Students arrived for the annual school swimming carnival on Wednesday dressed for fun. And what a day of fun and competition it turned out to be. All events were keenly contested with everyone keeping a close eye on the school’s ‘Super Swimmer’ Sam Harris to watch him plough through the water in his every event. Sam didn't disappoint with at least one record broken. (Official results will be published in the school’s next newsletter). Other swimmers to produce excellent wins included Ashlyn Dures, Jamie Henry, Lewis Kranitis, Tahli Enfield, Nicholas Welch and Isaac Long. The inaugural “Belly Flop Competition” proved popular as did the relays at the end of the day. Students were on their feet supporting their house teams. However, the teachers’ team consisting of Mr Fitzpatrick, Mr Heddles, Mr Huens and Mr Barry was too strong for the student team. “We smashed them,” Mr Heddles claimed.

The house points are still up for grabs but ‘Town Beach’ are keen to hold their winning margin.
With some long distance events still scheduled for Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} at 7am and with Sam Harris of ‘Flynns Beach House’ all fired up, there is still a possibility of a different outcome. Meanwhile, the provisional boys and girls age champions have been announced:

**Girls:** Ashlyn Dures (Opens), Jamie Henry (16 yrs), Tahli Enfield (15 yrs), Ella Barnett (14 yrs), Imogen Brunner (13 yrs), Jade Vaughan (12 yrs).

**Boys:** Isaac Long (12 yrs), Timothy Kobelke (13 yrs), Nicholas Welch (14 yrs), Lewis Kranitis (15 yrs), Sam Smith (16 yrs), Sam Harris (Opens).
What’s happening in Week Three

Monday: Zone volleyball trials
Tuesday: Bravissimo
Friday: Yr11 Orientation

Science
Welcome to Term 1 in Science! Students have been issued an assessment schedule and will be issued a homework booklet for each of the topics this term with a minimum of one homework activity to be completed each week. Please encourage your children to show you their homework booklet weekly for your signature. Information about assessment tasks will also be communicated by using the eDiary.
Junior students will be beginning the year with the following topics:
Year 7- Introduction to Science
Year 8- Ecology
Year 9- Coordination and disease
Year 10- Scientific skills and investigations
Please contact me if you have any concerns relating to your child’s progress in Science this year.

Jo Bourke
Science Head teacher

Cattle Team Fundraiser
Bunnings BBQ Sunday 7th February, 2016

Thinking of working on that project around the house or just fancy an outing to Bunnings?
Please come along to Bunnings on Sunday 7th February, 2016 and support our dedicated Cattle Team by buying a delicious sausage sandwich and/or a drink. The team is trying to raise money to purchase new equipment to present their animals at the local Cattle Shows and would really appreciate your support. Thanks a million!
From the Principal

I hope you and your family had a relaxing and refreshing break. Our students had some wonderful opportunities over the holidays and many teachers were hard at work preparing for 2016 both at school and at home. I hope to catch up with the students who were at the Science and Engineering School and report to you next week. The highlights of the week have been the swimming carnival and the dux assembly as well as the launch of our alternate learning programs.

College News

It has been a very busy start to the year for the college. Mark Youngblutt the Port Macquarie Director of Public Schools is acting College Principal until a permanent replacement has been made for Wayne Ible. We expect that to be in the next few weeks. On our first day we had combined staff development morning where Mark addressed the staff about his role and his expectations. His mantra is, “persistent, consistent and transparent”. He was making particular reference to attendance, behaviour and uniform. The in-service that followed was run by Cassie Holland our Head Teacher CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) on the subject of format programming, an approach that emphasises learning styles, quality teaching and effective programming. The college Steering Committee met for the first time on Monday at Westport Campus. The committee discussed the road works happening near Westport Campus, new arrangements for the tutorial centre, college evaluation and the changing focus of the committee. The school development day was followed up on Tuesday with another session on format programming for all college teachers run after school from 2:30 until 5:30. I would like to thank Cossie for the tremendous effort she is putting in to staff development.

Welcome Year 7

We appreciated the enthusiasm of our new Year 7 students when they started last Thursday. They were excited to be starting this new phase of their lives. Their Year Advisers Mrs Cox and Ms. Farmer were well prepared to meet them, busily handing out timetables and diaries. Students were given a hard copy diary and an online e diary produced by the same company. Year 7 were also able to spend time with their mentors from Year 11. Mr Mason is their Year Deputy and he talked to them about setting goals and the expectations we have of them. Year 7 will be going on camp this term so they can get to know each other and their teachers better. I give all new students the same advice; if you are worried about something speak up straight away. There many people who will be pleased to listen and try to help you.

Swimming Carnival

Wednesday was a lovely Port Macquarie day for our swimming carnival, sunny and not too hot. The students and staff were very enthusiastic with bright house colours and encouraging voices. It was a pleasure to see the effort being put in on all fronts and the excellent organisation. Some students had set personal goals around participation and achievement of best times or age championships. The PE staff will give us all the details next week. I would like to thank the PE staff and particularly Jim Krahe and Mick Sanderson for all their efforts. Staff members were unanimous in their praise of the day.

