



# **Westlawn Public School**

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## **Newsletter: Term 4 Week 7 2022**

### **Principal's Message:**

Camps are about to begin. I am sure that students from year 3-6 are eagerly and nervously awaiting.

After a couple of years without camps it is great that students will have this opportunity and thank you to the staff for giving up their time to take the students away and to organise these events which is not a simple task. I look forward to joining Year 6 on their camp to Sydney and Canberra.

Report cards are being finalised by teachers and will be sent home at the beginning of the last week. If parents wish to discuss their child's report card, please make an appointment at the office with your child's teacher.

This week we have the Book Fair and Parade. The parade is Wednesday 10am. At the conclusion of the parade families are encouraged to stay and have a picnic lunch and chat with the teachers. I look forward to seeing you there.

We have had a terrific number of Year 5 students nominate for school leadership positions for 2023 and they have been carefully planning their speeches for Thursday. I am sure you will deliver the speech to the best of your ability, good luck. Speeches are at 9:30am Thursday and parents are invited to attend. Please sign in upon arrival.

Student Attendance continues to be a focus our aim is to have 85% of students attending 90% of the time. So please make sure your child attends school every day they can. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can impact your child's learning more than you think. When your child misses one day a week over a year, that's 40 days of school, 8 weeks of lessons and 2.5 years over their school life lost.

We have begun a new SMS attendance notification system. Each day a SMS will be sent to absent student's contacts, and you are able to click on the link and explain your child's absence. We appreciate your co-operation.

### **Flood Recovery Money**

Just a reminder to parents that the school holds Flood Recovery Money that can be used for school resources, excursions, uniforms, and black school shoes at Sports Power. Each student was originally allocated \$500.

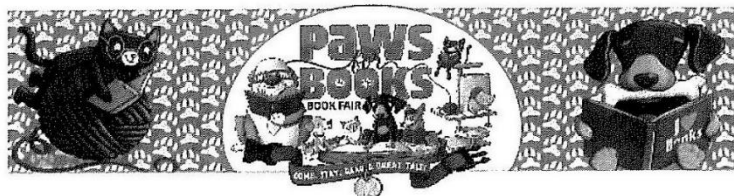
### **COVID-Smart**

We are still having students and staff testing positive to COVID-19 and this year's flu strain has continued to have an impact. Please continue to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and test your children consistently if required. It is very important our community continues

to follow NSW Health guidelines. Thank you for your continued support keeping our school and community safe. Our school has a good supply of RATs for you to use. Please don't hesitate to contact our school to access these.

Trent Patterson

## Book Fair, Book Character Parade and Community Day



Dear Parents and Families,

Our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair **during Week 7.**

**Date: Monday 21/11 to Wednesday 23/11**

**Time: before school 8.15am - 8.50am and during Break 1 at playtime**

Our Book Fair Family Event is *our Book Character Parade*, and we would love to see you there! All children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. All families are invited to join us at **10am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, to watch the children parade in their costumes **under the Primary COLA**. At the conclusion of the parade, families are invited to stay and bring their own picnic lunch to share with their children. Tea, coffee muffins, slices and cakes will be available to buy on the day. The fair will also be open to purchase books during the lunch break.



## Collecting children at home time from school

Please ensure that a note is sent to the classroom teacher if a student is being collected by another person who does not usually collect your child.

If a child is waiting for a parent, please do not ask the child to wait outside the school gates until the parent arrives.

Please do not ask another child to go with you if this has not been pre-arranged with the child's parent and a note sent to the class teacher.

We have procedures that we follow to keep our students safe, and I am sure our school community will support us with our safety measures.

## I need to collect my child early from school

If you need to collect your child early from school, to minimise disruption during class time, it would be appreciated if you could please send a note with your child to the class teacher.

You will need to come up to the office and sign your child out from school if they are leaving early and collect them from their classroom.

Thank you for your support

## Major Raffle

Raffle tickets are being sent home this week with the students. There are some wonderful prizes to be won.

Please return tickets (sold or unsold) to the office by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December as the raffle will be drawn at the Carols night Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## End Of Term Dates

Please note the new schedule for end of term dates is as follows:

Friday 16 December 2022 - students last day of Term 4

Monday 19 December 2022 - extra school development day

Tuesday 20 December 2022 - last day of Term 4 (already planned as school development day)

**2023**

Tuesday 31 January 2023 – students return to school

# What's on in the library!

## Upcoming Events

Chess and Checkers  
Progressing through  
to round 3.

Book Fair

21st-23rd November

Book Character Parade

November 23rd

All library books to  
be returned to the  
library.

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who has supported our school book fair this year and our volunteers that have helped make it a success.

We will conclude our fair with our book character parade on the Wednesday 10am. Congratulations to our colouring in competition winners who won vouchers to spend at the book fair.



## Time to return books

Please double check at home for any lost library books. These books will have the Westlawn PS barcode on the back at the top. It is now time to return your library books to the library. Stocktake will be happening in Week 8. Reminders of books overdue will be sent out in Week 9.

