

Westlawn Public School

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Week 9

NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

Westlawn PS P&C Carols Night

Come along and join in the Christmas Spirit at the annual P&C 'Family Carols Night' next Tuesday 12 December. 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 7.30pm. Santa will visit with lolly bags at 7pm. Please don't bring candles. The P&C would really like to see people join in the spirit of the evening and sing along.



Presentation Day

Today we held our annual School Presentation Day. It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding efforts and achievements of so many of our students. It is always good to see our P&C Life Members, current P&C Executive, parents and community members share this recognition of our talented and hardworking students. It gives me the chance to thank our staff and community for their support of our school which is so much appreciated. Our SRC Executive team was announced: Jimmy Ford and Bree Hunter as Captains, Ethan Ashbrooke and Ava Byrnes as Vice Captains, and Sonny McCutcheon, Harry Oxenbridge, Mia Haynes and Jessica Towns as Prefects. Congratulations to these students, I am sure they will do a fine job in their new roles. Thank you to our Senior Choir and School Band for entertaining us. Thanks to our parents and community members for attending. Special thanks to Mrs Acevedo - White, Mrs Taylor, Mrs O'Mahony, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Bondfield for organising the event.

Scholarship

Congratulations to Jamaica Yager who has just received a scholarship for 2018 from the Clarence Valley Conservatorium. This is a wonderful achievement.

Staff News

Mr Mark Jones, who has been at Westlawn for five years will be leaving us at end of 2017. He has taken a transfer to Tuncurry Public School to be closer to his extended family. We will be very sad to see Mr Jones leave at the end of the year but we know it will be very exciting for all his family especially his wife Kyah and their children Lexie and Tully. Mark has been a highly valued staff member who has worked to support the students, staff and parents. We are sorry to see him go but wish him every success in his new appointment.

Reports

End of year Student Reports go home on Friday. Teachers take great care to highlight student achievement but also to recommend goals for students to work towards in the following year. Share with your child the reading of the report and explain their strengths and areas they could improve. Focus on the child's effort.

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.

Excursions

The students all had a wonderful time on their excursions last week. Our Year 6 students were exhausted after their busy trip to Canberra, Year 5 were still full of beans on their return and Year 3 were very eager to tell about their adventures. The students all enjoyed the many and varied experiences, and conducted themselves in an exemplary manner on all excursions. Thanks to Mr Lollback, **Miss Gordon and Mrs McGrath (Year 3 excursion), Mrs Johnson, Ms Adams, Mr Ogilvy, and Mrs Barnier (Year 5 excursion) and Ms Williams, Mr Pereira and Mrs Brotherson (Year 6 excursion)** for supervising and supporting the students. Thank you also to the parents who accompanied the students on the Year 3 and Year 5 excursions: Mr Wiles, Mr Rasborsek and Mr Ashbrooke.

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 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 two days 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 Friday 2nd 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.

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.

P&C Meeting

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

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.

Trish Ellis
Relieving Principal

Diary Dates

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Week 9

Tues 5 Dec Presentation Day
Wed 6 Dec Award Assembly

Fri 8 Dec Major Raffle Tickets returned by this date
Reports go home

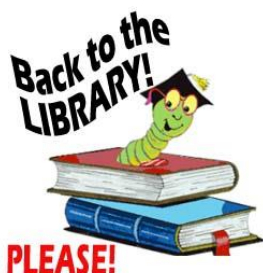
Week 10

Mon 11 Dec Infants and Primary end of term treat day
Tues 12 Dec Carols Night and raffle draw
Wed 13 Dec Canteen and P&C Meeting at 6pm in Meeting Room.
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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - Sophie Henry - KP



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?

Aboriginal Go4Fun Free Program

Go4Fun is a fun and interactive program that helps children aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight and their families adopt a long-lasting healthy lifestyle. The program consists of 10 sessions, once a week for 2 hours. A parent or carer is required to attend each session. For more information or to register for the program : Freecall 1800 780 900.

CRANES

Extra workshop due to popular demand:

Managing Anger, December 13, 2017, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

How to reduce stress and conflict caused by anger. This is a short workshop with information and strategies for managing anger and teaching children the safe expression of strong emotions.

Who is eligible: Anyone with primary care or support role in the care of a child or seeking access or restoration of a child.

Cost: FREE

Childcare: available for no charge. Limited spaces, bookings essential

To register: Contact CRANES on 66427257 or email FARS@cranes.org.au

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school holidays

@your library
gratton library 6641 0100
mobile library 0409 457 606

storytime - thursdays 10.30—11.30am
25th Jan (Australiana theme)


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| gratton | tues 19th dec | 10.30am - 11.30am | create your own board game | (ages 8+) | bookings essential |
| gratton | tues 9th jan | 10.00am - 11.30am | create your own dream catcher | (ages 8+) | bookings essential |
| gratton | tues 16th jan | 2.00pm - 3.00pm | Zen doodle | (ages 8+) | bookings essential |
| gratton | fri 19th jan | 10.30am - 12noon | board games | (all ages) | bookings essential |
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X box & ps4 challenges
all day wednesdays @ gratton library

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| 20th Dec | 3rd Jan | 10th Jan | 17th Jan | 24th Jan |
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Westlawn Public School P&C Newsletter

Term 4 Week9

Our Clothing Pool is now officially closed. All uniforms will need to be purchased from the Uniform Shop at the Brewery Complex. Special thanks to Jodi Buggy and Narelle Graham-Firth who have run our clothing pool for the last couple of years. Thankyou to all the volunteers who have helped out in the clothing pool over the years. Special thanks to Sharyn Ellem who ran the clothing pool for many years and has also volunteered over the last few months assisting Jodi and Narelle with finalizing arrangements for the Uniform shop's transition to the Brewery.

Canteen News

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

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

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| WEDNESDAY | 6 DECEMBER | Ann Finn, Angie Miller, Debra Watts |
| THURSDAY | 7 DECEMBER | Mel Kingsley, Sharron Robertson, Debra Watts |
| FRIDAY | 8 DECEMBER | Shelly Thompson, Tamika Henson, Liz Bloomer |
| MONDAY | 11 DECEMBER | Campbell Timmins, Christopher Bell, Sam Nacinovic |
| TUESDAY | 12 DECEMBER | Debra Watts, Annette Grainger, Sam Nacinovic |



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ONLINE

PARENT NAME: -----

CHILD NAME: -----

CLASS: -----

EMAIL ADDRESS: -----