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Newsletter: Term 2 Week 10 2024

Principal's Message:

Congratulations to our Goorie Group Leaders who presented at our NAIDOC Assembly. It was a tribute to them that they were able to present the Acknowledgment to Country in Gumbaynggir language. Thank you to Mrs Vedette McKenna and Mr Dean Loadsman for all the knowledge you share with our students.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home Thursday. Please take the opportunity to celebrate success your child has achieved at school and take the opportunity to set some learning goals with your child. If there are any questions about the report, please contact the school to make an appointment with the teacher.

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).

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is a special time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievements and deepen the understanding of culture and histories. A big part of this is connecting with young Australians and learning about First Nations stories and history in the classroom. This year's theme, "Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud", celebrates the enduring strength of First Nations culture and offers teachers a chance to explore various topics, perspectives and experiences with students. Our students will participate in these activities in weeks 9 and 10.



School Bytes

The majority of information about what is going on at Westlawn Public School is now on School Bytes, so please download the app - Payments, permission notes, newsletters, absences, report cards and our school calendar hopefully makes it easier for you to know what is going on.

Please make sure your email address and contact details are up to date.

The Skool Bag app/Audiri will no longer be used from Term 3.

School culture and inclusion

All members of the school community are active participants in building a welcoming school culture that values diversity and fosters positive relationships. A key component of a supportive school culture is building respectful relationships and an ethos that bullying is not accepted, in both online and offline environments. School staff will actively respond to student bullying behaviour.



I wish all families an enjoyable mid-year break and look forward to seeing everyone return Tuesday July 23, Monday July 22 is a Student Free Day.

Trent Patterson

Principal

NAIDOC DAY

This Thursday 4th July, is NAIDOC Day, where Aboriginal culture is highlighted and celebrated. Students can dress in the colours of the Aboriginal Flag – red, black and yellow, to support this special day. There is no donation required for this event.

Year 3 students attending the excursion to Gillwinga PS on this day are required to wear their school uniform as per the original note.

Westlawn PS Athletics Carnival

Westlawn's Primary Athletics Carnival was held at Terry West Oval last Thursday. It was an absolute cracking day with the weather providing excellent conditions for competitors and spectators. Major results were:

Age Champions

Congratulations to:

Junior Girl Champion – Daina and Maya B

Junior Boy Champion – Claye

11 Years Girl Champion – Sadie

11 Years Boy Champion – Sandon

Senior Girl Champion – Amali

Senior Boy Champion – Cooper

Winning House – Neptune

Thanks

Huge thanks to the following people who helped out enormously to make our carnival a great one:

Mrs Taylor (WPS Office) for organising everything we needed to run our carnival.

Thank you to Mrs C Kelly who organised the canteen for the day and to the canteen helpers for the food and service they offered to parents, family members, staff and students.

Thanks to Mr Harris for cooking the BBQ and for all the work he did in transport gear, setting up and packing away.

The Clarence Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 2 August at Terry West Oval. Students who finished in the first three in track events and the first two in field events at the Westlawn carnival have qualified for this carnival and should now have received a permission note. Please return permission notes and the \$5 nomination fee to the office ASAP.

Please note, the Clarence discus and 1500m events will be held on a separate day - Wednesday 31 July at Terry West Oval. There is a separate permission note for students competing on this day.

The first four in track events and the first three in field events at the Clarence carnival will progress to the Mid North Coast carnival to be held in Coffs Harbour on Monday 19 August.

NSWPSSA Rugby League Championships

Last Monday, my dad and I travelled down to Wollongong so I could play for North Coast in the NSWPSSA Rugby league Championships. On Monday afternoon our team had a training session before all of our games. After the training we had our jersey presentation and I was presented with number 8 - I was really stoked about my number!



The next day we headed to the footy fields to have team photos at 8:30 in the morning. Our first game was at 11:00 am vs North West and we came away with the win, 22 points to 6. Our next game was against Hunter Valley and we were beaten 28-6 but it was a good game.

On Wednesday we played Sydney South and sadly we lost again. I was tackled awkwardly and hurt my tailbone and back but I was reviewed by the HIA team and was given the all clear. The score ended up being 18-12 to South Coast. It was one very close game!

