



Westlawn Public School

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Newsletter: Term 4 Week 1 2022

Principal's Message:

Welcome back to Term 4, which is always a very busy term with Christmas being upon us before we know it.

We have year 6 students preparing for high school with more visits to Grafton HS this term and we prepare for our new Kindergarten students with our Kickstart to Kindy program running each Thursday excluding Jaga Thursday, November 3.

I would like to congratulate all the students who received their Gold, Diamond or Principal awards in term 3. Also, to Rheo for receiving the School Spirit award. These rewards recognise the ongoing excellent behaviour and application to their learning at Westlawn.

The school canteen is just managing to stay open thanks to the dedication of Deb and Bel who continue to keep it up and running so our students can order delicious, tasty food. If you know of someone willing to volunteer or better still co-ordinate the canteen, please contact the school or the P&C.

Covid is still in our community and the school has Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) kits available if required, please contact the office. You may have heard that National Cabinet announced their decision to remove the isolation requirements for COVID-19 positive cases. The NSW Department of Education is working on this to make sure our COVID-smart settings are aligned when the change to isolation comes into effect on Friday 14 October. In the meantime, positive cases will be required to isolate for 7 days. An update will be provided once we have confirmation from the department.

Entry to Selective High School Year 7 in 2024. For entry to Year 7 in 2024, applications are expected to open on 18 October and close on 16 November 2022. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on May 4, 2023. The test will be paper based.

Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group plays an important part in education to ensure that every Aboriginal child and young person in NSW achieves their potential. They looking to build their membership with information on what they do, how to join and when the meetings are, provided in the flyer below.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you throughout the term.

Trent Patterson

Principal



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Tell Them From Me Partners in Learning
Parent/Carer online Survey is NOW OPEN and CLOSES on
Friday the 4th of November

Dear parents and carers,

From this week, Westlawn Public School will participate in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them from Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carers' views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take **15 minutes or less** to complete and is **completely confidential**. The parent survey will be conducted from this week to Friday 4th November. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm
To access the survey for our school, go to:
<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2022westlawn>

Trent Patterson
Principal
Westlawn Public School

WESTLAWN TERM 4 CALENDAR

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 OCT	10 Students Return	11	12 Fire Truck visit for Kindergarten	13 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 12pm	14 Police visit Year 1 and Year 2
2 OCT	17	18 2024 Select Class Applications open	19	20 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 12pm	21 INFANTS SPORTS FUN DAY Year 6 half day visit to GHS Stage 2 Police visit
			PSSA ATHLETICS		
3 OCT	24	25	26	27 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am - 12pm	28 Jacaranda March of Youth on Saturday morning
4 OCT	31	1 GHS half day taster day Year 6 Kindergarten 2023 Parent Session 5.30pm	2	3 Jacaranda Thursday (School open till 1pm)	4
5	7	8 Grafton Eisteddfod Schools Day	9 Grafton Eisteddfod Schools Day	10 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 2pm	11
6 NOV	14	15	16	17 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 2pm	18 2024 Select Class High School applications close
7 NOV	21 Book Fair open for sales GHS ORIENTATION Day	22 Book Fair open for sales	23 Book Fair open for sales Book Character Parade	24 Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 2pm	25
8 NOV/ DEC	28 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION	29 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION	30 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION Year 5 Fun Day	1 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION Year 5 Fun Day	2 YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION Year 5 Fun Day
9 DEC	5 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 1 YEAR 4 EXCURSION YARRAHAPINNI	6 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 1 YEAR 4 EXCURSION YARRAHAPINNI	7 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUPS 1 AND 2 YEAR 4 EXCURSION YARRAHAPINNI	8 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 2	9 YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 2
10 DEC	12 ANNUAL AWARD PRESENTATION DAY 11.45AM	13	14 YEAR 6 FAREWELL STAGE 2 REWARDS DAY BIG BANANA	15 Special Awards Assembly Christmas Carols Night	16 Infants Special Awards Assembly STAGE 3 REWARDS DAY BIG BANANA
11 DEC	19 STUDENTS LAST DAY	20 School Closed			



WESTLAWN 2022 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 2022 at Westlawn school.
A great Christmas present for grandparents.*

Cost per magazine \$25.00. (Hardship funds can be used).
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 14th October it would be much appreciated as the draft magazine needs to be submitted to the printers.

