



# Westlawn Public School

Strive to Achieve

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## Newsletter: Term 2 Week 2 2024

### Principal's Message:

We welcome our new families to Westlawn Public School, I am sure you will enjoy being part of our school community.

### **ANZAC Day**

Westlawn Public School had a huge representation at the ANZAC Day March in Grafton. Congratulations to Indiara Martin for her speech, she has received messages of commendation from school principals and members of the Armed Forces for the manner in which she spoke. Thank you to all the families that represented Westlawn Public School.

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.



### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to all the students who participated and helped Westlawn win the school trophy for the day. There were some outstanding performances, and all students represented the school with pride and sportsmanship.



### **Building positive attendance habits**

You can help build positive attendance habits by:

- helping your child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- making sure your child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to take part
- reducing disruption to learning where you can, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time

- contacting your school to explain any absences (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- making sure any holidays or medical appointments are taken outside school hours
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

### School Bytes

Later this term Westlawn Public School will begin to use School Bytes as our main form of communication. Payments can already be made using this app and as the term goes on communication and permission notes will also be made through School Bytes Parent Portal, more information to come.

### 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.

Trent Patterson

Principal





## Getting on Track in Time – *Got It!*



We would like to thank the parents and carers who took the time to complete and return the *Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)* form that was distributed to all Kindergarten-Year 2 students in Term 1. The results of the *SDQ form* helps identify children who would benefit from being included in the *Got It!* group program.

The *Got It!* group program will be running in both **Term 2 & Term 3** at Westlawn Public School. Parents of children in classes: *1P, 2C, 2W & 2M* have now been contacted for the group program commencing in Term 2. **During Weeks 2 & 3 of Term 2, the *Got It!* Team will be contacting parents of children from *1H, 1J, KC, KA & KG* who would benefit from being included in the *Got It!* group program running Term 3 at Westlawn Public School.**

If your child is in classes: *1P, 2C, 2W & 2M*, and you have not been contacted for the group and have concerns about your child's behaviour or social emotional wellbeing, please contact your child's GP for support and referral options. Alternatively, the Family Connect and Support Service at Social Futures can provide support to access a broad range of services to help your family cope better. You may wish to contact them on 1800 327 679 or [frs@socialfutures.org.au](mailto:frs@socialfutures.org.au)

If you are waiting to be contacted for the *Got It!* Group Program running in Term 3 at Westlawn Public School and have current concerns about your child's behaviour or social emotional wellbeing, please contact Stage 1 Assistant Principal, Kate Goodall on 02 6642 7466 to discuss further.

Want to know more about the *Got It!* program?

Check out the *Got It!* video  
<https://youtu.be/dphTbRyX5Kk>

Want to contact the team?

Phone the Northern NSW *Got It!* Senior Clinician  
Brittany Smith on 02 6603 0932  
or email [NNSWLHD-GOTIT@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:NNSWLHD-GOTIT@health.nsw.gov.au)

We would like to thank the whole school community for your commitment to improving the wellbeing of children and families.

### Compass Music Festival

Tickets – are \$12.00 and will go on sale at 9:00 am on Friday 10 May 2024. Additional tickets may go on sale following bump-in should we find available space for seating. Tickets will be available at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/compass-music-festival-coffs-harbour-tickets-884619830727>

More detailed schedules have been added under the '[schedules](#)' heading from the website menu

### Rehearsal Day

Primary and Secondary Choirs, plus Recorder Ensemble students all arrive at 9:30am

Primary and Secondary Choirs will be dismissed at 2:30pm, while Recorder Ensemble will be dismissed at 3:30pm

### Performances

Performance 1 commencing at 5:00pm

All performers to arrive at 4:30pm

Performance 2 commencing at 7:00pm

All performers to arrive at 6:30pm

***Please note when purchasing your tickets, WPS will be performing at the 7pm concert.***

***A note with more information will be sent home shortly.***

## TERM 2 CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Apr/May 1	29 School Development Day	30 Students return	1	2 Tennis Knockout	3 Clarence Cross Country Junction Hill
May 2	6	7 Boys Cricket	8 Close the Gap Excursion (postponed)	9 Selective High Schools Test-Year 6  Touch football knockout	10
May 3	13 PSSA TENNIS MNC B&G Touch Trials Coffs	14 PSSA TENNIS Girls cricket	15 PSSA TENNIS	16 PSSA TENNIS	17 PSSA TENNIS
May 4	20 MNC Cross Country Nana Glen	21 Clarence Netball Trials	22	23 MNC Rugby Union Trials Coffs	24
May/Jun 5	27 NC HOCKEY  Clarence B&G Soccer Trials	28 NC HOCKEY	29 NC HOCKEY	30 NC HOCKEY	31 NC HOCKEY
June 6	3 Compass Music Festival MNC Netball Trials Grafton	4 Grafton Eisteddfod Close the Gap Excursion	5 Grafton Eisteddfod	6 NC Rugby Union Trials	7
June 7	10 Public Holiday King's Birthday	11	12 NC B&G Touch Trials	13 MNC B&G Soccer Trials Coffs	14
June 8	17 PSSA Hockey	18	19 NC Netball Trials	20	21 NC Cross Country Nana Glen
June 9	24	25	26	27 Westlawn PS Athletics Carnival at Junction Hill	28
July 10	1 NC B&G Soccer Trials	2	3	4	5 Last Day of Term

