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Principal's Message:

Thank you to all the community members for supporting our Harmony Day event. It was wonderful to see the variety costumes and food on the day.

Applications for placement in a Year 5 opportunity class in 2024 open on Thursday 30 March and close on Monday 15 May 2023. Applications can be downloaded from education.nsw.gov.au Opportunity classes – Year 5 or contact the school for more information.

We have a bust end to the term with our green rewards day Infants Wednesday and Primary Thursday. This is to acknowledge the terrific behaviour of all students at Westlawn Public School. Our Primary disco will be Wednesday and Easter Hat Parade Thursday 9:30am. All students are able to wear mufti on these days.

Westlawn Public School will be participating in the ANZAC Day March April 25. Please meet in Market Square by 9:15am. Please wear full school uniform, hat and bring a water bottle. We look forward to a big student representation for Westlawn Public School.

Thank you to the teachers and staff at Westlawn Public School for a terrific start to the year and wish all our school community a happy and safe Easter. Teachers return on Monday April 24 and students return Wednesday April 26.

Trent Patterson
Principal

Sporting News

Mid North Coast Football (Soccer) Trial Results

Jacoby, Austin, Skylah-Mae, Jacob, Flynn, Calan, Owen, Lucas and Fletcher travelled to Coffs Harbour on March 29 to play for their Clarence Football team at the MNC trial. Overall, besides the wet weather, it was a cracking day with some high-quality football on display. All students loved playing on the artificial grounds which was a completely new experience for most. The behaviour from students from WPS was impeccable throughout the day. The students were respectful and a privilege for me to give them the chance to play with some of the best football talents the MNC has to offer.

Congratulations Jacoby, Austin, Skylah-Mae on making the MNC Team!

Mr Worley

Mid North Coast Hockey Trial Results

Jazlyn, Ella, Allaura, Tilly, Ivy, Jacob H and Levi participated in the MNC Hockey trials in Grafton on March 28. Congratulations to Jacob, Ivy and Jazlyn who were selected in the MNC team. These students will be in action today at the North Coast trial. Best of luck to you!

North Coast AFL Trial Results

Ryan and Kallen played for MNC at the North Coast AFL trial in Coffs Harbour on March 28. A large number of students were in attendance and the skill level was high. Ryan and Kallen played three games, booting a goal each. Unfortunately, they missed selection in the North Coast team but reported that they enjoyed the experience immensely.

Well done to you both!

PSSA Cricket Knockouts

Both Westlawn teams played South Grafton PS at JJ Lawrence Fields on Monday 27 March.

Boys Cricket

The team on the day was Flynn, Jacob, Bailey, Lukas, Max, Lewis, Hunter, Joe, Jasper, Harley, Ashton and Kallen. South Grafton won the toss and elected to bowl. Our opening pair of batsmen, Lukas and Lewis, faced some excellent bowling and runs were hard to come by. Westlawn were 0 for 2 into the 6th over when Lukas was caught behind for 1 run. Jacob and Lewis then pushed the score along to 1/36 after 12 overs, with the teams breaking for drinks. Soon after, Lewis received a cracker of a delivery and was bowled for 9 runs. Our captain, Flynn, strode to the crease, determined to get the scoreboard moving. Jacob pushed the ball around, collecting singles and rotating the strike before being caught for 10. Westlawn were 3 for 38 after 14 overs.

Flynn then cut loose sending the ball to the boundary multiple times. Max nudged a couple of singles but was bowled for 2 runs. Joe saw the ball well from the outset of his innings and he and Flynn took the score to 4 for 66 before Flynn was caught for 24 runs. Bailey went for a duck, bowled by a great delivery. Suddenly, Westlawn were 6/66 with 5 overs remaining. Joe (not out 5 runs) and Ashton (not out 2 runs) took the final total to 6/76 after 25 overs.

Defending 76 runs was going to be challenging for Westlawn but our bowlers and fielders made a great start. Flynn struck early taking a wicket in his second over before Bailey and Flynn combined for a run out. With his next delivery, Bailey had the batsman putting the ball in the air. The players (and the crowd) held their breath as the ball rocketed off the bat and rose in the direction of Joe. With his right arm completely outstretched and beginning to lose his balance as he backpedalled to give himself a chance to catch it, the ball looked to be out of reach. Then a moment of magic…the ball stuck to Joe's right hand and he managed hold the ball and take a miraculous catch worthy of a 'classic catch' moment! South Grafton were in a spot of bother at 3 for 25. Lewis then began his outstanding spell, taking three wickets. Ashton bowled excellent line and length and was rewarded with a wicket when Lukas took a good catch. Another run out thanks to Joe and Jacob took the score to 8 for 75 with 2 overs remaining. Unfortunately for Westlawn, South Grafton were able to get the final two runs with 9 balls remaining.

