



# Westlawn Public School

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## Newsletter: Term 3 Week 10 2021

### Principal's Message:

Welcome back to all the students. It is great to have the school back to normal with buzz of students in the playground and around the school. Also thank you to all the parents, carers and relatives that assisted in the learning from home program.

Student awards will be handed out this Friday on assembly. Due to level 3 Covid restrictions photos will be posted on Facebook so parents and carers are able to see the awards.

Last week was School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) recognition week. Our SASS staff play an important role in the school community. They are often the first people you see when you enter our school and are essential to maintaining positive relationships with students, parents and the community. So thanks you to all our SASS staff for the wonderful job you do in supporting the students, staff and community members of Westlawn Public School.

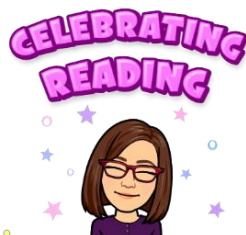
Here's what our families and student can expect when returning to school sites under COVID-safe Level 3 conditions:

- Staff will be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors while on school grounds.
- We will reduce overall mingling of our different student years which means no school assemblies or sport (outside of existing PDHPE classes), excursions or field trips.
- Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will be required to check-in and wear masks at all times.
- Canteens are open with appropriate hygiene measures in place.
- Parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds and follow physical distancing and avoid gathering for drop-offs and pick-ups.
- There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible we will ensure classrooms will be well-ventilated with open windows.
- Before and After School Care will be available on site following COVID-safe plans.

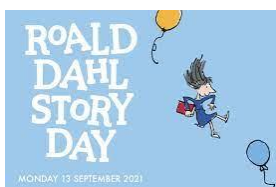
Unfortunately, at the moment all excursions and camps are on hold until level 3 restrictions ease. We currently have no information when this will occur.

Enjoy the warm weather during the September holidays and we look to seeing everyone back for a hectic term 4.

## Library News



Welcome back! What a fantastic week to come back to the library as this week is full of fun celebrations.



Monday is Roald Dahl day. Fall in love with a Roald Dahl story this week as we take the time to celebrate this well known author who was born in 1916. His stories continue to bring magic into our worlds.



Reading Books Matters to our Health and Happiness: the Growing Research

<https://australiareads.org.au/why-read/>

Australia Reads is a celebration of the importance of reading. Students this week will be listening to authors discuss their works and then enjoy one of the many activities available based on this weeks celebrations.



International Dot Day based on Peter H. Reynolds beautiful book; 'The Dot' which shares a story about a girl who learns how important having a go is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

### Have you seen eBooks?

We now have FREE eBooks and AUDIOBOOKS!

Fiction eBooks and Audiobooks are now available in Oliver using the Wheelers ePlatform! Login to STUDENT PORTAL/ OLIVER LIBRARY/ NEWS. Click <https://westlawnps.eplatform.co/> and SIGN IN using your DoE account. (If you log into your Student Portal first it logs you in automatically.) Then browse for a book you want! Or you can download the Wheelers ePlatform app/ search for Westlawn PS/ Sign In using school username and password and then browse the books.

## Book Week and parade.

## Watch this space! Coming in term 4

Happy Reading! See you at the library! Mrs Palmer

## The *Tell Them From Me* student survey (Term 4, 2021)

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted that during early Term 4, Westlawn Public School, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student, survey. This survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. You may remember that our students from **Years 4 to 6** participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1, this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year. The student survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

More information about the survey is available at: [education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm](https://education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm)

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. It is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between **Tuesday 5th October and Friday 15th October**. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Copies of the form are available from <https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents/translated-resources>

**Frequently asked questions can be accessed via the following link:**

[https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/FAQs/TTFM\\_Student\\_Survey\\_FAQs\\_Parent\\_and\\_Carers\\_T12019e.pdf](https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/FAQs/TTFM_Student_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T12019e.pdf)

Trent Patterson

Principal

Westlawn Public School



**PARENT CAFE**  
**ONLINE**  
 THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER  
 2021  
 5.30-7.30PM  
 How to Mess with Stress  
 Self Care in COVID



To register <https://www.trybooking.com/BUACQ>  
 Or call Ruth or Kath on 02 6640 3800  
 RSVP by 14 September 2021

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**YAMBA NIPPERS**   
**INFO DAYS**  
**SIGN ON - PROFICIENCY - UNIFORM**  
 Sat 11th Sept 9am - 12.00 noon  
 Sun 19th Sept 9am - 12.00 noon

**Join us at Main Beach**  
 Season Starts  
 Sun Oct 3rd



**Learn surf & beach skills,  
 have fun & meet new friends!**

**Memberships NOW OPEN** | Follow us on Facebook @yambanippers  
[www.sls.com.au/join/](http://www.sls.com.au/join/)

**Play Touch Football**

**GRAFTON SUMMER COMPETITIONS** | **MIXED OPENS**  
**WOMEN'S**  
**MEN'S**  
**YR 7/8**  
**YR 4/5/6**  
**YR 3 & UNDER**

