



Westlawn Public School

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Newsletter: Term 1 Week 11 2022

Principal's Message:

Term 1 is nearly complete and it is great to finish the term with parents able to enter on site to participate in the Easter Hat Parade and Awards Assembly. It has been a trying term with both staff and students impacted by Covid. We thank the school community for your understanding during these uncertain times. The P&C Annual General Meeting was held last week and the amount of support was terrific.

The P&C Executive is:

President- Caryn Dunstan

Vice President- Belinda Bowling and Kristie Lee Colling

Secretary – Rosanne White

Treasurer - Helen Wright

I would like to thank the P&C Executive for their ongoing commitment to improving the education of students at Westlawn Public School.

Attendance and absences

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. We are always willing to work with families to improve the attendance of students.

New covid measures that families may not be sure about.

All family and community members are able to attend assemblies and parades.

All volunteers working with students require double vaccination, (see your classroom teacher if you are available to volunteer).

If your child is self isolating or absent due to covid- student learning is through the online learning packages:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/.../2022-digital.../primary>

and select the appropriate year level.

Always report to the office to sign in if volunteering or to sign your child in/out if arriving late or leaving early.

I wish all families a happy and safe Easter break and look forward to seeing all students back Wednesday April 27.

Sporting News

North Coast Cricket Trials

Ethan and Jerrash will have to wait even longer to play for the MNC at the North Coast Cricket trials. The wet weather has forced this event to be postponed until Term 3.

North Coast Touch Footy Trials

Jye and Cooper played for the Mid North Coast Touch Footy team at the North Coast trial on March 24. Both boys played very well, however were unsuccessful in being selected in the North Coast team.

Mid North Coast Boys and Girls Hockey Trial

These trials were held in Coffs Harbour on March 23. Cooper, Jye, Jacob, Henry, Toby, Lucas, Oskar, Chad, Elsie and Gracie mixed it with the best hockey players in the area. Congratulations to Jacob, Henry, Toby and Lucas who were selected for the boy's team and to Elsie and Gracie for their selection in the girls side.

Students will play for their MNC team at the North Coast Hockey trial on Friday 29 April. Best of luck to you all!

Mid North Coast Rugby League Trial Results

The MNC RL trials were held on March 22 in Coffs Harbour. There were two age divisions involved – U11s and Opens.

Cooper, Harley, Jak and Jye played in the U11s division while Kye, Nayte, Taylen, Kobi and Levi trialled for selection in the Opens side.

Congratulations to Cooper for his selection at lock for the MNC U11s team and to Kye who was chosen to play second-row for the Opens side. Both boys will now play at the North Coast Rugby League trials to be held on May 28. Great stuff boys!

Primary Sport for Term 1

Community Sport will conclude this Friday April 8. Please send your child's sport money this Thursday to allow students to depart for sport immediately after assembly on Friday morning. Money will be refunded should sport be cancelled due to wet weather.

Costs and equipment needed:

A reminder for all students to please ensure you have a drink bottle to take to your community sport venue.

Hockey - Cost \$5 (inc. bus fare). All equipment is provided however, participants must have their own mouth guard, hat and water.

Tennis - Cost \$7 (inc. bus fare). All equipment is provided. Please take a hat and water.

Ten Pin Bowling - Cost \$6.50 Bottle of water is optional.

KidsFit - Cost \$4. Take a bottle of water.

Indoor Soccer - Cost \$4. Take a bottle of water.

Gymnastics - Cost \$7. Take a bottle of water.

Sporting dates to remember

Clarence Cross Country Carnival – Friday 29 April at Barnier Park, Junction Hill (T2, W1)

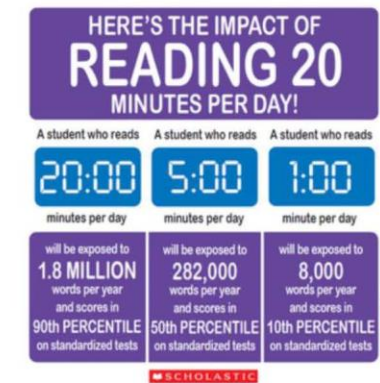
School Photo Catch Up Day - School photo catch up day is this Thursday 7th April for siblings and individual photos that were missed on photo day. We are asking if girls could wear their green uniform and boys their green shirts and grey shorts. No sports shirts please.

Infants Award Assembly - Term 1 - Friday 8/4/22 at 11:40am in our school hall.

