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# Newsletter: Term 1 Week 4

## **Principal's Message:**

Welcome back to all our families and especially our new families, I am sure you will enjoy being part of the Westlawn Public School community. We also welcome 2 new staff members - Ms O'Neill Year 5/6 and Mr McGregor Student Learning Support Officer. I look forward to working with our school community in 2025.

To help build strong relationships between staff and our families we are hosting a Parent Information session on February 25. The evening will begin at 5:30pm with a short presentation in the hall then moving to classes where your child's teacher will give a short presentation about their class and expectations. If you are unable to attend, then please contact the school and we can arrange a time for you to meet your child's teacher.

### **Up Coming Events**

Please check Facebook and School Bytes for information on up coming events at Westlawn Public School. There is also a term calendar in each newsletter and on School Bytes which will be updated as the year progresses.

#### **Swimming Carnival**

First main sporting event so far this year was the swimming carnival. Congratulations to all the students who attended. Your sportsmanship, behaviour and competitive spirit were terrific. Congratulations to the students who progressed through to the Clarence District Swimming Carnival at Grafton Pool this Friday. Carnival results to follow shortly.

#### Focus for 2025

As a school, our focus for 2025 will be the continued implementation of the new Mathematics and English Syllabus, building staff capacity to do this and maintaining a positive school environment. I look forward to working with the staff and community at Westlawn Public School to continue making this a great place to work and learn.

#### **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.

### **Mobile Phones and Smart watches**

All mobile phones must be handed into the office when students arrive at school. Smart watches must be in class mode when at school.

## Pick up and Drop off

There are several pick up and drop off points around Westlawn Public School, with Hoof St being the easiest with parking and a crossing guard. Please be aware of the bus zone and do not drop off students in that zone for their safety.

Trent Patterson, Principal



















# **TERM 1 2025 CALENDAR**

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b> Jan / Feb	27	28	29	30	31 School Development Day
<b>2</b> February	3 School Development Day	4 School Development Day	5 School Development Day	6 Students Return	7
3	10	11	12	13	14
February					MNC B&G - Tennis Trials
4	17	18 Westlawn PS	19	20	21 Clarence Swimming
February		Swimming Carnival			Carnival @ Grafton Pool
	PSSA Girls Cricket @ Tuggerah (CIS)				
5	24	25	26	27	28
Feb / Mar		Parent Information Evening 5.30pm in hall			MNC - PSSA Swimming @ Coffs Harbour
					WPS Community Sport begins
	PSSA Boys Cricket @ Maitland (SN)				
6	3	4	5	6	7
March	NC B&G - Tennis Trials	MNC B - AFL Trials	MNC B&G - Basketball Trials		WPS Community Sport MNC RL - Opens &
	Clarence Rugby League trials 11s and Opens				U11s Trials  MNC B&G - Hockey
7	10	11	12	13	Trials @ Grafton 14
March	NC – CHS Swimming Championship @ Kempsey	NC – PSSA Swimming Championship @ Kempsey	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN WPS Community Sport
8	17	18	19	20	21
March	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN NC B & G - Basketball @ Woolgoolga	NAPLAN	NAPLAN WPS Community Sport
9	24	25	26	27	28
March	NAPLAN		NC B & G - Hockey Trials @		WPS Community Sport NC B - RL Opens & 11s Trials @ Coffs Harbour
10	31	1 Clarence Netball	2	3	4
April		Trial @ Westlawn PS		Westlawn PS Cross Country Carnival	WPS Community Sport NC B & G - AFL @ Woolgoolga
11	7	8	9	10	11
April		Clarence Touch Footy trials			WPS Community Sport finishes
	СН	CHS – Swimming @ SOPAC		PSSA - Swimming @ SOPAC	
School Holidays	14	15	16	17	18
School Holidays	21	22	23	24	25