Wednesday 13th May, 2015
Term 2 Week 4

Be Responsible
Be Respectful
Be Safe

Our School Rules – IN THE COLA

Responsible
• Line up on time and in class area
• Eat before going on the field
• Report to teacher any problems

Be Respectful
• Follow instructions
• Speak politely
• Listen when teacher speaks at the front of assembled classes
• Place all rubbish in bins

Be Safe
• Play in correct areas
• Let teachers sort out problems
• Follow all adult directions
• Walk at all times
• Tennis balls only

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)
Between May and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is the nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training. Children do not need to do anything to be included in the census and will attend class as usual. During the census, teachers record information (including children’s names and dates of birth) based on their knowledge and observations of each child in their class. This year’s AEDC is a great opportunity for everyone including parents, local communities, schools and other agencies to work together to bring long-lasting benefits to children and their families. If you would like more information about the AEDC, please refer to the frequently asked questions section on the AEDC website at www.aedc.gov.au, or phone 1800 092 548.

The AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test, so should you wish for your child/children’s information to be excluded from the census, please contact the school.

NAPLAN
This week across Australia, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are completing NAPLAN tests. There are four tests, Reading, Numeracy, Writing and Language Conventions. The results of these tests are usually distributed in Term 3 and parents need to consider these results in conjunction with class teacher report and comment. School reports will be handed out at the end of this term.

Children playing in the Park
Just a reminder that after school there is no supervision in the park area. Children should not be playing there whilst waiting for their parent/carer or young students with their parents. This is a Work Health and Safety issue at our school and we must at all times consider the safety of everyone in the school grounds.

There will be NO assembly this Friday due to school photos still being taken in the Hall.

Lyn Dockrill, Principal

West Whispers
Excellence and innovation in a caring environment
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2015
Term 2
May

Week 4
Tues 12th – Thurs 14th
NAPLAN Assessments
Years 3 and 5
Class 4S – Tennis - $2
Support Unit and Catch-up
School Photos

Fri 15th

Week 5
Mon 18th
North Coast Netball

Tues 19th
UNSW – Computer Skills

Fri 22nd
Paul Kelly Cup

Week 6
Mon 25th
LNC Touch

Thurs 28th
PSSA Netball

Fri 29th
LNC Cross Country

Week 7
Mon 1st
Class 6K – Tennis - $2

Thurs 4th
Class 3G – Tennis - $2

Week 8
Mon 8th
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Tues 9th
Class 5/6P – Tennis - $2

Wed 10th
NC Union

Goal

100%

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2015 Voluntary Contributions
Your contribution goes 100% towards your child’s education, buying items that we could not afford without your support.

1 child - $15 for the whole year.
2 or more children - $20 for the whole year.

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Welcome to Melissa Barry (Miss Barry) who is teaching class 2B for the rest of this year, whilst Mrs Bannister is on Maternity Leave.

**Library News**

This week we have had some fantastic entries for the Skeletons Research Competition. Remember it is not too late to enter, simply choose a skeleton (it can be human, animal or dinosaur) and make the skeleton using everyday items such as play dough, dried pasta or sticks.  

*Emma Bates, Teacher Librarian*

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**Canteen Roster**

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Please send in correct money with your child’s lunch order. Please place all hot food orders before 9.20am. We do not keep money in the Canteen overnight. We are unable to change $50, $20 and $10 notes.

Please advise Gwen if you are unable to help on your day.
Phone @ school: 6562 7044

**Please Note:** Paddlepops have increased to $1.70 due to manufacturers price rise

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**Canberra Excursion - Term 3** - Sunday, 30th August until Thursday, 3rd September, 2015. Remember to keep paying off this excursion. Balance of payments will be due on Friday 7th August.

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**Assembly Awards Term 2 Week 3**

Congratulations to the following students

**Merit Awards**

KR – Steven R, Dani W
KH – Tobias B, Reagan K
KJ – Cooper B, Charlie B
K/1B – Kaitlyn E, Izaac M
1/2S – Jaden N, Thomas J
2B – Veronica R, Bella R
2D – Sarah H, Shane D
3G – Deinara M, Mekhi K

3/4M – Summer B, Joshua W
4S – Sarah D, Robert I
4/5H – Amy W, Jakarlie C
6K – Mitchell K, Kai D
3-6T – Jade H
2-6H – Jacob F, Reyon W
5B – Bailey N
SM – Mathew C

**Students of the Week** – Ruby A, Maggie R, Kyleah D, Cassandra M, Joshua M, Claudia R.
BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS is a really good, engaging and fun workshop and I am able to provide this ‘free’ to parents and carers in our community, with morning tea and lunch also provided - a great opportunity for our families.

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

2B Extension Writing Group with Mrs Fraser

Being mighty wicked wolves for our rendition of the Three Little Pigs and putting the thesaurus to good use.

We had to smash up colourful tiles. They were all different colours and there was green, orange, yellow, shimmery blue, white and purple. We had to stick them onto wood with wood glue to make a picture. **Annelise 2B**

We had to leave a space up the top where we couldn’t put tiles on it. Then Miss Barry could put two little holes in the top so we could put string in it to hang it up. I made a mosaic picture of my mum. **Maggie 2B**

We put silver string in the two holes when we had finished our mosaic. We had to tie the silver string so we could hang it on the wall. **Tristan 2B**

You were not allowed to stick the tiles on top of each other. You had to put the tiles in the lines and then we had to grout it. The people who were finished had to make wrapping paper. **Naitwon 2B**
Last Thursday we went to the Science Challenge. It was a great day and everyone in 6K went. My group looked at earthquakes - you had to build a tower that could hold weights and withstand small earthquakes. Our team was really bad at earthquakes but at minipault we had the best one of the day. We built a minipault which is like a small catapult and it is made out of rubber bands, chop sticks, tape and a spoon. You had to launch objects from the minipault and ours made 5.9 metres. It was really fun.

Cameron 6K

On Thursday the 7th May 6K went to Kempsey High School to do the Science and Engineering Challenge. We were split into groups of four and three. I was split into a group of four. I was with Silas, Izaac and Kealie. The first challenge we had to do was String Along. This is where we had to get some string and wind it around bolts once and then pull it. There were six different parts of it. Our group got up to the bonus challenge that the year tens do. The second challenge we did was Mars Buggy. We had to make a buggy that could get across a long distance of a bumpy track.

Taneisha 6K