**Where:** Rushforth Park  
**When:** Wednesday  
**Registrations:** Online  
**Begins:** 6<sup>th</sup> October

[graffton.nswtouch.com.au](http://graffton.nswtouch.com.au)

**GRAFTON TOUCH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION** | **ACTIVE KIDS** | **NRL TOUCH FOOTBALL**  
[grafftontouch@gmail.com](mailto:grafftontouch@gmail.com) | [PLAYNRL.COM](http://PLAYNRL.COM)



Last day of term 3 is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
 First day of term 4 is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

# 2021 SPRING VACATION CARE PROGRAM

## Monday 20 Sept to Friday 1 Oct

Before School, After School & Vacation Care for the North Coast

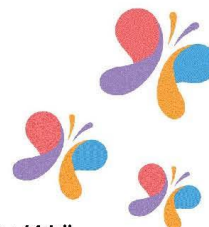


### CONTACT INFORMATION

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*"In a world gone mad with rules & regulations, we help kids be kids"*

### HOURS OF OPERATION

7.00am – 6.00pm

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

During School Holidays & Pupil Free days

**On all excursion days children are required to be at the centre no later than 8:45am and will return by approx. 4:00pm.**

Transportation is provided in our bus or van depending on bookings.

Risk Assessments available upon request.

### "WHAT TO BRING EVERYDAY"

All Children are required to bring a hat, water bottle, sun-screen, appropriate footwear and healthy lunch / snacks.

In winter warm clothes and socks are required each day.

In summer swimmers, sun/rash shirts, swim aids (if required), towel and plastic bag are required each day.

Personal electronic devices are prohibited.

Please label all clothes. Spending money is optional!

### BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR VACATION CARE

To book please scan the QR code on the back of this program to be taken directly to our booking form. Alternatively, go to our website at [www.communityoosh.com.au](http://www.communityoosh.com.au) and click the purple box titled "Vacation Care Bookings & Program"

**VACATION CARE BOOKINGS CANNOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE OR BY TEXT MESSAGE.  
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO BOOKINGS BEING ACCEPTED.**

Your booking requests will be confirmed by email. Please check that you receive the confirmation from us within 2 working days of submitting. The minimum notice required to cancel a Vacation Care booking where no charge will apply is 1:30pm the working day before your booking. Please note that weekends and Public Holidays are Non Working Days. All bookings not cancelled by this time will be charged at full fee.

**FEES:** Depending on the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and activity hours a parent is entitled too, the out of pocket costs to parents can range from a few dollars to the full rate shown below. To find out more about the Child Care Subsidy please visit at <https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage> The table below shows the full fee with no Child Care Subsidy along with an example of the out of pocket expense where the highest rate of Child Care Subsidy is applied.

**Your fee will vary depending on your own CCS rate and activity hours you receive.** Unlike some providers, Community OOSH Services strive to put you and your children first, providing the highest quality care for the lowest possible price. Please note excursions are at an additional cost and vary depending on the excursion. The cost on each excursion are shown on the next page and these costs will have your CCS % applied to substantially reduce excursion costs.

2020 Fee Structure at Full Rate before the application of any CCS %		Example of Approximate out of pocket expenses at 85% CCS	
Vacation Care	\$58	Vacation Care	\$11.60
Sample Additional Excursion Cost	\$16	Sample Excursion CCS Applied	\$3.20


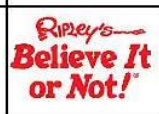













## DAVE'S RAVE :- HOW THE "OOSH WORLD" IS WORKING (or sometimes NOT working) AT THE MOMENT! "Δ"

The roller coaster ride continues in the game of life that has had the board flipped by the "C" word! We are about to enter our seventh holiday period living under its shadow! Whilst we continue to busy ourselves preparing activities and excursions for your children to try and keep their world as normal as possible in these very abnormal times, the goal posts and game rules keep shifting daily! At the time of writing, the state, and virtually the whole country, is in hard lockdown due to the "Delta Variant" (and there are still 20 more Greek Alphabet letters to go!) Unfortunately I can't guarantee the program you see now will look exactly the same when it comes to the day of delivery!

We thank you for your understanding and patience over the last few months and ask that you continue to bear with us. Regardless of the politics, I know that all of us, as parents and providers, are doing our utmost to keep it real for the kids! All our centres are following the protocols, specific to our industry, that have been determined by the Education Dept. as well as our other governing authorities. So....my final advice is "hold on tight and watch this space!"

