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Newsletter: Term 1 Week 11 2024

Principal's Message:

As a busy term comes to an end some highlights include, Easter Hat Parade, Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN, Life Education Van, Swimming Carnivals and most recently our Cross-Country carnival. Congratulations to all the students who represented Westlawn Public School and congratulations to all the students who made it to zones and regionals. Thank you to the parents and careers for supporting your children's participation in these events.

Applications for placement in a Year 5 opportunity class in 2025 open on Thursday April 4 and close on Monday May 20, 2024. Application can be downloaded from Opportunity classes – Year 5.

Our green rewards day Infants Wednesday and Primary Thursday. This is to acknowledge the terrific behaviour of all students at Westlawn Public School.

ANZAC Day

Westlawn Public School always has a huge representation at the ANZAC Day March in Grafton, and it is hoped that this tradition continues. Once again ANZAC Day will fall during the school holidays. Students wishing to represent our school and march behind our school banner will need to wear full school uniform, bring a hat and water bottle and meet Ms Page & Mrs Goodall near the bus shelter in Market Square on Thursday 25th April by 9.15am. On arrival, please see a teacher to get your name marked as attending and the march will begin at 9.30am.

We will march from Market Square to Memorial Park where the Commemoration Service will begin at 10am. Families will need to collect their children from Memorial Park.

Thank you for supporting our school at this community event.

School arrival time

There has been an increasing number of children arriving at school before 8am each day. Please remember that there is no supervision at school until 8.25am each morning. Students should not be arriving before this time as there is no supervision.

Attendance

All students with attendance over 95% will receive a postcard in acknowledgement of their excellent attendance for the beginning of term 1. Everyday at school matters and we will be working with families to make sure every student is at school when they are fit and healthy.

External Service Providers

The role of school in relation to therapy services is to liaise with families to facilitate any reasonable request for such a service during school hours which will lead to improved educational outcomes. If a family requires therapy services to occur during school hours, they must request the provision to occur by completing a Request for Externally Funded Provision Form available through the office. Service provider requests will not be accepted.

Thank you to all the staff at Westlawn Public School for a terrific start to 2024.

Students return on Tuesday April 30, the Monday is a Staff Development Day, have an enjoyable break.

Trent Patterson

Principal

Sporting News

North Coast Swimming Results

Cooper, Claye and Klancee competed at the North Coast Swimming Carnival in Casino on March 20. Swimmers had to finish in the top three to qualify for the state carnival. Cooper finished 7th in the 12 yrs 50m free and 11th in snr 50m backstroke. Claye swam the junior 50m backstroke finishing 8th and he was 13th in the 10yrs 50m free. Klancee competed in the 12 yrs 50m free finishing 11th and she was 13th in the snr 50m breaststroke.

Congratulations to these students for their outstanding results in swimming this year.

Mid North Coast Rugby League Trial Results

Jed, Kye and Nash (11 years division) and Nayte, Jack, Billy and Cooper (Open age division) recently trialled for selection in the MNC Rugby League teams at Coffs Harbour. Congratulations to Cooper and Nayte who were selected in the MNC U12s team.

Cooper and Nayte then played at the North Coast trial yesterday in Bellingen. MNC played three games. Cooper played centre, wing and a little 5/8 and scored a try. Nayte played prop in all games. Unfortunately, both boys missed selection. Congratulation on your success in rugby league this year boys and we look forward to watching you play for Westlawn PS in our knockout team.

North Coast AFL Trial Results

Jack, Leyton and Leo travelled to Woolgoolga on March 8 to trial for selection in the North Coast AFL side. There were 80 boys there on the day who were split into four teams. Each team played three games. Leo, Leyton and Jack all kicked a goal on the day but missed selection this year. Well done to you, boys.

North Coast Hockey Trial Results

Boys

Sam recently played for the MNC Boys Hockey team at the North Coast Trials in Coffs Harbour. He played very strongly but unfortunately missed selection. Sam is the first reserve for the team. Well done, Sam!

Girls

Tilly, Daina, Ivy W and Ella also mixed it with the best hockey players in the area. Congratulations to Tilly and Daina who impressed the selectors enough to be picked in the North Coast team! Great work by all the girls.

Cricket Knockout Result

Both the girls and boys teams had impressive wins against South Grafton PS in the past week.

