

Westlawn Public School

A member of the Grafton Community of Schools



Week 8

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 28 November 2017

NORTH STREET
GRAFTON 2460
Telephone 02 6642 7466
Fax 02 6643 1679
email westlawn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website westlawn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Message from the Principal

There are many upgrades occurring in classrooms and in the Primary toilets over the next few weeks and during the holidays. The maintenance needs are determined through the department in consultation with the school. We have two classrooms having roof repairs and one having a roof replaced, two classrooms being painted, carpet being laid and the Primary girls toilets being upgraded. The Primary boys toilets will have painting completed in the holidays. Please be mindful of the areas around the school which have been cordoned off over the coming weeks.

Our new Infants Playground has been approved and is in the process of being put out to tender. This project has been a long term goal of the P&C and the school to provide better play facilities for our students. Some of our interactive whiteboards in classrooms are also showing their age and the P&C have provided funds for the purchase of two new boards at a cost of \$15 000. We will be purchasing three more boards for classrooms out of school funds. I would like to sincerely thank all of our school community for getting behind the fund raising activities organised by our very hard working and dedicated P&C.

Presentation Day

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 5th December at 11:45am. Our parents and community members are most welcome to attend. It will be held in the Primary COLA area as our hall is unable to hold our school group of over 500 students plus the hundreds of family members who attend. This important annual event on our school calendar recognises the outstanding achievements of many of our students.

Intensive Swimming

Year 2 students are currently completing their second and final week of Intensive Swimming. We take water safety really seriously at Westlawn and we believe very strongly in the importance of children learning to swim which is why we have chosen to subsidise the cost of the two week program by more than half for every student in recent years.

Canteen and P&C and Meeting

The next Canteen and P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 6th December at 6:00pm in the meeting room.

Excursions

We wish Year 3, Year 5 and 6 students and their teachers a wonderful week at camp this week at Lake Ainsworth (Y5), Canberra (Y6) and Bonville Beach School (Y3). Last week our Year 4 students received lots of praise from the staff at Yarrahapinni for their behaviour. Thanks to Mr Lollback, Mr Alford, Mrs Salvestro and Ms Bella Trevillian for accompanying them. Thanks also to our parent helpers: Jeremy Cone, John Woodbury and Libby Hughes.

Kindergarten Orientation

Last week saw the final Kindergarten Orientation visit to our school by the eager little children who will be wearing our Westlawn PS uniform next year. They are a delightful group of students and we look forward to seeing them here in 2018.

Student Portfolios (Green Folder)

Please return your child's Student Portfolio to the class teacher for the end of year reports to be sent home in.

Major P&C Raffle

Each year our P&C holds a major Christmas raffle to raise much needed funds to purchase equipment and resources for our school. The children are taking the tickets home today. Please support our raffle by selling as many tickets as possible; it is a good time to see if friends, relatives and work associates might buy some. There are great prizes to be won in the raffle:

- 1st prize:** **28 inch Kogan Television**
- 2nd prize:** **Family Pass to Big Banana**
- 3rd prize:** **Family Pass to Dolphin Marine Magic**
- 4th prize:** **Christmas Hamper**
- 5th prize:** **Gift Vouchers**

There will be incentive prizes for the students who sell the most tickets or significant amounts of tickets. If your child is not able to sell the tickets, please return the book to the school so it can be reissued. All tickets need to be accounted for, so all books must be returned whether sold or not. Any child needing extra ticket books can get them from the school office. All tickets need to be returned by Friday 8 December. The raffle will be drawn at Carols Night on Tuesday 12 December.

Newsletter Online

Next year our School Newsletter will be sent out to families by email only, therefore eliminating paper copies. There will be a paper copy available **to collect from the office** if parents/carers are unable to access the Newsletter by email or on the website. The Newsletter will not be coming home with individual students next year. If you are not already receiving the Newsletter by email could you please fill in the slip below and return it to the School Office as soon as possible. **We are putting this process in place for 2018.**

Clothing Pool News

From 1st December 2017 the Clothing Pool run by the P&C and volunteers will close permanently. All uniforms from this date will need to be purchased from the Uniform Shop at the brewery. The Clothing Pool will be open and at its regular times until 1st December 2017. The Clothing Pool sale to clear stock is continuing with all existing clothing items reduced by 30%. Some sizes may be in short supply so please check out the incredible savings and grab yourself a bargain. School hats, caps and library bags will continue to be sold at the school office. These will not be available at the brewery.

