



Westport South School

Newsletter

Week 3 Term 1
16 February 2022

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Welcome to 2022. I predicted last year that this year would be a rollercoaster and it is sure starting out that way. Never before in my career have we got to week 3 of a school year and only had 2 days with children in front of us.

Overnight camps have been postponed for term 1 this year but day trips will be happening and hopefully we might get some overnights happening in term 4 when it warms up again.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Ann-Maree Bade after 14 and a half years of working with children and in the office. We wish Anne-Maree all the best for her future.



Lost property box is full to overflowing already. Mostly jackets and jumpers worn on the first two days of inclement weather that have been left behind. Can you please get your child to check and remind them about what they haven't brought back home.

Tina has washed all the lost property from last year and will return all named gear this week. She has put pictures on doors to show what was left behind so they can be claimed.



Masks

Masks are to be worn by all children Yr4 and above who do not have exemptions. This is to add a layer of protection for the children and is to be encouraged. We realise that it is uncomfortably hot etc and are working programmes to ensure regular times are spent outside. Staff are wearing masks too and they are wanting to get out as much as the children.

Entry by visitors to the school is through the office. If you need to drop stuff to your children please bring it to the office and allow us to get it to your children.

Westport & Carters Beach Water Supply Trunk Main shutdown.

Buller District Council advise that because of the recent weather events, repairs are necessary to our water supply and they will be closing down the main trunk to Westport from 12.30pm– 7pm tomorrow. This means no water. School will open until 12.30pm and then those that can go home need to. While we can all bring a drink bottle, 260 children going to the toilet would not be pleasant or healthy. Buses will run as normal.

There will be no school lunches so if your child needs to stay at school, they need to bring a lunch.

Just some of the requirements for Red level. These are formed from the advice of MOE guidelines, multiples zooms, scouring the MOE and MOH public information booklets and are written with the best of intentions to keep people safe, but it is very different to how we have operated in the past. There will be grey areas and we will just have to work through them. Things are changing on a daily basis so please be patient and thanks.

Staff will contact you on how they will communicate with your children should online work be needed
– Google classroom and Seesaw have been what we use in the past

Parents should drop children at gates

Parents/visitor needing to come onsite must enter via the office, sign in and sanitise then register at any classroom entered

Parents/visitors entering the school must be masked

Lunches/equipment being dropped off should be dropped at the office not the classroom.

Pupils Yr4 above must wear a mask inside and on the bus if you are a bus pupil. Please name these.

Masks are not needed outdoors but must maintain other good practises (sanitising, social distancing)

Interschool sports have been cancelled in RED

School lunches will resume when we go back. It is asked that children bring a lunchbox or container to collect their food at distribution so they are not carrying everything in their hands.

Together We Can

Coming Events Term 1:

23 Feb Board of Trustees Meeting

23 Feb Book Club orders close.



Room 5 enjoying an ice cream. Thanks Mrs Shepherd

Emergency Contact Details For Westport South School 2022

Child/ren's Name:

Room Number/s:

Main Caregiver: I am an essential worker yes/no

Name:

Address:

Phone:Hm

Wk

Cell Phone:

Second Caregiver: I am an essential worker yes/no

Name:

Phone:

Wk

Cell Phone:

Emergency Contact:

Name:

Relationship:

Phone:Hm

Wk

Cell Phone:

In a civil defence emergency who else is allowed to pick my child up from school.

Names and contact numbers.

Medical Conditions:

Medication:

I give permission for the school to administer paracetamol if needed. Yes No.

Email address:

Signed:

Welcome to the following students that started school with us this year.

Zoe Murray, Siana Wells-Swan, Hunter and Jessica Currie, Braydon Boronkas, Kacie Hunt, Mika, Zoe and Torben Grant, Quanzelle Schwartz, Jackson Kite, Connor Lawrie, Madison Dunbar, Bodhi Skilton, Skylah Adams and Brayden Lind.

Room 7/8 artists hard at work.



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