



Westlawn Public School

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Newsletter: Term 1 Week 10

Principal's Message:

Positive Behaviour for Learning

At Westlawn Public School our core values are to be; A Learner, Respectful and Safe. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an educational process that brings together the whole-school community to contribute to developing a positive, safe and supportive learning culture. The PBL framework assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people.

Upcoming Events

Continue to check the School Bytes calendar for upcoming events as this is our main source of notification and information for events. Next week we have the Cross-Country Carnival, Green Rewards Day and Easter Hat Parade and Easter raffle.

Online Bullying

Knowing your child is being bullied online can be distressing. Talk openly with your child about online bullying and help them with strategies they can use if they come across online bullying or are bullied online.

Here are some ways you can help –

- Remind your child not to respond or retaliate.
- Block or delete an online bully.
- Change their privacy settings.
- Keep a record of any incidents of online bullying.
- Contact the service provider. They can help with blocking messages and calls.
- Report the bullying.

Finding opportunities to speak with your child about bullying is important. Contact Kids Helpline for support on 1800551 800.

School Attendance

Our focus for school attendance is to reduce the number of unauthorised absences, this is where we are not notified of a reason for students being absent from school.

There are 2 options to notify the school if your child is absent-

1. Through the School Bytes app by clicking on the absence notification and
2. Completing the absence slip sent home by the teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Westlawn as Part of the Community

Westlawn Public School is part of a community, and we have neighbours we need to respect. At school pick up and drop off please be considerate of our neighbours and their property when waiting for your children. Cassia Street is used by the bus companies which limits parking space. We have been advised that council will be checking on people parking in bus zones and issuing fines. Hoof Street has designated parking and a crossing supervisor which makes it the safer alternative.

Trent Patterson
Principal

Sporting News

Mid North Coast and North Coast Rugby League Trial Results

The MNC rugby league trials were held in Coffs Harbour last Monday. Lewis and Leyton played in the Clarence U11s team and Jed, Kye and Nash played for the Clarence Opens side. Congratulations to Jed, Kye and Nash who were selected to play for the MNC team at the North Coast trial.



The North Coast trial was scheduled to be held in Coffs Harbour last Friday but had to be moved to Urunga due to the state of the playing fields. That said, it certainly was wet in Urunga too! Jed, Kye and Nash lined up for the MNC team and the side played three games, winning each. All three boys played great footy and Jed and Kye were given a run in the possibles/probables match. Congratulations to Jed who played in the centres and was selected in the NC team! He will now travel to Hoxton Park, Sydney in mid-June to play for NC at the NSWPSA Rugby League Championships.

North Coast Hockey Trial Results

The North Coast Hockey trials were held in Grafton last Thursday. Sam, Eli, Levi, Oliver, Harrison, Hunter, Rylan, Daina, Kaitlyn, Indie, Emmeline and Ashlynn represented MNC in their respective teams. Congratulations to Sam, Levi, Eli, Daina and Kaitlyn who were selected in their North Coast team. Both teams will travel to Newcastle in mid-May to play in the NSWPSA Hockey Championships. Congratulations to all our students.



North Coast Swimming Results

Rome and Claye travelled to Kempsey last Thursday to compete at the North Coast Swimming Carnival. Conditions were less than perfect with the wet weather also sitting over the Kempsey Swimming Pool.

Rome was competing in his first North Coast carnival and swam an impressive 50m freestyle in the 8 year boys event. He finished 6th in 47.84s to be on the cusp of qualifying for the state carnival. He will be a big threat next year!

Continuing a strong family tradition, Claye was competing in the 11yrs boys backstroke and finished 9th in 47.46s. Another fantastic performance by Claye at this level.

Congratulations, Rome and Claye, on your swimming achievements this year.



Clarence Netball Trial Results

Luca, Niah, Romey, Sadie, Zarly, Amali, Lexi, Quinn, Maya and Kyla trialled for selection in the Clarence Netball team at Westlawn PS today. The girls played multiple games giving the selectors a good look at their skills and abilities. Congratulations to Sadie, Niah, Lexi, Romey, Kyla and Zahli who gained selection and will play for the Clarence team at the MNC trial on May 7 in Woolgoolga.

North Coast AFL Trial

Best of luck to Jack and Malaki when they play for the MNC AFL team at this Friday's NC trial in Woolgoolga.