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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 2022 Westlawn School Magazine.

Please tick the payment option below.

☐ Magazine/s at a cost of \$25.00 per copy. Enclosed is \$ _____ OR

☐ I would like to use the Hardship Funding to purchase.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class _____

TERM 3 – SPECIAL AWARD ASSEMBLY

GOLD AWARD



DIAMOND AWARDS



PRINCIPAL AWARDS



SCHOOL SPIRIT





**Swimming North Coast
Para Swimming 2022
Development Program**
(formerly Multi Class Swimming - for Swimmers with a Disability)

It is not necessary to be a swimming club member to attend this Training and Information Day. Swimming North Coast (SNC) will be hosting a great opportunity for Swimmers with a Disability to be part of a Development Program. This will include a **training and information day for new swimmers** and a **training and development day for established classified swimmers** on the North Coast.

SNC is pleased to extend a welcome to para swimmers from neighbouring areas.

Training and Information Day:

When: Sunday 13th November, 2022
Where: South Grafton Indoor Pool
Time: 10am - 2.30pm approx.
Hosted by SNC and sponsored by SNC and SNSW.

Pool only: prescribers, coaching and lunch for the swimmers will be provided. Any additional expenses are the responsibility of the swimmers and their families.

Have you dreamed of becoming a Paralympian?

Madeleine McTernan is our Paralympic guest speaker this year. Maddie is a swimmer who started her swimming career here on the North Coast, at Colts Harbour. Maddie represented Australia at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, winning a silver medal as a member of the mixed 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay S14.



- Meet Madeleine McTernan
- We can put you on the road to a great swimming career
- Learn how to get classified and gain a greater understanding of the classification system within the sport.

To secure your position in this squad, please complete the registration form to register your attendance for what is sure to be a fantastic day. More information will be available to registered swimmers and their families.

Please email your form to: swimmingnorthcoastdev@gmail.com

This email can also be used for any queries

or Phone

Peter Brack (Development Coordinator) 0417 772 323

Ann Pilkie (President) 0476 346 651

Or

Phone or email Lyn Connell (Club Support Officer, North Coast NSW) 0410 014 356,

lyn.connell@nsw.swimming.org.au

**National
Children's Week
CARNIVAL**

Thursday 27th October 10am - 2pm

Clarence River Jockey Club

Loving Life FM 103.1 broadcasting live from the event

- Food Vans • Music & Entertainment
- Information & Activity Stands

Supported by the Clarence Valley Child & Family Network

National Children's Week - October 22 - 30

The National Children's Week theme for 2022 is based on UNHCR Article 27. Children have the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and mental needs. The government should help families who cannot afford to provide this.

**Grafton Local Aboriginal
Education Consultative
Group**

General Meeting Notice

HOW CAN YOU JOIN?

You can sign up to be a local member by attending the next meeting.
All members of the community can become members of the AECG, but only Aboriginal adults (18 years and over) can vote and hold office bearers positions.

One of the goals for 2023 is that we would like to have more Aboriginal people involved from community and those working within our local schools.

The Grafton local AECG will be holding an information and membership session that will include Merit Selection Training.

If you would like more information email:
grafftonlaecg@gmail.com
Or visit: www.aecg.nsw.edu.au

**Grafton LAECG
17th October
2022
4:00pm
Grafton High
School**

**WHAT CAN YOU DO WHILE
YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE AECG**

- Work on programs for Education
- Be a member of a selectin panel for vacant teaching positions
- Help the community to be a part of local schools

**We would like to invite Families to join the Grafton AECG to be an
integral part of Aboriginal Education**



2022 / 2023 Season

Come along and join in the fun at Swimming Club
A come and try night will be held on Thursday, 13 October 2022 at 6pm
VENUE: South Grafton Aquatic Centre

Club nights will commence on Thursday, 20 October 2022 at 6pm
VENUE: South Grafton Aquatic Centre

Minimum age is 4 years, with race distances starting from 25m

Club nights are designed for both recreational and competitive swimmers and are held in a fun and friendly environment

Registration Fees Junior Swimmer \$110
Parent / Carer / Guardian \$26.26
Active Kids Voucher Registered

For more information please email
grafftonswimmingclub@gmail.com

- ♦ Pool entry costs apply
- ♦ COVID restrictions apply