Westlawn PS bowling figures were: Flynn 1-18, Bailey 1-11 and a run out, Lukas 0-10, Lewis 3-10, Jasper 0-8, Harley 0-7, Ashton 1-0, Joe 0-1 and Hunter 0-6.

It was a fantastic, entertaining game of cricket played in excellent spirit. I would like to congratulate the Westlawn players for their outstanding sportsmanship and support of each other throughout the game. Thank you to our wonderful parents, Mrs Jones, Mrs Buggy and Mr Buggy, for helping score the match.

Girls Cricket

After many weeks of preparation, the girls cricket team were ready to take the field on Monday 27th March against South Grafton Public School. A beautiful sunny day made for a great day of cricket. The girls arrived with enthusiasm in bounds. This year's team had experience, novice and beginners who worked well together showing great sportsmanship and teamwork.
Bonnie (C) and Jazlyn (VC) led our team extremely well fostering all girls on their cricket journey. The remainder of the team consisted of Maia, Skylah-Mae, Zoe, Ivy, Naevia, Allaura, Tilly, Ella, Elise, and Amelia.
Batting first Zoe and Ivy took to the crease facing a strong North Coast opening bowler. Unfortunately, Ivy wasn't to be in for long being run out as the girls tried to get a quick run. Bonnie stepped up to the crease and steadied the ship. Zoe and Bonnie saw off the next few bowlers until Zoe was caught behind by their wicket keeper in the 9th over. Jazlyn was next in to bat and looking to increase the run rate was unfortunately caught at short mid. The score was 22 and three overs to go until drinks. Maia enters the crease and assists Bonnie to boost the score to 35 at drinks. The girls continued to keep the runs following before losing Maia and in walked Ella. After a wonderful spell Bonnie lost her wicket for 18 at the 24th over. The score is now 77 and Tilly joins the batting ranks. Tilly unfortunately was bowled, and Skylah-Mae was able to assist and see out the 25 overs. The girls were excited to achieve a grand total of 5- 83.

Time for the girls to field. Lead onto the field under wonderful guidance and leadership from Bonnie and Jazlyn the girls showed spirit which was encouraged further after a wicket in the first over to Bonnie. The team continued on determined to protect their runs but still giving everyone an opportunity to bowl. What an amazing job they did! We battled on before South Grafton passed our score in the 18th over scoring 1/91. It was a fantastic game with many girls playing their first ever game of cricket. Thank you to all the girls for their hard work and dedication both in training and on the field. Thank you, Sam for umpiring, Mr. Robertson for scoring and parents and carers for their support. Well done girls!

Westlawn PS Cross Country Results

Our cross country carnival was held at school last Thursday. Conditions were a far cry from last year's event with warm weather and a slight breeze greeting the competitors this year. Thank you to Mr Andrews for organising and running the day and to Mr Hughes for preparing and setting out the course.

Below are the first ten students over the finishing line from each race. These students have qualified to represent WPS at the Clarence Cross Country Carnival on Friday 5 May at Junction Hill.

Congratulations to:

8/9 Years - Boys	8/9 Years - Girls	10 Years - Boys	10 Years - Girls
1st Leyton	**Daina**	**Sandon**	**Makella**
2nd Theo	Ruby	Jed	Hollie
3rd Brody	Romey	Kye	Samara
4th Damon	Piper	Oliver	Charlotte
5th Jacob C	Quinn	Braith	Neave
6th Kasey	Marlow	Levi	Kaitlyn
7th Claye	Emmeline	Leo	Grace
8th Bentley	Zarly	Nash	Sadie
9th Levi	Indi	Jax	Eva
10th Fraser and Harry	Hope	Jack	Lilly
11 Years - Boys	**11 Years - Girls**	**12/13 Years - Boys**	**12/13 Years - Girls**
1st Owen	**Maia**	**Zach**	**Bayley**
2nd Cooper	Klancee	Bailey	Zoe
3rd Kallen	Amali	Ryan	Skylah-Mae
4th Mase	Lillyarna	Lukas	Cherry
5th Jak	Imogen	Flynn	Mai'ana
6th Calan	Bonnie	Austin	Tiffany
7th Tay	Amelia	Charlie W	Harper
8th Nayte	Crystal	Fletcher	Brooklynn
9th Billy	Jarnda	Jacoby	Addison
10th Tennyson	Naevia	Charlie R	Indi

Clarence District Cross Country Carnival

District permission notes are to be returned to the office as soon as possible. A bus will operate for students requiring transport to and from Junction Hill.