Parents of students receiving a Teacher, Bronze or Silver Award will be notified by class teachers and are welcome to attend this assembly.

Library Happenings

The holidays are fast approaching and what a great time to sit back and share a book and the love of reading. A great chance to add more books to the Premiers Reading Challenge.



Students are welcome to come and borrow books for the holidays from our library but don't forget to check out the Clarence Regional library over the holidays for books, magazines, dvds or fun activities.

Reading Goals

Congratulations to our top borrowing classes 2C for infants and 3/4M for Primary in the month of March. It was wonderful to see 1584 books borrowed in March!

End of Term Infants Disco



Infants children will enjoy their end of term disco at school on Wednesday 6th April. Students will be wearing mufti for the Easter Hat Parade. Please ensure all clothes are sun safe and the children wear closed in shoes. The children are very excited and it will be a lovely way to end Term 1!

EASTER

Hat Parade

6TH APRIL, 2022

Students are invited to **create a hat at home** to wear at our Easter Hat parade on Wednesday 6th April. Parade will start at 9.30am. Please remember to sign in with the QR codes.



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ANZAC DAY

Our school always has a huge representation at the ANZAC March on 25th April, with our students marching proudly behind our banner. The march will fall on the Monday before students return to school after the holidays. Mr Alford is coordinating the march.

The students will need to meet Mr Alford near the bus shelter in Market Square by **9:15am** on Monday 25th April, which is the last Monday of the school holidays. Students must be in full school uniform including school hat and will need to bring a water bottle.

We will march from Market Square to Memorial Park where the Commemoration Service will begin at 10:00am. Westlawn PS is proud of its strong tradition of supporting this community event. Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards

Brendan Alford

Westlawn PS and The BIG VEGGIE CRUNCH

Students at WPS participated in the Big Veggie Crunch again this year. It is a great opportunity to remind us all of the importance of a healthy lifestyle. We were very lucky to have received a large donation of high quality, fresh and tasty fruits & Vegetables from our local greengrocer, **Farmer Lou!** We would love to say a great big thanks to Farmer Lou's, as without their generosity, the day would not have been possible. The students thoroughly enjoyed the delicious fruits and vegetables made available to them.



WESTLAWN PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 1 2022

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------------------|--|---|--|---|---|----------|------------------------|
| JAN 1 | 24 | 25 | 26 Australia Day Public Holiday | 27 | 28 Staff Development Day | 29 | 30 |
| 2 JAN/ FEB | 31 Staff Development Day | 1 Students Return | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 3 FEB | 7 | 8 Yr 6 Burn Bright Leadership | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 4 FEB | 14 | 15 | 16 <i>WPS Swimming Carnival</i> | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 5 FEB | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Clarence Swimming Carnival | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 6 MAR | 28 | 1 MNC Swimming Carnival Coffs Harbour | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 MAR | 7 | 8 | 9 MNC Primary Swimming Championships COFFS HARBOUR | 10 | 11 Mufti Day Fundraiser | 12 | 13 |
| 8 MAR | 14 | 15 Induction Assembly | 16 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY | 17 NC Primary Swimming Championships | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 9 MAR | 21 Parent/Teacher Interviews this week | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 10 MAR/APR | 28 | 29 NC Primary AFL Coffs Harbour P&C AGM 5.45pm | 30 | 31 Big Vege Crunch | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 11 APR | 4 WPS Cross Country At School Easter Raffle tickets return to school | 5 | 6 Easter Raffle Draw and Easter Hat Parade Infants disco. | 7 School photo catch up day. Special Award Assembly 1pm | 8 Infants Award Assembly 11.40am Last Day of Term | 9 | 10 |
| SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 GOOD FRIDAY | 16 | 17 EASTER SUNDAY |
| SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | 18 EASTER MONDAY | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |

STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2 ON WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL 2022

LIVE 'N LOUD AT THE LIBRARY
7 APRIL 2022
4-8PM

FEATURING
 ELLIE METCALFE
 BROOKLYN PAGET
 ARIEL IVY
 PURPLE DISTURBANCE
 THE ENNS OF THE EARTH
 KILLSWITCH
 PVCS

GRAFTON LIBRARY CARPARK, POUND ST

Live'n' Loud is a drug and alcohol free event. Under 12's must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

free BBQ, stalls & other entertainment

get your free ticket below

for more info contact 0428 420 908

Instagram: /clarencevalley_youth
 Facebook: /clarencevalleyyouth

Grafton Midday Rotary
 clarence valley council
 your library your place
 NYW NSW YOUTH WEEK

FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 4PM - 5:30PM

NO SWEAT, ONLY CHILL POOL PARTY

Yamba Community Pool
 78 Angourie Rd, Yamba

LIVE DJ
 CHILL VIBES
 FUN GAMES
 FREE PIZZA

UNDER 12 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT

CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0428 420 908

clarence VALLEY COUNCIL

CHANGING LANES

EMPIRE EVENTS

CLARENCE VALLEY YOUTH HUBS

NYW NSW YOUTH WEEK

yamba community heated pool

CLARENCE VALLEY YOUTH WEEK

KICK FLIPS & TAIL WHIPS
 SKATEBOARD AND SCOOTER COMP

SATURDAY 9 APRIL 11AM - 5PM
 Register on the day at 11am

GRAFTON SKATE PARK

Age Categories:
 Under 10s
 10-13
 14-15
 16-18
 18-25

Boys and girls divisions

Live DJ. Free BBQ.
 Prizes from Low Pressure Surf Co. Grafton

FREE ENTRY

ALL YOUTH WEEK EVENTS ARE DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE. ANY CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL NATHANIEL ON 0427 333 281 OR MICHAELA ON 0439 137 207.

Social Futures
 clarence valley council
 NYW NSW YOUTH WEEK
 handspun

CLARENCE VALLEY YOUTH WEEK

SALTY Sun + Surf
 YOUTH DAY

SUNDAY 3 APRIL 10AM - 3PM

TURNERS BEACH, YAMBA

FREE SURF LESSONS INCL. DISABLED SURF LESSONS, TOUCH FOOTY LINE DR, URB SURF COMP, BEACH GAMES, FREE JUICE & BIRDS. BRING YOUR MATES AND CELEBRATE YOUTH WEEK IN YAMBA.

All Youth Week events are drug and alcohol free. Any children under 12 years need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please call A/lin 0428 420 908 for more information.

clarence valley council
 SHARP DRIFT
 CVYH
 Yamba community heated pool

CLARENCE VALLEY YOUTH WEEK

OUTDOOR CINEMA

TUES 12 APRIL
4.30PM-8.00PM
WHERRETT PARK
MACLEAN

FREE EVENT

JUMANJI

THE NEXT LEVEL

FREE - BBQ, ACTIVITIES, POPCORN AND SLUSHIES

For bookings or more information - contact 0428 420 908 or Clarence Valley Youth Facebook or Instagram
All Youth Week Events are drug and alcohol free. Under 12s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Grafton City Tennis Club

JUNIOR COACHING

Tuesday: 3:30pm-4:30pm
(\$15 per player)

Friday (Hot Shots): 4pm-5pm
(\$10 per player)

Saturday: 8:30am-9:30am
(\$15 per player)

Everyone is Welcome!
We also have racquets available to borrow.

If you have any questions or inquiries please contact Narissa Dunston (0423704553) or message us on Facebook

GPC KIDS

FOR KIDS FROM K-6

TIME: 3.30 - 5.30PM

PLACE: 116 OLIVER ST STREET, GRAFTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COST: \$5

CONTACT: JAMES ON 0402 354 099

THURSDAY APRIL 7TH

GPC KIDS A GROUP FOR KIDS K-6. INCLUDES AFTERNOON TEA AND SNACKS AND HEAR A COOL BIBLE TOPIC.
COVID-SAFE PRACTICES IN PLACE

Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will take place on **Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 9.30am** under the Primary COLA. Children in infants are encouraged to make or decorate a hat at home and bring it in on the day to parade. Each class will do a circuit of the playground allowing the children the opportunity to see each other's wonderful creations. There will be a 'lucky hat draw' for each class, for those who have participated in our parade. Those students in Primary who would also like to participate are welcome to do so. **Students are welcome to wear mufti on this day.** Following the parade, the Westlawn PS P&C will hold the annual Easter Raffle Draw. This year parents/carers are invited to attend. All visitors will need to sign in using the School Visitor Check in QR codes which are displayed at all main entry points in our school. NSW DoE guidelines will apply for all visitors which outline specifically no one is allowed on site if you are displaying COVID-19 symptoms. Please adhere to this request.

We look forward to celebrating this event with you.

Wednesday 6th April
Primary Cola
9.30am

Happy



Easter