Next, we played South Coast and we fought for the Coastal Cup which we won 18-16, another really close game.

Our last game of the day was against Sydney East and we just lost by two points, the score being 20-22. Thursday was our last day of playing footy and we played two games. Our first game was against Riverina and the score ended up being 12-18 their way but it was a good game. Our very last game was against Mackillop and sadly we went down 6-16. We watched the grand final between Polding and Sydney West. Sydney West were too strong and won 24-12. I just wanted to thank my dad for taking a week off work and coming with me to Wollongong to play footy.

Written by Nayte F



North Coast Cross Country Results

Jacob and Makella travelled to Nana Glen on June 21 to compete at the North Coast Cross Country carnival. Jacob competed in the 8/9 years boys race run over a 2km course and Makella ran in the 11 years girls group over the longer 3km journey. The Nana Glen venue is a true cross country course and a very tough test for competitors as it has many inclines and descents throughout the run. Jacob finished in 15th place and Makella crossed the line in 16th place to show they are well and truly among the very best long-distance runners on the North Coast. Congratulations to both of you on your outstanding achievements in cross country this year!

North Coast Netball Trial

Klancee, Tilly and Indi were in action for the MNC Netball team at the North Coast trial in Woolgoolga on June 19. The MNC team was very competitive on the day but unfortunately the girls missed selection. Congratulations on your achievements in netball this year Klancee, Tilly and Indi!

Girls Hockey Knockout

Well done to the WPS Girls Hockey team, who narrowly lost to South Grafton PS in a very exciting match. Westlawn only had 10 players and took the first half to find their feet. South had a few shots on our amazing goalie, Ivy and were able to score twice. Mrs Hadley challenged the WPS team to keep the opposition scoreless in the second half by marking their players in the circle and being stronger in their tackles.

The girls knew it was going to be tough however they really lifted and spent more time in attack than in defence. They managed to get some attacking corners and through a quick push out from Kaitlyn, Daina was able to score! South then winning 2-1. Our solid backs, Indie and Ella helped Ivy stop some amazing shots. Our hard-working mids, Emmeline, Kaitlyn, Tilly and Daina fought hard to get the ball through to our forwards, Ashlynn, Samara and Allaura who were able to have a few shots on goal and although they kept the pressure on the opposition, we were unable to score again. Final score was South Grafton 2, Westlawn 1.



We wish South Grafton PS good luck in the next round of the knockout!

AFL Knockout Result

Last Tuesday, the AFL team went down to Ellem Oval to play the first two rounds of the knockout competition. During our first game, we played Gillwinga PS and we won by a few points. Then we played South Grafton. They are a very strong team and they beat us but we still played hard. We had a good time and would like to thank Mr Andrews for looking after us on the day.

Touch Footy Knockout Result

Boys Result

The boys touch footy team travelled down to Woolgoolga on June 17 to play Mullaway Public School in round 3 of the knockout competition. We had a great start to the game and scored some good early tries. One we would like to mention is when Mase made a massive break and scored. The second half came around and Mullaway had the upper hand, leading 6 - 3. Calan then scored a great try to make it 6 - 4 to Mullaway. Two more tries to Westlawn including one to Cooper made for a very tight second half. Sadly, in the end, Mullaway also crossed the line twice late in the game and took home the win 8 - 6. The Westlawn boys would like to thank Mr Andrews for coaching and supporting us.

By Billy



Students at Westlawn are once again invited to participate in the 2024 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

The challenge has **now opened for all students until Friday 23rd August 2024**. Students can include any books read from the end of the 2023 challenge on their 2024 reading record.

Students can up to 10 choice books on their reading records and can count 5 books from an approved series as PRC books.

By following the link below students will be able to login and enter their own books.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

It will take you to the PRC student site.

Then click on LOGIN in the top right hand corner. This will take you to the NSW Department of Education portal login page, students need to enter their username and password.

Happy Reading!

Students return for Term 3
on Tuesday 23rd July

KICK START TO KINDY

Westlawn PS Orientation Program

Kindergarten
2025

Program begins
Thursday 17 October 2024

9am- 12pm

Please contact the school to register.

Otitis Media Awareness Day July 16th

FREE
Ear health checks for
children
No appointment necessary

Free services on the day include:

- Information on Otitis Media (middle ear infections).
- Ear health checks for children.
- Information and resource pack.