Westlawn PS Cross Country Carnival – Update

Our cross country carnival scheduled to be held this Thursday 3 April has been POSTPONED. This is due to the current state of our grounds and the forecast rain over the next two to three days.

The carnival will now be held on **Monday 7 April**. All other planning remains the same. The forecast from Thursday afternoon onwards looks favourable and this will enable the grounds to dry, the grass to be mown and lines to be marked in time for Monday's races.

Event Times, Age Groups and Distances are:

9:20 am 8/9/10 years girls and boys course orientation/walk
9:45 am 8/9 year boys 2km race (2 laps of the course)
10.10 am 8/9 year girls 2km race
10.35 am 10 year boys 2 km race
10.50 am 10 year girls 2km race
11:45 am 11/12 year old girls and boys course orientation/walk
12:10 pm 11 year boys 3km race (3 laps of the course)
12:35 pm 11 year girls 3km race
1:00 pm 12/13 year boys 3km race
1:25 pm 12/13 year girls 3km race

What to wear/bring: Wear appropriate clothing for running a cross country, race in the colours of your House (if possible) or your school sport uniform, appropriate shoes for running, bring plenty of water, recess and lunch as normal. Students may wear a hat during their run or apply sunscreen.

House colours are: Jupiter (Red), Mercury (Yellow), Neptune (Blue) and Saturn (Green).

The first placed runner in each race will receive a trophy and the first three over the line will receive a ribbon. Competitors who finish in the top 10 in each race will qualify to represent Westlawn PS at the Clarence Cross Country Carnival to be held at Junction Hill on Friday 9th May.

Community Sport

Community Sport was cancelled last week due to the wet weather. Students who paid for their sport last week do not need to bring money this week. Community Sport will conclude next Friday 11 April.

Costs and equipment needed each week:

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

Basketball – Cost \$5. Take a bottle of water.

Futsal - Cost \$6. Take a bottle of water.

Ten Pin Bowling - Cost \$7. Bottle of water is optional.

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

Tennis - Cost \$8 (inc. bus fare). All equipment is provided. Please take a hat and water.

It is important that all students remember their sport money each week as we are using community venues, which depend on income to remain open. Students who fail to pay for their sport two weeks in a row will still go to their venue but will not be able to participate until outstanding monies are collected. Please contact the school if there are difficulties covering the cost of weekly sport.

Easter Egg Donations And Raffle Tickets

We are still seeking Easter Egg donations for our upcoming raffle. Please drop any donations to the office.

Easter Raffle Tickets are due back at school by Friday 4th April. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April 2025.



Term 1 - Students Last day of school – Friday 11th April
Term 2 - Students first day – Wednesday 30th April

TERM 1 2025 CALENDAR

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Jan / Feb	27	28	29	30	31 School Development Day
2 February	3 School Development Day	4 School Development Day	5 School Development Day	6 Students Return	7
3 February	10	11	12	13	14 MNC B&G - Tennis Trials
4 February	17	18 Westlawn PS Swimming Carnival	19	20	21 Clarence Swimming Carnival @ Grafton Pool
	PSSA Girls Cricket @ Tuggerah (CIS)				
5 Feb / Mar	24	25 Parent Information Evening 5.30pm in hall	26	27	28 MNC - PSSA Swimming @ Coffs Harbour WPS Community Sport begins
	PSSA Boys Cricket @ Maitland (SN)				
6 March	3 NC B&G - Tennis Trials Clarence Rugby League trials 11s and Opens	4 MNC B - AFL Trials	5 MNC B&G - Basketball Trials	6	7 WPS Community Sport
7 March	10	11	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14 NAPLAN WPS Community Sport
8 March	17 NAPLAN Induction Assembly 1pm	18 NAPLAN	19 NAPLAN NC B & G - Basketball @ Woolgoolga	20 NAPLAN	21 NAPLAN WPS Community Sport Harmony Day
9 March	24 NAPLAN MNC RL opens and under 11's trials Coffs Harbour	25 WPS Boys Cricket v GPS (postponed) Parent Teacher Interviews	26 NC PSSA Swimming at Kempsey Parent Teacher Interviews	27 NC Boys and Girls Hockey Trials Parent Teacher Interviews	28 WPS Community Sport NC B - RL Opens & 11s Trials @ Urunga Girls cricket v SGPS (postponed)
10 April	31	1 Clarence Netball Trial @ Westlawn PS	2	3 Westlawn PS Cross Country Carnival (postponed)	4 WPS Community Sport Special Awards Assembly Infants and Primary 1pm NC B & G – AFL @ Woolgoolga
11 April	7 WPS Cross Country Carnival	8 Clarence Touch Footy trials	9 PBL Reward Day	10	11 Easter Hat Parade and Raffle WPS Community Sport finishes
	CHS – Swimming @ SOPAC			PSSA - Swimming @ SOPAC	
School Holidays	14	15	16	17	18
School Holidays	21	22	23	24	25

Dates may be subject to change

Come try cycling in a safe and supportive environment!