G’Day USA

We had six students join a trip in the holidays organised by Education World Travel. They visited the west coast of the USA with major stops in Seattle, San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles. They were excited to experience Disneyland, American shops and the iconic landmarks. All the students gained a lot from the experience and I hope to interview some of them for next week’s newsletter. I would to thank Mr Rogers for being part of the supervising team.

We have an exciting week next week with the Orientation Day for Year 11 on Friday, Bravissimo on Wednesday, the Regional University Roadshow also on Wednesday as well as the start of zone sport with Volleyball and touch. I hope your children have settled well into the new school year.

Lorraine Haddon
Principal
Students prove ‘Science is Fun’

Newcastle University opened its doors for three of our wonderful students for a week in December, 2015. Blake Elliott, Samet Portakaldali and Brittany Chandler-Rosewell attended workshops organised to encourage students to consider a future career in Science. Brittany Chandler-Rosewell attended the ‘Girls Choice Summer School’ in early December and Blake and Samet attended the boys ‘Live it’ Program the following week. Brittany described her experience as follows:

“On December 6th we started our summer school. The first night consisted of an introduction lecture where we were told what we were going to be doing for the next week. We did Pharmacy where we made hand cream; we played robot soccer and made clothes from rubbish. The facilities at Newcastle University are amazing and so new. Science was a large focus of the program. We went to the Physics lab where we played with all sorts of different things. We also had classes in engineering and mechanics. We learnt about all the different things you can do at University – Scholarships, Masters Degrees and PhD’s......it was a great week!

There were different outings each day. We travelled by bus to the Music Convention Centre. We also went to the RAAF base at Williamtown where we played with billion dollar fire trucks. A 4th Year Psychology student played mind games with us......It was so much fun!”

Blake and Samet reinforced Brittany's feelings by saying, “It was great .......we were nervous at first but settled in and enjoyed it. We got to use an Oculous rift – a virtual reality program. We also tested DNA, had fun playing with the Music Technology and went to the Sports Centre and much, much more. We also had fun playing with the soccer playing robots and enjoyed Trivia Night. We also got to experience life on Campus, staying in Houses of 8-9 groups and living in Dorms with kids from all over New South Wales.”

This was an amazing experience for our students, one I am sure they will never forget.

Mrs Marion Napier
Science Teacher
eDiary To-Dos

- Confirm your account by clicking on the link in the email invitation.
- View your child’s timetable and homework reports.
- Update your homework reporting preferences.
- Bookmark your eDiary after you’ve signed up & make sure you can access it with your chosen password.
- Watch intro video at www.myediary.com.au

eDiary Features

- View homework assigned by your child’s teachers.
- Keep track of upcoming school/college events.

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Communicate with your child’s teachers.

For more information, scan the QR code or go to http://help.myediary.com.au and click on Manuals to access electronic directions.

**ATTENTION YEAR 7 PARENTS**

If You Wish To Receive The Newsletter Electronically please provide your email address to the front office
SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

In the interest of CHILD SAFETY there is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and Road Rules in the vicinity of a school. Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school;

**NO STOPPING**
Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.
(Penalty: $319.00 + 2 demerit points each time you stop)

**NO PARKING**
You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers. You must not stop for more than two minutes. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle.
(Penalty: $177.00 + 2 demerit points)

**BUS ZONE**
You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a public bus.
(Penalty: $319.00 + 2 demerit points)

**CHILDRENS CROSSING**
You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing.
(Penalty: $425.00 + 2 demerit points)

**DOUBLE PARKING**
A driver must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.
(Penalty: $319.00 + 2 demerit points)

THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU
Expressions of Interest
For Instrumental Tuition
2016

Port Macquarie Campus would like to offer students specialized tuition to learn and/or further develop their skills on ONE of the following instruments:

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<th>Vocals</th>
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Lessons will be commencing in **Term 1, Week 3 2016 (Monday 8 February 2016)**. Interested students are able to apply to be part of half-hour lessons at Port Macquarie Campus.

These lessons will be during *timetabled classes* (not necessarily Music classes). However, students will not be out of the same class each week rather, they will be on a fortnightly schedule.

**Example Lesson:**

Week A – P2 *English* 9.30 to 10am  
Week B – P2 *Music* 9.30 to 10am

These lessons will be under review at the end of Term 1.

Pricing is **$240 for 8 week block.**
Payments are to be made to Port Macquarie Campus by Close of Business Week 4 (Friday 19 February 2016).

All tutors are professional musicians and hold all necessary working with children checks.

For further inquiries please contact Mr Heddles in the CAPA Staffroom on 65 831844.

Mr Stewart Heddles  
Music Teacher

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**2016 Registration Day**

**Juniors U 7’s to U 16’s**  
**Womens and Mens**  
All abilities welcome  
**Where:** Hockey field (Ocean Drive)  
**When:** Saturday 6th February 3-5pm

Next registration days will be held at the Hockey field on:- Saturday 13th February from 9am to 12pm  
Tuesday 16th & 23rd February from 5pm to 7pm

For more information contact info@portcityhockey.com.au  
[www.portcityhockey.com](http://www.portcityhockey.com) or [www.facebook.com/PortHockey](http://www.facebook.com/PortHockey)