Grafton Shoppingworld 9am-4pm










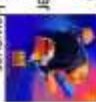


This event is initiated by the NSW Department of Education in conjunction with NSW Community Health Grafton and Madean and Bulgin Ngaru Aboriginal Medical Service.

NSW Education | NSW Health

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/June 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 SRC FUNDRAISER – FOOTY AND FAIRY DAY
June 7	10 Public Holiday King's Birthday	11 Didjeribone Performance PSSA NETBALL KNOCKOUT-YAMBA	12 NC B&G Touch Trials	13 MNC B&G Soccer Trials Coffs	14 Spelling Bee School Finals
June 8	17 Touch Football v Mullaway	18 AFL Gala Day	19 NC Netball Trials	20 Cheerio Day at the canteen	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 Year 5 Indigenous Games McKittrick Park 9.30am-2pm	3 Girls Touch Football at Toormina at 1pm	4 NAIDOC Year 3 Gillwinga Excursion NAIDOC DAY – mufti colours of the Aboriginal flag	5 Special Assembly Infants 12pm Primary 1pm Last Day of Term

Dates may be subject to change

<p>MONDAY 8TH JULY</p> <p>EXCURSION +\$16</p> <p>MOVIES - "INSIDE OUT 2"</p> <p>Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust have, by all accounts, been running a operation on the inner workings of the Riley's mind. However, when Anxiety and a range of new emotions show up, they aren't quite sure how to feel! THEN... a picnic in the park with your friends for some games and activities in the sun! (Popcorn and drink deal included).</p> 	<p>TUESDAY 9TH JULY</p> <p>IN CENTRE - "VIVA LA FRANCE!!!"</p> <p>The eyes of the world are on France this July with Bastille Day, the French version of Australia Day, on the 14th and the Paris Olympics starting on the 26th! We've planned a fantastic day to celebrate the country that perfected the arts of eating snails and frogs and chopping off heads!!!!!! Today we will sample French cuisine from master chefs, create artworks fit for the Louvre and make a tower to do old Gustave Eiffel proud</p> 	<p>WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY</p> <p>EXCURSION +\$16 ARCHERY</p> <p>Today we're heading back to the SHERWOOD INDOOR ARCHERY CENTRE, 'cause there's really nothing better than being allowed to touch and play with the dangerous stuff that your parents never let you touch! It's GREAT FUN!!! So, join our band of "Merry men" today as we bring out your inner ROBIN HOOD!</p> 	<p>THURSDAY 11TH JULY</p> <p>EXCURSION +\$8</p> <p>WOOLGOOLGA WINTER PICNIC</p> <p>We're off to Woolgoolga today as we head out for a picnic in the winter sun! It's too cold to for us to go swimming but, funny enough, not for the whales! They're still doing it! We'll have a walk up to the headland to spot them as they make their way north to their breeding grounds in the warmer waters. Then it's hot chip sandwiches and a play in the beachside parks to top off a great day out.</p> 	<p>FRIDAY 12TH JULY</p> <p>IN CENTRE</p> <p>OOSH OLYMPICS</p> <p>Selection Trials: To get into the Spirit of this Olympic Year, we're having a practice and training day, trailing all the events including athletics, hockey, Zulu-Ball, frisbee footy, javelin, shotput, tennis ball and much more! We'll prepare you to take on the best of the best when we meet our international OOSH competitors from Woolgoolga at the OOSH OLYMPICS on Monday the 22nd!</p> 
<p>MONDAY 15TH JULY</p> <p>EXCURSION +\$16</p> <p>SPRINGS LOADED</p> <p>Time to turn yourself into a human superball today and have you bouncing off the floor, walls and ceiling! (Please wear active clothes and socks!) When that's done, well head off for a picnic in the park with your friends to enjoy lots of games, activities and fun</p> 	<p>TUESDAY 16TH JULY</p> <p>IN CENTRE - "YIYIDI"</p> <p>Come with us today on an imaginative experience of creativity, innovation and technology inspired by Sydney's recent annual celebration of colour! Whether it's creating your very own flashlight projector, exploding paint bombs or designing</p> 	<p>WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY</p> <p>EXCURSION +\$16 - BIG BANANA ICE SKATING</p> <p>Some slipstiding fun with a few chills, hints and spills to boot as we hit the rink today! (NB please bring long thick socks, warm clothes and wear pants!) When not skating around, enjoy a local nature reserve with your friends for some games and activities in the winter sunshine!