



### Message from the Principal

As Christmas approaches, our Stage 1 students are going to visit the Whiddon Group to entertain the residents with Christmas carols. The children and the residents both gain so much pleasure from sharing the community spirit.

### 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 2019. Each year our enrolments are increasingly strong due to the very positive reputation our school has for providing strong educational opportunities, a caring and inclusive learning environment, and a school which has a very supportive school community. Next year we will have 4 Kindergarten classes.

### Excursions

Year 5 students were very well behaved and had a fabulous time at Lake Ainsworth. The teachers and camp staff said that our children were very cooperative and participated in activities with great enthusiasm. Sailing certainly seemed one of the favourite activities. Thanks to Mr Ogilvy, Ms Adams, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Linley for supervising the children, also thanks to our parent helper Narelle Graham Firth.

We wish Year 6 students and their teachers a wonderful week in Canberra this week. The teachers have contacted the school to let us know they arrived safely last night. Year 3 are also very excited about their excursions to the Coffs Harbour Beach School this week. Mr Ogilvy has stepped in to replace Mr Lollback as he has an ankle injury.

## Westlawn PS P&C Carols Night

Come along to the P&C 'Family Carols Night' next Friday 14 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 all children on 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.



### Presentation Day

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## REMINDERS

### 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 took raffle tickets home last week.



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:

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Samsung Tablet

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: 28 inch Kogan Television

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Big Banana Voucher

4<sup>th</sup> prize: \$50 voucher – Aimee

McLachlan Photography

5<sup>th</sup> prize: Hamper

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 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The raffle will be drawn at Carols by Candlelight on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Have a great week

Trish Ellis

*Relieving Principal*

### **LOST PROPERTY - YEAR 2 INTENSIVE SWIMMING**

There are a number of items in lost property from the Year 2 Intensive Swimming classes. Towel, goggles, thongs, skins, hats and clothing. Please call to the office if you are missing any of these items.

### **CSI SHIRT**

Someone has kindly donated a size 12 CSI shirt to the school. Please contact the office if you are interested.

### **Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion**

Students from our school will soon undertake an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

## DIARY DATES

### TERM 4

#### Week 8

Mon 3 Dec - Fri 7 Dec Yr 6 Excursion to Canberra

Tues 4 Dec CSI

Thurs 6 Dec – Fri 7 Yr 3 Excursion to Coffs Beach School

#### Week 9

Tues 11 Dec Presentation Day

Major Raffle Tickets returned by this date

Wed 12 Dec Award Assembly

Canteen and P&C Meeting at 6pm in Meeting Room.

Fri 14 Dec Reports go home

Carols Night and raffle draw

#### Week 10

Mon 17 Dec Primary end of term treat day

Tues 18 Dec Infants end of term treat day

Yr 6 Farewell

Wed 19 Dec Students' last day

## CANTEEN ROSTER

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER

Angie Miller, Ann Finn, Debra Watts

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER

Debra Watts

FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

Shelly Thompson, Kassy Viskers, Deanna Fernance

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER

Campbell Timmins, Jacinta Fletcher

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER

Debra Watts, Campbell Kenneally, Deb Barlow

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# Year 5 Camp

