



# Westlawn Public School

Strive to Achieve

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## Newsletter: Term 3 Week 8

### Principal's Message:

Term 3 continues to be a busy term with lots happening across all areas of Westlawn PS.

Last Friday our students and staff participated in our first colour run fundraiser and everyone had an amazing day. There was lots of laughter to be heard, and lots of colourful t-shirts and hair by the end of the day. Thank you to the whole school community who supported the fundraising and came along to school to watch the action on the day. I'm sure all involved had lots of fun. A reminder to parents that the prizes need to be claimed by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, so please make sure you claim prizes for your children's efforts before then. Overall, just over \$19,000 was raised to be used in modifications to the school grounds.

Kindergarten have had a visit from Fire and Rescue Grafton yesterday to learn about fire safety. Our students worked with the firemen to learn about staying safe and calling for help. They also enjoyed the chance to be part of a pretend fire crew and use the hoses to spray water. Thank you to the firemen and firewomen who came along to teach our student about keeping safe.

Our Year 2 students are currently involved in daily swimming lessons at South Grafton Pool. They are enjoying the lessons so far. These lessons will continue until the end of Week 9.

Our primary students are excitedly preparing for their concert next week. We are looking forward to showcasing their talents on stage. Tickets are still available for the Thursday matinee 19th September. Please contact the office if you have not purchased tickets already.

Being a responsible user of technology in the online world is important for all our students as they learn and grown. There are a number of resources to support digital citizenship and help with online safety and rules.

Below are some links to resources that can help parents to support online usage at home and include information on social media, misinformation and scams, time online, parental controls, unwanted contact, cyberbullying and online gaming.

[Digital Citizenship | NSW Government](#)

[Online safety | eSafety Commissioner](#)

[Parents | eSafety Commissioner](#)

As we approach the end of the term staff are eagerly planning the Green Level Rewards activities and Special Awards Assemblies to acknowledge all the successes this term. We look forward to a busy end of the term recognising all the hard work of our students.

Melissa Page  
Relieving Principal

## **Sporting News**

### **North Coast Athletics Results**

The North Coast Athletics Carnival was held in Lismore on Friday 6 September. Competitors needed to finish in the first four in track events, first three in field events and first three in relay events to qualify for the NSWPSA Athletics Championships at Homebush, Sydney.

Congratulations to Maya who has qualified to compete at the state carnival in the 10 years girls 100m for the second year in a row!

### **Individual events**

**Maya – 3<sup>rd</sup> in 10 yrs girls 100m final**

Sandon – 8<sup>th</sup> in 11yrs boys 200m final

Mase – 4<sup>th</sup> in snr boys long jump, 9<sup>th</sup> in snr boys high jump

Hudson – 3<sup>rd</sup> in 9yrs boys 100m heat

Nash – 5<sup>th</sup> in 11yrs boys shot put

Landen – 12<sup>th</sup> in jnr boys discus

Naevia - 6<sup>th</sup> in snr girls shot put

Cooper – 2<sup>nd</sup> in snr boys 100m heat

Lawson – 8<sup>th</sup> in snr boys 1500m final

### **Relays**

Jnr Girls – 4<sup>th</sup> Quinn, Maya, Daina and Lola in the final

Snr Boys – 4<sup>th</sup> Jed, Cooper, Lawson and Sandon in the final

Snr Girls – 7<sup>th</sup> Makella, Hollie, Charlotte and Sadie in the final.



### **NSWPSSA Rugby Union Championships**

On Monday 19 August, dad and I travelled down to Wagga Wagga so I could take my place in the North Coast Rugby Union team to play at the NSWPSSA Rugby Union Championships. It was a long trip in the car.

On Tuesday, we had to be up, ready and at the ground by 8:30am for team and individual photos. Our first game of the tournament was against Riverina. North Coast played good footy but we lost 22 – 7. Our next game was against Sydney South West and it was a tough match. The score got away from us, 34 nil, but North Coast tried hard. Our final game on day 1 was against CIS who kept spreading the ball to their wingers and as a result, ran way with the win - 25 nil.

On Wednesday, North Coast played North West and we came away with a big victory – 85-0. North Coast then played Riverina again and it proved to be a cracking good game. Riverina were a little bit too good in the end, winning by 40 points to 31.

North Coast played two games on Thursday. The first was a 24 – 14 win over Western Division and in our final game of the Championship we played South Coast in The Coast Cup game. South were a tough opposition and North Coast just went down 14 points to 5.

I would like to thank my dad for taking time off work and spending all that money on me for the week.

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Primary Concert


Dates & Times  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
*\*Night Show 6.30pm*  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
*\*Matinee Show 12.00pm*  
*\*Night Show 6.30pm*

Tickets on sale at the office

☆
Adult \$5
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Child \$3

*\*Note:- To allow everyone the opportunity to watch their child perform, there will be limited tickets per family, and we ask that you only purchase tickets to one show. If extra tickets become available, this will be advertised on Facebook prior to the shows.*


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Primary Concert Evening Performances

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to present our 'Primary Concert' next week, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th of September. It is anticipated that the performance will be approximately 2 hours of pure entertainment, commencing at **6:30pm**.

**Arrival & Collection of Students for night performances**

**Students are to arrive at their classroom from 5:45pm and no later than 6.10pm.**  
 This will allow sufficient time for students to get dressed into costumes.