</p> 	<p>THURSDAY 18TH JULY</p> <p>IN CENTRE - MINION MADNESS</p> <p>Are you the type of kid who is innocent, naive, mischievous, impetuous and lovable but lacks self-control? You are? PERFECT!!!! YOU'RE IN!!!! Today we enter the world of those little guys that look like Tic-Tacs with legs! Weird and wonderful games, crafts, tricks and prizes await in this Despicable Day of fun inspired by the movie Despicable Me 3!</p> 	<p>FRIDAY 19TH JULY</p> <p>EXCURSION +\$16 MOVIES</p> <p>"DESPICABLE ME 4"</p> <p>Gru welcomes a new member to the family, Gru Jr., who's intent on tormenting his dad. However, their peaceful existence soon comes crashing down when criminal mastermind Maxime Le Mal escapes from prison and vows revenge against Gru. THEN... a picnic in the park with your friends for some games and activities in the sun! (Popcorn and drink deal included).</p> 
<p>MONDAY 22nd JULY</p> <p>EXCURSION THE OOSH OLYMPICS "THE EVENT" - You've trained, you've sweated.... you've sacrificed.... all for the one moment! Forget Paris! It's time to go "FASTER, STRONGER and HIGHER" here in Coffs Harbour! Today we head next door to the PCYC to take on the international competitors from Woolgoolga in a variety of indoor and outdoor events! From the glamour of the opening ceremony to the individual triumphs of the spirit and the camaraderie, there'll be something for everybody today! EXCURSION COST \$ 8</p> 	<p>David's Baby - THE END OF AN ERA, THE LURE OF GREENER PASTURES AND THE THRILL OF NEW BEGINNINGS!</p> <p>The happy news :- Community OOSH Services, "The Baby" born of directors Katrina Adams and David Bourke back in 2005 is now well and truly an adult, turning 19 years old in a few weeks on July 1st!</p> <p>The sad news :- Its Mummy and Daddy are breaking up! It is with a heavy heart that I announce that Katrina and, dare I say her long-suffering husband and our beloved bus driver Andrew, are retiring! They are, quite literally, going off and pursuing greener pastures to handle the affairs of the family sheep farm in Boorowa, relax and enjoy life! Other plans will include Sawell surfing for Andrew and Sawell socialising for Katrina!</p> <p>A quick History lesson: Katrina and Andrew moved to Coffs harbour in the late 80's and at this time Katrina began work running a Federally funded pilot program to start the first regional OOSH Service in Coffs Harbour out of Tyala school. Over the years she continued running, growing and expanding the OOSH services under the banner of the Coffs Neighbourhood Centre banner until finally partnering up with David in 2005 to create Community OOSH Services as it is in its present form today! Congratulations! It's an amazing achievement in any man's language!</p> <p>What now from here? - Good or bad (however you see it) the self-appointed OOSH-GOD, David, is staying on and is pleased to welcome the new Directors and familiar OOSH faces of Megan & Dylan Burkitt into the fold in what provides to be an exciting new chapter for Community OOSH! It's fundamentally an internal changing of the guard with Megan having been a previous Fun Factory Co-ordinator before completing her Infant/Primary teaching degree and Dylan continuing to be his irreplaceable self as the hybrid cross between Peter Pan and the Pied Piper! Rest assured, we all will continue to provide the best environment and activity-based programs to suit the needs of the children and families in our care and hold true to our mission! "In a world gone mad with rules and regulations, we help kids, be kids!"</p> <p>And finally, a heartfelt thank you! - To Andrew, thank you for the million and one things behind the scenes, the bus driving and for pulling up with me in your life! To Katrina, thank you for the light rain on the leash, knowing when to let me off, and everything else in between for the last 24 years! Go in peace, "The Baby" is in safe hands!</p> 			

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



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education.nsw.gov.au/calendars

School zone speed limits apply on all school days, including school development days.