In the girls game our captain, Daina, won the toss and chose to bat first. The run scorers were Ivy with 2, Naevia missed out, Daina starred with 30 runs, Klancee scored 13, Kaitlyn scored 5 runs, Tilly scored 6 runs, Elise was unfortunately run out without scoring and Ella got 1 run. Westlawn scored 104 runs with the loss of 6 wickets.

South Grafton were bowled out for just 35 runs. The Westlawn wicket takers were Ruby and Elise with two wickets each and Naevia, Klancee, Ivy, Tilly, and Allaura with a wicket each.

In the boys game, South Grafton won the toss and elected to bowl. Westlawn scored 126 runs for the loss of four wickets. Top scorers were Jed who retired with 40 runs, Leo scored 16 runs, both Nash and Tennyson were both not out on 8 runs, Jack got 6 and Hunter scored 4.

The Westlawn bowlers managed to bowl South Grafton out for just 54 runs. The wicket takers were Hunter and Nash with 2 wickets each and 1 wicket each to Leo, Lewis, Tennyson and Will. Some great catches were taken by Lewis, Jed and Jack too!

The girls will now play Korora PS and the boys will match up against Grafton PS. Dates are yet to be confirmed.

Westlawn Cross Country Results

Yesterday, our cross country carnival was held here at school in absolutely glorious conditions. The grounds held up very well considering all recent rainfall. A good track was confirmed when Leyton set a new record in the 10 years boys 2km event, completing the course in 8:58.38, bettering the old mark by almost 4 seconds.

Below are the first ten students over the finishing line from each race. These students have now qualified to represent WPS at the Clarence Cross Country Carnival on Friday 3 May at Junction Hill. Congratulations to:

Girls	8/9 Years
Place	Name
1st	Lola
2nd	Piper
3rd	Alice
4th	Lainey
5th	Milla
6th	Nahla
7th	Ava
8th	Bella
9th	Faith
10th	Marlow

Boys	8/9 Years
Place	Name
1st	Brodie
2nd	Jacob
3rd	Bentley
4th	Axel
5th	Parker
6th	Kip
7th	Fraser
8th	Landon
9th	Wesley
10th	Levi

Girls	10 Years
Place	Name
1st	Ruby
2nd	Fynlea
3rd	Romey
4th	Daina
5th	Chloe
6th	Emmaline
7th	Lexie
8th	Zarly
9th	Maizie
10th	Isla

Boys	10 Years
Place	Name
1st	Leyton
2nd	Harry
3rd	Nayte
4th	Henry
5th	Kayden
6th	Eli
7th	Sam
8th	Zayden
9th	Brodie
10th	Damon

Girls	11 Years
Place	Name
1st	Makella
2nd	Hollie
3rd	Niah
4th	Sadie
5th	Grace
6th	Charlotte
7th	Kyla
8th	Kaitlyn
9th	Eva
10th	Samara

Boys	11 Years
Place	Name
1st	Sandon
2nd	Jed
3rd	Kye
4th	Leo
5th	Levi
6th	Oliver
7th	Malaki
8th	Nash
9th	Oliver
10th	Jack

Girls	12/13 Years
Place	Name
1st	Melody
2nd	Indiara
3rd	Amali
4th	Crystal
5th	Imogen
6th	Mia
7th	Indi
8th	Tilly
9th	Lilianna
10th	Hayley

Boys	12/13 Years
Place	Name
1st	Calan
2nd	Mase
3rd	Tennyson
4th	Tay
5th	Hunter
6th	Hayden
7th	Kobe
8th	Billy
9th	Jake
10th	Oliver

Community Sport

This Friday 12 April will be our last day of Community Sport. Some students may bring home a reminder note regarding money outstanding from the past few weeks. Could all students please finalise any money owing this week. Please note that hockey and tennis groups were cancelled last Friday 5 April as the venues were closed because of the rain.

Sport money collection will occur this Thursday after morning assembly so we can start sport immediately on Friday.

Costs and equipment needed each week:

Hockey - Cost \$6 All equipment is provided however, participants must have their own mouth guard, hat and water.

Tennis - Cost \$8 All equipment is provided. Please take a hat and water.

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

Touch Footy – Cost \$5 Please have a hat and water.

Gymnastics - Cost \$8. Take a bottle of water.

Futsal - Cost \$5.50 Take a bottle of water.

Dear parents and carers

It's been great to have our students back in classrooms and settling into the school year. I know all our teachers are looking forward to a successful 2024 and are excited to work with you to make this a memorable year for your child.

The evidence is clear that consistent attendance is the essential first step for your child to have a positive experience at school.

Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. Missing school for students means missing assignments, time with friends, an important maths lesson or getting picked for a sports team. With days missed, years are lost.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing. Together, let's build positive attendance habits for a lifetime.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school (like when they are unwell). Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or me directly. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the [Every Day Matters website](#).

Thank you again for working with our teachers and support staff to make sure your child is at school, on time, every day. We all want to see our students learn, grow and belong in our equitable and outstanding education system.

Yours sincerely

Trent Patterson

Westlawn Public School

Term 1 PBL Green Level Rewards sessions

Our students have been working hard this term and are looking forward to their end of term reward sessions. Some of the activities students were able to choose from include technology /coding time, sports and outside games, disco and board games.

Students are able to wear mufti/ casual clothes to school for their reward day.

Infants K-2 classes will have their session on Wednesday 10th April from 11.50 -1.30pm.

Primary 3-6 classes will have their session on Thursday 11th April from 11.50 -1.30pm.



NEW FINANCE SYSTEM - SCHOOL BYTES

We are excited to advise that our school has transitioned to an upgraded School Bytes Finance system this week.

The School Bytes Finance portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently make payments, download receipts and view historical payments any time day or night.

Payments made online will display as OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

Please refer to the flyer on how to download the new School Bytes app and follow the instructions to set up your portal.

There are parent help guides available on the app to assist you with making payments through the parent portal.

School Bytes
Parent App
Available now!
Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.

Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google Play

The flyer features a central smartphone displaying the app's dashboard with various icons for Home, Payments, Attendance, and more. Surrounding the phone are circular icons representing different app functions like calendar, notifications, and user profiles.

Students return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 30th April

Ages
5-16

Wednesday
24th April
12:30-4:30pm
Grafton Art Club

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Calendar 2024



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Key dates

* Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.

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



Scan me for key dates

education.nsw.gov.au/calendars

School zone speed limits apply

on all school days, including school development days.



TERM 1 2024 CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
January / Feb 1	29	30 School Development Day	31 School Development Day	1 Students return	2
Feb 2	5	6	7	8	9
February 3	12	13 Meet the Teacher Info Night 5pm	14 Westlawn PS Swimming Carnival at Maclean	15	16 Years 3-6 Community Sport begins
February 4	19	20 MNC Tennis Trials Grafton	21 Debating workshop Woolgoolga	22	23 Years 3-6 Community Sport MNC Cricket Trials Coffs
Feb / Mar 5	26 Clarence Basketball trials	27 Clarence Swimming Maclean	28	29 MNC Swimming Coffs	1 Leaders Induction Assembly 12.50pm Years 3-6 Community Sport
March 6	4 Got It! K-2 teacher interviews NC Cricket Trials	5 Got It! K-2 teacher interviews NC Cricket Trials	6 MNC Hockey Trials Grafton	7 Clarence RL Trials	8 Years 3-6 Community Sport MNC AFL Trials Woolgoolga
March 7	11 NC Tennis Trials	12 MNC Basketball Trials Woolgoolga	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN	15 NAPLAN Years 3-6 Community Sport
March 8	18 NAPLAN GOT IT PARENT INTERVIEWS LIFE EDUCATION	19 NAPLAN GOT IT PARENT INTERVIEWS LIFE EDUCATION	20 NAPLAN GOT IT PARENT INTERVIEWS LIFE EDUCATION NC Swimming Casino SCHOOL PHOTO DAY	21 NAPLAN LIFE EDUCATION SCHOOL PHOTO DAY	22 NAPLAN Years 3-6 Community Sport LIFE EDUCATION Easter Raffle tickets due MNC Rugby League Trials Coffs
March 9	25 NAPLAN LIFE EDUCATION Got It Parent Interviews	26 LIFE EDUCATION Got It Parent Interviews	27 NC Hockey trials HARMONY DAY BIG VEGE CRUNCH	28 NC AFL Trials EASTER HAT PARADE 9.30AM	29 GOOD FRIDAY
Apr 10	1 EASTER MONDAY	2	3 NC Basketball Trials	4 Westlawn PS Cross Country Carnival at school	5 Years 3-6 Community Sport
April 11	8 NC Rugby League Trials	9 Clarence Touch Footy Trials	10 Green Rewards Day Infants 11.50am – 1.30pm	11 Green Rewards Day Primary 11.50am – 1.30pm	12 Years 3-6 Community Sport Ends SPECIAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY 1pm INFANTS AWARD ASSEMBLY 12pm LAST DAY OF TERM