Dates may be subject to change

# Calendar 2024



## January

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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](https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers)



#### Scan me for key dates

[education.nsw.gov.au/calendars](https://education.nsw.gov.au/calendars)

#### School zone speed limits apply

on all school days, including school development days.



**livable**  
your life your way

**FAMILY & RELATIONSHIP SERVICES  
TERM 2, 2024 EVENTS**

**FREE EVENT**  
Childcare available in Grafton only

**GRAFTON**  
LIVABLE: 11 KEMP ST

**TRAUMA INFORMED PARENTING**  
2 & 9 MAY | 10 AM - 12:30 PM  
Understand how to parent and support children who have experienced trauma.

**MINDFUL PARENTING**  
7 MAY | 10 AM - 12:30 PM  
Create a calmer home through reflective parenting.

**GOOD ENOUGH PARENTING**  
14 MAY | 10 AM - 12:30 PM  
A reminder that good enough parenting can raise considerate, well-adjusted and kind children.

**LOVE LANGUAGES**  
16 MAY | 10 AM - 12 PM  
Find out how five love languages can assist in strengthening the relationship with your child.

**CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING**  
8 SESSIONS  
22 & 29 MAY, 5 - 26 JUNE  
3 & 5 JULY | 10 AM - 12 PM  
Read your child's emotional needs and enhance their self-esteem.

**PARENTING AFTER FAMILY VIOLENCE**  
7 CONSECUTIVE THURSDAYS  
23 MAY - 4 JULY | 10 AM - 1 PM  
A nurturing, empowering and kind program for parents and carers who have experienced family violence.

**IN THE MEANTIME**  
5 CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS  
28 MAY - 2 JULY | 9:30 - 11:30 AM  
Through a supportive community, explore conversation and foster resilience for parents separated from their children.

**TRIPLE P - POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM**  
6 CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS  
28 MAY - 2 JULY | 12 - 2:15 PM  
Help your child manage anxiety and become emotionally resilient through positive parenting.

**MACLEAN SHOWGROUND**  
JIM STIMPSON PAWLIJON: HALL

**TANTRUM TOOLBOX**  
29 APRIL | 10:30 - 1 PM  
Survive the toddler years with the right tools to emotionally coach your child.

**MANAGING BIG BEHAVIOURS**  
3 JUNE | 10:30 - 1 PM  
Understand big behaviours in your child by tuning into their emotions to help them express themselves.

**EMOTION COACHING 101**  
17 JUNE | 10:30 - 1 PM  
Learn how to coach your child to navigate their feelings.

**YAMBA COMMUNITY HALL**  
45 WOOD ST. (REAR ROOM)

**WHO'S THE BOSS**  
31 MAY, 14 & 28 JUNE | 12:30 - 2:30 PM  
Learn how to manage emotions, set boundaries and focus on qualities you want in your child.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
1800 289 927 [LIVABLE.ORG.AU/EVENTS](https://www.livable.org.au/events)  
Livable Family and Relationship Services is funded by the Department of Social Services.

**FREE ways to get the kids moving**

**Dance party** **Go for a walk** **Running races**

**Scavenger hunt** **Obstacle course** **Play in the park**

**Healthy Eating  
Active Living**



**CVCON**  
CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM

**MUSICAL WONDERLAND:  
A JOYFUL JOURNEY FOR  
LITTLE EARS**

FEATURING  
**STRINGS'N' THINGS  
KIDS CHORUS  
FREE CONCERT**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11  
10:30AM**  
CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM



**When you have a medical concern you need addressed quickly**

**Ask a nurse first**

1800 198 888

Start a live chat  
[northcoasthealthconnect.org.au](https://northcoasthealthconnect.org.au)

Don't waste time waiting to be seen, let our registered nurses help you now. Our service is available 24/7 and we can connect you to a GP or pharmacist with a face-to-face or virtual appointment if needed.

Scan this code to easily add our phone number to your contacts

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