DATE: Friday, 5th May 2023

VENUE: Terry West Athletics Field, Barnier Park, Junction Hill

COST/TRANSPORT:

*If bus transport is required: $8 to be paid to the Westlawn PS Office (bus $3 and PSSA levy $5)

*If using private transport: $5 PSSA Levy to be paid to the Westlawn PS Office

TIME: Students need to arrive at the venue no later than 9:45 am. Students will walk the course at 10.00 am and events will start from 10.45 am. See below for the age group race order and race distances.

EQUIPMENT: Wear your Westlawn PS sport uniform, suitable running shoes (no spikes allowed), a hat, sunscreen, plenty of water.
Any children who need puffers, medication, EpiPens etc. will need to bring them along.

OTHER: There will not be a canteen in operation. However, a coffee van will be there selling a small selection of goodies.

RACE INFORMATION:
No pushing, tripping or interference with other competitors is allowed.
No competitor is allowed to receive assistance or refreshments from any person during the race.
Non-compliance will result in disqualification.

Competition is in the following divisions:

GIRLS		**BOYS**	
8/9YRS	(2000m)	8/9YRS	(2000m)
10YRS	(2000m)	10YRS	(2000m)
11YRS	(3000m)	11YRS	(3000m)
12/13YRS	(3000m)	12/13YRS	(3000m)

The first ten runners over the finish line will be invited to attend the Mid North Coast Zone Cross Country Trials at Nana Glen Equestrian Centre, Morrows Road, Nana Glen on Monday, 15th May, 2023.

EASTER

Hat Parade

6TH APRIL, 2023

Students are invited to **create a hat at home** to wear at our Easter Hat parade on Thursday 6th April. Parade will start at 9.30am under the Primary Cola.

Term 1, Week 11

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

Monday -

Tuesday - South Grafton High School Orientation day for Year 7 2024, NC Hockey Trials

Wednesday - Infants Rewards day, Primary Disco: 1.30pm - 2.55pm, cost $2.50. *Mufti day for students K-6*

Thursday - Easter Hat Parade, Easter Raffle Draw, Primary Rewards day, *Mufti day for students K-6*, Last day of school

Friday - Public Holiday

TERM 1 CALENDAR DATES 2023

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
Jan 1	23	24	25	26 Australia Day	27 SDD	28	29
Jan / Feb 2	30 School Development Day	31 Students Return	1	2	3	4	5
Feb 3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Feb 4	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Feb 5	20 Westlawn PS Swimming Carnival at Maclean	21 YEAR 3 INTENSIVE SWIMMING	22 YEAR 3 INTENSIVE SWIMMING MNC Primary Basketball	23 YEAR 3 INTENSIVE SWIMMING	24 Clarence Swimming Carnival at Maclean YEAR 3-6 COMMUNITY SPORT MNC Primary AFL	25	26
Feb / Mar 6	27 INDUCTION ASSEMBLY 1PM	28 YEAR 3 INTENSIVE SWIMMING MNC Secondary Swimming @Coffs Harbour	1 YEAR 3 INTENSIVE SWIMMING	2 YEAR 3 INTENSIVE SWIMMING	3 YEAR 3-6 COMMUNITY SPORT	4	5
March 7	6 NC Primary Touch	7 MNC Primary Swimming @Coffs Harbour	8 NC Primary Tennis	9 NC Primary Basketball	10 YEAR 3-6 COMMUNITY SPORT School Photo Envelopes due MNC RL Opens & U11s	11	12
March 8	13 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS ALL WEEK	14 NC Primary Swimming Championship Alstonville	15 NAPLAN SCHOOL PHOTO DAY	16 NAPLAN SCHOOL PHOTO EXTRA DAY	17 NAPLAN YEAR 3-6 COMMUNITY SPORT	18	19
March 9	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN	22 NAPLAN	23 NAPLAN Harmony Day Celebrations	24 NAPLAN YEAR 3-6 COMMUNITY SPORT	25	26
Mar / Apr 10	27 NAPLAN SPECIAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY 1PM	28 Big Vege Crunch NC Primary AFL MNC Hockey @Grafton	29 MNC SOCCER TRIALS @Coffs Harbour	30 Westlawn PS Cross Country Carnival	31 YEAR 3-6 COMMUNITY SPORT Infants end of term assembly	1	2
April 11	3 Easter Raffle tickets return date	4 NC Primary Hockey SGHS Orientation Day for Year 7 2024	5 NSW PSSA SWIMMING Infants Rewards Day Primary Disco 1.30pm	6 NSW PSSA SWIMMING EASTER HAT PARADE and RAFFLE DRAW Primary Rewards Day Last Day of Term	7 GOOD FRIDAY	8	9
	10 EASTER MONDAY	11 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23

Term 2 – Teachers return Monday 24th April and students return Wednesday 26th April