



# Westlawn Public School

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## Newsletter: Term 4 Week 6 2021

I am pleased to advise that we have had minimal impact on student learning with all but one staff member being fully vaccinated and onsite from November 8, with all staff fully vaccinated by the end of this week. I thank all staff for their professionalism and understand that this was a difficult decision for some staff. Covid restrictions have eased a little at school updates advice can be found at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>.

### Key points

- All visitors to a school site must be double vaccinated
- Parents allowed onsite to assist in class
- Excursions are allowed – not overnight
- End of year assemblies can occur- parents only allowed if invited to present an award

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

As there have been cases at both Grafton and South Grafton Public Schools, I would like to inform parents and carers that the department is continuing to work closely with NSW Health and other relevant agencies to ensure the best possible precautions are in place to protect students and staff in our public schools.

Schools have comprehensive infection control and first aid arrangements in place and are well practised in implementing practical strategies and standard precautions to prevent the spread of disease in our schools.

Good personal hygiene, including regular hand washing, cleaning and disinfecting are vigorously applied across all schools.

### COVID-safe cohorting for students

To provide a safe learning environment for students and staff, schools will be implementing a cohort model to reduce interaction between students in different groups and minimise physical interaction between students on school grounds.

- All activities will minimise mixing and mingling between cohorts.

- Each cohort will be allocated a learning space, completing all lessons and break times with their cohort.
- Playground and canteen access will be by cohort.
- Within each cohort, students should maintain strict personal hygiene and physical distancing wherever possible.

Schools will manage the cohort model in a way that best meets the needs of their students.

## Cleaning

All schools have COVID-safe plans and are taking precautions to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission on-site. This includes enhanced cleaning 2 times a day in all schools in line with the latest advice from NSW Health and SafeWork Australia.

Where there is a confirmed case of COVID-19, cleaning will be carried out at the school site in line with cleaning protocols agreed with NSW Health.

## Report Cards

Reports will be sent home Friday December 10.

We are currently in the process of planning for 2022 and if you are aware that you will not be attending Westlawn in 2022 please contact the office. Thank you.

## Excursions

Teachers are currently planning alternatives to the camps that have been cancelled, we appreciate your patience during this time, and you can expect new notes to be coming home soon.



## Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell is on the 13th December at Grafton High's MPC (Fry Street) this year.

Trent Patterson  
Principal

## Year 2 Intensive Swimming

The ten day Intensive Swimming School for Year 2 students will be running from Monday 15 November to Friday 26 November. **All students are to be at school promptly as buses will be leaving from the school immediately following the morning bell at 8.50am.**

Students should wear their swimmers under their uniform and have sunscreen applied before they come to school each day. All clothing, towels, swimmers, goggles must be marked clearly with your child's full name, as many of these items get mislaid. Students require a plastic bag to hold wet towels and costumes. They will also need to wear footwear to the pool, thongs are fine. Please ensure your child packs underwear, socks and shoes to change into after swimming. Students will change back into full school uniform at school.



# A PBL Message

*Please reinforce our Positive Behaviours for Learning expectations with your children. When everyone Strives to Achieve PBL expectations we are all making a positive difference everyday, everywhere and every time.*



*Weeks 6 and 7 focus setting: Toilet Areas—Bathrooms*

## *The Westlawn Way*

### **TOILET AREA EXPECTATIONS**

<b>Be a Learner</b>	Use the toilet area, water and supplies responsibly Use the toilet in break time, not learning time
<b>Be Respectful</b>	Use a quiet voice Treat property with care Respect other students' space
<b>Be Safe</b>	Flush, wash hands and leave straight away No playing



## DIARY DATES

### Kindergarten Orientation Dates

Thurs 11 Nov	Kindy Orientation	9.30am – 2pm
Thurs 18 Nov	Kindy Orientation	9.30am – 2pm
Thurs 25 Nov	Kindy Orientation	9.30am – 2pm

Fri 5 Nov- 10 Nov	Book Fair
Wed 10 Nov	Hot Dog Day
Mon 15 Nov – 26 Nov	Year 2 Intensive Swimming
Thurs 18 Nov	Year 6 GHS Orientation Day
Tues 23 Nov	SGHS Orientation Day
Tues 7 Dec	Annual Presentation Day
Thurs 9 Dec	Jacaranda public holiday
Fri 10 Dec	Special Award Assembly
	Reports go home
Mon 13 Dec	Year 6 Farewell at GHS MPC

## Community Notices



**LEGACY PROGRAM**

**I AM A  
GIRL  
I CAN DO  
ANYTHING  
COME  
N  
TRY**





**GRAFTON  
BASKETBALL  
FUN FREE GIRLS  
SKILLS SESSIONS**

**SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2021**  
**300 POWELL ST**  
**2:00PM - 4:00PM**  
**AGE 6-15YRS**

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**IBA 3X3  
GRAFTON**

**4TH DECEMBER**  
**10AM - 1PM**  
**PCYC GRAFTON**

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# Book Character Parade