Trish Ellis

Relieving Principal

Diary Dates

TERM 4

Week 8

Mon 27 Nov – Fri 1 Dec Intensive Swimming continued
Mon 27 Nov - Fri 1 Dec Yr 5 Excursion to Lake Ainsworth
Mon 27 Nov - Fri 1 Dec Yr 6 Excursion to Canberra
Wed 29 Nov – Thurs 30 Nov Yr 3 Excursion to Coffs Beach School

Week 9

Tues 5 Dec Presentation Day
Wed 6 Dec Award Assembly
Wed 6 Dec Canteen and P&C Meeting at 6pm in Meeting Room.
Fri 8 Dec Major Raffle Tickets returned by this date
 Reports go home

Week 10

Mon 11 Dec Infants end of term treat day
 Primary end of term treat day
Tues 12 Dec Carols Night and raffle draw
Thurs 14 Dec Yr 6 Farewell
Fri 15 Dec Students' last day

Week 11

Mon 18 Dec Staff Development Day
Tues 19 Dec Staff Development Day

End of Year Excursions

Stage 1 & 3 teachers have arranged an end of year excursion to the Grafton Saraton Theatre for the students to view the PG film 'Ferdinand.' This will take place on Monday 11 December 2017. The children may wear Mufti on this day.

YEAR 4 AT YARRAHAPPINI

On Wednesday 22 November, year 4 went to Yarrahapinni. We took two big buses and we travelled for two hours. When we arrived, we had a big discussion of our expectations!! After that we went into our cabin. I was in a cabin with Shanae, Makayla, Heidi, Sharni, Layla, Alice and Lilly.

We went out to start our activities. Our group was doing the flying fox first. We geared up and Mr Lollback chose a few people to go first, I was one of them. I trudged up the hill and got attached to the line and flew back down the hill. I had the greatest time of my life on camp and I can't wait to go on our next adventure to Lake Ainsworth next year! Lucie Holt



YEAR 5 READY FOR THEIR LAKE AINSWORTH CAMP



Westlawn Public School P&C Newsletter
Term 4 Week8

**Westlawn Clothing Pool will be closing
permanently this Friday at 9:00am
Our SALE to clear out stock is continuing. All
Clothing items are reduced by 30%.**

There are some sizes that are no longer available.

From the 1st of December all uniforms will need to be purchased from the
Uniform shop at the Brewery.

Canteen News

Names are now being taken for canteen volunteers for 2018. Please speak to
Michelle Ford, ring the canteen number or leave your name and number at the
canteen.

For all enquiries relating to the canteen roster please call 0416 808 614.

Major Raffle

Tickets have gone home for our raffle. Extra books are available from the school
office. The raffle will be drawn at Westlawn Carols Night.

There are some great prizes to be won.

Thank you to Dolphin Marine Magic and the Big Banana at Coffs Harbour, Coles
Grafton and Woolworths at Grafton Shopping World for their generous support
in donating prizes for the raffle.

CANTEEN ROSTER

WEDNESDAY	29 NOVEMBER	Vanessa Berrick, Debra Watts, Belinda Wormald
THURSDAY	30 NOVEMBER	Sue Ulrick, Campbell Timmins, Debra Watts
FRIDAY	1 DECEMBER	Shelly Thompson, Jenny McClymont, Tamika Henson
MONDAY	4 DECEMBER	Samantha Nacinovic, Christopher Bell
TUESDAY	5 DECEMBER	Debra Watts, Liz Hamlin, Belinda Bowling



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ONLINE

PARENT NAME:

CHILD NAME:

CLASS:

EMAIL ADDRESS: