

Westlawn Public School

A member of the Grafton Community of Schools



Week 10

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

What an amazing year we have had at Westlawn. It has flown by so quickly. The year has been filled with exciting times for students, lots of learning and fun, loads of extra-curricular experiences, fantastic excursions, a terrific School Fair and lots, lots more. It is a great time to reflect on the wonderful positive experiences throughout the year. We are truly lucky to be part of a wonderful school community. I would like to thank our staff, parents and community for their combined efforts to make the children's time at school such a great year. My best wishes to all for a safe and happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Westlawn PS P&C Carols Night

Come along and join in the Christmas Spirit at the annual P&C 'Family Carols Night' tonight. It is held under the Primary undercover area and it is a sing-along for all students, parents and community members. The playground equipment will be out-of-bounds for the evening due to safety reasons and we want the children to join in the spirit of the evening by singing. We will expect that parents will support the P&C in keeping children with them to join in the singing. Bring a chair to sit and join in the Christmas spirit. Each class or a group of classes will be called up to stand at the front and sing while the audience sings along. We will also be asking Westlawn staff, and Mums and Dads to get up and do the same so bring your voice and be part of the large group. Programs with the words to songs will be available for purchase (to cover our copy costs). The BBQ will operate from 5:45pm and the sing-along of Carols will go from 6pm to 7pm, then Santa will visit with lolly bags. Please don't bring candles. The P&C would really like to see people join in the spirit of the evening and sing along.

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. There are great prizes to be won in the raffle:

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

There are prizes for the students who sold the most tickets or significant amounts of tickets. If your child was not able to sell the tickets, please return the book to the school. All tickets need to be accounted for, so all books must be returned whether sold or not. The raffle will be drawn tonight at the Carols.

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.

The New School Year in 2018

Children in Years 1 to 6 return to school on Tuesday 30th January 2018. On that day and the following day the students will be with their same class group as 2017 and where possible, with their 2017 teacher, or otherwise, with another staff member. The new classes will be announced on Thursday 1st February at morning assembly. Children will be with their new teacher and classmates from this date.

Teachers make very considered judgements in placing students into classes for a new school year. As there can be quite a few changes to enrolments in any particular grade with families moving in and out of the area over the holiday period, we wait until all adjustments have been made and we are sure of placements before finalising classes. Students will revise important programs such as sun safe practices, bike safety, bus safety, school rules and positive attitudes to learning, and revision of maths facts, to help settle them into the new school year and blow away the cobwebs. This process will ensure that students are not put into a new class on Tuesday morning then changed to another class within a day or two due to increased or decreased numbers within a grade over the holidays. We wish to avoid any unnecessary upset to any child. As always, the interests of your children are our priority.

During the first two days of school, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st January, Kindergarten teachers will be conducting individual assessments of all new Kinders. Letters will be sent home shortly informing parents of the appointment time. An explanation of the Best Start program was given at the Orientation Parent Information Meeting. Kindergarten children will only attend for their appointment time on one of these two days. Kindergarten will start attending school on Thursday 1st February.

Neighbourhood Watch

Please keep a very close eye on our school over coming weeks and in the holidays. If you see anyone in the school grounds who should not be there or acting in a suspicious manner, please call the police. Take note of number plates and the appearance of the people (height, hair colour, clothing or any identifiable features). If you have a camera or phone with camera, you might like to take a photo of anything suspicious. We really need our community to keep a very watchful eye on our school please. If you have friends or relatives who live around our school or drive past the school, please let them know too.

Vacation Care

Vacation Care will be operating at the Community OOSH Super Centre across the road from the school in Hoof Street. Contact details are 66589757 or 0466306220, or Katrina Adams 0432923518 and David Bourke 0437033143. Flyers are available at the school office.

Year 6 Shirt Signing

Year 6 shirt signing will only be allowed on the last day Friday 15 December. If Year 6 students wish to have a shirt signed as a keepsake it needs to be brought to school, not worn. No signing will occur on a shirt they are wearing. This takes place on the last day of school. Students need to bring their own signing pen/texta.

Uniform

It would be wonderful if every student in the school wore black shoes next year as per our uniform policy. When buying new school shoes for 2018, please support our policy. (And coloured laces are not uniform. Black laces please.) **Grey socks** are also part of the boy's uniform and white socks are worn on sport's days. We are very proud of our uniform and ask for parents to support us in having children in the correct uniform each day. The Clothing Pool has now permanently closed and uniforms are now available from the Uniform Shop in the old brewery in North St. School caps, hats and library bags will still be sold at school.

P&C Meeting

Our final Canteen and P&C Meeting for 2017 will be held on Wednesday 13th December in the Meeting Room.

Exciting Holiday News

The Grafton District Services Club, in Mary St will be holding an open-air movie night on Saturday 27 January 2018, featuring the family movie 'Sing' (PG). This is the last Saturday before school resumes next year. It will be held on the bowling green so families are welcome to take their chairs and picnic blankets for a fun filled evening. The movie will begin at 8:00pm. There will be popcorn and other treats for sale and entry is by a gold coin donation. The proceeds raised from the evening will be donated to Westlawn Public School to purchase resources for our students.

Trish Ellis

Relieving Principal

Diary Dates

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Week 10

Mon 11 Dec	Infants and 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

Term 1 2018

Week 1

Mon 29 Jan	Staff Development Day - no students attend on this day
Tues 30 Jan	Students in Years 1 to 6 return Best Start appointments for new Kinders
Wed 31 Jan	Best Start appointments for new Kinders
Thurs 1 Feb	Kindergarten students begin school Years 1 to 6 in new classes

Week 2

Mon 5 Feb	Swimming Carnival (all Yrs 3-6, plus any competent swimmers in Yr 2 who turn 8 in 2018 and can easily swim 50 metres without stopping)
Fri 9 Feb	Induction Assembly at 2pm for SRC (School Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects and class representatives), Library Monitors, House Captains and Band Leader.



Thank you to those families who have kindly donated a book to the library over the past year. It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone in their assistance with returning your library books. We currently have quite a large number still out that need to come back before the holidays. Students are eagerly trying to win the first class to bring back all their books. Who will take out the honors this year?



Checkers Competition

Congratulations to all students that entered this years Checkers competition. I was very impressed with the sportsmanship and enthusiasm of everyone involved. Our winners for 2017 are

Stage 2

Runner Up Heath Revell
School champion Abel Warren

Stage 3

Runner Up Jayden Langdon
Winner Zane Farrell

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday!
Mrs Palmer

School Banking

Please note there will be no school banking this Friday.

Presentation Day and Award Day

Letitia Black – Dux of the School

School Spirit – Blake Hayne



Major Award Recipients



GOLD AWARD



DIAMOND AWARD



PRINCIPAL AWARD



TERM 4 2017

TEACHERS AWARDS

Nate Cahill 1C
Indy Paul 1C
Bailey Gilmore 1C
Kye McSkimming 1H
Jaxon Vasey 1H
Noah Johnson 1H
Taj Boorman 1H
Frazer Hebron 1H
Kobi Muller 1H
Ethan Biele 2G
Elijah Lesniak-Bell 2G
Isabella Bateman 1M
Ayla Pound 1M
Marley Page 1M
Kobi Woods 1M
Henry Tanner 1M
Noah Kilduff 1M
Chelsea Nacinovic 1M
Lucy Hughes 1M
Charlee Campbell 1C

BRONZE

Taj Chevalley 2H
Bohdi Henwood 2H
Hamish Pearce 2H
Charlie Martin 2H
Michelle Bennett 2H
Ceahn Shipman 2H
Eliza Hebron 2H
Layla Gauci 2A
Jimmy Egan 2A
Jarrod Eichmann 2A
Nathan Parkes 2A
Reyd Price 2A
Ramie Simpson 2H
Milla Lawrence 1H
Lucy Blackadder 2G
Madalin Lynn 2G
Riley Kelly 2G
Alex Logue 2G

Layla Gentles 1C
Elsie Firth 1H
Clair See 2G
Marcus Green 2G
Destiny Kratz 2G
James Barnier 2G
Oscar Denhert 2H
Landen Gough 2H

SILVER

Deegan Leggett 4T
Jorja Willis 3/4L
Kade Simpson 4/5K
Summah Chevalley 3G
Ethan Johnston 3M
Ashlea Blair 3G
Mason Cone 3G

GOLD

Blake Norrie 4T
Reece McLaughlan 4T
Sophie Johnson 3M
Lachlan O'Grady 4/5K
Bonnie Crocker 5O
Ethan Burley 5O
Paul Elston 5O
Jensen Haynes 5O
Shayne Johnson 5O
Benji Pereira 5O
Koby Holland 5O
Lucie Holt 3/4L
Shanae Crispin 3/4L
Charlotte Holt 6B
Jett Scholes Robertson 6B
Halen Watts 6B
Makayla Shipway 3/4L
Jaxon Rediger 5A
Matilda Jefferies 5A
Jay Higgins 5A
Jett Barrett 5A
Grace Milligan 5O
Jordan Scherbarth 6P
Brooklyn Cole 5/6W

Ashton Benson 5/6W
Seth Blanch 4T

DIAMOND

Sophie Hinterjolz 4/5K
Lilly-Grace Faulkner 4/5K
Zane Maddock 5O
Ella Kilduff 6P
Asha Dunn-Barton 6P
Makayla Shipway 3/4L
Aneka Larkin 6B
Harry Hughes 6B
Noah Pugh 6B
Shanae Crispin 3/4L
Luka Cheetham 5A
Lilly Palmer 5A
Harry Oxenbridge 5A
Cooper Pereira 5A
Logan Gough 5O
Kiara Essex-Keedle 6B
Sophie Swanson 5/6W
Ryan Hyatt 5/6W
Jimmy Ford 5/6W
Ava Byrnes 5/6W

PRINCIPAL

Caleb Berrick 6P
Erin Dunkley-Moore 6P
Violet Campbell 6P
Lillian McPhee 6B
Taleah Wright 6B
Lily McCutcheon 6B
Jamaica Yager 6B
Abel Warren 6B
Danielle Williams 6P
Sunnivar Gorrington 6P
Ashley Ellem 5/6W
Jorja Foley 5/6W
April Loadsman 5/6W

School Spirit

Blake Hayne 6B

Platinum Premiers Reading Awards



Grafton Physical Culture

Registration day Tuesday 6th Feb 2018 at the Grafton Primary School Hall 4-6pm.
Please call Justine on 0431 470 552 for further information or visit our website
www.graftonphysie@bigpond.com.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON FOR TEENS AND KIDS

Enjoy a pre-Christmas distraction with a fun Christmas Craft Afternoon for teens and kids aged 5 to 15 years on Tuesday 19th December. At the upcoming Christmas Craft Afternoon, teens and kids will create a couple of handmade ornaments to warm up their home or to give away as a cute gift. The afternoon will take place at Whitehouse Tea Rooms (next door to the Uniting Church), 128 Prince Street, Grafton (across from Awesum Body Gym and Video Shop), from 3.30-5pm on Tuesday, 19th December. Bookings are essential as numbers are capped.

RSVP by Tuesday December 12.

The charge of \$12 covers all craft materials. Please RSVP to Ellie Annesley on
0422 567 859.



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ONLINE

PARENT NAME: -----

CHILD NAME: -----

CLASS: -----

EMAIL ADDRESS: -----

Westlawn Public School P&C Newsletter
Term 4 Week 10

Our school year is almost over. It is hard to believe that Christmas is just two weeks away. The P&C would like to wish the entire school community a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Best wishes to our Year Six students who are moving onto High School next year.

Canteen News

Westlawn canteen will be closing this Wednesday.

Many items are limited but there is still food for the children to order for lunches.

Names are now being taken for canteen volunteers for 2018.

Please speak to Canteen Manager, 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

The P & C major raffle will be drawn at the carols tonight. If you still have tickets they must be returned sold or unsold as they are accountable. A huge thank you to Kylie Lavender and Sharyn Ellem who have coordinated the raffle this year. 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 13 December	Sara Linsley, Debra Watts, Belinda Wormald
Thursday and Friday	CLOSED