Mon 20 Sept	EXCURSION MOVIES "BOSS BABY 2 FAMILY BUSINESS"		Our old friends Tim Templeton and his brother, Ted, are now grown up with kids! When they magically transform back into their "baby" selves, they've got just 48 hours to stop an evil genius from turning all toddlers into monstrous brats! <b>THEN</b> , we'll head to the local reserve for some fun, games and a frolic in the sun <b>EXCURSION COST \$15 (Drink and popcorn included)</b>
Tues 21 Sept			Over 100 years ago American Robert Ripley began enthraling the world with his tales and images of the amazing, the astounding, the weird, the wonderful, the bizarre and the downright creepy!!! (Sounds a bit like looking at myself in the mirror!) By popular demand we have more of the best of the best, the weirdest of the weird and the creepiest of the creepy for you to create a hilarious day of fun!!
Wed 22 Sept	EXCURSION DOLPHIN MARINE CONSERVATION PARK		In this mad world we live in, someone recently told me that kissing a seal has remarkable health benefits! Sounds a bit "fishy" to me but today we'll put it to the test! We are lucky enough to have this amazing attraction in our own backyard! A great day of educational fun awaits with a picnic and a splash around in Coffs Creek thrown in! (don't forget your swimmers!) <b>EXCURSION COST \$16</b>
Thurs 23 Sept	EXCURSION THE PEACH FARM		What better way to celebrate Spring than to head down to the farm and relax with our animal friends. By popular demand we are heading back to <b>THE PEACH FARM</b> at Mororo where you can load up on peaches and nectarines and explore the farm to find the new arrivals amongst the horses, sheep, ducks, chooks, rabbits, guinea pigs. You can even have some fun with the goats and all the other <b>"kids!"</b> <b>EXCURSION COST \$15</b>
Fri 24 Sept	IN CENTRE SPRING FAIR		There's no better way to flush out the doorn and gloom of lockdowns than to lash out on some good old fashioned <b>FUN!!!</b> All the fun of the fair is at your finger tips today as we prepare for the ultimate celebration of Spring! Your morning will be spent with your friends designing, setting up and creating your own fairground attractions, rides and stalls! Then, it's off to the fair for a fabulous arvo of fun!
Mon 27 Sept	EXCURSION SPRING LOADED		Rock climbing, sponge pits, trampolining, and the ultimate Ninja "wipe-out" obstacle course! It's the only place I know where parents love it when you're bouncing off the walls and guaranteed to be sent home worn out! <b>THEN</b> a picnic lunch at a reserve with fun and games in the winter sunshine! <b>EXCURSION COST \$16</b>
Tues 28 Sept	IN CENTRE BACK IN NAPPIES		Just like in the <b>"BOSS BABY 2"</b> movie, a hilarious day of fun and games awaits as we take you back to a time when life was easy and carefree and the hardest decision in your day was to make up your mind whether to wee, poo or vomit! (and sometimes, all of the above!) Yep ..., today you're allowed to have a <b>BABY FACE</b> , be a <b>CRY BABY</b> and have a real good <b>DUMMY SPIT!</b>
Wed 29 Sept	EXCURSION BANANA SPLIT WATERSLIDES / DRY SLIDES		As the world slowly creeps its way back to the "new normal" we are able to ease ourselves back to <b>"THE BIG BANANA!"</b> Today we're offering you a choice of either the wet & wild fun of the <b>waterslides</b> (120cm height restriction applies) <b>OR</b> the whiz-bang adrenalin rush of hurtling down the <b>Dry Slides</b> . Either way it's a win! (N.B. come appropriately dressed for your choice) <b>EXCURSION COST \$15</b>
Thurs 30 Sept	INCURSION "MULLAWAY CREATIVE CO" WORKSHOP		Get the creative juices flowing today with a chance to hone your skills and learn from the best! By popular demand <b>JIMMY WAGS</b> and <b>TULLI STEVENS</b> from <b>MULLAWAY CREATIVE CO</b> are back for a creative workshop to teach you the tricks of the trade to create your own fantastic canvas creations! Then all you've got to do to be famous is grow old and cut your ear off! <b>COST \$10</b>
Fri 1 Oct	EXCURSION MOVIES "PAW PATROL" THE MOVIE		Everyone's favorite heroic pups are hitting the big screen to take on their rival Humdinger as he wreaks havoc on Adventure City. Armed with exciting new gadgets and gear, the <b>PAW PATROL</b> accepts the mission to save the city. <b>THEN</b> , we'll head to the local reserve for some fun, games and a frolic in the sun <b>EXCURSION COST \$15 (Drink &amp; Popcorn Inc)</b>



# WESTLAWN 2021 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Westlawn staff and students have been busy again compiling our annual school magazine. The magazine contains colour photos, children's work, lots of information and photos about school events, and reports on sporting and other events.

*Great for each child to have as a keepsake of 2021 at Westlawn school.  
A great Christmas present for grandparents.*

Cost per magazine \$22.00. Please place orders as soon as possible.

Sponsors are also needed to assist with the costs involved. If you are interested in sponsoring a page at a cost of \$20 please complete the tear off slip and return it to the office. If this could be done before Friday 15th October it would be much appreciated as the draft magazine needs to be submitted to the printers.



## SCHOOL MAGAZINE SPONSORSHIP

I would like to sponsor a page. \$20 is enclosed as well as a business card or details for sponsorship.

\_\_\_\_\_(signed)

## SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDER

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the 2021 Westlawn School

Magazine at a cost of \$22.00 per copy. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_