WOMEN AND GIRLS SOCIAL BIKE RIDE

New to cycling? Looking for a supportive group to ride with?

Join our FREE social bike rides led by trained Auscycle Ride Leaders—a fun, safe way for women and girls to gain confidence and build skills!

WHY JOIN ?

- Ride in a fun & friendly group
- Build skills & confidence
- Meet like-minded women & girls
- Learn from trained ride leaders
- Pathways to social & competitive cycling

LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

Criterium track Junction Hill, cycle paths, quiet local roads, Bom Bom State Forest trails & more!

No one to ride with? No problem! Join our community and find your riding buddies.

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE – REGISTER NOW!

Contact Us
Susan Polson 0422414198
Laurelea Moss 0410609488

More Information
<https://www.facebook.com/graftoncycleclub/>
OR <https://www.graftoncycleclub.com.au/>

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APRIL-JULY

SAFE & SCENIC ROUTES
BEGINNING WITH
OFF-ROAD



Holiday Program

Day 1
Skill Identification

Tuesday
15th April
9-12:30pm



Day 2
Pathway exploration

Wednesday
16th April
9-12:30pm



Day 3
Future planning

Thursday
17th April
9-12:30pm



My Future CV is an interactive program designed for Year 6 students to:

- Encourage **lifelong learning**
- Raise **aspirations**
- Elevate self-awareness of **transferable skills**
- Introduce future **educational pathways**

Through **engaging hands-on activities**, students will identify their own skills and explore what they look like in the context of many **different careers**.

Pathways explored

- Arts and Communication
- Health Sciences
- Built Environment
- Law and Justice
- Paddock to Plate

Register using the link or QR code

<https://forms.office.com/r/wtMG3w0dX>



Country Universities Centre
CLARENCE VALLEY

Grafton Show Farm Produce EDIBLE BOUQUET

Class 8097 – open to all preschools & primary schools

Class 8098 – open to all high schools

Class 8099 – open to all aged & residential care facilities

Class 9000 – open to everyone!



WE LOVE OUR JUNIOR EXHIBITORS

- Class 8085 Eggs, white, 6
- Class 8086 Eggs, brown, 6
- Class 8087 Eggs, tinted, 6
- Class 8088 Pumpkin, any variety, 1
- Class 8089 Lemons, any variety, 3
- Class 8090 Collection of fruit or vegetables
- Class 8091 Decorated fruit or vegetable
- Class 8092 Edible necklace made from fruit or vegetables



OUR JUNIOR CLASSES ARE FREE TO ENTER & EVERY JUNIOR GETS A PRIZE!



Gumboot Decorating

A feature at the 2025 Grafton Show Farm Produce Pavilion



categories for all ages-
3-6 years
7-10 years
11-14 years
& Open
Singular boots only



Great prizes thanks to our friends at.....

Will your boots be 'best in show'?



GRAFTON | YAMBA

Calendar 2025

Eastern division

January

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December

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Key dates

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



First to last days for all students:

Term 1: 6 February to 11 April
 Term 2: 30 April to 4 July
 Term 3: 22 July to 26 September
 Term 4: 14 October to 19 December



School development days:

Term 1: 31 January to 5 February

Term 2: 28 April and 29 April

Term 3: 21 July

Term 4: 13 October



School holidays:

Summer 2024-25: 22 December

2024 to 30 January 2025

Autumn: 14 April to 24 April

Winter: 7 July to 18 July



Public holidays

Spring: 29 September to 10 October

Summer 2025-26: 22 December

2025 to 26 January 2026



School development days

The dates are determined by the department. Always check with your local school as dates may change. Parents and carers should not send their children to school on school development days.

education.nsw.gov.au/school-development-days



Scan me for key dates

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