



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' this 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 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

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: Blake Norrie and Shanae Crispin as Captains, Seth Blanch and Eliza Berrick as Vice Captains, and Ted Hill, Oneil Brown, Charlee Connell and Shani Firth 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 and Mrs Bondfield for organising the event.

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:

1st prize: Samsung Tablet

2nd prize: 28 inch Kogan Television

3rd prize: Big Banana Voucher

4th prize: \$50 voucher – Aimee McLachlan Photography

5th prize: Hamper

If your child is 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. All tickets need to be returned by today. If you still have tickets at home please return them as soon as possible. The raffle will be drawn at Carols by Candlelight on Friday 14 December.

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.

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 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 Ogilvy, **Mrs Salvestro and Mrs McGrath (Year 3 excursion) and Ms Williams, Mr Pereira and Ms Ellem (Year 6 excursion)** for supervising and supporting the students. Thank you also to the parents who accompanied the students on the Year 3 excursion.

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 2019, 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 2019

Children in Years 1 to 6 return to school on Wednesday 30th January 2019. On that day and the following day the students will be with their same class group as 2018 and where possible, with their 2018 teacher, or otherwise, with another staff member. The new classes will be announced on Friday 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, Wednesday 30th January and Thursday 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 Friday 1st February.

Year 6 Shirt Signing

Year 6 shirt signing will only be allowed on the last day Wednesday 19 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 2018 will be held on Wednesday 12th December in the Meeting Room. A reminder that the canteen has started to wind down for the term and some items may not be available.

Have a great week

Trish Ellis

Relieving Principal

Library News

Thank you to everyone in helping your children return their library books. We are now on the count down to see which class will be the first to return all of their books. I will be sending new overdue notices home this week as these books have not been located in the library during our stock take.

Happy Reading

Mrs Palmer

School Banking

This Friday 14 December will be the last school banking day for the year. If you are interested in becoming a school banking volunteer next year, can you please contact the school office with your details.

Diary Dates

TERM 4

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 Kindergarten and Primary end of term treat day
- Tues 18 Dec Infants end of term treat day
 Yr 6 Farewell
- Wed 19 Dec Students last day.

Community Notices



Year 3 Camp



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