ANZAC Service

I know I wrote about this last week. However, the ANZAC assembly had not occurred at the time of writing. I want to compliment Mr Baker on organising a fantastic service. We had two guest speakers who spoke very well. One was Mr Ron Dures representing the RSL and one was Mr Bill Salter who was an Indigenous soldier. We viewed a special slide show and the children sang a very moving song called Lest We Forget. Thank you to Mrs Brassey for teaching the students in Years 3-6 the words. The children sounded wonderful. The service had a theme about the many Indigenous soldiers that fought for our country. Well done WPS.

Mother’s Day Stall

All of our children had the opportunity to purchase a small gift for their mum today. Thank you to the fantastic P&C mums who coordinated and worked on the stall. I’d like to wish all the WPS mothers all the best for Sunday. I hope you are looked after or even pampered.

Excursion

Good luck to the students in classes’ 3/4TR and 5/6JP. They will be visiting Sea Acres tomorrow. We look forward to hearing your stories on your return.

Sport

Soccer

Congratulations to Josh Gardner who was selected to represent the North Coast at the State PSSA Soccer carnival in Sydney during Week 5 this term. This is a fantastic achievement.

Rugby League

Good luck to Jack P, Corey H, Eli T and Matt T who will represent WPS at the North Coast Rugby League trials in Grafton on Friday.

Netball

Good luck to Samantha M, Kimberley L, Kirralee G and Gabbi F who are attending HCH district netball trials also on Friday.

Touch Football

Congratulations to Abbie T, Emily W, Stella T and Jack P who were successful in gaining selection to Lower North Coast Touch Football trials.

LNC Cross Country

Students who placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in last term’s cross country carnival have qualified to represent WPS at the LNC cross country carnival in Kempsey at the end of Week 5. A permission note to attend this carnival will be handed out next week.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is tonight. It would be great if you could attend. The P&C is still on the lookout for a volunteer to be Secretary. All are welcome to attend.

New Netball Uniform

The new WPS Netball Uniform looks sensational. Thank you to our P & C.

NAPLAN

Please be reminded students in Years 3 and 5 will be undertaking these important assessments next week from Tuesday to Thursday. There is a catch up day on the Friday if a child misses a test. Please note it would be impossible and unfair to have your child sit all four assessments on this day if they were absent from the first three days of testing. Please ensure early bed times and healthy breakfasts so they can give it their best. Please don’t put any undue pressure on your children. This is just a snap shot in time of their abilities. Some children are extremely bright but do not fare well in
this type of formal assessment. I would encourage all children to attempt all answers as the majority of the assessments are multiple choice.

**K-2 Responsible Pet Visit**
Children in K-2 will attend an information session about looking after pets next Wednesday. This is a free activity. I must take my dog for more walks.

**Year 6**
Please return your child’s Bago Year 6 Day permission note and money along with lunch order to avoid disappointment.

**Smoking**
As we all know, smoking is not permitted on school grounds or at any school activities e.g. sports carnivals. Could I please request that if you do need to have a cigarette around our school perimeter could you do so on the other side of the road. I have had several concerned parents comment that people are smoking along the school’s fence line. The smoke just drifts across the playground and is very visible to our impressionable students. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

**Opportunity Class**
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May. See website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement if you are interested. Our closest school with an Opportunity class is Port Macquarie Public School.