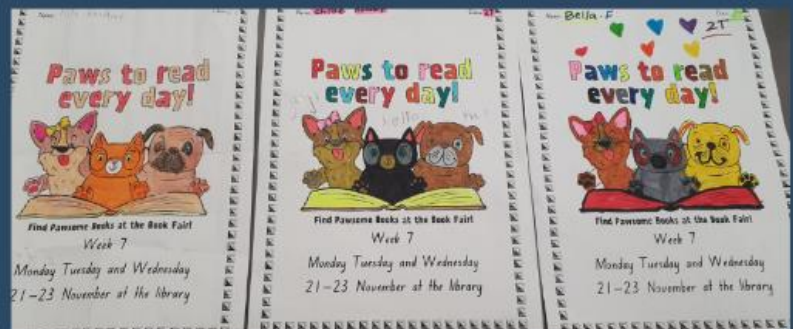


# Congratulations to our Colouring In Winners



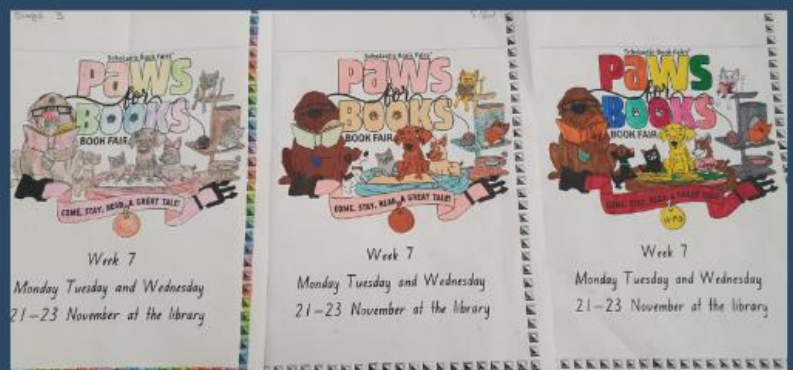
Early Stage 1  
Harper, Emmeline and  
Dylan

Stage 1  
Bella, Chloe and  
Pippa



Stage 2  
Gracie, Amber and  
Indigo

Stage 3  
Olivia, Milla and Amelia



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 OCT	10 <b>Students Return</b>	11	12 Fire Truck visit for Kindergarten	13 <b>Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 12pm</b>	14 Police visit Year 1 and Year 2
2 OCT	17	18 <b>2024 Select Class Applications open</b>	19	20 <b>Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 12pm</b>	21  <b>Year 6 half day visit to GHS</b> Stage 2 Police visit
			<b>PSSA ATHLETICS</b>		
3 OCT	24	25	26	27 <b>Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am - 12pm</b>	28  <b>Jacaranda March of Youth on Saturday morning</b>
4 OCT/NO V	31	1 <b>GHS half day taster day Year 6 Kindergarten 2023 Parent Session 5.30pm</b>	2 <b>INFANTS SPORTS FUN DAY</b>	3 <b>Jacaranda Thursday (School open until 1pm)</b>	4
5 NOV	7	8 Grafton Eisteddfod Schools Day	9 Grafton Eisteddfod Schools Day	10 <b>Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 2pm</b>	11
6 NOV	14	15 <b>Kindergarten Excursion</b>	16 <b>2024 High School Selective Class applications close</b>	17 <b>Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 2pm</b>	18
7 NOV	21  <b>Book Fair open for sales GHS ORIENTATION Day</b>	22  <b>Book Fair open for sales</b>	23  <b>Book Fair open for sales Book Character Parade and Community Day</b>	24 <b>Kickstart to Kindy 9.30am – 2pm</b>	25
8 NOV/ DEC	28 <b>YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION</b>	29 <b>YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION</b>	30 <b>YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION</b>  <b>Year 5 Fun Day</b>	1 <b>YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION</b>  <b>Year 5 Fun Day</b>	2 <b>YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION</b>  <b>Year 5 Fun Day</b>
9 DEC	5 <b>YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 1 YEAR 4 EXCURSION YARRAHAPINNI</b>	6 <b>YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 1 YEAR 4 EXCURSION YARRAHAPINNI</b>	7 <b>YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUPS 1 AND 2 YEAR 4 EXCURSION YARRAHAPINNI</b>	8 <b>YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 2</b>	9 <b>YEAR 3 CASCADE EXCURSION GROUP 2</b>
10 DEC	12 <b>ANNUAL AWARD PRESENTATION DAY 11.45AM</b> <b>Xmas raffle tickets return date</b>	13	14 <b>YEAR 6 FAREWELL</b> <b>STAGE 2 REWARDS DAY BIG BANANA</b> <b>INFANTS SPECIAL AWARD ASSEMBLY</b>	15 <b>Special Awards Assembly</b> <b>Christmas Carols Night and Major Raffle draw</b>	16 <b>STAGE 3 REWARDS DAY BIG BANANA</b>  <b>STUDENTS LAST DAY of term</b>

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins  
per day



= 3 days



30 mins  
per day



= 18 days



Patterns of lateness  
can have a serious  
impact on your child's  
education.

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CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM



CVCon ensembles present

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CON

7:00 PM

MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2022

Moran Auditorium, Clarence Valley Conservatorium

Adults: \$10, Children: Free

Tickets are available at [www.cvcon.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cvcon.nsw.edu.au)



## ST CECILIA'S DAY AT THE CON

**CVCON**  
CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM

**SUNDAY 27 NOV | 3 PM**

Moran Auditorium

Clarence Valley Conservatorium

Tickets Adult: \$20 Conc: \$15 U18: \$10

Available at Clarence Valley Conservatorium  
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