



Westlawn Public School

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Newsletter: Term 4 Week 8

Principal's Message:

School Leaders

Well done to the students who presented their leadership speeches last Friday, I have never heard so many dad jokes in 1 hour. Everyone spoke extremely well and after the quality of those speeches I am sure we will have exceptional school leaders in 2025. The successful students will be announced at the End of Year Presentation.

Kindergarten Transition

It was terrific to see our 2025 Kindergarten students complete their transition last Thursday. We look forward to them being part of our school community for many years to come.

Step up Day

As the year draws to a close, we will have a step-up day on the last day of term. This will allow students to meet their new teacher and find out where their classroom is for 2025. The aim of this is to reduce the anxiety for students returning to school after the long break.

School Reports

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.

New Canteen Supervisor

We welcome our new canteen supervisor Janny. We thank her for taking on this voluntary role and look forward to working with her. A big thank you to Shelly for the time and energy she put into the canteen. If Shelly had not stepped in when she did, we would not have had a canteen.

Communicating with our Schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up to date with up-coming events in the school community.

Respectful Communication is a Right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities. To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

The last term continues to be extremely busy with numerous events, excursions and activities occurring. Please keep informed by checking the school calendar and School Bytes for information.

Trent Patterson
Principal

Annual Presentation Day

WPS Annual Presentation Day will be held on Monday 16th December at 10am. Parents of children receiving an award will have received an invitation by email through School Bytes and a hard copy sent home with the student.

Special Assembly

Presentation of Gold, Diamond, Principals and School Spirit awards will be presented at this assembly on Friday 13th December at 1pm.

Infants awards will be presented at 1.55pm on the same day.

Parents of students receiving an award will be notified by the teacher.

Major Raffle

Major raffle tickets are due back at school by Monday 9th December. The raffle will be drawn at the Carols night on Monday 16th December 2024. Extra tickets are still available at the office if you need another booklet.

Mid North Coast Cricket Trials

Congratulations to Daina, Kaitlyn, Jed, Jack and Leo who recently trialled for selection into their respective MNC Cricket teams and were all successful!

The boys are currently playing for MNC at the North Coast trials being held at McKittrick Park today.

The girls will play at the North Coast trial on December 10 at Richardson Park, Sawtell.

Best of luck to you all.

Year 6 students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$67.50 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.



TERM 4 CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
October 1	14 Students Return	15	16	17 Kick Start to Kindy	18
		PSSA BOYS CRICKET			
October 2	21	22	23	24 Kick Start to Kindy	25 Day for Daniel Mufti day
			PSSA ATHLETICS		
Oct/Nov 3	28 Year 3 Camp	29 Year 3 Camp	30	31 Jacaranda Day	1
	PSSA GIRLS CRICKET				
November 4	4	5	6	7 Kick Start to Kindy	8
November 5	11 Year 5 Camp	12 Year 5 Camp	13 Year 5 Camp	14 Year 5 Camp Kick Start to Kindy	15 Year 5 Camp
November 6	18 Year 6 Camp	19 Year 6 Camp	20 Year 6 Camp	21 Year 6 Camp Kick Start to Kindy	22 Year 6 Camp Kindy excursion - Remember When Cottage and Jacaranda Park
Nov/Dec 7	25	26	27	28 Kick Start to Kindy-Parent Info and Graduation	29
December 8	2	3 Year 1 Excursion – Butterfly House	4	5	6
December 9	9 Major raffle tickets due	10 Green Level Rewards (new date)	11 Year 4 Camp Year 2 Excursion – Butterfly House	12 Year 4 Camp	13 Year 4 Camp SPECIAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
December 10	16 Annual Presentation Day 10AM Christmas carols and major raffle draw	17 Year 6 Farewell	18 Last day of term	19 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	20 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Calendar 2024

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Key dates

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Term start and end dates*

Term 1 (Eastern): 30 January to 12 April



Term 1 (Western): 6 February to 12 April

Term 2: 29 April to 5 July

Term 3: 22 July to 27 September

Term 4: 14 October to 20 December



School development days, students do not attend

Term 1 (Eastern): 30 January and 31 January

Term 1 (Western): 6 February and 7 February

Term 2: 29 April

Term 3: 22 July

Term 4: 19 December and 20 December

School vacation dates

Summer (Eastern): 20 December 2023 to 29 January 2024

Summer (Western): 20 December 2023 to 5 February 2024

Autumn: 15 April to 26 April

Winter: 8 July to 19 July

Spring: 30 September to 11 October

Summer (Eastern): 23 December 2024 to 30 January 2025

Summer (Western): 23 December 2024 to 6 February 2025



Public holidays



Scan me for key dates

Help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources, education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers



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School zone speed limits apply

on all school days, including school development days.



Calendar 2025

Eastern division

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First to last days for all students:

Term 1: 6 February to 11 April
Term 2: 30 April to 4 July
Term 3: 22 July to 26 September
Term 4: 14 October to 19 December



School development days:

Term 1: 31 January to 5 February



School holidays:

Summer 2024-25: 22 December 2024 to 30 January 2025
Autumn: 14 April to 24 April
Winter: 7 July to 18 July



Public holidays

Spring: 29 September to 10 October
Summer 2025-26: 22 December 2025 to 26 January 2026



School development days

The dates are determined by the department. Always check with your local school as dates may change. Parents and carers should not send their children to school on school development days.

education.nsw.gov.au/school-development-days



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