_Mr Cameron Osborne_

**Dates to Remember**

**Thursday 8**
- 9.00 - 12.00 Mothers Day Stall
- 7.00pm P & C Meeting

**Friday 9**
- 9.00 - 1.45 Sea Acreas - Classes 3/4TR & 5/6JP

**Tuesday 13 - Thursday 15**
- NAPLAN - Years 3 and 5

**Wednesday 14**
- K-2 Responsible Pet Visit

**Friday 16**
- BAGO Year 6 Day at Long Flat PS

**Tuesday 20**
- Girls Soccer Knockout (TBC)

**Friday 23**
- Scholastic Book Fair

**Tuesday 27 - Friday 30**
- Lake Keepit Excursion

**Wednesday 28**
- Glasshouse Excursion - Stage 2

**Friday 30**
- LNC Cross Country - Kempsey

**June**

**Monday 2**
- School Development Day

**Tuesday 3**
- Opera House Cluster Rehearsal

**Wednesday 4**
- 6.00 - 8.00pm Schools Out

**Thursday 5**
- NC Cross Country

**Thursday 5 - Friday 20**
- Life Education - Healthy Harold

**Monday 9**
- Queens Birthday - Public Holiday

**Friday 13**
- WPS Athletics Carnival

**Monday 16 - Friday 20**
- NAIDOC Week

**Monday 16**
- NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony

**Thursday 19**
- NAIDOC Week Assembly

**Monday 23**
- Reports go home
- Assembly of Excellence

**Tuesday 24**
- League Gala Day

**Wednesday 25**
- Netball

**Thursday 26**
- 4.30 - 6.00pm Stage 2 Disco

**Friday 27**
- Last Day of Term 2

**Computer Software**
Complete Learning Initiative - Huge savings on EdAlive software bundles. Leaflets have been handed out with this newsletter. EdAlive has announced the new Complete Learning Initiative (CLI) to give families the opportunity to use the same software at home that we have licences for use at school.

- 46 titles up to 95% off
- Incredible value bundles from $19.95
- Complete, consolidate or update your collection
- Fun learning for your child
- Free 3 month ZooWhiz Premium subscription for each child

We have distributed the CLI leaflets to school families. Please return your orders to the school by 23 May 2014.

**Holiday Coast Credit Union**
School banking will be picked up on Thursdays and books will be dropped back Mondays.
Library News
This term we hold our annual Scholastic Book Fair, and sell books on one day only. The date of the Fair is Friday May 23, and as usual, we will feature quality books from Scholastic, as well as posters and novelties such as pens, pencils and rubbers. Students will make a wish list either this week or next week, and take home a catalogue for your information. You can use your credit card to purchase from this fair, either personally or by providing your details.
Thank you to the students who have returned overdue books from Term One. If your child receives a reminder note, please encourage them to find the books and return them next week, as chances are other children are waiting to borrow them.
Thank you and good reading
Mrs McCudden and Mrs Secombe

P & C News

School Uniform
We are happy to inform you that all shirt sizes are now available at the canteen.

Mothers Day Stall
Our Mothers Day Stall was on today. Thank you to the volunteers who ran the stall for our students.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held tonight, Thursday 8 May commencing at 7:00pm in the staffroom. I hope we have a volunteer for the Secretary position. We would also love to have more mums or dads join us as many hands make light work.

P & C Canteen News

Canteen Roster Term 2 Week 3
Monday 12  P Marsden
Tuesday 13  Help needed
Wednesday 14  S Fraser
Thursday 15  K Bailey & L Ferguson
Friday 16  A Hoskins, L Brady & L Hoffman

Thank you for all your support. In case you are unable to work on your allocated day please contact the Canteen Manager, Mrs Nicole O’Hagan prior to the day you are working, to enable her to organise a replacement.

Thank You P&C Association
REMEMBER TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR SCHOOL.

Questacon in Port Macquarie
The Shell Questacon Science Circus is a great opportunity for parents and children to share, discover and explore science together. You can encourage a fascination and enjoyment of science by exploring hands-on exhibits. Come along and spin like an ice-skater, discover how fast you can throw a ball, freeze your shadow on a wall and test your reflexes.

Spectacular science shows are presented regularly during opening hours. You may see giant smoke rings, bricks being smashed on someone’s stomach or a Science Circus presenter lighting their hands on fire! Science toys are for sale from our shop.
Admission: Adult $6, Student/Concession $5, Family $18, Children under 5 FREE.
Payment is cash only and children under 12 MUST be accompanied by an adult.
WHEN AND WHERE 11.00 am to 4.00 pm, Saturday 24 May, 2014 at the Port Macquarie Sports Stadium.

ANZAC March Photos
WPS Artwork Display

By Scarlett K

By Kaal W

By Stephanie P

By Morrow T

By Ethan S

By Elaine C