



Westlawn Public School

Strive to Achieve

Tel: 02 6642 7466

Email: westlawn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Newsletter: Term 2 Week 4 2024

Principal's Message:

Congratulations to all our cross-country runners who participated in the Mid Coast Regional Cross Country Event at Nana Glenn. Our students performed extremely well and with terrific sportsmanship as always. Congratulations to MaKella and Jacob who qualified for the North Coast Championships.

Sport continues to be very prominent at the moment with PSSA knockout competition occurring for soccer, basketball, rugby, netball and touch football. If teams are successful they will progress to the next round.

School Attendance Target

85% of Students Attending 90% of the time.

Currently

62% % of Students Attending 90% of the time- above the state average.

Higher or increasing rates of attendance are desirable. Poor attendance has been related to poor student outcomes; particularly once patterns of non-attendance are established. (Report on Government Services 2019, Chapter 4, 4.10).

Bus Travel

A code of Conduct exists for students travelling on buses. While the majority of students follow the Code of Conduct, at times the school is contacted about the behaviour of individual students. For the safety of everyone please ensure your child is aware of the correct behaviour on the bus by using the following link:

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/reports-and-publications/guidelines-for-managing-school-student-behaviour-on-buses>

Key points are: **Be Safe and Respectful** when on the bus so the bus driver can concentrate on the road.

Bell Times

The first school bell rings at 8:25am, Monday to Friday. School commences at 8:55am. School finishes at 2:55pm, Monday to Friday. Students arriving late to school or departing early are required to be signed in/out by their parent or carer at the office prior to being picked up from their classroom.

Mobile Phones

All mobile phones must be handed in and stored in the School Office for the full school day, including recess and lunch. This is an approved NSW Department of Education option and will limit unnecessary distractions and complement our ongoing approach to ensure every student maximises their learning and social growth in a safe and supportive environment.

Parents/carers and students wishing to apply for an exemption need to contact the school and have an interview with the Principal or member of the leadership team.

School Bytes App

Westlawn School is currently changing the way permission notes and payments can be made over to the new School Bytes app. This can be downloaded at the App Store or Google Play.

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

We are beginning to send out permission notes using this system. **All notes will be in digital format by 2025.** Please make sure your contact details and email addresses are up to date at school.



Sporting News

NSWPSSA Tennis Championships

Last week, Calen played for the North Coast Tennis team at the NSWPSSA Tennis Championships held in Newcastle. At this level, each team consists of 10 players – five boys and five girls. Callan played four individual matches, winning 3. He also played a number ‘doubles’ matches. At the end of the Championships, North Coast finished 11th.

Calan reported that the ability level of the players over the week was the best he had played against, and the competition was very tough. Congratulations to you, Calan on your magnificent achievements in tennis so far this year.

Boys Cricket Knockout Result

Our round 2 match against Grafton PS was played on Tuesday 7 May. The weather was most unkind rain falling leading up to the morning of the game and the overcast and windy conditions hanging around right up to the first ball being bowled and throughout the match.

The job of delivering the first ball was given to Jed and what a ball it was. He knocked over the stumps to get his team off to a great start dismissing the Grafton opener for a golden duck. Hunter took a wicket in his first over as well thanks to a brilliant catch taken by Tennyson at mid-wicket. After 5 overs, Grafton were 2 for 27. However, the remainder of the innings was tough going for Westlawn with Grafton compiling 131 runs for the loss of only two wickets. Bowling figures for Westlawn were: Jed 1/5, Leo 0/11, Hunter 1/9, Lewis 0/15, Tennyson 0/16, Nash 0/6, Calan 0/7, Jack 0/13, Malaki 0/18 and William 0/7.

It was going to be tough chasing 132 runs for victory but Lewis and Hunter did a great job to get Westlawn off to a solid start. After 6 overs, they pushed the ball around to accumulate 12 runs. But then a mini collapse ensued when Hunter (5 runs) and Lewis (4 runs) lost their wickets in quick succession. Jack and Jed both looked very comfortable at the crease and they took the score to 2 for 26 before Jed was bowled for 10 runs. The Grafton attack was relentless,

bowling good line and length deliveries making run scoring extremely difficult. Leo missed out on the runs, Nash hit a cracking boundary before being dismissed for 7 runs, Tennyson lost his wicket without scoring and Calan was out for 4 runs. Undoubtedly, the star of the Westlawn innings was Jack, who hit three boundaries and

remained not out with 16 runs. Westlawn fell short of the target finishing at 7 for 65 after 25 overs and were knocked out of the competition.

Huge thanks once again to Mr Ulrick for scoring the match.

Girls Cricket Knockout Result

The girls cricket team played against Korora Public School at JJ Lawrence on Tuesday. Losing the toss, the girls were sent into bat. The Westlawn batted well and at the end of 25 overs were 8 for 88. Our two top scorers were Allaura and Elise, who also hit a 4!

Our catching in the field was outstanding and assisted the bowlers to share the wickets. We bowled Korora out for 67 to win the game. A special mention to Allaura who also got a hat trick of catches!

