interested.
FutureTahs Camp
FutureTahs Camp is in 2016 for U7s – U13s!
Camp includes 1 full day of rugby fun filled coaching and a FutureTahs sports pack, (Boot bag, water bottle and FutureTahs hat)

9am-3pm
Ballina – 12th April
Grafton – 13th April
Port Macquarie – 14th April

$95

To register please follow the link below
Please note: You will pass through the Rugby Learning Centre. Once you are in you will need to search NSW Rugby FutureTahs Camp

GLASSHOUSE SPROUTS

Sprouts weekend fun every second Saturday of the month
Kids (and their grown-ups) will love these creative mornings, exploring and creating artworks in the Gallery.
Children must be accompanied by an adult

Holiday Dates
11am to 12pm
Wednesday 13 April
Wednesday 20 April
Wednesday 6 July
Wednesday 13 July
Wednesday 28 September
Wednesday 5 October

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