Students are to arrive at school wearing everyday clothing.  
*(Note: Students wear full school uniforms to school on Thursday for the matinee and will change into costume before the daytime show).*

Parents/Carers will need to sign their child out from the classroom after each night show. For safety reasons, every child must leave the school grounds accompanied by an adult. If you wish your child to be collected by another parent/adult, please forward a request note to your child's class teacher.

If you are not attending the concert, please bring your child to their classroom at the above-mentioned time. Your child will need to be collected and signed out from this classroom after the concert.

Thank you for your assistance. We hope you enjoy the show.

Regards,  
 Primary Teachers



**Kindy fire  
and rescue  
visit**

**Colour Fun Day**



Free

Term 4 Go4Fun program for 7-13 year olds.  
Starts Thurs 24 Oct, 4pm-6pm  
South Grafton High School



Reduce screen  
time



Eat more  
veggies



Build your  
confidence



Be more active  
as a family



Make new  
friends



Drink more  
water

Run by Brodie from Vision Health  
Register now:  
[healthupnorth.info/Go4Fun24](http://healthupnorth.info/Go4Fun24)



## IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN 2025?



Bookings are now open for

### **BEFORE SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS**

Please call Grafton Community Health on  
6641 8702 to make a free appointment.

Your child's vision, hearing, speech, fine and  
gross motor development, height, weight and  
oral health will be assessed.



Health  
Northern NSW  
Local Health District

# Bushfire danger period information for parents and carers



## Factsheet

This factsheet provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the bushfire danger period.

The NSW Department of Education has engaged external experts to conduct assessments of all NSW government schools, to identify schools at greater risk of impact from bushfires.

To support the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff, the department, in consultation with NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), will direct the school to temporarily cease operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared for your school's NSW fire area. Alternative learning arrangements will be put in place for these days.

Schools may be directed by the department to become non-operational at any time based on advice from emergency services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.



### What is a Fire Danger Rating?

Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a fire start. The ratings are determined by a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought.

For further information on the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, visit [rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/fire-danger-ratings-are-changing-soon](https://rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/fire-danger-ratings-are-changing-soon)

### Fire Danger Rating sign





## When will I know if my child's school has been made non-operational?

At approximately 4:00pm each day the Fire Danger Rating is issued for the following day. This means that schools, including onsite preschools, will be notified after school hours that it will be non-operational the following day. Your school will notify you as soon as possible by the preferred method of communication.

### Parents and carers are requested to:

- provide up-to-date home and after-hours contact details to your school
- stay up-to-date with news and local media through the bushfire danger period.



## NSW School Updates app

Get the free NSW School Updates app to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools [education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app](https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app)



## What education arrangements will be in place if the school is non-operational?

When non-operational, your school will advise of alternative learning arrangements, including any relocation or learning from home plans.



## Learn more

Be prepared and ensure you have a bushfire survival plan in place. The NSW RFS has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bushfire season.

Consider whether your home is safe from bushfires and grassfires, and be prepared to relocate to a safer place well in advance. Find more information and resources from the NSW RFS [rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare](https://rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare)

We appreciate your cooperation during the bushfire season. For further information about Fire Danger Ratings and the bushfire danger period, please refer to [NSW Rural Fire Service rfs.nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au/rural-fire-service)

The department's School Safety website [education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety) provides up to date information during bushfires and grassfire emergencies.

Please contact your school with any additional questions.

## TERM 3 CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
July 1	22 School Development Day	23 Students return	24	25	26
Jul/Aug 2	29 Premiers Debating Infants Concert Ticket sales Parent Teacher Interviews	30 Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition Parent Teacher Interviews	31 Clarence 1500m and Discus Trials Parent Teacher Interviews	1 Parent Teacher Interviews	2 Clarence Athletics Junction Hill
August 3	5 EDUCATION WEEK	6 EDUCATION WEEK GHS Year 6-7 Parent Information Night at GHS	7 EDUCATION WEEK	8 EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY	9 EDUCATION WEEK
August 4	12	13	14 INFANTS CONCERT	15 INFANTS CONCERT BOOK FAIR	16 BOOK FAIR Premiers debating challenge
August 5	19 MNC Athletics Coffs BOOK FAIR	20 BOOK FAIR	21 BOOK FAIR	22 BOOK FAIR Book Character Parade	23 BOOK FAIR
Aug/Sep 6	26	27 Stage 1 PCYC excursion	28 Primary Concert tickets go on sale	29 FATHERS DAY STALL	30 FATHERS DAY STALL GHS Year Advisor visit
September 7	2	3	4	5	6 NC Athletics Colour Day Fundraiser
September 8	9 Year 2 intensive swimming	10 Year 2 intensive swimming Kindy Fire Safety Visit	11 Year 2 intensive swimming	12 Year 2 intensive swimming	13 Year 2 intensive swimming
September 9	16 Year 2 intensive swimming	17 Year 2 intensive swimming	18 Year 2 intensive swimming PRIMARY CONCERT	19 Year 2 intensive swimming PRIMARY CONCERT	20 Year 2 intensive swimming
September 10	23 GIRLS CRICKET	24	25 Green Level Rewards Infants	26 Green Level Rewards Primary	27 Special Awards Assembly Grandparents Day  Last Day of Term



# Calendar 2024



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## Key dates

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

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