The girls play round 3 of the knockout against Narranga Public School at JJ Lawrence Fields today.

(Mrs Palmer updated today that the girls team has won and will now proceed to the next round) Congratulations girls!

We wish them all the best.

Clarence Cross Country Results

Congratulations to all the students who participated at the Clarence Cross Country Championships, representing the school with pride and sportsmanship. There were some outstanding performances on the day including wins to Fynlea, Makella and Jacob. A total of 24 students finished in the top ten in their age division and have qualified to compete at Mid North Coast level. The results helped Westlawn PS win the overall point score and Inter-school shield on the day!

MNC Rugby Union Trial Results

Last Thursday, the trial for selection into the MNC Rugby Union team was held at the Hay Street Rugby Union Fields in Grafton. Westlawn PS was represented by Nash, Jed, Leo, Knox, Kye, Harry, Nayte, Billy, Jack and Hudson.

The trial began with a warm-up session that included passing and tackling drills. After that, teams were made and a game was played.

After the game the MNC team was announced. Congratulations to Jed, Nash, Kye, Billy, Nayte and Hudson who were selected and will now play for the MNC team at the North Coast trial on June 6.

Written by Harry

Mid North Cross Country Results

The Mid North Coast PSSA/CHS Cross Country Championships were held yesterday at Nana Glen. Competitors needed to place in the top 6 to progress to the North Coast level.

Congratulations to Makella (4th place) and Jacob (6th place) for qualifying to run at North Coast level.

Clarence Cross Country Results		
Player	Age Group	Place
Marlow	8/9yrs girls	10th
Fynlea	10yrs girls	1st
Ruby	10yrs girls	4th
Romey	10yrs girls	7th
Daina	10yrs girls	9th
Makella	11yrs girls	1st
Hollie	11yrs girls	4th
Grace	11yrs girls	8th
Niah	11yrs girls	9th
Melody	12yrs girls	7th
Amali	12yrs girls	10th
Jacob	8/9yrs boys	1st
Brodie	8/9yrs boys	2nd
Bentley	8/9yrs boys	9th
Leyton	10yrs boys	3rd
Eli	10yrs boys	8th
Harry	10yrs boys	10th
Sandon	11yrs boys	3rd
Jed	11yrs boys	4th
Kye	11yrs boys	8th
Cooper	12yrs boys	2nd
Calan	12yrs boys	6th

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 Girls Cricket	22 PSSA Touch Football Clarence Netball Trials	23 MNC Rugby Union Trials SGHS Year 6 Sports Transition Day	24
May/Jun 5	27 NC HOCKEY Clarence B&G Soccer Trials	28 NC HOCKEY	29 NC HOCKEY	30 NC HOCKEY Netball Knockout Day	31 NC HOCKEY
June 6	3 Compass Music Festival MNC Netball Trials Grafton	4 Grafton Eisteddfod Close the Gap Excursion MNC Touch Football Trials	5 Grafton Eisteddfod	6 NC Rugby Union Trials	7
June 7	10 Public Holiday King's Birthday	11 Didjeribone Performance	12 NC B&G Touch Trials	13 MNC B&G Soccer Trials Coffs	14 Spelling Bee School Finals
June 8	17	18 AFL Gala Day	19 NC Netball Trials	20	21 NC Cross Country Nana Glen Infants Sports Fun Day
June 9	24 Multicultural Public Speaking North Coast Rugby League	25 PSSA Hockey North Coast Rugby League	26 Primary Green Level Rewards Day North Coast Rugby League	27 Westlawn PS Athletics Carnival at Junction Hill North Coast Rugby League	28 Infants Green Level Rewards Day North Coast Rugby League
July 10	1 NC B&G Soccer Trials NAIDOC Smoking Ceremony and Goori Group Dance	2	3	4 NAIDOC Gilwinga PS	5 Last Day of Term

Dates may be subject to change

Calendar 2024



January

M	T	W	T	F	Sa	Su
	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February

M	T	W	T	F	Sa	Su
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

March

M	T	W	T	F	Sa	Su
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April

M	T	W	T	F	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May

M	T	W	T	F	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

June

M	T	W	T	F	Sa	Su
				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

July

M	T	W	T	F	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

August

M	T	W	T	F	Sa	Su
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September

M	T	W	T	F	Sa	Su
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

October

M	T	W	T	F	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

November

M	T	W	T	F	Sa	Su
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

December

M	T	W	T	F	Sa	Su
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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.



When you have a medical concern you need addressed quickly



Ask a nurse first

1800 198 888

Start a live chat
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



HEALTHIER phn



CVCON
 CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATORIUM

BANDS IN THE PARK

Performances by
 CVCon Jazz Ensemble
 CVCon Concert Band
 Sax Ensemble
 Flute Ensemble
 Rock Band

2.00PM
SUNDAY 2 JUNE, 2024
MARKET SQUARE, GRAFTON



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   

Healthier snack ideas

 Tinned fish	 Fresh fruit	 Wholegrain crackers
 Veggie sticks	 Corn on the cob	 Popcorn
	 Yoghurt	

Healthy Eating Active Living  